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The Weather

Forecast: showers and Friday probable. Tonight: moderate temperature. Highest yesterday 73. Lowest this morning 58.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE American dollar sells off in foreign exchange—an ominous sign in the financial sky. The NEXT DAY the house of representatives, where tax legislation must originate, pledges Speaker Garner that it will restore to the revenue bill "some taxes by which this country's financial integrity may be maintained."

IN A real emergency, you see, state-ship rises above politics—even in election years.

THE ASHLAND tidings tell us, soundly enough, that instead of levying new taxes to balance the budget congress might try CUTTING EXPENSES.

That is fine until the board of army engineers, in its desire to help congress CUT EXPENSES, recommends AGAINST improvement of the Crescent City harbor.

THE trouble is that there are so many communities in this country, and every community has been wanting something done for it by the federal government—and demanding of its congressman that he GET something done.

AS TO the taxes, this writer, like Speaker Garner, is opposed in principle to the sales tax. But in the present national emergency ANY tax is better than no tax at all.

LOOKING at the other side of the picture, Senator Borah put it rather well the other day when he said that the sales tax, which would be rather painless in its operation, would provide congress with the excuse to go on spending money recklessly, instead of turning in and cutting down expenses.

The cynic, however, will wonder if Borah would feel that way if cutting down expenses involved doing without something that IDAHO WANTS.

PROBABLY the nearest approach to a popular tax is the gasoline tax here in Oregon, which is paid more or less painlessly and whose proceeds go to pay for something that people want.

The gasoline tax is a sales tax. **BUT** the gasoline tax is peculiar in its operation. Its proceeds go to pay for maintenance of highways, which everybody wants. In addition, the better highway that are made possible by means of the gasoline tax reduce the cost of operating an automobile, so that the user of the automobile, who pays the gasoline tax, is really out nothing at all in the long run.

Wouldn't it be nice if all taxes were like that?

POST-EASTER storms shriek up and down the North Atlantic coast. We read:

"Northern New England was speckled with automobiles stalled in snowdrifts several feet high. Many communities in New York and Pennsylvania were isolated. Schools did not keep, telephone poles toppled, bluebirds met death in freezing winds, snow and rain."

WHILE we of the Pacific Coast were experiencing a winter much colder and wetter than the average, the East was enjoying balmy weather, with temperatures as high occasionally as 70 in the middle of winter.

One extreme, they say, follows another, and now the East, after an extremely warm winter, is getting an extremely cold spring. The weather man is apt to be impartial, in the long run.

NO ONE, of course, wishes the East any harm. Not if, as a result of a warm winter followed by a freezing spring, the fruit crop of the East should be a failure we of the Pacific Coast would accept the higher fruit prices that would follow and be thankful for our good fortune. Such is human nature.

PROSPECT WOMAN FALLS 200 FEET; SPINE FRACTURED

Mrs. Carl J. Rasmussen Badly Injured in Tumble From Red Blanket Cliff — In Local Hospital

Falling a distance of 200 feet down a steep cliff over Red Blanket falls, out from Prospect, Mrs. Carl J. Rasmussen, 40 narrowly escaped death last night. Her spine fractured, and face and hands badly cut by contact with the rough boulders, one of which checked her fall at the foot of the canyon.

She was brought to the Sacred Heart Hospital about 6 o'clock last night. On the floor above her, Mr. Rasmussen is also receiving treatment for a broken back, which he received in a minor accident at the California Oregon Power company project at Prospect about five weeks ago.

Mrs. Rasmussen will undergo an operation for correction of her shoulder fracture tomorrow morning, if her condition has improved sufficiently to permit it. Dr. L. D. Inskip, attending physician, stated today.

Mrs. Rasmussen was enjoying the view of the falls with her neighbor yesterday afternoon when the accident occurred. She was peering over the edge of the cliff when her foot slipped on a rock, throwing her into the canyon.

The neighbor's husband brought her into Medford immediately. Arriving at the Sacred Heart hospital, she insisted upon walking from the car into the hospital, obviously desiring to realize the pain of her injuries at the time.

ANTI-TRUST LAW CHANGES SOUGHT AS INDUSTRY AID

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Legislation to permit agreements between producers in the oil, gas and timber industries with a view to controlling production and avoiding waste, was urged before a senate committee today by Secretary Wilbur.

Insofar as "natural resource" industries are concerned, he favored the Nye bill to enable the federal trade commission to approve agreements adopted by an industry and give them legally binding effect.

The secretary of the interior added some provision should be included requiring the agreements become inoperative if it produces restriction on a member of the industry or results in exorbitant prices to the public.

