

# MEIER CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
"WOOL GROWERS favor present tariffs on wool." Such is the word that comes from Portland, where the National Wool Growers' association is in session.  
Surely. And the butter men favor the present tariffs on butter. The poultrymen favor the present tariffs on eggs. The lumbermen favor the present tariff—which is exceedingly new—on lumber.  
EVERYBODY in this country favors a tariff on the thing he produces.

AND why not?  
Although buying power in this country is at present far below normal, it is still higher than the average throughout the world. Our standards of living are far below normal, but they are far above the world average. This is still the greatest market on earth.  
Why shouldn't we keep this great market of ours, or at least the bulk of it, for ourselves?

THERE is much talk to the effect that the new tariff duties we have laid upon the products of other countries have caused other countries to lay RETALIATORY tariff duties upon our products—a retaliatory tariff being one that is designed for the purpose of getting even.  
So, it is charged, we have killed the goose that used to lay the golden eggs for us—that is to say, we have destroyed our own foreign trade by inviting these retaliatory tariffs.  
One hears that story everywhere.

REALLY, it isn't true.  
The tariff walls that now block commerce throughout the world are largely the result of the flaming nationalism that came out of the war. With blockades fresh in their minds, almost every people on earth wanted to become self-sufficient RIGHT AWAY—that is to say, they wanted to produce within their own borders all the things needed to fight a war. So they started using tariffs as a means of forcing self-sufficiency.

Fear of Germany also contributed to the raising of tariff walls after the war. Almost every nation feared that Germany, in an effort to pay her reparations bill, would launch a great selling offensive, flooding other countries with cheap merchandise.  
So tariff walls were raised to prevent THAT.

BUT, however the tariff walls came to be raised, they are there. And every country is complaining bitterly about EVERY OTHER COUNTRY'S tariffs, but doing nothing in the way of reducing its own.

European countries, in particular, are making an awful fuss about the AMERICAN tariff wall. They want it torn down, so that they may send their products into our markets, without anything to hinder them. They want markets, and our great market looks exceedingly good to them.  
But they say nothing about reducing their own tariff walls.

UNCLE SAM, you see, has been BIG-HEARTED in the past. He loaned Europe a lot of money, and then FORGAVE most of the debt—all of it, in fact, that was incurred for the actual fighting of the war, keeping on his books only the money borrowed AFTER the war—and has been quite lenient about the payment of even that part.  
Now Europe wants him to forgive it ALL—and is flooding the world with propaganda to that effect.  
In the same way, Europe wants Uncle Sam to tear down HIS tariff walls, so that European products can enter the American market freely, but wants to keep her own tariff walls up, so that American products CANNOT enter European markets.

It would be a grand scheme, if we would fall for it. A grand scheme, that is, for everybody but us.  
AS a matter of fact, Uncle Sam's tariff walls have been rather effectively torn down by DEPRECIATED MONEY, and our markets are being opened up to an astonishing extent to the products of the countries whose money is depreciated in value by the fact that it hasn't got gold back of it.  
It works like this:  
If you are a manufacturer, or a producer of ANY SORT, agricultural or otherwise, in England, or Sweden, or Czechoslovakia, or any country with a depreciated currency, you sell

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## CONVENE JAN. 3 TO THRESH OUT TAX PROBLEMS

Extra Session Needed to Provide Laws in Advance Regular Legislature for Tax to Become Effective

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier, in a formal statement to the press here tonight, issued a call for a special session of the state legislature.

The special session, called to attack problems of taxation and relief, is scheduled to convene, Tuesday, January 3, less than a week before the regular session will open January 9.

Governor Meier pointed out that the special session is called, even if only a week before the regular session, because 90 days must elapse following adjournment of a legislative session before the laws it enacted become operative. Hence, a tax law passed at the regular session would not take effect until the last part of May, a date considered too late to handle the tax situation, which tax measures adopted at the special session will be operative April 7.

Must Provide Revenue  
No recommendation is specifically made as to the form the tax program should take, but the executive in his statement said that, despite economies in state government, revenues have decreased to the point where they are insufficient, and that a property tax must be revised unless the legislature finds some other source of revenue.

