

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Friday probably showers; clearing Friday; cooler tonight. Highest yesterday 49. Lowest this morning 44.

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SALES TAX IS KILLED IN HOUSE

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

"Death Toll of Dixie Tornado Reaches 275." So reads a recent headline in the news of the day. The vernal equinox is past. Easter is on the doorstep. The windows of the stores are full of new spring clothes.

But the sure and unmistakable sign of spring is the beginning of the tornado season back in the East and the South. GOOD OLD OREGON! No tornadoes. No cyclones. No sudden, angry moods of nature in which human life is taken by wholesale while they last. Not even earthquakes.

To find a better place than Oregon, you must travel a long, long way. "Disease Stalks War-Torn China." So reads another headline, which continues: "Famine and pestilence strike at refugees."

Statesmen and big business men make war. It is the poor devils of common folk that pay for them, in one way and another, with their lives. STUDENTS at the University of Missouri staged a prank, kidnaping a pretty co-ed who was to have been crowned "queen" of some student function or other. Pranks like that have been going on ever since students have been molesting.

But in the ensuing melee somebody loses his head, finds a gun handy in his pockets and starts shooting. One boy is shot through the stomach and is expected to die. Another is shot through both legs and a third is wounded in one leg.

WHEN people without much brains find themselves with a gun in their hands, trouble ensues in a surprising number of cases.

THAT happens with nations, as well as with individuals. A little fuss started at Shanghai, for example, just as this prank got under way at the University of Missouri. The Japanese military caste found itself with a big gun in its hand.

You know what followed. The news reels are beginning to show up in America are telling the story graphically and rather horribly.

WHAT are we going to do about it? Do away with guns? Doing away with guns furnishes an attractive subject for oratory, but doesn't promise much in the way of results.

About the only hope, in the long run, is MORE PEOPLE WITH BRAINS.

HERE is another dispatch—this one from Lwow, in Poland:

"Emilian Czerwinski, chief of the Polish POLICE, was slain today by persons believed by the police to be terrorists from the Ukraine."

POLITICAL police! Somebody without too great a supply of brains must have devised that institution.

"HIT THE RICH!" is the slogan of a considerable school of tax makers in congress in this year when it is necessary to raise a tremendous amount of money in order to balance the budget.

This is a political year, and in political years "Hit the rich" is a good vote-winning slogan.

THIS writer, who is neither a radical nor a conservative, believes that the man with money must bear the burden of all taxation, because the man with money is the only one from whom taxes can be secured in large volume and ALSO because the man with money can pay heavy taxes without cutting down the food he eats and the clothes he wears.

But this writer DOESN'T believe in soaking the man with money just for the fun of soaking him.

IT IS the man with both money and vision who keeps industry going in this country, and if we keep on soaking him until he no longer has the incentive to put his money and brains into the development

FIERCE DEBATE MARKS CLIMAX IN REVENUE ACT

Both Parties Split—Democratic Leaders in Open Dispute—G. O. P. Leaders Hold Firm to Last

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader, said today he believed congress would be forced to return after the national political conventions in June to finish its work because he did not think it possible to draft a satisfactory tax bill, before the party meetings.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—The sales tax was rejected by the house today after fierce debate which split both parties and brought an open dispute on the floor between Democratic leaders. The vote on a count by tellers, was 223 to 153. As the house was in committee of the whole, no roll call vote was taken.

In the closing moments of debate two of the Democratic leaders, both house veterans—Rayburn of Illinois and Byrns of Tennessee—arrayed themselves on opposing sides with Rainey advocating and Byrns opposing the tax. The Republican leadership held firmly for the tax.

Necessities Untouched The ways and means committee in a final gesture to save the tax bill written into the bill sweeping exemptions which covered food, clothing and long list of necessities. The action removes the 2.25 per cent levy that originally was slated to yield \$595,000,000. The provision formed the base of the measure designed to return sufficient revenue to balance the 1933 federal budget.

