

The Weather
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Lowest this morning 13

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SIX NATIONS PAY; FIVE DEFAULT

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

THESE words are written in Portland, where the weather, as elsewhere throughout Oregon, is the leading topic of conversation.

The Journal, in its latest edition, announces that last night the minimum temperature was 21 above. Maybe so. But it was an exceedingly cold 21 above.

For some reason or other, the thermometer down here seems to run above the average for the rest of the state. In this writer's judgment, these Portland thermometers are tinged with optimism.

Twenty-one above, with a cold east wind whipping down from Mount Hood, seems about as cold as zero ought to be.

O. H. WELL: If the Portland thermometers are tinged with optimism, give them a little credit, instead of complaining about it. Optimism of any sort has been a rare commodity in this town for the past year.

Portland has been about the gloomiest spot on the Pacific Coast in recent months. Everybody here seemed to be convinced that the end of all good things has come, and that business never again will be good.

Coming up out of southern Oregon, which is a constitutionally hopeful country, inhabited by a breed of optimists who refuse to believe that the end of the world is here and that everybody might as well quit trying, has been like running out of the sunshine into a black fog.

LISTEN:

This attitude of hopelessness in Portland is beginning to change a little. If one searches diligently, he can find a few people who believe, or at least profess to believe, that next year will be better in a business way than last.

That is genuinely encouraging.

THE WINDOWS are full of Christmas merchandise, and the stores are full of Christmas shoppers. But there is complaint, and plenty of it, that Christmas business this year "ain't what she used to be." People are doing a lot of looking and relatively little buying.

True enough. Money doesn't grow on trees this year, and what of it people have they are spending with a certain degree of conservatism. But it is worth nothing that even in this fourth winter of the depression people are still spending money for GIFTS.

As long as people are willing to give up money that is hard to get to buy gifts in order to give pleasure to others, all isn't lost and the world is still a pretty decent place to live.

HERE in Portland, everybody seems to know about the Klamath potato. Oddly enough, the good-natured controversy that has been waged between this writer and Bob Sawyer, of Bend, appears to have tickled people's fancy.

But Portland, generally speaking, eats Yakima potatoes. The Klamath potato finds its principal market in California, as do so many of the products of Southern Oregon.

FRANK IRVINE, editor of the Journal, has a grievance against the Rogue River valley—or thinks he has. He just can't get pears when he's down there, he says.

He tries it, he insists, morning, noon and night, but in the pear capital of the Pacific Coast, he proclaims, they just don't serve pears at the public eating places.

He's going to do something about it someday, he says, but hasn't figured out yet just what.

FRANK, by the way, eats pears raw for breakfast, with sugar and cream. To be eaten thus, he says, a pear must be just right as to ripeness—neither too hard nor too soft. Peel such a pear, he tells you, slice it thin, add sugar to taste and then pour on cream and you have a real delicacy.

La Grande Enjoys Warmer Weather

LA GRANDE Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The weather was a few degrees warmer in La Grande this morning with the reading at 7 o'clock at 4 above. This represented a five-degree gain over a one-below reading 24 hours before. Wednesday's maximum was 18 above. Clear weather continued.

JOHN BULL FIRST TO OPEN WALLET FOR INSTALLMENT

Italy, Czechoslovakia, Finland Latvia and Lithuania Follow Suit of Britain in Paying War Obligation

PARIS, France, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Premier Herriot refused a commission to form a new cabinet this afternoon and President Le-Brun immediately called in Camille Chautemps, minister of the interior, as his next choice.

PARIS, France, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Camille Chautemps, minister of the interior in Premier Herriot's cabinet, told President Le-Brun this evening that he would try to form a new government. He is a radical, like M. Herriot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States today collected war debt payments from six nations while five, unable to pay or determined not to, went into default.

Great Britain was first to have its transfer announced. Secretary Mills official word that the Bank of England had earmarked \$95,550,000 of gold for American credit and had instructed the Federal Reserve bank of New York to remit to the treasury.

Through the same New York agency the treasury expected to get Italy's \$1,245,437, Czechoslovakia's \$1,500,000; Finland's \$184,235, Latvia's \$148,852 and Lithuania's \$92,385.

Five in Default

Not officially in default until the treasury books are closed for the day, nevertheless France, Belgium, Poland, Estonia and Hungary let their opportunity to pay go by and the treasury was prepared to record the \$26,212,511 due from these.

Another nation, Greece, on November 10, failed to meet a \$444,920 payment and today it was indicated that she would also pass up a payment due January 1.

