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PROFESSOR'S WIFE IS KIDNAPED

Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS.
IN THIS COLUMN yesterday Andrew Collier, of Klamath Falls, was quoted regarding the unemployment relief situation. In the same talk, he gave some of his own ideas regarding the causes of the depression, what must happen to bring about its cure and some of the tendencies that may be expected to follow as a result of it. You will find these ideas interesting. Or at least this writer did.

"WE ARE hearing a lot," Mr. Collier said, "to the effect that as a result of this depression the existing order will give way to something quite different, more socialistic, with government planning about everything that is done. Technocracy is widely discussed.

"Personally, I think this depression is the old story of over-expansion, over-inflation and the necessary readjustment. I think we will come out of it in much the same way we have come out of others."

THAT is a sane and reasonable view. In times of stress, such as these, when things are going badly, we are prone to look for miracles—something spectacular that will change everything overnight.

We are especially prone to look for some solution that will bring about what we want to see without too much hard work and sacrifice on our part.

DEPRESSIONS, with the speculation and over-inflation that precede and CAUSE them, are really a lot like over-eating.

It's a lot of fun while it lasts, and everybody has a good time, but the inevitable result of over-eating, long continued, is an upset stomach.

In order to RECOVER, we have to eat very lightly for a considerable time afterward. We went on an over-eating spree during the big years preceding 1929, and now we are going on slim rations while we are recovering.

WHAT of future taxation? Well, Mr. Collier looks for continuation of graduated income taxes, with probab; higher rates for the bigger incomes, and for increasing inheritance tax rates.

The tendency, he thinks, will be to hold down the vast fortunes at the top without interfering too much with the smaller ones at the bottom.

THAT, in this writer's judgment, will NOT be a dangerous tendency. No civilization has ever yet benefitted permanently by the concentration of its wealth into too few hands, and many have suffered therefrom. That was one of the causes of Rome's downfall.

Stability and prosperity are likely to be furthered by increasing the number of moderately well-to-do people, rather than by permitting the concentration of wealth in a relatively small number of vast fortunes.

THE MACHINE, Mr. Collier thinks, is not the menace many people seem to believe. He pointed out, for example, that from 1910 to 1930 the number of persons over 20 years of age gainfully employed in this country increased approximately 50 per cent, while the increase in population during this period was only about 30 per cent.

The 20 years from 1910 to 1930 saw the greatest increase in use of machinery ever witnessed in this country. But, you see, while the use of machinery was being expanded at a rate never known before employment was increasing more rapidly than population.

THE STORY of the past offers no sound reason for believing that the machine will enormously decrease employment. Instead, the history of the machine has been that it has INCREASED employment by cheapening production costs and thus stimulating consumption of the products of industry.

There is an old saying, you know, to the effect that there is no new thing under the sun and another one to the effect that history repeats itself.

\$20,000 RANSOM IS DEMANDED BY L. A. PLOTTERS

Note Threatens Death if Police Notified of Crime — Ruse Lures 65-Year-Old Woman From Home

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Sixty-five-year-old Mary B. Skeele, wife of Walter Skeele, dean of the college of music of the University of Southern California, was being held by kidnapers today with a demand that \$20,000 ransom be paid for her freedom.

The woman was kidnaped last evening from her home, on the pretext she was being taken to an emergency hospital to see her husband, reported critically injured in an automobile accident.

Despite an intensive all-night search, police had found no trace of Mrs. Skeele today. After questioning a score of relatives and friends of the woman, detectives said they would center their investigation at the university where Dr. Skeele taught.

Death Threatened. The ransom note, which threatened death for the woman in case the affair should be reported to police, bore the printed name of Dr. Skeele, clipped from a pamphlet issued by the college of music.

Mrs. Skeele was at home alone last evening when a man called her by telephone and represented himself to be a doctor. He told her that her husband had been injured in a traffic accident and that an automobile was being sent for her.

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G. O. P. MAVERICKS SAFE, SAYS M'NARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Senator McNary of Oregon, slated to be Republican leader in the new senate, in an interview today said there was "a chance in the world" of success of any attempt to discipline Republican independents who supported President-elect Roosevelt by denying them committee assignments or reading them out of the party.

He and other Republican regulars acknowledged there had been some of the now and then recurring talk about such a step among the newer senators, but the Oregonian promptly put his foot on it.

President's Tariff Authority Upheld

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The authority of the President to change customs duties without disclosing confidential information submitted by American producers to the tariff commission was sustained today by the supreme court.

Roosevelt Yacht Reaches Nassau

NAASAU, Bahamas, Feb. 6.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt, who arrived here this morning on a vacation cruise on Vincent Astor's yacht, the Nourmahal, set out this afternoon on a fishing trip in the tug Malolo.

