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REVENUE BILL ADOPTED BY HOUSE

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A BUSINESS man who travels much between the East and the West said the other day to this writer:

"For the past two years, it has seemed to me that business has been consistently better on the Pacific than the Atlantic coast; but on my last trip to the East, only a few weeks ago, business appeared to me to be a little better back there."

YOU will draw your own conclusions, of course from that statement; but you will probably recall the old theory that both good times and bad times start in the East and travel slowly westward until they reach the Pacific Coast.

"A LITTLE while back," a traveling man told this writer the other day, "I heard a fellow say wishfully in a crowd: 'Wouldn't it be nice to get back to the good old days?'"

"I said: 'What good old days—the 'nineties?' and he answered: 'Yes, I told him: 'You are back in the good old days; we're living now on about the same scale as in the 'nineties, and we call it HARD TIMES.'"

THE early 'nineties, of course, were pretty dull, one of the major depressions being then under way; but the late 'nineties were regarded as pretty good times.

Our average scale of living is probably as good now as the average scale of living in the late 'nineties. But we are acutely depressed and are sure we are having a TERRIBLE TIME.

Our standards change, don't they?

HALF a dozen men were discussing the state of business, as men will, the other day, and what they were saying wasn't exactly complimentary. One remarked:

"Wages have got to come down, and AWAY down, before business can improve."

That man, you see, was old-fashioned. He was looking back to the good old days.

A NOTHER one spoke up:

"Yes?" he said: "and if wages go AWAY down, where will the money come from with which to buy the things that must be bought if industry is to be kept moving at a rapid pace?"

This man, you see, is a modern thinker.

AS YOU may have heard, if you are a good listener, business is depressed. On every hand there are surpluses. There is more food than people can BUY and eat. There is more clothing than people can BUY and wear. There are more automobiles than people can BUY and drive.

Before business can be good again, we must eat the surplus of food. We must wear the surplus of clothes. We must acquire and drive the surplus of automobiles. And so on.

Here is a puzzling question: If wages are to be kept down at the bare level of existence, so that all people can buy is enough to keep body and soul together, how are we going to consume these surpluses that plague us?

THE best thought of the present day runs something like this:

The capacity of human beings to consume the products of labor is limited only by their capacity to BUY these products and pay for them. So if we can make it possible for people to buy and pay for the things they WANT there will be no such thing as a surplus and business can go forward at a steady pace, providing employment for everyone.

HOW can we make it possible for people to buy and pay for the things they want?

This writer confesses frankly that he can't answer that question. If you can answer it intelligently, and can prove that your answer will work, you will perform a service to humanity that will be of incalculable value.

But this much, at least, can be said: Paying starvation wages WON'T make it possible for people to buy and pay for the things they want in sufficient volume to keep industry moving at a pace that will provide employment for everybody.

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PRINCIPAL ITEMS LEFT INTACT FOR SENATE'S ACTION

Measure Carrying Increase in Postal Rate, Tax On Stock Deals, Autos, Realty Sales Voted 327 to 64

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The House today passed and sent to the senate the new revenue bill. The vote on final passage was 327 to 64. The bill is designed to balance the budget of 1933.

Final action came after three hectic weeks in which the house ran wild for seven days and hoisted out the general sales tax. It then floundered around for a substitute for the \$600,000,000 item. In the meantime approving taxes designed to strike the wealthy and fix sales levies on selected industries.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—By a vote of 211 to 178, the house today struck from the revenue bill the Swing amendment to impose war time surtaxes on high incomes.

The item was calculated to bring in \$17,000,000 of income.

The vote came after the house had refused again to incorporate a general sales tax in the bill.

Without a record vote, it retained the Manseyer amendment calling for a 45 per cent levy on estates.

The action on the surtax amendment, the second of a series preliminary to passage of the new revenue bill returned to the bill a ways and means committee proposal for a 40 per cent maximum tax on incomes over \$100,000.

The swing amendment, adopted last week, by an overwhelming vote, would have placed a maximum surtax rate of 65 per cent on incomes in excess of \$100,000.

It was effective on incomes over \$100,000 on a graduated scale.

By reversing itself the house struck \$17,000,000 off the total of its bill.

In so reversing itself, the house again sustained the ways and means committee.

By 211 to 178, the house voted to retain in the bill the oil and coal import taxes, thus automatically sustaining levies on wort, grape concentrates, malt and malt syrup. The revenue amounts to \$85,000,000.

PRESIDENT URGES ABOLISHMENT OF SHIPPING BOARD

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Calling for reorganization of the government's merchant marine activities, President Hoover today urged abolition of the shipping board. He said the place left vacant on the board by the death of E. C. Plummer would not be filled immediately.

