

The Weather
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 Temperature:
 Highest yesterday 85
 Lowest this morning 50

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

HERE is a statement made within the past few days by one of the country's leading economists: "On the basis of past experience, covering more than a century and a half, it appears within reason to assert that the prevailing economic crisis is in its last or final stages."

WHAT he means to say, when the fog of big words is cleared away, is something like this: "Hard times are about over and good times are about to begin." It's really a pity that these experts, or alleged experts, can't say what they have to say in language that ordinary people can understand.

WHY does this learned man think that hard times are about over and good times about to begin? Well, he puts it like this: "In all the depressions of the past, when pessimism reached its peak and when the masses began to despair, the turn was at hand." Again we shall have to translate. What he means to say is this: "When conditions get so bad they can't get any worse, they begin to GET BETTER."

TAKE it or leave it. But at least that seems to be about as good a reason for believing that better times are about here as any other that has been offered lately.

And this writer, for one, would RATHER believe that the turn is about here than to believe that it is NOT and that everything is going to smash, because the belief that the worst is about over inspires HOPE, whereas the belief that no improvement is in sight and that everything is going to ruin inspires DESPAIR.

If you can keep up hope, you are in a better frame of mind to meet the problems that come up from day to day, because keeping up hope helps to put stiffness into the backbone. Keeping a stiff backbone is important in times like this if you are going to pull through.

IN THE past 150 years, this economist tells us, there have been TWENTY-FIVE depressions, or an average of one every six years. Depressions, you see, are no new experience.

Of these 25 depressions, only one lasted for five years. Two continued for four years, while the majority lasted for two or at most three years.

According to the law of averages, we ought to be nearing the end of this one, for it began three years ago next October.

HE MAKES one other point that is interesting: All the big depressions of the past were preceded by a period of wild prosperity during which people believed that a new era had arrived in which prices must always GO UP and couldn't ever GO DOWN.

Ant they were all accompanied, in their later stages, by a period of extreme pessimism in which people believed that the end of everything good had arrived and that prosperity had vanished from the world, never to return.

So, you see, we are running true to form.

TWENTY-FIVE depressions in the last 150 years—an average of one every six years. And each time, at least during the more important ones, people believing that the end of all happiness and prosperity had come and that in the future the world would be a very different and very much WORSE world.

But look at the world NOW, and then look back at what it was 150 years ago. We are better off at this moment, at the lowest and most discouraging point of one of the great depressions of history, than people were 150 years ago at the very height of their boom periods. The world HASN'T gone backward in the past century and a half, in spite of the 25 depressions it has experienced.

Instead, it has gone forward—FAR FORWARD.

IT WILL BE SO AGAIN.

No one knows when the present depression will come to an end. The end of it may be in sight now, as all of us hope, and some of us believe. Or the evil may not yet be in sight. All predictions are merely guesses.

BUT SOONER OR LATER, the end of the depression will come, and in the ensuing recovery the world will

WOULD RESTRICT WORK OFFERS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Fruit Growers' League, Chamber of Commerce, Court and Unemployed in Plea for Official Orders

To the end that local employment be accorded only to bona fide local residents, E. J. Stack, Portland, Oregon, state director for Unemployment Relief for the Federal Government, has been requested to grant authority to Chris Gottlieb, head of the local federal labor bureau to grant work slips, only to local residents.

In normal times, the federal government makes no distinction between residents and transients, but owing to the stress of the times, it has made the discrimination, a northwest example being in the Yakima, Wash., district. The move also restricts seasonal influx of outside labor.

The request is signed and endorsed by the Fruitgrowers League, the chamber of commerce, the county court, the Association of Medford Unemployed, the governor's committee for the relief of unemployment, the Rogue River Traffic association, and the city of Medford.

The letter is as follows: We request you to instruct Mr. Chris Gottlieb, in charge of the local federal employment office, to favor local applicants for work. This request comes from our desire to solve the local unemployment problem, and is based upon the understanding that the local office must be so instructed in order to make this discrimination.