GENERAL MOTORS DIVIDEND IS 25c

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Directors of General Motors Corp. today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock.

PENITENTIARY NIGHTMARE OVER FOR REFORMED MAN

CLEVELAND, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Harry Stanley emerged from a month-long nightmare Saturday night and found himself at his own fireside with his family.

In that time Stanley had worn a convict's garb in a Colorado prison and had been pardoned by governors in two states for crimes committed nearly a score of years ago. About a month ago today, two detectives stepped up to Stanley here and arrested him as a fugitive from justice in Colorado. He had escaped from prison there in 1917. Three days later they branded him a fugitive from Missouri.

"I admit I am a fugitive," said Stanley. "And I'll go back and show them I have reformed. I am building a \$25,000 home in Cleveland. I am a partner in a music publishing firm and I have gone straight for years."

Florida Queen



Miss Mary Louise Moore of Clearwater, Fla., was crowned queen of the Florida orange festival at Wintertown. (Associated Press Photo)

MASS SUICIDE OF CHINESE FARMERS IN TORTURE FEAR

By Morris J. Harris, Associated Press Staff Correspondent. SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 6.—(AP)—An apparently extravagant story of how 4000 Chinese farmers committed suicide rather than fall captive to communists in the southern interior province of Kiangsi, constituted the day's sensation in the Chinese newspapers.

The papers declared the tragedy occurred in a village near Ningtu, southeast Kiangsi, in the heart of the Chinese Soviet district. The reds were reported to have besieged the villagers for many months. When it appeared the former would soon gain entrance, the farmers were said to have ended their lives.

The women and children, the stories said, had been sent to safety before the siege started. The farmers' food stores were reported replenished by airplanes which flew over the village, dropping food and salt.

When the reds came into the town they found "nothing but 4000 corpses," said one account. The communists were said to have blocked the farmers' water supply, cutting their doom. The defeated forces were said to have taken their lives because they feared they would be subjected to tortures at the hands of the reds.

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Big Japanese concentrations at all strategic points along the eastern border of the Chinese administered territory of Jehol continued today. It was impossible to conceal the activities although orders were being kept secret.

O-C TAX REFUND IS APPORTIONED

Apportionment of the O-C tax refund money, amounting to \$60,182.91 has been made by the assessor's office, and turned over to the treasurer's office. The apportionment of the claims is as follows:

- Outside high school districts \$ 8,897.51
 - Outside high school districts 35,411.15
 - Special road districts..... 432.80
 - Special school districts..... 16,463.49
- A claim of the city of Jacksonville for \$7,500 is allowed.

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KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A. M. Hamrick, federal weather observer, issued a warning today that possibly the coldest weather in three winters is due tomorrow night.

The coldest temperature so far this winter was 5 degrees below zero, in December.

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DAPPER SENATE OFFICER QUOTES BRIBERY CLAIMS

Glenn Barry Reads Statement As Solon Committee Considers Punishment for Stories of Corruption

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee today released its investigation of the statement by David S. Barry, senate sergeant-at-arms, that some members of congress sell their votes for money, without taking action, but with an agreement to continue tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Appearing in his own defense before the senate judiciary committee today, David S. Barry, senate sergeant-at-arms, cited public charges of congressional bribes to support his magazine article saying some members of congress sell their votes for money.

Holding his derby hat and cane in one hand, the nattily-dressed official—now under suspension for his writing—read a prepared statement to the committee considering how to punish him.

He cited a statement by Senator Glass (D., Va.) in the senate last spring that banking interests had "bribed some congressmen" to oppose banking legislation.

Says Crooks Few. The committee was inquiring into Barry having said in an article that there are "not many crooks in congress," and also that there are only a few senators and representatives "who sell their votes, and it is pretty well known who those few are."

Aged 73, the veteran employee was suspended Friday after a public trial in the senate.

Involved also in the consideration given the case by the committee whether it should point its investigation toward the New Outlook, the magazine which published Barry's article.

FORMER SOLDIER SPOTS PERSHING

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 6.—(AP) General John J. Pershing and his sister, Miss Mary Pershing, who are motoring to New Mexico and Arizona for a vacation, left today for Tucson. They spent the night here. E. B. Melton, railroad passenger agent and an ex-sergeant of the A. E. F., recognized the general who is traveling incognito.

Melton saw a tall, erect, gray-haired man in a hotel lobby. "Aren't you General Pershing?" he asked.

"What makes you think so?" the man countered. "I know you are," replied Melton, "you inspected me in France." General Pershing laughed and admitted his identity.

WATSON DEFEATED IN TEST OF POWER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—In "a test" of party control demanded by Senator Watson, the republican leader, the senate today rejected his motion to go into executive session to consider President Hoover's nomination. The action followed a bitter partisan debate between Watson and Senator Robinson, the democratic leader.