In conferences between Governor Meier and business and legislators, a sales tax has been talked of sympathetically as an emergency means of clearing up the state's financial situation without restoration of the property tax. Governor Meier's statement tonight, however, did not recommend this or any other specific form of taxation.

Kiddle to Preside  
It is believed mechanics of the special session will be simple. Following a caucus in Salem January 2, the senate and house will organize January 3. Fred E. Kiddle of Union county is understood already to have sufficient votes pledged to elect him president of the senate and Earl W. Snell of Gilliam county likewise is said to have enough votes pledged to elect him speaker of the house. Each presiding officer will appoint a resolutions committee and a committee on taxation. Senate and house committees on taxation will meet jointly.

Legislators here pointed out tonight that by suspension of the rules the joint committee can launch into hearings by Wednesday. This would enable three days for hearings and the tax measures could be passed Saturday. The session would then adjourn, to reconvene the following Monday for its regular session.

Meier's Statement  
The governor's statement follows: I have determined to convene the 37th legislative assembly in special session on January 3, 1933. I have decided to take this action in order that a determination may be had of the question as to whether or not we shall retain as part of our system for raising state revenue the property tax, handed down to us from feudal days.

The elimination of this antiquated, burdensome, and inequitable tax from our state levy has been and still is one of the major objectives of my administration.  
Furthermore, the state is faced

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## Hagenbarth Heads Sheep Ranchers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—F. J. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Idaho, was selected president of the National Wool Growers' association for the 20th successive year at the closing session of the association's 68th annual convention here today. Mrs. S. O. Stewart of Yakima, Wash., was elected president of the ladies' auxiliary.

## New Money System for World Is Promulgated

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 10.—(AP)—A new monetary system for the world, a system in which wheat, silver and gold would be the vital factors, has been presented to financiers in America, Great Britain and other countries by Frank O'Hearn, former vice president of the Standard Stock Exchange.

Proferring it as no panacea, but as a plan intended to aid farmers and silver currency nations, O'Hearn has drawn up the suggestion in outline and mailed it to leading economists and money experts.  
The first step would be to arrive at a commodity valuation so established that it would be a standard to which all other commodities and

## Michigan Awarded Rockne Trophy As Leading Grid Team

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Although Southern California's Trojans defeated Notre Dame today to finish their regular season undefeated and untied, the University of Michigan tonight was declared winner of the Knute K. Rockne memorial trophy, symbol of the national football championship, under the Dickinson rating system.

Southern California won more games than the Wolverines, but Professor Frank G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois, originator of the system, said Michigan outranked the Trojans, because of the superiority of midwestern football in inter-sectional games.

## STOVES OVERHEAT CAUSING EPIDEMIC OF HOME BLAZES

Overheating stoves during the extremely cold weather was the cause given by Fire Chief Roy Elliott for the series of fires over the week end, which included damage to the Geo. Marshall residence at 1113 South Oakdale avenue and several chimney fires. The chief issued warning yesterday against building excessive blazes which might cause damage.

Yesterday forenoon the department was called to the Jim Daily residence at 830 East Ninth street to extinguish a chimney blaze, and Friday two fire fires were extinguished by the department at the Gene Thomas residence at 222 South Holly street and at C. W. Foster's at 115 Park. Considerable damage was done to the George Marshall four-room residence at 1113 South Oakdale late Friday night, when fire broke out presumably from an overheated stove. The Amos Turnbows were residing at the place, and discovered the fire when the roof blazed. Where the water ran into the street it immediately froze into ice in the near-zero weather and firemen found it difficult to combat the flames, with icicles forming wherever the water was sprayed near the house.

## RHODES SCHOLARS FOR STATE PICKED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Robert Hayter, 21, of Dallas, student at the University of Oregon, and J. Burke Knapp Jr., 19, of Portland, student at Stanford university, were selected tonight as winners of the state Rhodes scholarship fund. They were chosen from among eight students after oral examinations here that lasted nearly all day.