There was no indication what the

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Shaw World Tour Sans Autographs Is Parting Word

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Bernard Shaw's farewell visit to London as he left today with Mrs. Shaw, en route to the south of France to join a round-the-world liner, was "give Ireland to the United States and liquidate all the war debts."

The Shaws will visit the Holy Land, India, Siam, China and America.

"I intend traveling around the world without giving a single autograph," Shaw told a girl who held out an autograph book to him at Victoria station.

JUDGE LAMKIN IS FIRM IN OPINION HIS TITLE LEGAL

Incumbent Says Earl Fehi Elected for Full Term, Not to Fill Unexpired Time As Judge of County

County Judge C. B. Lamkin said this afternoon that he had been advised by attorneys, that his term of office, under the appointment by Governor Julius L. Meier, does not expire until January 1, and that County Judge-elect Earl H. Fehi cannot qualify until that date.

"I was appointed by the governor to serve the unexpired term of former County Judge Alex Sparrow," said the county judge. "Mr. Fehi was elected to serve the full six year term, which commences January 1. Therefore I hold office until Mr. Fehi's term starts. He was not elected to serve the unexpired term, but for the full term," which begins January 1.

Judge Lamkin said his appointment from Governor Meier was made to end January 1 next.

The official said the Salem opinion made public yesterday, was for times when vacancies were "filled until a successor is elected." Under these conditions Judge-elect Fehi would have started serving ten days after election, or November 18 last.

MINE SWINDLER TAKES MEDFORD MAN FOR \$4000

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Search is being made in Arizona and California for Charles G. Stuart, well known mining man of Nogales, who is wanted here on a charge of obtaining \$4000 under false pretenses from William S. Clarkson of Medford, Oregon.

County Attorney E. R. Thurman said the mining operator fraudulently represented a mining investment in Mexico to Clarkson and fled when he secured the money.

State police who have written Arizona authorities concerning the case, said today that Stuart was through Oregon a few weeks ago, and talked to local men. He also interested several people north of here in the mine, according to reports. Several aviators who reside in Medford are alleged to have paid money into the organization.

Clarkson spent several days in northern Mexico at the mine, known as the "Beatrice," and returned to Medford where he resigned his position as superintendent of the Medford municipal airport. He flew south last week to take charge of the mine.

State officers said they understood that the firm which sold the mine was reputable, but that Stuart, a member of the firm, had absconded with the funds. They were given the impression, the police said, that a larger sum than \$4000 was involved.

Reports which could not be confirmed this afternoon, stated that Al Gilhausen and Ralph Virden, air mail pilots who reside in Medford, were interested in the company. The two were out of town this afternoon.

Information turned over to the state police concerning Stuart, stated that he was a prominent man in Nogales, where he had made his home for a number of years. He has a wife and family, they stated.

The exact location of the mine could not be learned here, but it is said to be in old Mexico, about 150 miles from Nogales.

BILLION SAVINGS ON VETS URGED BY FRANK HINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Savings of approximately one billion dollars in veterans' hospital construction over a period of 33 years in an additional slash of nearly \$12,000,000 annually from existing appropriations were recommended to a joint congressional committee today by Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs.

The committee named to study economies in the operation of all veterans' benefits heard Hines testify that the billion dollar saving could be accomplished by 1935 if extensions of existing hospital facilities were made instead of continuing the present policy of building new institutions.

Many vacant beds would be on the government's hands if the latter policy were continued until the peak load of hospitalization arrived, he said.

BEER WITH KICK FINDS FAVOR IN COMMITTEE VOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee today ordered reported a bill to legalize the manufacture and sale of 3.2 per cent beer and another bill to legalize the manufacture and sale of wine of an unlimited alcoholic content.

Chairman Collier refused to give out the vote, but said "it was overwhelming."

Representative Rainey of Illinois, Democratic leader, announced: "We will take the beer bill up in the House next Tuesday."

The beer tax was fixed at \$5 a barrel of 31 gallons.

An amendment was adopted providing that all dispensers of beer would be licensed and the license fee would be \$1000.

Collier said the wine bill would be brought up in the house after disposition of the beer measure.

LEGION CONVENES CONFERENCE HERE

With the district conference of the American Legion and Auxiliary in session here this afternoon, a large number expect to attend the joint banquet of the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at the Hotel Medford this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

On the schedule for 7:30 is a 40 cent wreck at the Armory, and at 9 o'clock dancing will be enjoyed by the members in the Masonic hall.

NAME NORTHWEST RHODES SCHOLARS

SPokane, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The northwest's four Rhodes scholars were selected out of a group of 12 young men representing six states here today.

