

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday probably rain; clearing Wednesday; moderate temperature.
Highest yesterday 62
Lowest this morning 36

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Comment on the Day's News

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THERE is oratory in congress over the tax bill. There has to be. It is by oratory that sort that senators and congressmen who NEED votes get votes.

After the oratory is all over, the tax bill will be passed. It will be passed because it HAS to be. Uncle Sam has been spending more than he has been taking in, and that can't go on indefinitely.

HERE is a statement made recently by a noted financial authority and printed in one of the leading national magazines: "Business courage right now is scarce because back in 1930 a lot of our ablest and wealthiest men had courage and backed their courage with money and LOST IT ALL in the price slump of 1931."

"Now they have neither courage nor money."

JUST a minute. Let's see what it was that these courageous leaders REALLY DID with their money back in 1930, just before they lost it in the further slump of 1931.

They bought stocks with it, believing that the stock market had hit bottom and that prices would go up again, thus enabling them to make a lot of money quickly and easily.

That is to say, they GAMBLED AGAIN, just as they had gambled in 1928 and 1929.

THIS writer, who is not a financial authority and whose opinion is probably not worth much, is quite certain in his own mind that prosperity will never be brought back by the kind of courage that is displayed in the buying of stocks on the market in the hope that they will go up quickly, thus enabling the buyer to make a lot of EASY MONEY.

THE kind of courage that will bring prosperity back is that which is displayed in reorganizing industry to meet new conditions, cutting out the wastes and inefficiencies that developed in flush times, getting prices down to what people with lowered incomes can pay, developing new products to supply new desires and so creating work to be done by those who are now OUT OF WORK.

The reason our present business leadership is poor and inadequate is that too many of our so-called leaders can think only in terms of the stock market.

In the big stock gambling years, when money was made by gambling rather than by hard work, they forgot how to think in terms of constructive business achievement.

HERE is a curious item in the news of the day: contained in a dispatch from Moscow: "The crime of sabotage, which has been gaining increased attention from soviet authorities of late, brought sentence of death to eight persons today."

SABOTAGE — pronounced "sabotazh," and meaning the destruction of the machinery of industry by the workers, by such devices as putting emery dust in bearings—was devised by communism. Moscow is the world center of communism.

214 LIVES LOST AS TORNADES HIT OLD SOUTH

Five States in Path of Freak Storms — Alabama Hard Hit — Heavy Rains Hamper Work of Rescuers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 22.—(AP)—At least 214 persons were killed in a series of tornadoes that struck widely separated communities in five southern states last night and early today.

Alabama suffered most heavily. Rescuers reported that the destruction of communication lines brought in a steadily increasing number of casualties. Just before noon the total for this state stood at 169. Thirty persons were known to have been killed in Georgia, 12 in Tennessee, two in Kentucky and one in South Carolina.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 22.—(AP)—Freakish March tornadoes killed at least 184 persons in five southern states yesterday and early today.

The death list grew from seven to more than a hundred during the night as communities, cut off by winds and rain, restored communication with the rest of the world, and dawn brought reports of additional fatalities from rescue parties searching the wreckage.

Alabama suffered most heavily. A few hours after daylight a check showed 155 dead there. Fifteen were known to have died in Georgia, 11 in Tennessee and two in Kentucky. One was killed in South Carolina.

Property loss was heavy, but no attempt has yet been made to estimate the extent. Hundreds were injured and scores of persons told of narrow escapes. Roads in farming communities were blocked by trees and debris and public, as well as private buildings were damaged.

The tail end of the winds dipped into other southern states.

Heavy rains accompanied the blasts impeding rescue work and communication lines were torn down, preventing an accurate check of damage and death.

Daylight disclosed a desolate scene in Alabama communities hit by the winds. National guardsmen, nurses, doctors and volunteers combined in rescue work and hospitals and emergency quarters for the injured were crammed with the victims of the winds.

First reports of the tornadoes came from northwestern Alabama. The winds hit Northport first, killing 26, dipping southward to Demopolis and Linden and Faunsdale, and then struck twice at Marion, bringing death at each point.

