

The Weather
Forecast: Fair Sunday, not much change in temperature.

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3 GUILTY PLEAS IN BALLOT THEFT

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE administration bill to set up a five hundred million dollar fund for unemployment relief grants to states is passed by the senate by a vote of better than three to one, and now goes to the house.

PROVIDING unemployment relief is a temporary measure, designed only to prevent hunger. It can accomplish nothing much in the way of restoration of business activity.

THIS writer, whose opinion, of course, is merely the opinion of one humble individual, believes that the BEST way is for the government to guarantee deposits in the banks, thus restoring confidence and causing people to bring their money out of hiding and put it back into the banks, where it will serve as the basis for bank credit, thus providing what business MUST HAVE if it is to go ahead.

Business can't go forward unless it can get the money which with it to carry on its operations, and it can't get the money as long as bank credit remains frozen.

Bank credit will REMAIN FROZEN as long as people keep their money out of the banks, for bank credit is based upon bank deposits.

But, it will be argued, guarantee of bank deposits might cost a lot of money. It might, to be sure. The answer to this is that the present situation of stagnation is costing a lot of money. The farm board, which was an effort to stimulate business, received an appropriation of a half billion dollars, and most of it is gone—with nothing to show for it.

We have pending a relief appropriation of another half billion dollars, and there is the cost of relief during the past winter. The reconstruction finance corporation has put out a lot of money it will never get back.

The cost of what is being done to relieve the depression is staggering. If guarantee of bank deposits would start business off, by restoring confidence, it could cost quite a lot and still prove an economy.

THE present lack of confidence is reflected sharply by rising deposits in the postal savings banks. This rise in postal savings deposits suggests strongly that government guarantee would bring back deposits to the commercial banks.

Confidence in the banks, as already pointed out, would bring back deposits, and with increased deposits would come increased bank credit, which would make it possible to carry on business again.

THE postal savings banks are directly injuring the smaller communities, such as this, by draining money away from them into the larger centers.

STATE SPEEDS UP ACTION ON BALLOT STEALING CHARGES

Two Plead Not Guilty, Three Given Time To Plead, And Three Gain Delay—Three Prejudice Affidavits Filed.

Three more men, indicted for ballot stealing entered pleas of guilty Saturday morning before Circuit Judge William Duncan of Klamath Falls.

They were: Earl Bryant of Jacksonville, whose home last January was set fire at midnight, in an arson plot, for which Joseph Kayle is serving a prison sentence.

James D. Gaddy of Jacksonville, Charles W. (Chuck) Davis, named a deputy by County Judge Fehl, at the county machine shops, and whose pay therefore was not allowed, following a county court controversy.

The state yesterday put in motion the legal machinery to expedite the ballot theft trials, as some of the indicted men filed affidavits of prejudice again Circuit Judge Duncan.

Arthur La Dieu, former business manager for the Banks newspaper, and Walter J. Jones, mayor of Rogue River, also indicted for ballot stealing, late Friday filed affidavits of prejudice, which temporarily delayed their arraignment. The affidavits were in the usual form, alleging that Judge Duncan was prejudiced and biased and they could not receive a fair and impartial trial, and that the affidavits were not for the purpose of delay. Jones was represented by Attorney Glen R. Jacks of Oregon City, and Attorney E. H. Fehl also indicated for ballot stealing has filed a motion to quash the indictment against him, an affidavit of prejudice and a motion for a change of judges.

Authorities now admit, that with the statements secured, and the evidence of a score of other witnesses, they have "a complete, corroborated picture" of the ballot stealing, from the time it was first broached, until consummated, and the names of the "alibi-makers."

WYOMING BANDITS USE RUSE TO ROB, POSSES ON TRAIL

GREEN RIVER, Wyo., April 1.—(AP)—Poses from Sweet Water and Units counties tonight were scouring highways and the mountain recesses for two youthful robbers who looted the First National bank vaults this afternoon of \$17,000 in cash and \$3,000 in travelers checks.

Employing a ruse to gain entrance to the bank after it had been closed for the day, the two armed but unmasked bandits bound and gagged Edward Tallifero, assistant cashier, and locked him in the vault.

The bank had been closed only a short time, he said, authorities, when in answering a rap at the door he was asked assistance by the two men who wanted information concerning the rental of house owned by the bank.

CIVIC CLEAN AND PAINT UP DRIVE LASTS ALL APRIL

Campaign To Brighten Up City Starts Tomorrow—Many Business Houses Unite—Definite Program.

Monday morning the Clean-up and Paint-up campaign of the Chamber of Commerce will officially get under way and will continue throughout the whole month of April, J. C. Carle, chairman, stated this morning.

