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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU may not be interested in foreign affairs, but you can't fail to be struck by the significance of this brief sentence from a Chinese dispatch:

"Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese president, pleaded for national unity and strength to resist foreign invasion."

PUTTING it in the language of the street, what Chiang Kai-Shek said was this: "Let's quit fighting among ourselves long enough to do a little fighting FOR ourselves."

CHINA is in terrible trouble for years, but for years she has been engaged in a bloody civil war. In this bloody civil war, which has got her nowhere, she has wasted her substance, disorganized her industry and brought her people to the verge of starvation.

For what she is suffering, she, herself, is chiefly responsible.

ALL this has been apparent for years, but in spite of it civil war in China has gone on. It is only when there is a threat from the outside that the Chinese begin to get together and talk national unity.

Human nature is a curious thing.

IN CHINA, according to competent observers, population is growing more rapidly than the capacity of the population to produce food to support itself.

In this country, capacity to produce food has grown more rapidly than population.

TAKING it by and large, the world of today is a better world than human beings have ever known before.

But it is STILL a long way from perfect, isn't it?

FOR some time past, Reno has had a reputation as the gambling capital of America. For that reason this statement, made by this writer yesterday by a traveling salesman whose territory includes Reno, will be found interesting:

"Gambling is HURTING BUSINESS in Reno. It is taking money out of a lot of pockets and putting it into a FEW pockets, and so people with things to sell aren't doing so well."

A FEW months back, when crowds were flocking to Reno, other cities were secretly just a little jealous.

Their jealousy was wasted. Gambling never made any city great and rich, and it NEVER WILL.

The reason, as this salesman so clearly says, is that it "takes money out of a lot of pockets and puts it into a few pockets."

That isn't good for business.

IF IT is true, as many people tell us, that in this country as a whole the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, that ALSO isn't a good condition.

The condition that is best for business, all the way around, is that condition which puts available money into the largest number of pockets.

THE proper measure of progress for any nation isn't the extent to which comforts and happiness and well-being are possessed by a FEW people, but the extent to which these things are possessed by ALL THE PEOPLE.

GETTING back for a moment to gambling, it was great back in the happy days of 1928 and 1929 when everybody was "investing" in the stock market one day and seeing these "investments" go up the next day.

The kind of "investing" that was being done in those days was really gambling, and gambling is lovely so long as everybody is winning.

But when you gamble you can't always win, and when you begin to lose it is TERRIBLE.

WE ARE altogether too much given to talking about the "prosperity" that existed back in 1929 and for a year or so before. It wasn't real prosperity. It was just a gambling spree.

The only real prosperity comes from WORK. If the depression that has followed the big stock gambling spree teaches us that fundamental fact, it will have been worth while.

Gangsters' Victim Found By Hunters

DYER, Ind., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The body of Anthony Ialongo, 40, South Chicago gangster, was found by hunters in a woods near Griffith, Ind., yesterday.

He had been shot through the head twice; his skull was crushed.

Police believed he was slain by gangsters.

FINAL BLOW FOR OLD INTANGIBLES REFUNDS COMING

U. S. Tribunal Refuses to Review Oregon Decision Holding Law Invalid—\$935,000 to Be Refunded

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The United States supreme court today refused to review a case brought by the Oregon tax commissioners to set aside a decision by the Oregon supreme court holding invalid the state intangibles tax of 1929 as applied to individuals.

By refusing to assume jurisdiction the supreme court upheld the Oregon supreme court, which declared the intangibles act invalid. Thus, under the 1931 act of the state legislature, the money paid in for 1929 intangibles taxes must be refunded to the persons who paid it. This amounts to nearly \$900,000.

The state tax commission is understood to have had the forms ready so the money can be remitted promptly.

Challenged in 1929.

The validity of the intangibles tax act of 1929 was challenged in the circuit court of Oregon for Marion county in February, 1930, by Redfield & Wood and others.

They contended the 5 per cent annual tax imposed by the act on gross incomes received by individuals was arbitrary and unreasonable because it applied only to individuals and not to corporations, and to residents and not to non-residents.

The suit brought against the Oregon tax commissioners and other state officers charged with the enforcement of the tax alleged it deprived individual residents of the equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

State Replies.