The national guard was ordered to Northville, across the Warrior river from Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the University of Alabama gymnasium was converted into an emergency hospital. Appeals were sent out for nurses and physicians to hurry to the stricken areas.

NAVY LIEUTENANT AWAITS TRIAL



Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, U. S. N. (right), of Winchester, Ky., is shown with his wife, Mrs. Thalia Massie, aboard the U. S. S. Alton at Pearl harbor, Honolulu. He is awaiting trial for the murder of Joseph Kahahawai, one of five men accused of having attacked Mrs. Massie.

FILM HONEYMOON MARRED BY SUIT FOR HEART BALM

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—(AP)—A \$250,000 breach of promise suit today over-shadowed the honeymoon of Leslie C. Fenton, young film actor, and Ann Dvorak, leading woman of the screen.

The suit was filed against Fenton by Julius Carter, 19, an actress. It charges that she became engaged to Fenton last October, that he betrayed her under promise of marriage and that by repeated promises of marriage he induced her to live with him for several months in a Hollywood apartment.

Mrs. Carter's name in private life is Gladys Freeman. Her father, Carl Freeman, as guardian, represented her in the suit.

Charles Feldman, attorney for Fenton, said he expected to issue a statement in behalf of the actor today.

Fenton is one of the leading younger actors of the films. He was married to Miss Dvorak at Yuma, Ariz., last week.

NATION'S TRIBUTE TO POET GOETHE

WEIMAR, Germany, March 22.—(AP)—Seventy-four of the world's nations paid homage today to Germany's noted poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, here in Goethe's old home town.

All Germany sent delegations to the celebrations in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the death of the great poet and philosopher.

Even the Reich's busiest men, Chancellor Heinrich Brüning and Dr. Wilhelm Groener, minister of defense, laid aside the cares of their offices to come, and President Paul von Hindenburg sent his personal secretary, Otto Messner.

SALES TAX TALK BECOMES TORRID IN LOWER HOUSE

New Blow Aimed at Wealthy Estates by Boost in Levy — Sales Tax Boosters Are Accused by Blanton

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—The house struck again today at the estates of the wealthy and then turned to consideration of the greatly disputed sales tax, the core of the new revenue bill.

It accepted an amendment by Representative Ramseyer (R., Iowa) to boost to 65 per cent the tax on estates in excess of \$10,000,000.

The amendment lowers the exemption to \$50,000 and will affect many thousands of estates not now touched by law.

The ways and means committee had recommended a 40 per cent maximum on \$10,000,000 estates with an exemption of \$100,000.

Return \$200,000,000 More. The amendment is expected to return \$200,000,000 more than the committee provision. It was sponsored by opponents of the sales tax and adopted over an amendment by Representative Lewis (D., Md.) which proposed a 40 per cent tax on estates in excess of \$500,000.

Disposition of this amendment, under an agreement reached earlier, directed the way for a vote on the sales tax.

The house debate was opened by Representative Parks (D., Ark.) who assailed Representative Rainey, Democratic leader, for his remarks Saturday charging the opponents to the sales tax were "approaching communism."

Follow Demo Platform. Parks said the opponents were following the Democratic platform in raising the 2.25 per cent interest rate.

"I am not particularly interested in the proposition of soaking the rich, but I am interested in seeing that the poor are not soaked," Parks said.

Ranking interrupted to say that advocates of the sales tax had adjourned the house Saturday on the claim that members were in no frame of mind to legislate.

"As a matter of fact," Ranking said, "the proponents were the ones who got excited and adjourned the house."

ARMY OF POLICE HELD DETERRENT IN BABY'S RETURN

Return Through Lindbergh's Negotiations, Not Police, Predicted by Chief Detective—Probe Is Hinted

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 22.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., was born 21 months ago today and kidnapped just three weeks ago. And the world still has no idea where he is.

The continuously recurring phrase, "until missing," like the dropping water of an Oriental torture, is wearing down the resistance of parents and searchers.

Chief Detective Elmer Hann of Hunterdon county is impatient. He said yesterday he believed the baby will be returned through Col. Lindbergh's private negotiations, but not until state police have withdrawn.