The president said he would postpone filling the vacancy in the hope Congress would pass necessary legislation for reorganization of the merchant marine. He recommended such a reorganization in a recent message to congress.

"The shipping board in its present form should be abolished," Mr. Hoover said. "Although this is not a criticism of the board itself."

He explained it was a criticism of the present arrangement for handling shipping activities, pointing out the postoffice department had the award of ocean mail contracts and that there were other shipping activities in various departments.

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Inhabitants Flee as Village Sinks Slowly Into Earth

Claire Windsor Plans To Fight Charge Of Wife

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—(AP)—Announcing she intended to fight to the limit a suit for alienation of affections brought against her by Mrs. Marian Y. Read, wife of Alfred C. Read, Oakland broker, Claire Windsor, former screen actress who is now appearing here in a stage show with Al Johnson, last night issued a formal statement in which she indignantly denied the charge.



"I met Mr. Read when I was in New York last September," she said. "He was there on business. He was at several parties I attended. Later, he saw me in Los Angeles several times. And now comes this absurd alienation suit."

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This will be good news to the people of Medford. The Timber Products Co. (formerly the Tomlin Box Co.) has never shut down the box factory, but did shut down the mill yard and saw mill several months ago.

This reopening of the saw mill and continuation of the box factory operation will give employment to 100 men and assures a steady payroll to former employees who have been laid off for a long time. The official announcement stressed the fact that one of their chief considerations in reopening now was to supply work for these loyal employees and therefore no new men are wanted and should not apply.

Another local prosperity note was sounded today when officers of the Southern Building and Loan association announced they declared their regular 6 per cent dividend today which will distribute considerable cash in the community as the stockholders are practically all local residents.

In spite of the country-wide depression, officers of this company declare the concern has enjoyed a normally good business, and an increase in business is anticipated, as Medford people with money to invest are coming to realize more and more that under prevailing conditions the best and safest place to invest money is at home.

FIRST FARM LOAN IS RECEIVED HERE

The first farm credit loan for this county was filed with the county recorder this morning. It was issued to Fred W. Greene in the sum of \$400, and is a seasonal crop mortgage of a contractual nature. Greene states in the document that he is engaged in the raising of alfalfa and peas and submitted as a basis of the loan a budget of his expenses.

The application was filed last Saturday with the Farm Credit Bank at Spokane, Wash., and was returned approved Thursday, indicating that no time is lost in accepting or rejecting. Other applications filed about the same time will be returned in the order of their receipt.

Blanks for the filling of the loan applications, and information can be received at the chambers of commerce, in this city and Ashland.

The federal law under which the farm credit bill operates, requires that all crop loan contracts be a matter of public record.

WILL ASK VOTE ON PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Speaker Garner told the house today he will ask a vote Monday on legislation granting independence to the Philippine Islands.

These three countries," Campbell said, "have extended Russia unlimited credit privileges on money loaned them by the United States. The total amount of money Russia spends annually in these countries for her merchandise the United States should lay down on Russian shores is astonishing."

Loosening of credit privileges to Russia by American bankers, Campbell said, plus certain tariff changes, probably constitute two major methods of developing the Russian market. His experience in Russia, he said, has convinced him Russia looks toward America as a sort of model in how to handle both industry and agriculture.

Campbell scoffed at the idea of a Russo-Chinese alliance.

TOMLIN MILL TO OPEN UP ON TWO SHIFT SCHEDULE

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ALBERT H. VESTAL, G. O. P. WHIP, DIES

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Representative Albert H. Vestal of Indiana, the republican whip of the house, died today at the naval hospital. Two days ago Vestal collapsed and was sent to the hospital. His condition had been reported as improving.

Vestal, who was 57 years old, was elected to the 65th congress from the 6th Indiana district and had served continuously since. He was born in January 18, 1875 on a farm in Madison county, Indiana. He was a graduate of Valparaiso university and was admitted to the bar when only 21 years old. He is survived by a widow and two children.

GIRL SHOTS SELF IN FIANCE'S HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—(AP)—Max Evelyn B. Chapman, 23, Stanford university medical school graduate, shot and killed herself here today in the apartment of her fiancé, James A. Cary, 25, a student at the Stanford university hospital.

Friends of the girl told police she had been nervous and had complained that marriage seemed "so far away."

Will Speak Here



Gov. W. H. "Malina Bill" Murray, Oklahoma's colorful political figure, will visit Medford April 12 in his campaign swing through coast states in the Democratic presidential race.