J. R. Knapp, Jr., of Portland, Ore., attending Stanford university; Rex B. Fontina of Lewiston, Idaho, attending University of Idaho; Don H. Sturman of Lynden, Wash., attending University of Oregon and Eugene Sander of Missoula, Mont., attending University of Montana, were those selected.

Revenue on Fish Reduced \$22,000

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Estimated revenues of the state fish commission will be reduced \$22,000 for the coming year, M. H. Hoy, master fish warden, estimated today following adoption of reductions in poundage fees and license charges agreed on at a meeting of fish commissioners, packers and representatives of fishermen.

Poundage fees on Chinook from August 10 to September 30 will be cut from one-half cent to one-third cent, and the silverside fee from May 1 to September 30 will be lowered from one-half cent to one-fourth cent, with regular rates prevailing on both fish at other times.

It was recommended that the trolling license be reduced from \$5 to \$2.50 and trap and pound net licenses from \$25 to \$25.

The new rates will be recommended for adoption by the legislature next month.

FEHL'S PRINTSHOP TO NIEDERMAYER UNDER MORTGAGE

Sale of the printing plant of the Pacific Record-Herald, under a judgment and order of sale issued out of circuit court, was made yesterday by Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings. The judgment was issued by Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette of Clackamas county, in the suit of Niedermeyer, Inc., against the Pacific Record-Herald and Earl H. Fehi. A decree in favor of Niedermeyer, Inc., was issued a month ago by Judge Latourette.

The only bidder was L. Niedermeyer, who bid \$1500. The judgment was for \$4,004.94. A deficiency judgment for the uncovered balance will be issued. The sale yesterday was on a personal property judgment.

Notice of the sale was duly posted, attorneys for Niedermeyer, Inc., said, for "ten days in three public places as required and every process of law duly observed." Sheriff Jennings, who conducted the sale, said this morning that the legal action "came up in the regular order of business, had no secrecy," and "Mr. Fehi knew the day and date, and was advised by telephone."

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Pilot Perishes In Snowstorm Crash

AMARILLO, Tex., Dec. 15.—(AP)—J. E. Bowen, co-pilot of a Transcontinental-Western Air Transport plane, which crashed in a snowstorm last night, died today. Ralph Monte, pilot, still was unconscious.

Fugitive From Chain Gang Retaken After Two Years

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Robert Elliott Burns "I am a fugitive from a chain gang"—is no longer a fugitive, but a prisoner in a police cell.

Burns, who attained nationwide prominence by his book and the motion picture based on his experiences, was arrested quietly last night. A member of the Georgia prison commission said at Atlanta that the southern state would make an effort to return Burns to that state at once.

Counsel for Burns, however, pronounced a fight to prevent extradition, and word was awaited from Governor A. Harry Moore to learn what action he would take. He previously was quoted as telling the fugitive he would aid him when and if it were necessary.

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FARMERS ASK HOOVER'S AID



A delegation representing the National Farmers' Relief conference called on President Hoover with a petition for aid. They are shown as they left the executive offices. Left to right, front row: W. I. Wirkkala, New Hampshire; P. W. Smith, Pennsylvania; H. E. Cartwright, Minnesota. Rear row: C. Oliver, Florida, and Oscar Braun, New Jersey. (Associated Press Photo.)

W. C. T. U. REBUKES FRIENDS TO SEEK MRS. ROOSEVELT'S RUM STATEMENT FOR TOLLEFSON

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Salem Women's Christian Temperance Union added its protest yesterday to that expressed Tuesday by a group of Topeka, Kan., women, to the reputed assertion of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt that "the average girl of today faces the problem of learning very young of how much she can drink of such things as whiskey and gin and sticking to the proper quantity."

The local women addressed a letter to Mrs. Roosevelt declaring that "we do not feel that this astonishing statement represents the opinion of American womanhood, and we wish to register a protest against your statement just referred to."

The letter continued: "We very earnestly feel that the welfare of the young girls and women of our land will be advanced, first, through total abstinence from use of all alcoholic beverages; second, a firm stand for higher ideals in the individual life; third, no compromise on issues which vitally affect the morals of youth.

"We commend to your sincere consideration personal support of the hereby expressed to you our keen regret that you have publicly made the statements attributed to you.

"The liquor traffic has ever been a force most demoralizing to our womanhood. As first lady of our land we ask you to stand with us in a united front against this enemy whose trail is marked by the destruction of body, mind and soul, and the degradation of nation, state and community."

SIGMA CHI STUDY DEN IS SCORCHED

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fire early today in the study den of the Sigma Chi fraternity house at the Oregon State college was confined to a single room, with damage of about \$500. Firemen said that had the blaze not been discovered when it was, that the entire frame structure located close to the Commerce building, would probably have been destroyed. A spark from the fireplace, falling on an overstuffed chair, is believed started the blaze.