The two will represent Oregon at the regional contest next Wednesday at Spokane, Wash., when two winners from each of six northwestern states will compete for scholarships. Out of the twelve contestants, four will be chosen to receive the scholarships, each of which provides for two years or more of study at Oxford university, with all expenses paid.

## Young Miksche Boy Dies of Pneumonia

News was received here Saturday of the death in Portland of Geary Miksche, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Miksche, formerly of this city, now of Portland. The little boy died Saturday morning of pneumonia, according to the report.

## Lake Creek Water Sought for Mine

SALEM, Dec. 10.—F. I. Vincent of Medford, has requested a permit from the state engineer to appropriate 5 second feet of water from Lane creek and other tributaries of Rogue river for mining purposes in Jackson county.

## SOME THINK TEDDY'S WIDOW F. R.'S WIFE

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, 71-year old widow of President Roosevelt, still in mourning for the late "T. R.," arrived here today to take ship for Manila to visit her son during the holidays. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is governor general of the Philippines.  
"It is quite true," she said, "that when Governor Roosevelt was elected this fall I received many letters of congratulation on my husband's election."

## MERCURY DROPS TO 4 DEGREES; ENTIRE VALLEY CHILLED

Ten Degrees at Ten o'Clock Last Night—Frozen Water Pipes Nettle Residents, But Plumbers Are Busy

Oregon: Fair and continued cold Sunday; Monday increasing cloudiness, rising temperature west portion; moderate easterly winds offshore.

With the thermometer down to 10 degrees at ten o'clock last night, officials at the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau predicted colder weather for early this morning—surpassing Saturday morning's minimum of 4 degrees registered between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock.  
For the first time in many years, Rogue river was reported from over at Bybee bridge, according to reports yesterday.

Forecast for today were "continued cold," the same prediction as has been handed out since Wednesday, and which has enveloped the Rogue river valley as well as the entire state in one of the severest cold snaps of weather bureau history.  
The maximum reached on Saturday was 26 degrees, about three o'clock and the mercury continued its downward movements steadily with 13 above being recorded about eight o'clock.

Since the extreme weather grasped the southern Oregon area, Thursday morning weather bulletins listed the minimum at 16 above, on Friday at 10 above, and Saturday 4 above. A light snow ushered the freezing temperature in early Thursday morning, and only at short intervals had any of it melted, with ice forming at each lowering of the temperature.  
Medford firemen experienced difficulties Friday evening extinguishing a fire on South Oakdale avenue, the water freezing in such a short time, making a glazed surface on the pavement. Icicles were prevalent. Firemen's clothes were frozen stiff by the time they had the blaze under control, they reported.  
Many residents of Medford were having difficulties with water pipes and outlets at their residences, as the extreme weather from the plumbing where heat was not kept on during the night and early morning. Radiators of many cars were also reported frozen.

With a biting wind blowing and ice on the pavement, the streets in Medford were nearly deserted today. Many business houses experiencing one of the dullest pre-Christmas days in many seasons. Parking lots were vacant, and few cars were on the thoroughfare at any time during the day.

Postmaster Guy Tex of Central Point, meteorologist for that town, reported to the Mail Tribune yesterday that the minimum for Central Point between Friday night and Saturday morning was four degrees above zero.  
J. D. Holst of the Rogue River national park was a visitor in Medford yesterday, and reported that the temperature reached seven below zero at Owen-Dreget Camp No. 2 in the Butte Falls district Thursday morning, when a blizzard raged in the area. About an inch of snow fell, accompanied by a high wind, he stated.

## ALIBI WITNESS IN MURDER HELD POSTPONEMENT IN TAXPAYERS' MEET

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Under technical arrest pending an investigation of William James (Curly) Guy's alibi, Edward De Larm, an Indian aviator, was incarcerated tonight in a cell near the one in which Guy is being held as a suspect in the murder Monday night of Captain Wanderwell, noted globe trotter. Information that De Larm was being detained as a material witness because of his knowledge of Guy's whereabouts during the fore part of Monday night, came from city and county authorities, who said they were attempting to shatter Guy's alibi that he was 30 miles distant from the shooting.