President Hoover in his annual message recommended congress consider changing the anti-trust laws along this line.

In answer to a question from Senator Stewer (R., Ore.), who also is keenly interested in such legislation, Wilbur said the government has a direct interest in controlling production as an owner of enormous quantities of natural resources.

Stewer proposed an amendment which would more emphatically bestow upon the natural resource industries the right to make agreements for controlling production, saying if this were incorporated he would camp a separate measure introduced by him to accomplish a similar end.

GOLD HILL TORN BY SCHOOL ROW

An uprising led by the students in the Gold Hill school to oppose action taken by the board in hitting the teachers for the coming year, was reported here today. The reaction of the pupils the first of the week took the form of a walkout. A meeting of taxpayers of the district was held last night in an effort to untangle the difficulty.

An instructor, especially favored by the student body, has not been retained, is the story, and the students are demanding a session for this action from the board.

Pinchot Refuses To Enter Oregon

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 31.—(AP)—Governor Pinchot said today he had telegraphed State Senator J. E. Bennett of Portland, Ore., that he would not permit his name to be used in the Oregon Republican presidential preference primary election.

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INTERMEDIARIES IN BABY HUNT



Rear Adm. Guy H. Burrage (left), John Hughes Curtis (upper right) and the Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, all of Norfolk, Va., were reported to be negotiating for the return of the Lindbergh baby.

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NORFOLK, Va., March 30.—(AP)—(Continued on Page Five)

SOLDIER BONUS LIKELY TO PASS HOUSE IS VIEW

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—The bill calling for two billion dollars in full payment of the soldier bonus has given congress, already occupied with the effort to balance the federal budget, another problem to solve.

Party leaders say the bill is likely to pass the house, and possibly the senate.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Representative Fish (R., N. Y.), on leaving the White House today, said he had informed President Hoover he believed the possibilities of the adoption of new bonus legislation by the house had been shut down by the chief executive's recent statement opposing such legislation.

He characterized proposals by Representative Patman (D., Tex.) and Rankin (D., Miss.) that new currency be issued to make new bonus payments as "too absurd to discuss."

"I understand the secretary of the treasury has suggested if such notes are issued they carry the picture of Representative Patman on one side," Fish said. "My amendment would be that they place Rankin's picture on the other side."

Fish said he had told the president it was his opinion that over one-half of the veterans in the house were opposed to additional bonus legislation, adding he believed that any attempt to appropriate \$2,400,000,000 for this purpose in the present national emergency would knock the props from under the entire program of national economy and would destroy economic confidence.

COLUMBIA RIVER REPORT DISLIKED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—(AP)—Members of the Oregon delegation in congress today expressed disappointment over the Columbia river project, according to a special dispatch from the Washington, D. C., bureau of the Journal.

This report submitted by the war department recommends an expenditure by the government of \$16,100,000 for locks in proposed dams, providing power companies and "local interests" spend \$25,000,000 to build the dams.

They disagreed with the idea that development of the Columbia should depend on private capital at state and local effort under the water power act, the dispatch said.

KLAMATH MAN FOUND SUICIDE IN OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Cal., March 31.—(AP)—The body of a man identified from records as Henry F. Wagner, 45, formerly of Royal William Edmunds Park, Ore., and Council Bluffs, was found last night in the rear of the Oakland auditorium. He had been shot through the left chest. A gun lay at his side.

Police expressed belief the man had committed suicide.

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RELIEF WORK ON STATE HIGHWAYS HERE CANCELLED

The Jackson county court received orders this afternoon from the local office of the state highway commission, announcing that the state highway relief work, under way in this section since November 2, will be discontinued at once for an indefinite period. This action is necessitated by lack of funds, the source of revenue for financing of the work being exhausted, the report further stated.

Forty-three heads of families have been employed each week in state highway relief work here in the rotation program adopted by the court to extend the work to as many needy laborers as possible.

Work on the Crater Lake highway stopped some time ago and this change will halt activities on the Greenup highway.

The announcement leaves the court in a very doubtful position regarding a solution of the unemployment problem, which is gradually becoming more serious, members stated this afternoon. All efforts will be exerted to continue the county highway relief program, now employing 80 men. Distribution of this work to care for 43 additional laborers each week, however, at this time appears practically impossible.

7-Foot Sturgeon Landed By Angler

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Like other fishermen, Alfred E. Pinkerton has told of the big ones that got away.

Yesterday's events overshadowed the best for him, for he landed with hand tackle a sturgeon that measured 7 feet 1 1/2 inches and weighed 125 pounds.

Gregory Weather.