The state replied that corporations were required by another act to pay a 5 per cent excise or franchise tax on annual net income from all sources, including intangibles, and that therefore the tax on intangibles of individuals was not discriminatory or arbitrary.

The Marion county circuit court sustained the law as valid and dismissed the complaint, but the Oregon supreme court declared it unconstitutional and void, holding it in conflict with the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—A refund of approximately \$935,000 to some 19,000 taxpayers of 1929 will probably be started early this week, it was announced by members of the Oregon state tax commission, when advised of the decision of the United States supreme court in refusing to review the state intangibles tax act.

The collected tax money has been held by the state and will be refunded upon warrants drawn by the secretary of state when the list of taxpayers is turned over by the tax commission.

While the receipts from the intangibles tax were not included in the tax levy or budget for the current year and are therefore not reflected in the state's financial condition, the refund will affect the state treasury materially at this time.

The 1931 legislature passed a new state intangibles tax, eliminating the objections pointed out in the former suit, and increasing the rate from 5 to 8 per cent. The new act is now in effect.

EYEBALL RUPTURED IN SUNDAY SMASHUP

I. R. Condit of Grants Pass sustained a double fracture of the collar bone, and a ruptured eyeball when the coupe in which he was riding with his wife, left the road on a curve on the Jacksonville-Hugh highway early Sunday morning, struck a power pole and overturned.

Mrs. Condit, and a man riding in the car, escaped injury. The vehicle was badly damaged. The state police attribute the accident to excessive speed.

Bank of Finland Goes Off Gold

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Bank of Finland followed the lead of other Scandinavian countries today by suspending the gold standard.

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Ganna and Harold Retain Friendship Although Divorced

PARIS, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Ganna Walska, opera singer, was quoted by the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune today as saying she and her divorced husband, Harold P. McCormick remain "good friends."

"It seemed to me," she said, "that a woman after her marriage should have the same right as a man to pursue her career. I had hoped Mr. McCormick would take the same view, for he is a splendid man and I admire him very much. Even if on this question we reached the parting of the ways, we nevertheless remain good friends."

STEWED PEARS KEEPING EDISON ALIVE, IS WORD

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Thomas A. Edison was said by his doctor today to be definitely falling from day to day despite the fact that each day's loss was very small.

Dr. Hubert S. Howe, the inventor's physician, visited the Edison home as usual shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. After a thorough examination he sent his regular written bulletin to the reporters but remained in the sick room to make further observations.

"Mr. Edison's great vitality and strong heart are still standing him in good stead. He is definitely falling from day to day but it is a very gradual loss. He had a comparatively good night."

When Dr. Howe finally left Edison he told reporters the inventor was slowly sinking into the coma which precedes death. He said Edison had no fluids for a week. During the past 72 hours, he said, Edison's only nourishment had been six teaspoonfuls of stewed pears.

IRATE FARMERS FREE PRISONER

NEW LONDON, Iowa, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Several hundred men stormed the New London jail at noon today, broke the lock and liberated Ronald Hart, arrested earlier by Iowa National Guardsmen when he allegedly scoffed at troopers who were attempting to disperse a gathering on the Lowell road.

The gathering consisted mainly of farmers protesting against the state tuberculosis cattle test law.

Hart had been turned over to Sheriff R. N. Hannah of Henry county, who put him in the New London city jail.

It was not known where Hart was taken by his liberators.

MORE U. S. JUDGES FAVORED FOR DIST.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—A Washington, D. C., dispatch to the Journal today said the judicial conference of circuit judges has recommended that four permanent judges should be provided on the federal bench of the ninth district, including Oregon and Washington. No recommendation was made for an additional judge for western Washington.

The judicial conference is composed of the senior judge of each of the 10 circuits and presided over by Chief Justice Hughes.

Earl Jellico In Serious Condition

COWES, Isle of Wight, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A doctor's bulletin issued today said the condition of Earl Jellico, 72 who commanded the British fleet at the battle of Jutland in the World war, is causing "severe anxiety."

Earl Jellico recently returned from Canada to his home here and was reported to be suffering from bronchitis.

State Has Holiday

SALEM, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Official Oregon observed Columbus day by quiet at the state capitol. All state offices remained closed today.