Three Weeks Debate Action came after nearly three weeks of bitter debate and spectacular scenes in a strife torn house. Bipartisan opponents ran rough shod over their party leaders.

Opposition to the sales tax was led by Doughton, Rankin of Mississippi, Democrats, and Guardaria of New York, Republican independent leader.

It was the first victory of its kind in years. The leadership of the house was crushed. Speaker Garner, Rainey as the Democratic leader and Representative Smell of New York, Republican leader, were unable to muster enough bi-partisan support to put the controversial provision over.

Must Seek New Levies It means that if the house is to pass a bill to meet the deficit, additional revenue will be amounting to \$800,000,000 will have to be raised through other levies offered as substitutes.

The sales tax opponents won after (Continued on Page Five)

MORGAN IN PLEA FOR UNEMPLOYED

NEW YORK, March 24.—(AP)—J. P. Morgan delayed his dinner last night to make his first radio speech. It was an appeal for support for the "block aid" drive to collect funds in a canvass of 16,000 city blocks here.

He discovered out that the canvassers will uncover new cases on unemployed. Many people are proud and loathe to be seen, "to reveal their necessities to charitable organizations or to state relief agencies. These people suffer in silence, often they suffer until parents and children are seriously ill."

Road Inspector Crushed by Truck

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 24.—(AP)—Joseph Zaharis, state highway department inspector, was crushed to death under the wheels of a gravel truck near Wrayham Wednesday. He was checking gravel on the North Bend highway when a truck backed over him and the rear wheels crushing his chest.

Hoover Hails Revival Shipbuilding Industry

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—President Hoover today pressed a button in the White House officially launching the new Grace line steamers Santa Rosa at Kearney, New Jersey, and shortly after made public a message hailing the construction of this vessel as part of a "revival of shipbuilding" in the United States.

The chief executive spoke of the far-reaching benefits of the merchant marine act of 1928, with the aid of which, he said, orders have been placed for 45 new vessels of 300,000 gross tons and for the reconstruction of 19 vessels of 160,000 gross tons.

Obliging Engineer Halts Train To Thaw Fire Pump

STODDARD, Wis., March 24.—(AP)—Old No. 12 on the La Crosse & Southwestern was late and the passengers were peeved. But they got over it when they learned what happened. Mrs. Ellen Joseph's home was on fire. The fire department was handicapped because its hand pump was frozen, so the train engineer stopped and solved the problem by thawing it out with live steam.

REFINANCE BILL TO AID FARMER IS SOLON'S PLAN

Provisions Parallel to Measure Affecting Financial Institutions—Would Permit Low Interest Loans

NEW YORK, March 24.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana (Dem.) said today he intends to introduce in congress a farmers' refinance bill with provisions parallel to those in the recently adopted measure affecting financial institutions.

"It will provide," he said, "for loans to farmers, so they can save their farms, at the same interest rate now charged by the refinance corporation to financial institutions. "I don't see how the administration can very well fight it because it contains for the farmers almost identically the same provisions they have made in their own bill for financial institutions."

Senator Wheeler predicted the sales tax would not be passed by congress unless it is applied only to luxuries.

Can't Take Any More "You can't take any more away from the worker and the farmer than already has been taken," he said. "The people of the middle west are on the verge of revolt now. If you want to add fuel to the flames, pass the sales tax."

"The general feeling in the north-west and the middle west," said Senator Wheeler, "is that the administration's relief measures adopted by congress have not been of any benefit to the small business man or the laboring man or the farmer."

"They feel that President Hoover's idea has helped those at the top, and that he has helped the bankers, the railroads and the insurance companies, but that none of this has or is likely to seep down through so that the small business man or the farmer will get any benefit from it."

Farmers Need Help "The banks out there are not functioning so far as the farmers are concerned. Something has got to be done to refinance those farmers. Otherwise they will lose their farms and move to the cities, thereby increasing the unemployment."