GERMANY CITES FRENCH DEFAULT

Berlin, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Berlin newspapers reached an almost unanimous agreement today that France, in failing to pay the United States, had broken the sanctity of treaties.

One newspaper said Germany might now default its own debts, and another said Germany was no longer morally bound to comply with the Versailles treaty.

The nationalist newspaper Boersen Zeitung, referring to the French debt crisis, said "nobody would hinder Germany from drawing the logical conclusion from the bloodcurdling attitude and make a similar declaration, but with really empty pockets."

Steiner Cites Jackson's Debt Collecting Method

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Andrew Jackson's procedure in collecting a debt from France was recalled today by Senator Steiner, Oregon Republican, as an example of the United States might well follow today.

The big westerner told of how "Old Hickory" stuck to his guns and collected a debt from France for damage to American vessels in the Napoleonic wars, even going so far as to threaten war.

Steiner made it clear he was not proposing the United States should go to war to collect its present debt, but he commended the "dignity and firm insistence" shown by Jackson as an attitude that might be shown now.

"European powers now are treating very lightly obligations which at one time in history were treated as most binding," he said.

The senator recalled to newspaper men how Jackson negotiated a treaty with France for payment of \$5,000,000, then turned wrathful as the French failed to pay.

"The feeling between this country and France became serious and the people began to talk about war," he said, refreshing his memory with the aid of history books.

"Jackson said he was ready for the hazard of war. He said the honor of the nation was at stake. It went so far that Jackson prepared a declaration of war. That, however, was never employed.

"He insisted they keep their contract, and stood his ground until they paid."

SALES TAX NOT LIKELY IN LAME DUCK CONGRESS

Passage Is Expected Early in Roosevelt Regime—Hoover's Vet Cut Ideas Are Unlikely to Prevail

By PAUL MALLON (Copyright by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—You can measure how long it will be before the sales tax is enacted, by figuring how long it takes for a change of mind to flower in a congressman's skull.

The leaders say three months. That is what they are planning on. They believe the sales tax will be passed in the special session of congress after March 4.

It may come sooner, if a majority should develop in favor of it.

The situation inside is that the Democratic leaders favor the tax. They see no other way of balancing the budget. Neither does anyone else in Washington who deals with realities instead of rhetoric. At the same time the leaders know the tax is unpopular. They burned their fingers on that issue in the last session of the congress.

They are going to wait now until the demands for it come up from the ranks. Former opponents of the tax must become convinced that it offers the only way of raising enough revenue to run the government.

The prospects are two to one that they will reach that conclusion before the next fiscal year begins on July 1.

Meanwhile the Democrats plan to do their utmost in economies, hoping against hope that the tax may be avoided. The Roosevelt plan for the budget building program in long term bonds is one thing; bonds will be proposed. Beer will be offered for \$300,000,000 revenue. Other items are in the backs of their heads.

All put together they will not be sufficient to meet the federal needs in the confidential opinion of those who are working on the figures.

Mr. Hoover and his secretary of

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COUNTERFEIT TRIO WELL EQUIPPED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Three men accused of issuing counterfeit currency were held in jail here today following a raid in which police said they seized a complete set of equipment used in the manufacture of the paper money.

Those held were Milton Jacobs, 44, an engraver; Rudolph Schultz, 29, a salesman; and Emil Isackson, 29, a carpenter. The three were held without bail for investigation by secret service operatives.

Arresting officers said equipment seized included dies, photographs, a printing press and metal plates for making \$5 and \$10 notes.

GUARD WHITE HOUSE FROM BONUS SQUAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A guard of 25 additional metropolitan policemen today was stationed at the White House with a still larger force held in reserve, after reports were received that a group of bonus marchers intended to visit the executive mansion.

Police had reports that more than 100 members of the "rank and file" veterans would visit Arlington cemetery early this morning and then return toward the White House.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 14.—As you read this an air express line is being inaugurated from coast to coast, nothing but express. We used to think it was too expensive to send anything by air but a postcard, but it's not that way now.

Air mail has fallen off since the costs were raised three cents. Here companies have spent and are losing millions giving the people the greatest air network for mails in the world. Write a letter today. The receiver reads it tomorrow, no matter where he is. If a letter is not worth three cents more to get there three days ahead, it don't look like it is important enough to write. I would just hand it to some hitch-hiker and let him deliver it in the spring.

We used to think mails were terribly important, but if they ain't worth three cents, the guy just as well wait till he gets to the other fellow and tell it to him. Yours, Will Rogers.

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