Mooney Urges Boycott On California Products

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Tom Mooney, convicted murderer and preparedness day bomber, had advanced a plan today for a worldwide boycott of California products and a suggestion that tourists travel to this state be discouraged until he is granted a pardon.

His plan was outlined yesterday in a letter sent to his sympathizers at a "pardon convention" held in the civic auditorium here.

Mooney, convicted of the 1916 bombing which killed 16 persons, and injured 40, suggested in his letter that an "immediate, world-wide agitation drive should be set in motion at once." The letter, of which only

ROLE OF HERO FOR GANGSTER HIT BY HOOVER

President Tells Police Chiefs Change in Public Sentiment Needed to Halt Crime Growth in America

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Change in public sentiment, shifting the role of popular hero from the criminal to the policeman, was advocated today by President Hoover as one means of stamping out excessive crime.

In a radio message to the opening meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police at St. Petersburg, Florida, he condemned the "glorification of cowardly gangsters." The president spoke from the cabinet room of the White House.

"If the police had the vigilant, universal backing of public opinion in their communities," he said, "if they had the implacable support of the prosecuting authorities and the courts, if our criminal laws in their endeavor to protect the innocent did not furnish loopholes through which irresponsible, yet clever, criminal lawyers daily find devices of escape for the guilty, I am convinced that our police would stamp out the excessive crime and remove the worldwide disaster which has disgraced some of our great cities."

The president recalled that in some communities the police have been heavily criticized, but added he believed the criticism arose "from the exception and not the rule in police conduct."

OREGON SHARES IN FOREST FEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Thirty-two states and territories will share in \$1,240,000 collected by the federal government for lumber and grazing fees in the national forests in the last fiscal year.

The states will turn the funds over to counties containing national forest lands to be used for roads and schools. The federal payment is made in lieu of taxes on forest lands. It represents 10 per cent of the entire collections which fell from \$6,751,500 in 1930 to nearly \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 1931.

Distribution among the other states of the funds includes:

State 25 pc. fund 10 pc. fund

Oregon 125,557.51 43,023.00

ASHLAND GOLFERS WIN MATCH WITH M'CLOUD

Ashland's golf team yesterday defeated McCloud's aggregation in a match at the Ashland club, 23 to 13. It was learned today, Dr. Bernard G. Barkwell, Ashland, was the outstanding player of the day, making the 19 holes in 82. Par on the Ashland course is 72.

Women members of the Ashland club served a luncheon at noon in the Bellevue club house. Next Sunday Ashland will play another inter-city match with Grants Pass, at Ashland.

Progressive G.O.P. Group Designated Political Fakers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The progressive Republican group which has threatened to break from the regular organization of the new house, was scored today as "political fakery" by Representative Schaefer.

The Wisconsin representative is one of the few regular Republicans in the northwestern states. He believes his party should unite in efforts to keep control of the closely divided house from the Democrats.

Schaefer asserted the progressives "do a lot of talking back home, but the Congressional Record shows they do nothing here."

Big Public Works Projects Awarded During Past Week

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—More than \$36,000,000 of public and semi-public works contracts were awarded last week, President Hoover's organization on unemployment relief was advised today in reports from 38 states. Such contracts reported since December 1 was thus increased to \$2,517,699,646. The projects include school and college construction, bridges, streets, sewers, and rivers and harbors work.

Boy Slayer Grins At Life Sentence

CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Perry Swank, 15-year-old school boy, pleaded guilty before Judge Martin Smith today to the murder of Eugene Duckworth and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Swank confessed he killed Duckworth while robbing the latter's filling station. As the sentence was pronounced the boy grinned.

Asa Keyes Free

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Asa Keyes, former district attorney for 25 years of Los Angeles county, was released on parole today from San Quentin prison after serving 18 months of a one to 14 year sentence for bribery in connection with his prosecution of the Julian Petroleum Corporation fraud cases.

The former prosecutor told Whyte he had a job in Los Angeles as an automobile salesman.

COLONEL VOORHIES URGES HARBOR AS AID FOR FRUITMEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The discussion of plans for development of the harbor at Crescent City, Calif., was revealed in a special dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the Journal today.

Pleas for development of the Crescent City project to permit cheaper movement of lumber and agricultural commodities from southern Oregon and northern California were heard by the board of engineers for rivers and harbors today.