Rain west portion and probably local showers east portion tonight and Friday; moderate temperature; fresh to strong southerly winds offshore.

Cop's Disguise Too Good Masher Gives Him Kiss

AURORA, Ill., March 31.—(AP)—Nobody saw steal a kiss from Policeman Donald F. Curran and get away with it.

Having tossed aside his cigar, he garbed himself in a woman's lamp dress and snatched down one of the city's shadowed streets. On his head was a shiny new spring bonnet and tucked into his ground.

When Policeman Frank Carroll, responding to the cry for help, searched the scene, Curran was striking triumphantly upon the alleged purse snatcher's head.

The pursner, a deaf mute, wrote his name as Lawrence Padden, 42.

STOCK BROKERS BEAR BIG SHARE OF TAX BURDEN

New Revenue Bill Will Raise \$91,000,000 by Levies On Deals in Stocks, Commodities and Real Estate

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Without deviating from the plan outlined by its ways and means committee, the house today laid \$91,000,000 of the new tax burden upon those who deal in stocks, commodities and real estate.

In quick succession it adopted proposals of the committee to put taxes of one-fourth of one per cent of the sales price of stocks upon their sales; five cents per \$100 on the sales of grain, cotton and produce on the exchange, and 50 cents per \$500 on conveyances of real estate.

There still was to be acted upon a proposal to tax bond sales. The stock and commodities taxes were described in debate as aimed, in addition to raising revenue, at curbing short sales.

The real estate and stock sales taxes expire automatically on July 1, 1934.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—A 10 per cent tax on firearms and ammunition, expected to yield more than \$3,000,000, was inserted in the revenue bill today by the house.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—An eight per cent tax on the carrying charges of oil through pipelines, estimated to return \$15,000,000, was placed in the revenue bill today by the house.

COOLIDGE SENDS INSURANCE MAN APOLOGY, CHECK

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—(AP)—Former President Calvin Coolidge has written Lewis B. Tebbetts, St. Louis insurance man, explaining he meant no offense when in a radio speech last October he cautioned against insurance agents who "offer to save money for you by replacing your policy in another company."

Mr. Coolidge enclosed a check for \$2500. Tebbetts said his reputation as the "leading advocate in the United States of the so-called term life insurance policies" was injured by Mr. Coolidge's address in which he said the following language was used:

"Beware of the so-called 'twister' and 'abstractor' or any agent who offers to save money for you by replacing your policy in another company."

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FARMER GROUPS WANT DEBENTURE

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—A new effort to obtain action by congress on the equalization fee and export debenture plans of farm relief is planned by those national farm organizations.

Legislative committees of these groups—the National Grange, American Farm Bureau Federation and Farmers' Union—are preparing a bill consolidating these plans. Separate bills embodying the plans—designed to remove crop surpluses and bolster prices—were now before house and senate committees.

The farm groups want the agricultural marketing act, under which the farm board was created, amended to give the board authority to use any or all of the relief plans at its discretion.

REOPEN PORTLAND FORD PLANT SOON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—F. E. Lundstrom, manager of the Ford assembly plant here, announced today that the factory will reopen within "a very short time" and give employment to about 700 men.

Lundstrom said he expected to begin work today as to the date on which operations will be started. Preference will be given to former employees of the company.

Denies Engagement



Associated Press Photo

As she sailed for a vacation in Hawaii, Lily Davita (above), film actress, denied she was engaged to Sydney Smith, New York broker, although he was aboard the same liner.

CRESCENT CITY INVESTORS WIN MONEY RETURN

A circuit court jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict for Alden Hughes and 25 associated plaintiffs against the Crescent City Investment company and C. B. Day for judgment for sums carrying from \$928 to \$25, for money invested in Crescent City lots and made further awards against the American Surety company for judgments of \$2000 and \$1,830.77.

The surety company provided bond for the land salesmen.

The Crescent City Investment company was not represented at the trial and did not contest the action.

"The question involved was a legal one from the standpoint of the American Surety company. There was no dispute of facts, the attorneys stated this morning. The question for Judge Norton to decide was one of whether or not, under the Oregon laws, the surety company was liable on its bond, it was said.

The jury, O. T. Berger, Ashland, foreman, made awards to Alden Hughes and Arlyn Hughes for \$928 and \$401.50, and to 24 other investors of this city and county as follows, on the cause of action, with the money assigned to Hughes for the purposes of the suit:

C. H. Heimroth, \$50; W. W. Severin, \$120; J. B. Dobyne, \$183.25; Elmer

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FIRST METHODIST SOLD BY SHERIFF TO BOND HOLDERS

The First Methodist church of this city, was sold at a sheriff's foreclosure sale this morning on the courthouse steps, pursuant to a court order.