SEARCH FOR BABY SENDS POLICEMAN ACROSS ATLANTIC

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 1.—(AP)—Major Charles H. Spoford, deputy superintendent of state police, sailed Monday for England on a special mission, "the nature of which we cannot reveal at this time," Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, state police head, said in his afternoon bulletin from the home of Col. Charles H. Lindbergh today.

"He sailed on the Mauretania last Monday on specific instructions from Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf," the bulletin said, "and will return when his business is completed."

NORFOLK, Va., April 1.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, said today there has been a new development since yesterday in the negotiations for the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby.

The admiral, spokesman for three Norfolk men acting as intermediaries for the child's return, declined to indicate the nature of the development, saying his publication "would hinder negotiations."

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 1.—(AP)—It was Philadelphia's turn today to become the "clue" center in the Lindbergh kidnaping mystery.

Reports flew that Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., kidnaped a month ago tonight, might be found in or near that city. Police scoffed. Hundreds of other tips of similar nature have proved valueless.

Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the state police, said "there has been no investigation directly or indirectly of the report the baby was held in or near Philadelphia."

TWO CRUSHED BY TOPPLING TREES

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—James Huntley, 16, was instantly killed near Canyonville Thursday, when he was crushed under a large tree.

and Reuben Dubell, employed as woodcutters, had cut the tree, the butt of which had remained resting on the stump. Huntley was caught under the tree when it rolled from the stump.

BEND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Perry O. Sumpter was fatally injured and D. D. Price was badly hurt Thursday when they were struck by a falling tree in the woods south of here.

The two men were eating lunch when a gust of wind leaped the tree.

CHEVROLET PRICES DROP \$10 TO \$55

DETROIT, April 1.—Price reductions ranging from \$10 to \$55 are announced by the Chevrolet Motor Car company effective today. The maximum reduction is on the five window coupe, which is cut from \$545 to \$490. The standard sedan is cut from \$525 to \$470.

INTERNAL STRIFE IN MAJOR PARTIES FEATURE OF WEEK

Roosevelt Supporters Pressing for Nomination by Democrats — Foes of Hoover Planning Bolt

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The pains of internal strife are growing appreciably keener for both of the parties, as presidential politics crosses the threshold of April. In three important respects, the past week has contributed significantly to these troubles:

Abandoning the conciliatory demeanor of earlier weeks, the supporters of Franklin D. Roosevelt have begun to press mercilessly toward consummation of his campaign for the Democratic nomination.

In both parties there has developed a growing realization of the deadly earnestness of the prohibition organizations in their threats to withdraw support from any candidate who accepts a moist plank.

All of these developments further confirm forecasts of a campaign of great bitterness, in which party lines may come to mean very little.

Talk of New Parties

Talk of a third party and even a fourth party has been revived, and although such talk usually comes to nothing in the end, the politicians are listening and watching.

The Roosevelt drive captured two more states during the week, Iowa and Maine. A last-minute decision to press for instructions in the closely-divided Maine convention caused much surprise. Evidently the Roosevelt leaders, encouraged by a succession of victories and aware of the driving determination of the stop-Roosevelt movement, now are prepared to force ahead even at the expense of making some enemies.

Roosevelt to Fore

The New York governor now has a definite pledge of 123 delegates. He needs 770 for the nomination. He has a fair assurance of about 500 for the first ballot, and a chance for many more, but there are some 330 out of the total of 1154, who are sure to go elsewhere. Missouri's 36 were instructed during the week for James A. Reed, New York's 94, which Tammany Leader John P. Curry expects to control, under the unit rule, are to remain unpledged for the present.

A situation may well develop where the final decision will rest in the hands of five or six leaders, controlling such delegations as those of New York, Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey and Missouri.

Insurgents in Eye

Several developments during the past few days have focused interest on the Republican insurgents.

Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania declined to enter the Oregon primary. When the time limit arrived Thursday night, Senator Hiram W. Johnson had no delegates entered in his name in his home state of California. Thus, appar-

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George Bill Given Preferred Status

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The senate steering committee today gave the George bill to authorize President Hoover to reorganize the government departments a preferred status on the senate's program.

Brave Lad Saved After Eleven Hours in Shaft

MIAMI, Okla., April 1.—(AP)—Brave baby Gerald Collins lived today, saved from a terrifying prison to deep in a mine drill hole by strong arms and warm hearts.

Wounded and bruised, but with a courageous "I'm all right," the three-year-old doubled up for 11 hours 20 feet below the surface of the earth at the Mary Ann lead and zinc mine near Ficher, was rescued through a parallel shaft last night.