IRRIGATION BOND SITUATION EYED TO FORM PLANS

Fred W. Yokum of the Central National bank of Oakland, Calif., an institution that sold \$500,000 worth of Rogue River valley irrigation bonds in the city seeking information and suggestions from landowners, and others qualified to know on the irrigation bond and finance situation.

Mr. Yokum will report his findings to a committee to be appointed to meet with valley irrigators, in an effort to determine the best steps for a re-financing and rehabilitation of the affairs of the irrigation districts.

COPCO EARNINGS SHOW INCREASE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—California Power company netted \$303,851, in the first half of 1932, after taxes, interest and depreciation, a substantial increase over the \$254,144 earned in the same 1931 period.

After provision for preferred dividends of \$282,688, the balance carried to surplus was \$21,163, compared with the previous year's deficit after preferred dividends of \$11,701. Net for June was \$56,823, compared with \$17,568 in June, 1931.

UNEMPLOYMENT HEAD WILL BE APPOINTED

The board of control of the Medford Association of the Unemployed will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a manager for the plan of relief to be carried on in the city of Medford. Seventy-five dollars a month has been appropriated toward payment of the executive by the city council. He will have charge of all labor certificates and exchange of food and services for labor.

BASEBALL RESULTS

National.			
First game:	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	3	11	1
New York	7	11	3
French, Chagnon, Spencer and Orace; Hubbell and Hogan.			
St. Louis game:			
St. Louis	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	8	12	1
Brooklyn	12	16	0
Johnson, Haines and Wilson, Gonzales; Thurston, Shaute and Sukeforth.			
Chicago game:			
Chicago	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	7	12	2
Boston	2	5	1
Malone and Hemsley; Brandt, Cunningham and Hargrave.			
Cincinnati game:			
Cincinnati	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	5	10	2
Philadelphia	10	12	0
Carroll, Ogden, Kolp, Hiltner and Lombardi; J. Elliott and V. Davis.			
American.			
Boston	R.	H.	E.
Boston	6	14	0
Chicago	1	9	1
Batteries: Welch and Connolly; Frasler, Gregory, Wise and Grube.			

FEHL CONTENDS WAS A PARTNER OF NIEDERMAYER

Earl H. Fehl, chief witness for the defense in the civil suit of Niedermeyer, Inc., against him, to collect a \$5000 chattel mortgage and promissory note, was excused this morning after nearly a day in the witness chair. Fehl was questioned briefly by the court before dismissal as a witness.

Fehl in the testimony related the alleged business relations existing between him and L. Niedermeyer over a period of 13 years, starting with the inception of the Pacific Record-Herald in 1919.

Fehl holds his efforts on behalf of the Holly street theater in 1929 were on a "partnership basis," as far as the purchase of the lot was concerned, and that he is entitled to commissions on other transactions.

FINANCIER SHOT BY OWN FATHER

LOS ANGELES, July 26.—(AP)—Earle L. Roberts, 45, Los Angeles clubman and financier, was shot to death today and his father, John Roberts, 73-year-old Los Angeles and San Diego real estate dealer, was arrested on suspicion of murder.

Detectives said the father, arrested as he walked from a downtown office building at Sixth and Hill streets, admitted the killing, but insisted he had shot in self-defense.

ZOOK OPPOSED AS NEW CHANCELLOR

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—Entering for the second time into the discussion as to who shall be selected chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, the Institute of Associated Cremeries has written members of the board of higher education expressing opposition to consideration of the candidacy of Dr. G. F. Zook, president of the Akron University in Ohio.

Dr. Zook has been asked to visit Oregon to confer with the board relative to the chancellorship.

Last May the Dairy association addressed communications to members of the board of education demanding that the board select as chancellor "a man with a proved record of sympathy and a knowledge of service, both to students and to industry and agriculture."

BYRD POSTPONES TRIP TO BATTLE GIFTS FOR VETS

Heavy Govt. Payments to Non-Disabled Men Rouses Explorer—Fight on System Like War, He Says

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Three leaders of the radical wing of the bonus army today were found guilty in police court of parading without a permit, and were sentenced to a \$40 fine or 40 days imprisonment.

The men were John Pace, Walter Eicker and Roy Johnson. All were veterans who during the war were sent to get through police lines and reach the White House.