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Wanderwell Widow Strolls To Trial At Own Good Time

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 6.—(AP) Aloha Wanderwell, alluring widow and chief state witness in the prosecution of William J. Guy for the mystery killing of her husband, Walter Wanderwell, created a sensation in the courtroom today because of tardiness.

Court orders to start a search for her created a tense situation immediately after the trial session opened. While officers were leaving the court, she quietly strolled in, and apologized for being late, it being 15 minutes after court convened.

The judge immediately ordered her into custody, to be held until completion of the case, and the trial went on.

JOBLESS RELIEF GROUP SELECTED

SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier definitely made known today he would appoint as the statewide unemployment relief committee the same group which has been working the past year as executive committee on the state relief council. The appointment of four members of the seven in each of the 36 counties has not yet been made.

As previously predicted by the Associated Press, the committee will consist of Raymond B. Wilcox, Portland, chairman; Paul V. Maris and Victor B. Moses, Corvallis; Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, Ray W. Gill, Alex G. Barry and Ben T. Osborne, all of Portland.

The governor signed the relief bill yesterday and since it carried the emergency clause, it becomes operative upon signature of the governor.

Education Board Lacks Power Now To Close Normal

SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Before any institution of higher learning can be closed a legislative enactment granting the board of higher education such power must be provided, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion handed down today.

The opinion was requested by E. C. Sammons, chairman of the finance committee of the state board.

In the event the legislative appropriations were cut to such an extent that closing one of the normal schools would be imperative.

House Debates Curb On Medics

SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Debate on the divided report on the Dammschick bill, calling for examination on five fundamental sciences before practice of healing arts be licensed, known as the "medical fundamentals bill," and referred to as the "basic science bill," was started in the house this morning with a vote not expected before afternoon session.

BROTHER OF CARL CALLED BY DEATH

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Herman L. Carl, 55, owner of a large dairy ranch near Hubbard, died here Sunday, following an operation. The funeral will be held at the city hall in Hubbard tomorrow afternoon.

Inauguration Calls G. A. R. Veteran, 92



Francis A. Bishop, 92, of Retail, Wash., oldest living wearer of the congressional medal of honor, has been invited to attend the inauguration of President-elect Roosevelt and he's so spry he intends to make the trip. (Associated Press Photo)

TAXES AND AUTO FEES TAKE MAIN SOLON INTEREST

Legislature Resumes in Fifth Week With Huge Grist of Bills for Consideration — Much Debate Is Coming

By the Associated Press. Number bills introduced, 617, of which 416 in house and 201 in senate.

Total number of bills and resolutions, 706.

Measures signed by governor, 12. Measures vetoed by governor, 0.

Other measures ready for signature, 7.

Bills passed by either house or senate, 95.

Number bills withdrawn, 27. Killed by either house, 45.

Bills in committee or not yet on calendar, 431.

SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Two special orders of business in both the house and senate, in addition to consideration of 40 other proposals by both houses, will feature the scheduled program of the state legislature as the fifth week opens today, but formulation of a tax program, reconsideration of salary reductions, and automobile license issues will play the leading roles in the background.

The thrice-deferred consideration of the divided report on the repeal of the criminal syndicalism act on the Oregon statutes has been set for special order in the senate at 2 o'clock, while in the house a half hour later, consideration of large sums on school buses will be the issue. The senate measure was expected to bring out one of the finest debates of the session.

Much Debate Looms. Of the other 30 measures before the house there are some which will bring out considerable debate. Consideration will be given the proposal to limit charging of interest on automobile loans up to \$500 to one per cent, a monthly reduction of all county, city and district levies by 20 per cent, increasing the rate of bonus commission loans from 4 to 6 per cent and reducing loans to 40 per cent assessed valuation, permitting closing of polling places in rural districts at an earlier hour and several insurance measures and blue sky law changes.

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Dance of Death For Lodge Man

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As the strains of music were signaling the evening's finale, Jacobson, dancing, fell lifeless on the floor.

HOW WE APPEAR IN EYES OF OUTSIDERS

THE JACKSON COUNTY BATTLE. The latest development in the battle in Jackson county is the issuance of warrant charging L. A. Banks, editor of the Medford News, who is the storm center of the affray, with criminal libel, for the newspaper attack upon M. O. Wilkins, his former attorney and lieutenant in the political affray, who deserted the cause because he was unpaid and brought suit for his fees. It was Banks' denunciation of Wilkins that caused the libel charge. A similar diatribe has followed the filing of every suit to collect money owed.

Mr. Banks in an extra edition of his paper with a headline reading "L. A. Banks will resist arrest." In a signed article says "We have now come to that great showdown where blood is liable to be spilled.—L. A. H."