The "noise" created by the huge search organization has not helped, he said.

An opinion that certain angles of the case ought to be considered by the grand jury when it meets April 12 was expressed by the sheriff, in whose county the Lindbergh house is situated. Attorney-General William Stevens, who has taken over the duties of Hunterdon prosecutor because that office is vacant, said, however, he would not put the case before the grand jury.

SPELLERS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY MASTERING LONG SPELLING RULES

When Gus Newbury has been seen walking up and down the streets the past few days muttering to himself, it has been the little spelling rule "I before e, except after c," which has been occupying so much of his time.

This was disclosed today in an interview with the captain of the Elks spelling team. Mr. Newbury will compile a list of proverbs Thursday to assist him in winning the annual event from his opponent, Court Hall.

Mr. Hall, leader of the camp expecting to take the laurels, said there was one rule that troubled him a great deal, but it was so long he couldn't recite it without looking in the speller.

This evening the second session of the Elks bridge tourney will be held at the temple at 7:30, and all enthusiasts are urged to attend. Last week there were ten tables in play.

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Champion hog-caller of three states, Mrs. J. W. Anglin of Wheeler, Tex., is shown demonstrating her technique after winning her title at an Amarillo, Tex., stock show from men and women rivals.

DYNAMITE WRECKS MINE SIDETRACK

ATHENS, Ga., March 22.—(AP)—Railroad tracks on a spur leading into coal mine of the Sunday Creek Coal Company at Millfield were blown up by a dynamite explosion early today.

National Guard observers in the field, where hostilities have been threatened, said several sticks of dynamite were used to wreck the track which is near a bridge dynamited Sunday.

Meanwhile, other parts of the field remained quiet, although pickets were continually on watch at national guard observers' headquarters at a Nelsonville hotel.

PROHIBITION SURE TO BE BIG ISSUE

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—In reply to F. Scott McBride's assertion that neither political party could afford a repeal or modification plank this year, Rufus S. Lusk of the Crusaders today maintained it was evident both parties must consider prohibition an issue.

"King Canute," he said, "has as much chance of rolling back the sea as Dr. McBride and his professional, lay and political prohibitionists have of stopping the determination of American voters to make prohibition repeal the principal issue in the coming national campaign."

SEATTLE, March 22.—(AP)—Superior Judge L. Sharpstein of Walla Walla today dismissed Mayor Frank Edwards, said to hold office under the statutes only until another mayor was chosen by the people at a regular election. The new mayor would ordinarily take office June 8.

Dore contended Harlin, elected by the city council last summer after the voters recalled Mayor Frank Edwards, was to hold office under the statutes only until another mayor was chosen by the people at a regular election. The new mayor would ordinarily take office June 8.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Bids on the national soldiers' home to be constructed at Roseburg, Ore., were to have been opened here today, but this action was postponed until April 1 because the construction division of the veterans' administration was unable to complete specifications in time to get them to possible bidders.

BANK DEPOSITS PUT IN VAULTS FIRST NATIONAL

Formal Transfer Today — Calm Prevails — Airplane Brings Million in Currency — May Probe 'Whispers'

The deposits of the Jackson County bank—checking and saving—transferred to the First National bank of this city over the week end, under direction of state and national bank examiners, were formally placed in that institution this morning with normal calmness and confidence.

The safety deposit boxes of the Jackson County bank will be moved to the First National bank as soon as possible when they will be available for box holders. In the meantime, box holders can gain access to their safety deposit boxes at the Jackson County bank upon request. The savings account deposits will be moved to the First National bank this afternoon. An added force of clerical help has been engaged to handle the increased business.

State bank officials and aides today were busy listing the assets and attending to other routine work incidental to the suspension of the Jackson County bank. This will require two or three days.

According to City Treasurer Gus Samuels, approximately \$20,000 of city funds on deposit in the Jackson County bank were fully protected and no part thereof will be lost.

ENGLEHARDT TO PAY \$250 FINE

Prof. C. Englehardt, a well known resident of the Eagle Point district, found guilty by a jury two weeks ago of assault and battery upon a student, John Domagala, was sentenced today to a fine of \$250, by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton this morning. Prof. Englehardt appeared ill and worked in court.