## School Children Perish in Storm

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Caught in a blizzard while on their way to school, the bodies of two little girls, aged nine and eleven, daughters of Victor Linjette of Choteau, Mont., were found by a searching party. The girls left home early Thursday. Their brothers, who preceded them, arrived safely at the school.

## GLOBE TROTTER KILLED IN MYSTERY OF SEA



Capt. Walter Wanderwell (upper left), world traveler, was found shot to death aboard his yacht Carma, docked at Long Beach, Cal. His widow, Aloha Wanderwell (upper right), furnished police with a picture of a man she knew as "Guy" who was sought for questioning. Part of Wanderwell's crew for a round the world trip were (front row, left to right) Lord Edward Eugene Hartagu, London; Ruth Loucks and James Harris, both of Portland, Ore.; Mary L. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Cuthbert Willis, Los Angeles, and (standing) Forrest Plummer, Jack Craig. (Associated Press Photos)

## LEVY FOR STATE AND COUNTY NEAR 19 MILLS, BELIEF

State and county levy for the coming year will "not be far from 19 mills," in the opinion of County Assessor J. B. Coleman. The state levy is expected to be approximately 5.2 mills and the county levy between 13.5 and 14 mills. This does not include the city and special road and school levies. To date only one incorporated city of the county has filed with the county clerk its city levy. Forty-one of the 101 school districts of the county have yet to submit their school budgets.

The Jackson county levy, according to present indications, will be a couple of mills less than last year. Public hearing of the budget is scheduled for December 23. The budget committee made its compilations after consulting with various tax organization committees and citizens. Later the efforts of the budget committee were endorsed.

The coming session of the legislature will govern in a large degree the future tax levies of the counties of the state and it is expected that whatever tax relief measure is passed it will be the target of a special election.

Two items said to loom before the legislature will be reduction of auto license fees and sales tax. The fight is expected to center on the latter, as there is no opposition to a lower license. The State Grange has announced its opposition to a sales tax and the upstate and metropolitan chain stores are cited as also opposing it.

The Jackson county budget committee made no provision for funds for an election, as it figured the county could get by one year without a vote upon any man or measure. The average Jackson county election costs \$4000. This year \$8000 was allowed as there was both a primary and a general election.  
The assessors' office has not officially received the 1932 budget and will not until after the public hearing.

Among those present were Senators Watson, of Indiana, republican floor leader; Moses, of New Hampshire; McNary, of Oregon; Hastings, of Delaware and Hatfield, of West Virginia, chairman of the recent senatorial campaign committee.  
Although there is a difference among party leaders as to whether Mr. Hoover will consider another contest in politics, the consensus at the meeting was that a shakeup in the organization is necessary to bring the party back into power in four or eight years.

## NATIONAL G.O.P. TO GIRD LOINS A NEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Republican leaders, looking to the future, met here today and decided upon a reorganization of the party. The arrival of Charles D. Hill, national committeeman from New York and former national chairman of the Republican party, inspired the meeting.

## SHARP CUTS FOR BIG DEPARTMENTS URGED ON HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A sharply cut money bill, for the first time in many years carrying less than a billion dollars for the treasury and postoffice departments, was recommended to the house today by its appropriations committee. Decreases brought the total for these two big departments down to \$601,416,000 for the next fiscal year. The cuts extended even to the coast guard, although Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, the commandant, told the committee he expected greater running activities in the next two years.

Hamlet said legalizing beer of low alcoholic content, which the house ways and means committee is considering, "will have no effect whatever on the smuggling of distilled spirits into the United States from the sea."  
But, despite that testimony, the appropriations committee recommended that his branch's allotment for 1934 be reduced from this year's \$28,172,000 to \$25,772,000.

## WOCKNER ARRESTED BY STATE POLICE HERE TWO WEEKS AGO YESTERDAY IN TRAPPER'S CABIN AT TRAIL, WHERE HE HAD COME FROM THE COAST. HE HAD RELATIVES NEAR TRAIL, AND AT GOLD BEACH. HE WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY JAIL, WANTED BY BOTH CALIFORNIA AND ILLINOIS AUTHORITIES. THE LATTER STATE, WHERE HE WAS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING A BANKER, WAS GRANTED CUSTODY OF THE MAN. SHERIFF PHELPS ARRIVED IN MEDFORD MONDAY AND STARTED EAST WITH HIS PRISONER.