Yet in the same issue, Banks tells of his organizing a "Good Government Congress" to "restore law and order in Jackson county" to prevent bloodshed. A few days ago he led a mob of 500 to the court house to demand removal of recently elected county officials.

An article signed by Banks, headed "Wholesale Bloodshed" in yesterday's issue of the News says: "Only a miracle may be able to prevent wholesale bloodshed in Jackson county. Citizens being deprived of their property unlawfully with only their honor remaining to them, may defend their honor with their lives. * * * Be careful boys, the hanging man's nose dangles close to your necks."

Having some 25 suits of foreclosure for borrowed money pending, Banks demands a moratorium for debtors and the closure of the courts, alleging that not only the state bar association is corrupt and controlled, but all the courts as well. Only Banks is undefiled. He has written to Governor Meier declaring a reign of terror exists and that he will refuse to answer libel charges and that he will not be bound by decisions made in any Jackson county court.

It is suggested that a painless method of ending the war on the Rogue would be to have Banks examined for sanity—for it is openly charged that he is suffering from paranoia. It will be one way to avert bloodshed and end the reign of journalistic hysteria.—(Salem Capital-Journal.)

What a mess this fellow Banks is kicking up at Medford. He is openly advocating defiance of the courts, and apparently, the reason that he refuses to pay his debts and wants those he owes hamstringing so they cannot bring him to justice. When his attorney quit because he had not been paid Banks attacked him savagely as an extortionist in his paper and now the rate lawyer has sued Banks for criminal libel. Banks' usual tactics are to get the judge disqualified as prejudiced, then when a new judge is sent in from the outside to get him disqualified too. The man has considerable capacity for stirring up the mob spirit and it will be fortunate if Jackson county finally comes out of her travail without something worse than a pain in the neck for everybody concerned.—(Baker Herald-Democrat.)

What Oregon needs is General Jo Lane to head an expedition against the belligerent Rogues and effect another truce at Table Rock. The state may have to declare martial law to prevent the "wholesale bloodshed" threatened by L. A. Banks.—(Salem Statesman.)

Evangelist Ill



The condition of Aimee Semple McPherson Hutton, Los Angeles evangelist, was described by her physician as serious. She has been ill more than two years. (Associated Press Photo)

GRANTS PASS MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF MOUNTAINEER

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Sol Stone, 72-year-old mountaineer, was found dead and Otto Meutzel, said by police to have been a firm friend of the dead man, was being held in the county jail while officers investigated Stone's death today.

Meutzel, brought to the sheriff's office today by two of his sons, told officers that he had visited Stone in his mountain home, left under the influence of liquor, returned later and while the cabin was dark touched the dead man and struggled with Stone only to later find him covered with blood and lying on the floor.

He then rushed to his own home, he told deputies, told his sons, who went to the cabin and found Stone dead and then brought their father to the sheriff's office here.

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This report, received by the Eugene chamber of commerce, was the result of a survey conducted last winter under Major Oscar O. Kentz, Portland, district U. S. army engineer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Secretary Shinn today signed the lame duck amendment to the constitution, Senator Norris, sponsor of the amendment, was unable to attend the signing because of a previous engagement.

JOHNSON CABINET BOOM ORIGINATED IN M'NARY'S MIND

Joke by Oregon Senator Puts Scribes On Trail of Californian—Soviet Recognition Solution Is Seen

By PAUL MALLON. (Copyrighted by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—First mention of Hiram Johnson as a member of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet came as a joke from his aidekick, Senator McNary.

McNary put the newsmen on Johnson's trail some weeks ago by suggesting he had heard that maybe, perhaps, Hiram Johnson, the newsmen worried Johnson sick with insistent queries. The matter received so much publicity that the Democrats took up the idea and Johnson was seriously considered. The truth of the matters appeared to be that Mr. Roosevelt would like to have Johnson, but that the Californian will not take it. At least he would not up to a week ago.

An exchange of high commissions between the United States and Russia may be the novel solution which the President-elect will bring forward. His close friends here are keen about the plan.

Certainly the vast potential markets there will hear open sesame soon.

There is more than meets the eye in Delaware & Hudson's acquisition of 500,000 shares of New York Central. Purchases have been going on for months and have been referred to several times in this column. There are several points worth bearing in mind:

(1) Delaware & Hudson sold ten million dollars worth of short term governments and other income producers in order to buy a stock with very poor dividend prospects.

(2) Up to now D. & H. earnings on investments have just about offset the railroad's operating deficit. This advantageous position has now been sacrificed.

(3) L. P. Loree's pet ambition has always been to head a major trunk line.

(4) The announced purchase of 500,000 shares is backed by Loree and his friends having bought a lot more on the side for themselves—perhaps as much again.

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