Carl Steider, his nephew, found guilty of the same offense, with a recommendation of leniency from the jury, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, and afterwards paroled to the district attorney's office.

The case arose out of Prof. Englehardt's boys getting into the Domagala wheat, and the fight that followed.

SEMON ELECTED GOLF PRESIDENT

C. J. Semon was elected president of the Rogue Valley Golf club at the annual meeting held last night at the Hotel Medford. Other officers chosen to head club activities for the coming year were: Hamilton Patton, vice president; Homer Trexler, secretary; Harry McMahon, treasurer, and Geo. Roberts, Hamilton Patton, Ralph Roberts and Homer Marx, directors.

The retiring president, J. C. Thompson, gave a report for the past year, which was accepted as indicative of a big year in golfing for 1932.

FAVOR MEDFORD LOT ACQUISITION

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Representative Hawley's bill to authorize acquisition by the government of a piece of property in Medford, Ore., for use in connection with the administration of Crater Lake national park, was reported favorably today by the house lands committee.

COMMITTEE OKEHS CRATER PARK BILL

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—A bill by Representative Butler (R., Ore.) to add 973 acres to Crater Lake national park was reported favorably today by the house lands committee.

Two Navy Planes Dive Into Waters

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 22.—(AP)—W. E. McCune, operator of a water taxi, reported to authorities today a scouting plane believed from the cruiser Louisville, fell into the harbor near the battleship Maryland, at about the same time another plane believed to have crashed a short distance away.

UNEMPLOYMENT SHOWS DECREASE

SALEM, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Less increase in unemployment was noted during February than any month during the past four, General Thomas E. Riley, chairman of the states employees' voluntary relief committee, announced today. Riley reported the committee today disbursed about \$29,000 to the various counties in the state, ranging from \$150 to \$1000 for each county.

ROSEBURG VET HOME BID OPENING DELAYED

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Strange Sights Prevail In Pathway of Twister

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 22.—(AP)—Out of the confusion following the death-dealing tornadoes that lashed Alabama yesterday and last night, many strange sights presented themselves today and stories of heroism were plentiful.

There was little time for story telling, however, as neighbors went about the grim business of helping rehabilitate friends, caring for those who were injured and identifying dead.

Remnants of the war days were enacted at Northport, hardest hit of all. National guardsmen patrolled the ruins and no one was allowed to enter without a permit.

Huge strips of corrugated roofing were driven through the air and wrapped around trees and telephone poles like pieces of paper. The night was lighted by the flames of a half dozen homes which caught fire from kitchen stoves.

A big white building sitting in a torn and twisted settlement presented a pathetic picture. He looked neither to the right nor left and bared his teeth to all who approached.

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Millions Being Wasted In Enforcement Effort

SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—(AP)—The Post-Intelligencer today quoted Bishop Peter Trimble Rowe, 76-year-old head of the Alaska diocese of the Episcopal church, as saying the bootlegging of today was seriously hampering missionary work in the northern territory and that the money spent for enforcement was wasted.

Rowe arrived here yesterday after a trans-Alaska tour. The bishop, who has spent 40 years in missionary work in Alaska, declared that prohibition was an ill-fated experiment.

48 ROAD PROJECTS WILL BE LET SOON

FENDLEIGH, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Forty-eight state highway projects covering all sections of Oregon and costing approximately \$2,451,000 are scheduled for letting by the state highway commission between April 7 and June 2.

This announcement was made today by E. B. Aldrich, eastern Oregon member of the commission, at a luncheon attended today by Fendleigh service clubs and the chamber of commerce.

Santa Monica, Cal., March 21.—Congress with an eye, not on the budget, but on November 4, put a tax as high as 72 per cent on some incomes. That's three-fourths. Congress almost tied pyrrhia. It only gets four out of five, and Russia only gets half.

Course, a man giving up three million out of four is tough. But, on the other hand, 90 per cent, of our people would be willing to give up 999 per cent. of a million if allowed to make one.

The crime of taxation is not in the taking it, it's in the way it's spent.

Will Rogers