"I believe that in this country we can have no pickup until the purchasing power of the farmer and the laborer is restored, bringing back commodity prices."

Senator Wheeler, who was one of the earliest supporters of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination, visited Roosevelt headquarters today.

GOVERNOR GOES TO CALIFORNIA

PORTLAND, March 24.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier and Mrs. Meier left here last night for San Francisco, where they will spend the Easter holidays with their two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Ehrman, Jr. and Mrs. Fred Gans.

The governor expects to return to Salem next Monday afternoon. During his absence William L. Marks of Albany will again be governor, by reason of his position as president of the state senate. It was indicated, however, that Marks will not be required to come to the state capitol during the brief interval Meier is out of Oregon.

Union County Gets Relief Flour Share

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—Rev. Paul Mortimore, chairman of the local Red Cross announced today 28,000 pounds of "relief flour" will be received here from the farm board wheat for distribution in Union county. Mortimore requested that the shipment be milled locally, but was informed that this could not be granted.

CAPONE PLACING AIDES IN OFFICE TO GAIN LIBERTY

President of Chicago Crime Commission Charges 'Boring From Within' Tactics by Gang Chieftain

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—An attempt by criminal organizations headed by Al Capone to secure his freedom through control of public officials was charged today by Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago Crime Commission in a letter to Senator Borah.

Loesch, in a long letter, reviewing attempts of Chicago gangland to control labor unions and public officials, said: "It is my opinion based upon these facts and other indications that the combinations here now forming for getting men into public office turn very largely on the effort of the criminal organizations, headed by Al Capone, to control sufficient of the elected public officials, party lines not cutting much figure."

Loesch said those who know the situation believe two thirds of all labor unions in Chicago are controlled by or pay tribute to Al Capone's organizations.

He charged also that two "personal adherents of Al Capone" are members of the Illinois senate.

KNOWN KIDNAPERS TRAILED IN HUNT FOR LINDY'S BABY

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 24.—(AP)—Shown dispatches indicating the kidnaping Lindbergh baby might be on a yacht in Chesapeake bay, Col. H. Norman Schrader, superintendent of state police, said: "There is absolutely no truth in it."

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 24.—(AP)—Police investigating the kidnaping of the baby son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh concentrated their efforts today in a search for two "known kidnapers" who have disappeared since the child was stolen.

They are Harry Fieischer, Detroit gangster, and Abbie Wagner, an alleged associate. Raids in New York city and Long Island failed to trap them, but the hunt has only been intensified by their elusiveness.

"Abbie Wagner, as a known kidnaper, was alleged to have been seen around central parts of New Jersey shortly before the kidnaping. Superintendent of State Police H. Norman Schwarzkopf said in today's bulletin.

Wanted for Quit. "Since the kidnaping he has not been seen or accounted for in any way. It is desired to find Wagner for the purpose of questioning him and having him account for his activities just prior to and at the time of the kidnaping."

ALICE LONGWORTH EXTORTION TARGET

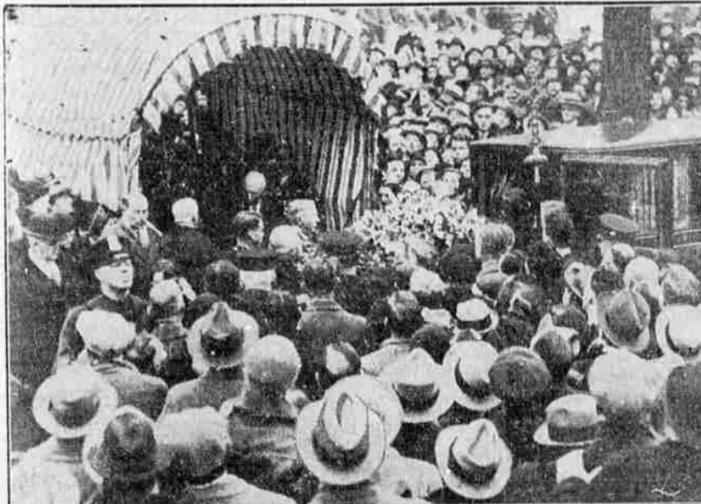
WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—A police guard was set up today about the home of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, widow of the late speaker of the house, as a result of a letter to her.

