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VETS TO BEAR ECONOMIC BRUNT

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT asks, and RECEIVES, practically dictatorial power to "open forthwith such banks as have already been ascertained to be in sound condition" and other such banks as rapidly as possible; and authority to reorganize and reopen such banks as may be found to require reorganization and put them on a sound basis.

WHAT does that mean? Nobody at this moment can say. But it must mean that some banks will reopen almost immediately and that others will not.

That raises another question: What will happen to the banks that DON'T open?

Obviously enough, the mark of doubt will be placed upon them. Such confidence as existed in them before will be gone. If they undertake to reopen, they must face ruin. Unless they have money enough on hand when they ARE opened to pay their deposits dollar for dollar, they will fail.

If they fail, confidence in the banking situation will be still further unsettled.

AS THESE words are written, the whole situation is in doubt. But remember this:

The purpose of this emergency legislation is to RESTORE confidence in the banks—not to destroy it utterly. If these banks that are not permitted to reopen immediately are permitted to fail, with consequent further loss to depositors, confidence in the banks will be gone.

So it must follow that plans are in mind to PREVENT the failure of these banks that are not reopened immediately.

Otherwise, the whole program will be futile. Confidence in the banking situation CAN'T be restored by permitting further banks to fail.

SO, AS these words are written, which is late Thursday evening, about all that can be said is that we must keep our heads and retain confidence in the new leadership that has taken control of financial affairs in this country.

Its purpose, as we know, is to restore confidence. Confidence can't be restored by permitting further banks to fail, with consequent losses to stockholders.

So there must be confidence in the minds of these leaders that the steps they have taken will PREVENT further failures.

With that assurance we must remain content until we know more.

JUST what has taken place already? Well, it is obvious that INFLATION of the currency, long talked of, has finally been brought about. That fact is reflected in rising prices of basic commodities, such as copper and zinc.

Why do prices of these commodities rise? It must be because people feel that the value of money has been lowered, so that more of it must be obtained in exchange for commodities offered for sale.

That is what inflation of the currency means: making money cheaper, means.

What does that mean for good? It is generally agreed that a rise in prices of basic commodities would be a good thing for business. If inflation can bring about such a rise, and check it in time, so that it will not go too far, the effect in the way of stimulation of business activity will be exceedingly beneficial.

The new currency isn't fiat money. It is backed by definite, TANGIBLE assets. As it serves its purpose, it will be retired.

It accomplishes what is known as controlled inflation. So there is great reason to hope that it will be beneficial.

HOW does inflation work? Well, here is an instance: A business man remarked yesterday morning to his wife: "I see that inflation money is finally here." And she answered: "If that's true, let's take our money and take a trip before the cost of travel goes up."

That is to say: Let's spend our money while it will still buy a lot of the things we want.

EVERYBODY feels that way about it, people will want to spend their money.

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ROOSEVELT ASKS WIDE POWERS IN EFFORT TO HALT COUNTRY'S LONG-CONTINUED DEBT PLUNGE

Message to Congress Says Immediate Action Imperative — Would Cut Six or Seven Billion From Payments to Ex-Service Men and Federal Salary Roster — Budget Balance Possible Within Year—Protests Flood Solons

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Senator Robinson of Arkansas today introduced the administration's sweeping economy bill providing for sharp cuts in veterans' benefits and federal salaries, including members of congress. He estimated it would save "in excess of \$500,000,000."

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—(AP)—The President's proclamation extending the banking holiday, left operation of Oregon banks in the same condition it has been for the past three days, according to federal reserve officers here and H. V. Alward, president of the Portland clearing house.

Even before word reached Portland that President Roosevelt had extended the holiday period indefinitely, Governor Meier had proclaimed today and Saturday legal holidays, continuing the period that began March 2.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called upon congress today for dictatorial power to reduce veterans' costs and federal salaries, promising that if it complies, "there is reasonable prospect" for a balanced budget within a year.

The Democratic planks of house and senate, though not without dissent, set out at once to do his bidding, expecting thereby to have hundreds of millions saved the treasury, which the president said will have piled up a five billion dollar deficit by June.

"I am pointing a definite road," declared Mr. Roosevelt, and asked that he be allowed to take it "at once without even waiting for the beginning of the next fiscal year."

Dispute Loans. Even before the message could be read to senate and house, threats of a determined dispute were in evidence. House Democratic leaders arranged to bind their predecessor majority in caucus to get the bill through by Wednesday, if possible.

After hearing President Roosevelt's second message, the senate today recessed until tomorrow to carry out the program.

The new legislation, as recommended by Mr. Roosevelt will lay down broad principles for pensions and other veterans' benefits, but will rest with him the important authority over administrative details. He will aim to slash costs caused by compensation for non-service-connected disabilities.

"We are unanimous," he said, "in upholding the duty of the government to care for those who suffer in its defense and for their widows and orphans."