NEW YORK, July 26.—(AP)—Rear-Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd asserted today the campaign against heavy government payments to non-disabled veterans was like a war, and said he would postpone his next Antarctic expedition until some action in that campaign has been obtained.

Admiral Byrd, scheduled to have left for Antarctica this autumn, was unanimously elected chairman pro-tem of the National Economy league at its organization meeting, before which he made his postponement announcement.

Archibald Roosevelt was chosen national secretary pro-tem, and Graham V. Blaine, vice president of the Bank of Manhattan, national treasurer.

"Our ship is ready at Panama," Admiral Byrd said. "We have 150 tons of material prepared for the voyage but as during the war we gave our services to the nation, today we must do the same thing."

The officers elected today will serve until September, when a national convention is to be held.

Major-General James G. Harbord told the first meeting of the league that conservative figures of the government indicate that by 1945 payments to veterans and their dependents would reach \$2,000,000,000 annually under existing laws.

GIRL USES KNIFE IN FIT OF ANGER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 26.—(AP)—Pearl Chung, 13, Chinese, was held in jail here today while officers continued their investigation into her asserted confession that she stabbed her foster mother, Mrs. Chung Mow, 55, to death in a fit of anger.

Police said the girl admitted last night that she plunged a long kitchen knife into the heart of Mrs. Chung while the woman lay sleeping in her home here early yesterday.

The girl was reported to have said edge that she was a foster child prompted her to slay Mrs. Chung.

She originally told a story of a bandit entering the place and after killing Mrs. Chung, warning her to remain quiet while he escaped.

WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH; MATE RECEIVES WOUNDS

Mystery Surrounds Night Attack in Fashionable San Jose Home—Crime Pre-meditated, Police Believe

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Lillian Babcock, 44, was stabbed to death and her husband, Rider Babcock, 45, importer and exporter of copra and hemp from the Philippines, was critically wounded when they were attacked as they slept at Mountain View about 3 a. m. today.

The Babcocks were staying at the home of Mrs. Babcock's sister, Mrs. Laura Horst Buckish, in the fashionable Pepper avenue district.

Police expressed the opinion the assailant of the couple was a Filipino and that the crime was premeditated, although they admitted they had not found a motive.

Screams Awake Husband. Babcock told police he was awakened by the screams of his wife, and getting up grappled with a man who stabbed him several times in the throat and chest.

Mrs. Babcock, he said, ran for the door as he fought the intruder, and called for her son, Charles Brown, Stanford student. Then she dropped dead, her throat slashed.

Babcock was taken to the Mountain View hospital.

MATERIALISM HIT BY G. PASS EDITOR IN ROTARY TALK

Medford Rotarians heard an inspiring address by B. J. Kimber, president of the Grants Pass Rotary club, at their regular weekly meeting this noon. Mr. Kimber's subject was "The Failure of Materialism," and developed many points of interest to those present.

"Materialism," said the speaker, "is that thing which gets into the blood and causes a man to think he does rightly the things he knows are wrong."

In illustrating his point, Mr. Kimber told of the huge business machine which he has created in America and which has destroyed idealism in mankind.

In closing Mr. Kimber gave his hearers food for thought when he said "Life is God's investment of himself in you and you must pay dividends."

Tarney Steward gave a report on the Rotary highway marker project, stating that nearly 30 of these attractive scenic panels had been erected on the Pacific highway as far north as Roseburg and as far south as Red Bluff. Much favorable comment has resulted from tourists and visitors and many have stopped to visit the scenic beauty spots featured in the Rotary panels.

KENNEDY WANTS DIVORCE



Mrs. Minnie "Ma" Kennedy (right), mother of Almeda Semple O'Phelan Hutton, is shown with her attorney, Harry P. Getty, as she signs a divorce complaint in Los Angeles against Guy Edward Hutton. She said she was a "vagabond lover" and wouldn't get a steady job. (Associated Press Photo)

60 CADETS GO DOWN WITH GERMAN TRAINING VESSEL

KIEL, Germany, July 26.—(AP)—Struck by a heavy storm in the Baltic sea today, the German naval training ship Niobe, a three-masted sailing vessel, went to the bottom. Forty of the 100 cadets and junior caets aboard her were saved. Sixty were missing and naval craft were searching the waters in the vicinity.