Frank W. Burke, police inspector, said such letters have been received here by four persons. An arrest was expected shortly.

One letter demanded \$1,500, under threat of abducting the young son of the recipient. Police said the letter to Mrs. Longworth asked a similar amount, and it is understood to have threatened abduction of her young daughter, Pauline.

One of the recipients was said to have been Ben Lyon, motion picture actor, who was here recently. Blame for the rift in the married life of the couple was placed at the door of Mrs. Longworth.

CROWDS AT EASTMAN FUNERAL IN ROCHESTER



This is part of the crowd which saw the casket of George Eastman, camera manufacturer and philanthropist, taken from his home in Rochester, N. Y., to the burial plot. Scores of employes of Eastman's Rochester factory were among the mourners.

DR. R. POELLNITZ TAKEN BY DEATH AFTER LONG ILL

Dr. Robert Withers Poellnitz, beloved resident and one of the pioneer physicians of southern Oregon, passed away at his home, 1121 East Main street, here Wednesday evening after an illness of the past four years. He was born at Greensboro, Ala., December 27, 1860.

The second son of Major and Mrs. Charles Augustus Poellnitz of Greensboro, pioneer settlers of Alabama, he started his education at the Southern University of Alabama, entering at the age of 13. Upon graduating he enrolled in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, graduating in 1898, with high honors.

In 1909 he came west and entered practice at Central Point. In 1911 he came to Medford. His great-grandfather, Julius Poellnitz, served on the medical staff of Baron Von Steuben during the revolutionary war.

He was married to Ada Welch at Medford, April 1, 1913.

The doctor was a man of high ideals and was very charitable during his long practice here. He loved the fields and streams and was an ardent fisherman and hunter. He leaves a host of friends, besides his wife and relatives, and three brothers, four sisters, Dr. Charles A. Poellnitz, William W. Henry W. Mrs. Stella Stockney, Mrs. Helen Otis, Mrs. Graham Benners, all of Greensboro, Ala. Mrs. Benners has been here with the doctor since last August, and Mrs. Mary L. Walker of Tusculum, Ala.

Dr. Poellnitz was a member of the American Medical Association; Central Point Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M.; Crater Lake Chapter No. 4, Ashland, Ore.; Hillah Temple, Shrine, Ashland; Medford Lodge No. 1168, B. P. O. E.; Woodmen of the World, and the Jackson County Medical society.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Per Funeral Home, Monday, March 28, at 2:30 p. m., Father William B. Hamilton officiating. Interment in the Medford cemetery.

Mrs. Drake Victim Paralysis Stroke

EDEN PRECINCT, March 24.—(Sp1)—Mrs. L. A. Drake of this community suffered a stroke of paralysis today and is in a serious condition at her home.

Ann Harding's Film Fame Wrecks Matrimony Ship

HOLLYWOOD, March 24.—(AP)—Martial unhappiness was the price fame exacted from Ann Harding, motion picture star, the actress said today following a n o u n c e m e n t that her union with Harry Bannister, her leading man in the days when she was a stage star on Broadway, would be ended by divorce.

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BEAUTY PARLOR OPERATOR HELD BY KIDNAP GANG

LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.—(AP)—Miss Laurel Morrison, 30, Aurora, Neb., beauty parlor operator, was missing today, and the police expecting she had been kidnaped for \$1,000 ransom.

A letter demanding that amount was received at Aurora yesterday by Miss Morrison's partner in business, but while neither its contents nor the address on the envelope were in the missing woman's handwriting, the writer explained the substance was "dictated" by another individual.