"William P. Ellis of Salem, representing commercial interests; Colonel Gordon Voorhies, fruit grower of Medford, and Mayor E. R. Griffin of Grants Pass," the dispatch said, "were heard in turn."

The article said "Colonel Voorhies estimated savings of \$178,000 to the Rogue River valley pear growers by truck to Crescent City if the harbor is made usable."

Unconscious Press Opposing God Says Catholic Speaker

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The national council of Catholic men, in convention here, was told last night that the press is "working against God without realizing it."

The speaker was Archbishop T. McMichael of Cincinnati.

He said the press was abusing its freedom when it allowed writers to hold up the most sacred things of religion to ridicule. He said: "Freedom of the press does not mean that it can throw open its columns to those who by specious argument, would undermine belief in god and destroy the whole accord of Christian morality."

Oath to Battle For U. S. Stands

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Pleas that the supreme court reconsider its stand that an applicant for citizenship must take an oath to fight, if necessary, for this country failed today.

The decision ended hope that Professor Douglas C. Macintosh of Yale and Marie Averil Bland, former nurse, might become citizens without taking an unqualified oath to bear arms if called upon to do so by the government. Both are Canadians.

Canned Spinach Is Marriage Fee

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Six cans of peaches or nine cans of tomatoes will also do the trick.

Shields to Assist McNeal at Ashland

MARSHALL SHIELDS, formerly star football player at the University of Oregon, arrived in Ashland today from San Francisco, to become assistant coach to R. W. McNeal at the Southern Oregon Normal school, according to information received from Ashland.

Shields has been playing football for the Olympic club.

Suicide Place Blame

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Leaving two notes, in one of which he blamed women workers, prohibition and foreign labor for much of the unemployment condition, a man, about 55, committed suicide here yesterday by breathing gas. He signed the note, E. L. Merrill.

WAR THREATENED BY CHIANG UNLESS L. OF N. FUNCTIONS

U. S. Officials Renew Efforts to Effect Settlement in Manchurian Dispute—Grave Concern Is Felt

TOKYO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—An effort to arrange for negotiations to settle the Manchurian trouble between Japan and China which has brought the affairs of the two nations to a crisis was made here tonight by Foreign Minister Shidehara of Japan and Chinese Minister Chiang Tso-Pin.

GENEVA, Oct. 12.—(AP)—On the eve of tomorrow's special meeting of the league council in connection with the Sino-Japanese conflict in Manchuria, a series of telegrams from Nanking to its representatives here was made public this evening.

One of them charged that the staff of the foreign office at Chienato had been expelled from its quarters by Japanese soldiers threatening them with bayonets on Sept. 29; that the archives were removed and although they later were returned all the documents had been sealed by the Japanese military police.

As they began their study, a dispatch was laid before them telling of the speech by President Chiang Kai-Shek of China, asserting that if the council of the League of Nations failed to obtain a "just settlement" of the differences between China and Japan, his country would resort to war. The council is to meet in urgent session at Geneva tomorrow.

The gravest concern was expressed at the state department over the threat.

Both China and Japan, as well as the United States, are signatories of the Kellogg-Briand pact for the renunciation of war and the nine-power Pacific treaty of 1922.

CANTON, China, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Anti-Japanese feeling flared into violence here Saturday night and left in its wake 10 dead and 90 injured, all Chinese. Of the wounded, 30 were in a serious condition.

Police clashed with a mob of Chinese following a student meeting at which speakers urged a complete boycott of Japanese goods.

HOOVER RAILROAD PLAN READY SOON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—An announcement is expected within the next few days on President Hoover's plan to improve the condition of railroads.

This became evident today in high administration quarters. The president has been in conference on his proposals, which are expected to deal prominently with the status of railroad bonds, ever since the announcement of his program to ease credit conditions.

Orderly Parade Hits Wage Cuts British Workers

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The peaceful demonstration of Great Britain's civil servants Sunday against reductions in their salaries was ascribed by police today as the greatest within memory.

It was estimated that 100,000 persons, men, women and children were in the orderly parade.

They marched to the music of 20 bands and to the waving of hundreds of banners. Their signs read: "Postmen see red," "Stop cutting our wages and keep the Eighth Commandment in force," and "Serve, Yes; Serf, No."