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## Young Pacifists Declare Selves

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A delegation of 16 young men and women, representing the United Youth Conference Against War, today deposited with one of President Hoover's secretaries, a statement that they would resist war to the utmost and would go to jail before they would fight.

## Polish Envoy Named WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Stanislaw Patek, Polish minister at Moscow, has been appointed ambassador to the United States, it was announced today.

## Bolivian Victory LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Three hundred Paraguayan soldiers were reported from Fort Muncos to have been killed in violent fighting in the Chaco at kilometer seven in the Saavedra sector today.

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## TRAIL PRISONER ESCAPES DEPUTY UPON TRIP EAST

ROCK, Ill., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The elusive Robert W. Wockner, 31, was captured first the day after an official of the Sumner State bank of Stockland, Ill., was kidnaped October 18, 1931. He escaped. Later, Jacksonville, Fla., authorities reported they had a line on him, and still later, from California came word he was seen. But Wockner evaded efforts to apprehend him.  
Last month officials in Medford, Ore., said they had Wockner under arrest.

Sheriff Ernest Phelps left here and started back with his prisoner. Cognizant of Wockner's reputation, the sheriff took no chances. He chained Wockner to him. Wockner slept in an upper berth and the sheriff in a lower berth as Phelps returned the prisoner.  
Somewhere, the sheriff said, between La Crosse, Wis., and Savannah, Ill., this morning the sheriff woke up. He had a nice piece of chain attached to him—but no prisoner.

Wockner was arrested by state police here two weeks ago yesterday in a trapper's cabin at Trail, where he had come from the coast. He had relatives near Trail, and at Gold Beach. He was held in the county jail, wanted by both California and Illinois authorities. The latter state, where he was charged with kidnaping a banker, was granted custody of the man. Sheriff Phelps arrived in Medford Monday and started east with his prisoner.

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## DEMOCRATS FIGHT AMONG SELVES IN SHORT CONGRESS

Senator Robinson Slated for Demotion As Party Leader —Pat Harrison to Take Place — Drys Die Hard

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By PAUL MALLON.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—DEMOCRATS—A tussle is quietly going on inside the Democratic party in congress.  
It will lead to the installation of Senator Pat Harrison as senate leader in place of Senator Robinson before another year. You can mark that change down in your memo book as only a question of time.  
Meanwhile the underlying feeling is furnishing background for the daily events you are reading about in congress.

The Roosevelt-Garner legislators muttered pleasantly under their breaths when Robinson announced his belief that Garner's prohibition repeal resolution would be modified in the senate.  
Robinson's apparently innocent statement furnished leadership for that group of southern drys which is dry to the core. No platforms or victories can change their hearts. It may alter their public statements, but down underneath they still think the dry way is best. They do not want to go as far as the wets would lead them.

That Robinson statement only called attention to a situation long brewing.  
The Wheelers and Dills never liked Robinson's leadership. It was too conservative. They never did anything about it until Hugh Long went into Arkansas and elected Mrs. Caraway over Robinson's temporarily inert form.  
That would not have been so bad for Robinson, but he then remained out of the Roosevelt movement, even after the convention. Those in charge of the campaign were privately saying—

## KLAMATH SLAYER FACES GALLOWS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—A jury voted here today to hang Theodore Jordan, young negro, for the murder of F. T. Sullivan, white Southern Pacific dining car steward of Oakland, Calif., here this last summer.  
The jury received the case at 11:30 a.m., and went out to lunch for one hour at noon and returned the verdict at 1:15 p.m. If Jordan is hung he will be the first man to be hanged from Klamath county since 1917.

Jordan beat Sullivan over the head with a gas pipe while the steward slept on the car which was being switched in the railroad yards here June 3 and Sullivan died in San Francisco on October 15, after lying unconscious from the night he was attacked.

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