Protest Hasty Action. American Legion posts and other veterans' organizations flooded members of congress with protests against moving, at this time to grant such wide powers as sought by the president; but Democratic leaders expressed confidence he would have his way eventually.

As to salary cuts for federal employees, he sought repeal of the present furlough plan and proposed a flexible authority for himself to adjust compensation.

At the capitol, Speaker Rainey told reporters the president expected to reduce government costs between six and seven hundred millions, if congress gives him the authority sought.

As to the present billion dollar outlay annually for veterans, Mr. Roosevelt was said to expect to reduce it over \$275,000,000; and to effect savings in reorganization of bureaus in excess of \$200,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt's message, slightly longer than that which he sent yesterday, said that record, brief one of yesterday, the president based his argument for the new power on the importance of maintaining governmental credit, saying: "Our government's house is not in order and for many reasons no effective action has been taken to restore it to order."

"Upon the unimpaired credit of the United States government rest the safety of deposits, the security of insurance policies, the activity of industrial enterprises, the value of our agricultural products and the availability of employment. The credit of the United States government fundamentally affects these fundamental human values. It, therefore, becomes our first concern to make secure the foundation. National recovery depends upon it."

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10.—(AP)—State officials and bankers of the far west moved to adjust their plans with national developments in the banking situation today.

Governors of states in which local bank holidays would have expired extended the moratorium periods, in most cases permitting limited withdrawal of deposits, in conformity with President Roosevelt's new proclamation.

Probability of immediate issuance of clearing house certificates on any wide scale faded from the picture. The Los Angeles clearing house association, which had prepared to go on a scrip basis this morning, decided to withhold action indefinitely.

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Expect Sound Banks Will Open Monday LEGISLATURE LEAVES MAJOR ACTS TO SPECIAL ELECTION

SEARCH FOR DOPE RUNNERS CENTERS IN KLAMATH ZONE

DENVER, Mar. 10.—(AP)—A belief that the two men who attacked a border patrolman near Bellingham, Wash., yesterday may have been the two men the federal government cooperated with kidnapping Charles Boettcher, H. W. Bunker, caused police here today to seek cooperation of Pacific coast authorities in the hunt for the suspects.

Police Chief A. T. Clark said there was a possibility the attackers of Patrolman E. L. Ballinger may have been Verne Sankey, former Canadian railroad engineer, and Gordon Ekhorn, suspect as the actual abductor of Boettcher. The broker was held for nearly 17 days. His multi-millionaire father, C. K. Boettcher, paid \$50,000 ransom.

State police received a report this morning that a blue coupe with a brown top, answering the description of the one driven by the two outlaws, who kidnaped and beat U. S. Customs Patrol Officer E. L. Ballinger, was seen going through Dorris, Calif., early yesterday afternoon, headed south.

It also was learned today that Bellingham's captors, when they handcuffed him to the tree in the Skiyow, took his purse containing \$34. One of the men returned and showed a \$10 bill in his coat pocket, with the comment: "Here, buddy! You might want to eat!"

MIAMI, Fla., March 10.—(AP)—Giuseppe Zangara, zealot and assassin, today was sentenced to death in the electric chair for the murder of Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago in his futile attempt to kill President Roosevelt.

Deputies rushed Zangara from the court room as he shrieked the last sentence. Spectators were held in the court room until after the prisoner was removed to the elevator carrying him to jail.

Under the Florida law the execution date will be fixed by the governor of the state and officials of the state penitentiary at Raiford.

Judge Thompson's sentence ordered that Zangara be confined in Dade county jail until his removal to Raiford and that he be kept there until the governor sets the week of execution, the hour and day to be set by the prison farm superintendent.

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Sentence was passed at 10:31 a. m. by Circuit Judge Uly O. Thompson, who read the sentence from a prepared statement ending with "and may God have mercy on your soul."

"There was a flurry in the courtroom after sentence was passed as Zangara denounced Judge Thompson and shouted: "You give me electric chair."

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'WORK ARMY' TO ENLIST JOBLESS, PRESIDENTS PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has virtually ready for submission to congress a far-flung employment plan for enlisting 500,000 idle men into a civil corps similar to the army and placing them in camps in various parts of the country.

Speaker Rainey told newspapermen such a project would be part of the chief executive's proposal for a \$500,000,000 bond issue for public works probably to be dispatched to congress tomorrow.

The camps would be located at points strategic to public construction, reforestation and reclamation projects, he said, and the men enlisted would be fed and housed and given compensation of not to exceed \$1 a day for their work.

Mr. Roosevelt has outlined his ideas for one extensive project centering around Muscle Shoals and has others in mind.

The camps, Rainey said, would be patterned in part after the unemployment camp in New York state, in which the president is interested. It holds more than 1,000 men.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO DRAW UP POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Speaker Rainey today appointed Representatives McDuffie of Alabama, Milligan of Missouri and Woodrum of Virginia, Democrats, and Taber of New York and McCugin of Kansas, Republicans, as the special economy committee to handle a bill to give President Roosevelt the power to slash government expenses.