Rankin Twirls 131 Outside Air Loops

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Tex Rankin, Portland, Ore., stunt flier, thrilled several thousand spectators who saw the final events of the southern air pageant here yesterday by putting his plane through 131 outside loops to break the record of Roy Hunt, of Oklahoma, who has done 124.

McNary Warns Bankers Not to be Hard Boiled

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The \$500,000,000 private credit fund proposed by President Hoover to bolster business was commended today by Senator McNary, but the Oregon republican warned it would be of little help if administered by "hard-shelled banking methods."

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He described the president's action

Frost Gal Aricade College Joy Dance

HOUSTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A 7 to 0 football victory over the Rice Institute of Texas, Rice and the institute's freshmas today with wire coats and without the usual professors and students, gathered to attend classes.

The campus orchestra was assembled after the gates were blocked and a dance started.

GANGLAND PEACE IS DISRUPTED BY DEATH OUTBREAK

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A new flareup of killings apparently has broken the peace that has reigned for months in the interlocking gang strife on Chicago's south side. Two men were slain.

James L. Quigley, said by police to have been a former partner of Frank McElrath and Edward "Spike" O'Donnell, but more recently to have been their enemy, was one of the victims. The other was George Wilson, 33, once a policeman. He was found on a south side street last night, pierced by machine gun and pistol bullets. He was a small time liquor peddler, police said.

Quigley's body was fished yesterday from a drainage canal at Lockport. He had been shot to death. The police theorized that his death might have had some connection with the killing of Eddie Fitzgerald, chauffeur for McElrath, and McElrath's sweetheart, Marian Miller. Fitzgerald was dragged from a saloon and shot to death last spring by a trio of men, one of whom was recognized by witnesses as Quigley. Later an attempt to slay Quigley with machine guns was made. McElrath and O'Donnell were suspected of the attack.

AL'S BODYGUARD HELD IN BASTILE

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Philip D'Andrea, the Capone bodyguard who carried a pistol into federal court during the income tax trial of "Scarface Al" Capone was told today that he was in serious difficulties. He was given until tomorrow to defend himself and meanwhile ordered held without bail.

"The federal court is not obliged to exercise its duties confronted by an armed man sitting next to a defendant," said Judge James H. Wilkerson, said D'Andrea was brought before him.

STRAUSS BABY HURT IN FALL FROM AUTO

RICHARD STRAUSS, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Strauss of Santa Valley, who fell from the family car while on a drive this morning, is in the Community hospital being treated for a bad scalp wound and other injuries.

Just how the accident occurred is not known. The little boy was rushed to the hospital and his condition is believed not serious.

Genoa Has Proof Columbus Native Citizen of Town

GENOA, Italy, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Determined to establish for all time its claim to being the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, Genoa staged its greatest show today in honor of the discoverer of America.

Senator Broccardi took advantage of the occasion to say the "Columbus was and will always remain an Italian. He was a son of Genoa and his family was Italian. The proofs exist in Genoa archives."

Twin Sons Born To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn

Two little boys in Medford died Columbus one better this morning. He got his first glimpse of the New World on October 12, and they their first look on the big wide world. They were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunn at the Purucker maternity home. Each tips the scales at a little more than four pounds.

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MEDFORD ARSON PLOT CONFESSED BY FOUR IN JAIL

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wright Fired House On Buckshot Hill, Is Claim

Two men and their wives are held in the county jail as confessed members of an arson ring operating in this city and admitting, the state police and sheriff's office allege, firing a house on the morning of September 14, last, belonging to Samuel Mason, on the Springbrook road in the Buckshot hill area, and four days later filing a claim for \$3000 loss on property valued at \$400.

The arrested parties are: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Robbins, former residents of Coos county, who came to this city last summer seeking work in the orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wright, transients, and former residents of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and Idaho and Montana points.

Arrested Friday.

The quartet was arrested Friday night and Saturday, and according to the confessions and signed statement secured by the authorities, were prepared to leave these parts. The Robbins' were arrested in this city and the Wrights at McLeod.

According to the state police, the Wrights and Robbins came here last August, and began looking for houses to rent. After inspecting 10 or 12 residences, the authorities say, the confessions state, they selected a small dwelling in the Buckshot hill area, owned by Samuel Mason, now in California, uninsured, and proceeded to fill it with their own furniture and effects and contract