"He's alive," cried a husky miner. Out from beyond the lights of the little rescue area a roar of thanks echoed through the hills from the throats of thousands of watchers.

Limit Hours On Prayer, For Poor At County Home

The county court directed this afternoon that no further religious meetings be held at the county poor farm after 4:30 p. m. Complaint was registered that the night meetings keep the inmates, some over 90 years of age, awake after they retire at 8 o'clock in the evening and upset the routine of the institution. It was also held that the services "could be heard a block away." The leads held it was necessary to speak loud so the deaf inmates could hear.

The county court made it clear that religious organizations were welcome to hold services at the poor farm, but they must do so before 4:30 p. m.

BONUS DOOMED IN UPPER HOUSE ECONOMY DRIVE

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The senate, which will have the next and last say on taxes, appropriations and bonus payments, is on an economy rampage.

In the spirit now pervading this chamber, the appropriation bills are due for a drastic slash, some of the higher income taxes voted by the house are facing a paying down, and the bonus bill is doomed to defeat.

The senate leaders believe this spirit will continue undiminished.

So far two of the annual supply bills have been sent back to the appropriations committee for 10 per cent reductions. All the other measures appropriating funds for next year's operating expenses of the government face the same treatment.

As a result of this unprecedented action, the senate appropriations committee is marking time on the other necessary appropriation bills. Department heads have been notified to give recommendations for further paring down. They have protested by the senate means business.

It is no secret that the leaders of both parties have determined to apply the axe to the proposition about to face the house for legislation to authorize loans as payment in full to world war veterans upon their bonus certificates.

COUPLE FACING ELECTRIC CHAIR

CORTLAND, N. Y., April 1.—(AP)—R. J. Simpson, 29, and his wife, Mary Field Simpson, 22, are under sentence to die in the electric chair the week of May 16. They were convicted yesterday of the slaying of Mrs. Simpson's 14 months' old boy.

The child was killed on the night of September 21, last, mutilated and its body thrown into a swamp where it was found on October 10.

The Simpsons, arrested three days later, confessed the crime, the district attorney said.

The defense contended both the man and his wife had mentalities of 12-year-olds.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 31.—Wait a minute now. It's all right for Jack Garner's reformed congress to pour it into the rich with income taxes, to fine a man for dying, to put a tax on malt till they make it cost like beer even if it don't taste like it, to refuse to pass a sales tax, then turn around and tax everything that is sold, to put a tax on matches, and drive the U. S. to the insane asylum trying to make cigar lighters work. All these fool things come under the heading of congressional employment, but when they put a tax on chewing gum, the only thing left for a poor man to chew, that is going too far.

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ANCIENT CAVERNS LEFT BY ROMANS SWALLOWING CITY

Ten Thousand Leave Italian Town Near Rome in Haste — Buildings Drop Out of Sight — Water Is Blamed

NAPLES, April 1.—(AP)—Ten thousand inhabitants of the city of Villa Santa Stefano began abandoning the town this afternoon when it started to sink into the ancient Roman caves over which it is built.

Santa Stefano is an agricultural community approximately half way between Naples and Rome.

Today 10 buildings in the center of the town slowly sank out of sight into the earth and many others gave signs of caving in. Their disappearance was slow enough to give the inhabitants time to escape and so far as known there were no casualties.

The wholesale exodus began immediately and all the inhabitants fled with as much of their possessions as they could gather together in a hurry and carry away on their backs and in donkey carts.

Tonight many of them had pitched camp at a safe distance from the town, but others pressed on to the neighboring towns and villages and farmhouses.

It was thought that the cave-in was due to the filtration of river water through the ground under the town which broke down the roof supports of the caves.

STEELY NERVED SURGEON PASSES

KANE, Pa., April 1.—(AP)—Dr. Ervin O'Neill Kane, 72, who attained nation-wide note in 1919 by removing his own appendix and who recently performed a second operation upon himself, died today.

The surgeon, long prominent for his work in treatment of cancer, died at 4 a. m., after a siege of pneumonia. He had been in ill health for several weeks.

A few months ago Dr. Kane performed the second operation on himself to relieve hernia. As was the case in his first feat, he used a local anesthetic and mirror. He said the operation was successful.

HANSEN LOSES FINGER IN PLANING MILL SAW

H. C. Hansen, operator of the Medford Planing mill, suffered loss of a portion of the index finger on his left hand this afternoon when the digit came in contact with a swiftly revolving saw at the mill. Hansen was rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital, where the shredded stump was amputated at the first joint.

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