VOTE JULY 21 ON SALES TAX PLAN OTHER PROPOSALS

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD Associated Press Staff Writer SALEM, Ore., March 10.—(AP)—As janitor crews today were clearing the desks of legislative members and mopping up the chambers which earlier in the day saw the closing moments of the longest legislative session in the history of Oregon, so were citizens of the state attempting to discover just what the results of the 37th assembly will be.

Major legislation was left until the last few days of the 60-day session, including such measures as the general sales tax, income tax, utility control, legalization of racing and betting, and banking control, but during the entire time many other bills were passed which will affect persons and activities in various parts of the state.

Perhaps the first direct result of the session will be the holding of a special election July 21 which will have the effect of a major event of that type in this state. Not only will delegates be selected to a state convention to vote on the repeal of special election, but the general constitution, but five other proposals at least will be on the ballot. And today there were indications of additional measures to be referred.

The other bills to be passed at the special election include the general sales tax of 2 per cent which was finally adopted in the closing minutes of the session. The bill as amended will be on the ballot. And today there were indications of additional measures to be referred.

Withdrawals were one of the features of the final day of the session when members learned many of their "pet" measures were not to be reported out of committee. The last day also saw passage of numerous minor measures which were either taken off the table or forced out of committee.

Tired legislators last night attempted to clear up all of the bills remaining of the 65 introduced, but even with this effort many did die in committee.

Senator Wheeler's bill providing for cancellation of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes of 1931 and prior years, reappeared the senate.

For the second time in the house Governor Meier's veto was sustained, the licensing reopener over his disapproval. Similar action was recorded the 30-hour week bill for common labor by political subdivisions of the state. Most of his vetoes were overridden by both house and senate.

The oleomargarine tax bill was repressed by the senate. The bill had reached the governor's office when it was recalled by the house and amended to include butter substitutes made from animal oils. As originally introduced it covered only vegetable oils. The tax is four cents a pound.

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M'NARY APPROVES ROOSEVELT PLANS

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RESERVE BANKS TO REOPEN SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Secretary Woodin announced today the 12 reserve banks would be opened tomorrow.

BUTTE, Mont., March 10.—(AP)—Butte police have been advised that Charles Kinney, accused of the murder of W. R. Hovatt on Salt Lake City near Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1924, has been arrested and identified at Kallapell.

CASH BONUS BILL IS REINTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(AP)—Senator Thomas (D. Okla.) today reintroduced in the senate a bill to provide for the immediate cash payment of the soldiers' bonus certificates, to be financed by expanding the currency for whatever amount was necessary.

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PRESIDENT'S PLAN AIMS AT GRADUAL BUSINESS RETURN

Complete Banking Operations Will Be Under Way in Every Part of Country Soon Following Permit

Medford's three banks were operating today under the same schedule and restrictions as yesterday, awaiting the authorization from Portland for any changes to be accomplished through the president's proclamation. All emergencies are so far being met with money and merchants are able to obtain change to avoid dangers of frozen purchasing power.

Scrip was circulating freely through the city, enabling many transactions, which would have been impossible without the local issue. No predictions were being made as to the time for re-opening of the banking institutions for regular business.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expects immediate reopening of the banks on a gradual basis, beginning in all probability, on Monday.

His plans call for opening up of sound institutions for complete banking operations in every part of the country.

National and state banks which are members of the federal reserve system must get permission in all probability, from the president and the federal government and must show themselves sound and solvent.

State banks not members of the federal reserve system will apply to the state superintendent of banks and upon his certificate of soundness the treasury will order reopening.

Secretary Woodin is already sending telegrams of instructions and orders for opening.

Woodin late today issued instructions to superintendents of banks in each state of the country on how to open the banks.

He said that the president would authorize appropriate state authorities to give licenses to banks under their jurisdiction other than federal reserve banks to open for usual normal business under such restrictions and limitations as state authorities may deem wise.

PILOT CRASHES WITH LIQUOR LADEN PLANE

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—(AP)—Within 48 hours after his pilot's license had been restored, Robert G. Crooks, 32, movie stunt flier of Los Angeles, crashed to his death in a liquor-laden airplane last night near Del Mar. He was identified today by his widow.

When the University of Iowa last spring awarded the greatest number of degrees of any year in its history, the presentations passed an all-time total of 25,000.



WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 9.—It's surprising how little money we can get along on. Let the banks never open, let scrip never come, just everybody keep on trusting everybody else. Why, it's such a novelty to find that somebody will trust you that it's changed all our whole feeling toward human nature. Why, never was our country so united, never was a country so tickled with their poverty.

For three years we have had nothing but "America is fundamentally sound." It should have been "America is fundamentally cuckoo." The worse off we get the louder we laugh, which is a great thing and every American international banker ought to have printed on his office door, "Alive today by the grace of a nation that has a sense of humor."

Yours,

Will Rogers

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