Following receipt of the message, which was mailed at Lincoln yesterday afternoon and instructed that the money be mailed to Miss Morrison in care of the Lincoln general delivery, the authorities instituted search for the woman, under direction of Sheriff J. J. Mohr, at the request of her father, Robert Morrison, wealthy Central City farmer.

Police were stationed at the post-office here to apprehend anyone trying to claim a letter addressed to Miss Morrison.

ASHLAND FIREBUG FOILED BY CHIEF

The unexpected return of Clint Baughman, Ashland fire chief, Tuesday night, from a visit to relatives at Orting, Wash., prevented an incendiary from destroying his home. A kerosene soaked gunny sack, piled with shingles, in one corner of the room, had been set afire, but was discovered ere it had gained headway.

The blaze raged three days after an attempt to poison the Baughman ranchdog. There are several complicated angles to the case. The damage was insignificant.

SEVEN NEGROES AWAIT GALLOWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 24.—(AP)—Death sentences for seven of the eight negroes convicted at Scottsboro, Ala., a year ago of assaulting two white girls were affirmed today by the Alabama supreme court.

The death sentence for the eighth negro was reversed and he was remanded for trial.

The supreme court fixed Friday, May 13, as the date of execution for the seven prisoners.

The negroes were convicted of attacks on the girls aboard a freight train March 25, 1931.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 23.—Has your town or city investigated this great scheme called "block-aid" that they have in New York City?

Each person with a job that lives in that block is asked to contribute a dime, quarter or not more than a dollar per week. More your block is so organized that each block helps itself. It's practical and it works.

Every city, town or even country township should organize and use it. You know absolutely where your money is going. It's helping your next door neighbor.

That's one trouble with our charities. We are always saving somebody away off when the fellow next to us ain't eating.

Same thing wrong with the missionaries. They will save anybody if he is far enough away and don't speak our language.

This is a time when I don't care where you live, you can't throw a rock without hitting somebody that needs help worse than you do. Here is a scheme where your charity begins at home.

TORNADO STRIKES PASCO TERRITORY DAMAGING BLOW

Communication Lines Crippled—Signs Blown Down, Windows Broken—Sand Fills Air—Planes Land

KENNEWICK, Wash., March 24.—(AP)—The worst west coast gale of the year, between 50 and 70 miles an hour, shrieked into the Kennewick-Pasco district today, damaging communication lines, blowing down signs, smashing windows and littering the downtown streets with debris from the nearby hills.

Sand, lashed by the gale limited visibility to about two blocks, slowing automobile traffic. Many power lines were down.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—Communication between Pasco, Wash., and Portland was broken today by what was described there as a "tornado." Only a brief telephone dispatch from Pasco was received by Varney Air Lines here, telling of the storm.

The Pasco airport operator reported a high wind blowing and said a small biplane had collapsed. He warned that it was unsafe for planes to land. Shortly thereafter all communication with the Washington post was severed. Ground lines, presumably blown down and it was believed the antennae of the Pasco radio stations had been damaged since radio calls to Pasco brought no response.

Two planes which were flying toward Pasco when the storm broke were directed safely.

Roy Warner, flying the regular westbound morning plane from Boise to Pasco landed at Umatilla. Joe Smith had taken off from Portland for Pasco but was directed by radio to return to Swan Island.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 24.—(AP)—A 41-mile-an-hour gale struck here early today, disrupting telephone and power systems, causing a number of roof and chimney fires, and whipping the waters of Puget Sound.

The wind, which reached its maximum velocity at 8:15 a. m., was stronger than any during the past winter.

Eighteen fires were reported. Small boats were damaged as they did not venture into rough water.

PORTLAND, March 24.—(AP)—Funds with which to care for the needy of Multnomah and to provide work for the unemployed would be raised by a special tax levy and two bond issues, if a recommendation in the civic emergency committee is adopted.

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