Attorney Porter J. Neff, of this city, acting for the Mercantile-Commercial Bank and Trust company of New York City, bid \$21,800, the amount of the notes due for non-payment of bonded indebtedness. It was a formality.

There were no spectators and Attorney Neff was the only bidder. The Gotjman bank is now legal owner of the sanctuary—one of the most imposing structures in the city.

Attorney Neff said this morning that negotiations were now underway for the granting of a lease to the First Methodist church, for a year, and that a definite decision would be made by next Sunday.

The Methodist church, located at Laurel and Main streets, was built five years ago, largely through the efforts of its pastor, the Rev. J. Randolph Samsmit. It was bonded, and the church defaulted in its payments, resulting in the bondholders taking legal steps. The economic stress of the world and nation brought the strange and unusual fate to the house of worship.

The board of trustees and congregation had no alternative, said Attorney Neff, but to sell the church. The sale hopeful way will be found.

COOS BUILDERS PROMOTE WORK

MANHATTAN, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—A house-to-house canvass of every home in the Coos Bay district is to be undertaken at once by the Coos Bay chapter of the Oregon Building Congress, for the purpose of promoting employment and trade for the building and allied industries. The plan was agreed upon Wednesday.

Pledges for all kinds of repair and construction work will be taken. The chapters of Coos Bay, Manhattan and North Bend are co-operating. Unemployment in the bay region has reached a high peak.

FRIDAY TO CLIMAX TRIBUNE'S KITCHEN CLASS FOR LADIES

Spanish Dishes Feature of Today's Demonstration by Miss Heath — Nursery Proves Hit With Mothers

Today's program in The Mail Tribune's Kitchen Chautauqua at the Holly theater found even more interested women in attendance than yesterday's great crowd at the opening session. At 2:15 today there were 1110 present, not counting the children being cared for by specially provided attendants. Chairs were brought in and placed wherever possible to accommodate the throng of women, many of whom were from distant parts of the surrounding county.

"Spanish Culinary By-Paths" were the roadways followed today by Miss Hester Heath on "A Cook's Tour" at the Mail Tribune Kitchen Chautauqua being conducted in the Holly theater, continuing through tomorrow.

Miss Heath's lecture and demonstration in the Happy Kitchen today included empanadas (meat pie), Spanish noodles, shenese of frozen fruit, Spanish chocolate, tamale pie, and orange Spanish salad.

Actual count at yesterday's session which opened the three-day chautauqua, showed that 1070 women were in attendance. Much interest was evidenced as Miss Heath told the many details of preparing the Italian dishes, and numerous questions were asked concerning the recipes.

Doors Open At 11:30 Tomorrow afternoon, at yesterday and today, the theater doors will be opened at 12:30, through the courtesy of the Holly theater, the reels of Crater Lake pictures in winter were shown today.

The management has not yet announced the movie feature for the chautauqua tomorrow, but some interesting short subjects will be presented between 1:30 and 2 o'clock.

About forty children were cared for in the nursery yesterday, in charge of Mrs. Bumble Hill, and today she was assisted by Miss Peggy Miller. Twice the space for the children was available this afternoon and the many youngsters spent a pleasant afternoon in the nursery.

Mothers are reminded to bring toys for the children to play with while they are at the theater.

Tomorrow, the closing day of the school, Miss Heath will demonstrate preparations of a continental dinner, which is international in the variety of dishes it represents.

TO PROBE CHARGE BANK CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—The senate banking sub-committee considering the Glass banking revision measure agreed unanimously today to make an inquiry into the charge of Senator Glass (D., Pa.) that an organized conspiracy exists in the banking community to defeat the legislation.

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WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 31.—No matter what the poor old dumb government tries to do the "big boys" have a scheme that beats it.

Now the big bankers have got a new "racket." Instead of going direct to the new finance commission for dough they send the folks that owe them. He gets it from the government and then pays them off. That don't leave a single soul out snipe hunting with a sack but the government; and brother, when one of those "big babies" transfers one of his loans over to Uncle Sam it's not a "Frozen asset," it's a "petrified perdition."

Will Rogers.

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HOPE TO RESCUE LAD FROM SHAFT

FITCHES, Oreg., March 31.—(AP)—A faint cry heard shortly after 7 P. M. today appeared on workers who were sinking a shaft in an effort to rescue a three-year-old boy injured 20 feet down a 250-foot shaft hole at the Mary Ann lead and zinc mine near here.

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