It was about 2:30 p. m. when she keeled over in the storm and sank. The steamer Theresia, Ruse, which was not far off, picked up 40 of her survivors.

Among the rescued was Captain Ruhfus, the master of the Niobe. The gale struck the vessel only a few minutes after the great seaplane DO-X, flying from Travemunde to Kiel, had passed over and, dipping low, had signalled a greeting.

She went over on her side and sank in three or four minutes. The DO-X came down safely after a stormy flight.

Within a short time after the Niobe went down the cruiser Koenigsberg reached the scene. She had been preceded by a seaplane and four fast torpedo boats.

The Niobe had started out from Kiel for Warnemunde, Mecklenburg, and was to have returned in September.

Naval authorities were at a loss to explain the disaster, but they gave it as their guess that the crew, unprepared for the sudden wind, had been unable to reef the sails in time.

FITTS VICTIM OF 'POISON TONGUE'

LOS ANGELES, July 26.—(AP)—The "poison tongue" individual who for the past several weeks has been calling relatives of various persons to inform them that certain relatives are dead, today chose Byron Fitts, district attorney, as the subject for one of his fictitious messages.

Fitts said a voice representing itself as being that of George Gregory, brother-in-law of the district attorney, had died early this morning at Malibu beach. The Sheriff's office, police department and newspapers were all called, and extra editions were ready to be run when Fitts arrived at his office.

H. T. Robinson, Los Angeles capitalist, is due to arrive here by plane from the southern California city, according to word received by A. H. Banwell of this city.

OREGON AUTOISTS GET MORATORIUM FROM CALIFORNIA

Old Tags Also Good in Sister State Until First of Month—Refund Will Be Sought for Car Owners Fined

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—Oregon motorists may drive into California with their old license plates and return safely to their own state without having to buy California plates.

An order granting Oregon motorists 30 days leeway in acquiring new license, as they have in their own state, was issued here by Theodore Roche, director of the California motor vehicle department, following complaints of Oregon drivers they were compelled to buy California licenses if their machines didn't carry the new Oregon plates.

The state police announced today that an effort would be made to secure a refund for Oregon autoists who last week-end paid the California license fee of \$4-\$3 for the license and \$1 for a certificate of title.

SHRINERS' PARADE OPENS FESTIVITY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—The Mystic Shrine opened its 58th annual session today with the annual parade—color, more color, bands, drill teams, drum corps, red, yellow, purple, green, orange, brown, white and all the shades in between.

Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Houston of Chicago was escorted by Boston's Aleppo temple, which featured a drill team of Pilgrims and an oval set of electric bells, carried by individuals, but played from a central keyboard.

Portland, Oregon's, band won applause as the leader played tunes on a xylophone-larp. Al Malakab-temple of Los Angeles presented a band and drill team abed in Turkish style.

BIG STEEL PAYS REGULAR DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, July 26.—(AP)—The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on preferred stock of the United States Steel corporation was declared by the board of directors today. The common stock was moved from a dividend basis three months ago.

A statement issued by the directors said that in view of the large draft upon surplus and available resources in the last year, "it is apparent that improvement in the business and earnings must in future determine dividend action on the preferred stock."

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 25.—Our world of "make believe" is sad. Scores of comedians are not funny. Hundreds of "America's most beautiful girls" are not gay. Our benefactor has passed away. He picked us from all walks of life, he led us into what little fame was achieved. He remained our friend, regardless of our usefulness to him as an entertainer. He brought beauty into the entertainment world.

The profession of acting must be necessary, for it exists in every race and every language, and to have been the master amusement provider of your generation, surely a life's work was accomplished. And he left something on earth that hundreds of us will treasure till our curtains fall, and that was a "badge," a badge which we were proud and never ashamed of and wanted the world to read the lettering on it. "I worked for Ziegfeld."

So goodbye, Flo. Save a spot for me, for you will put on a show up there some day that will knock their eye out.

Will Rogers