It had previously been reported that the drive would last only one week but it is now the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to carry it on during April and to make it county-wide instead of just Medford.

A number of the appointed sub-committees have already started plans to carry on the work and the remainder will be functioning by the time the campaign gets underway.

The down town business section will be solicited by members of the retail merchants committee under the leadership of Mr. John Moffatt. The real estate board, under the direction of Ed. M. White, president, will carry the campaign into the residential sections and those people who are renting houses will contact the owners to urge that painting be done where it is necessary. Companies outside of Medford who are carrying mortgages on homes will be also asked to cooperate in the campaign.

During the month, speakers will appear before all clubs in the city under the direction of Gen. W. H. Paine and arrangements have been made for an educational program in the schools by Superintendent E. H. Hedrick.

The city of Medford will do its share towards cleaning up the city according to Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent.

The Chamber of Commerce believes that "action speaks louder than words" and arrangements have been made for the chamber offices to be painted inside and out.

The Garden club, the Greater Medford Club, and the Women's Green association will be brought into the picture this week and it is expected that a very definite program will be arranged whereby gardens and empty lots can be made more beautiful.

It is believed by Mr. Carle and his committee members that the campaign will put a lot of money into circulation, will relieve the unemployment situation and will give Medford a cleaner and neater appearance which will undoubtedly be noticed by the many tourists expected here this summer.

A brief survey of the business and residential sections reveals the fact that a number of firms have already started to clean up and paint up, among whom are the following: F. W. Woolworth company, Firestone Service Stores, Inc., and the Home Grocery.

Huge Economy Cuts for Veterans

NEW REGULATIONS SAVE 400 MILLION YEARLY IS CLAIM

Widows And Dependents Of Vets Hit—Hospital Service Limited, Non-Service Disability Is Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—In the most sweeping economy move in the history of American government, President Roosevelt decreed today an annual saving of \$400,000,000 in veterans expenditures.

Effective July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, the order was made possible by the drastic law authorizing the president to cut deeply into payments to veterans, their widows and dependents—and to reduce federal salaries. The salary slash occurred earlier in the week.

In issuing the diminished schedules of allowances, the president in a statement said "I do not want any veteran to feel that he and his comrades are being singled out to make sacrifices."

"On the contrary," he added, "I want them to know that the regulations issued are but an integral part of our economy program embracing every department and agency of the government to which every employe is making his or her contribution."

"I ask them to appreciate that not only does their welfare but also the welfare of every American citizen, depend upon the maintenance of the credit of their government and that they also bear in mind that every citizen in every walk of life is being called upon, directly or indirectly, to share in this."

One of the items of savings under the new regulations will be through the complete revision of the non-service connected disability benefits, most of which virtually are eliminated.

Some \$100,000,000 will be saved through the limiting of this classification of pensions, those permanently and totally disabled. They will receive \$20 a month compared with \$40 at present and those receiving allowances for less than total disability will be removed from the rolls.

The new ratings and rates for service-connected disabilities are: 10 per cent—\$8.00 monthly; 25 per cent—\$20; 50 per cent—\$40; 75 per cent—\$60 and 100 per cent—\$80.

The new order eliminates all payments for temporary disability and the present free hospitalization for such disabilities. It restricts to one year after discharge service-connected disability on so-called "presumption" that it was incurred in service. Veteran organizations estimated this would remove from the veterans' administration rolls about one-half of the 340,000 world war veterans now receiving payments for such disabilities.

Through restrictions on "presumptions" in service connected deaths, pensions now paid to some widows and orphans of veterans who died after the war, will be cut from the rolls. Veterans organizations estimated the number of such widows and orphans affected will be about one-third of those now receiving such allowances, but there was no official confirmation of this estimate.

ROWBOATS USED IN FLOODED CINCINNATI STREETS



COMING WEEK TO BRING BEER AND VOTE ON REPEAL

Drys To Launch Attack On Legality Of Act—Michigan To Vote Monday On Prohibition Law Retention

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Momentous milestones in the nation's prohibition history will be passed next week.

The states will cast the first votes on repeal of the 18th amendment, and on Friday beer will flow legally again for the first time in 13 years.

Moving swiftly under the mandate of congress, the people of Michigan Monday will register their will upon keeping the prohibition amendment in the constitution. The following day Wisconsin will cast its votes. Both states will be electing delegates to constitutional conventions, which will cast the state's vote for or against repeal.

Michigan, with its convention set for April 10, has the opportunity to be the first to ratify the amendment submitted to congress to repeal the 18th. The Wisconsin convention will be held April 25.

Meanwhile, faced with the first break in the prohibition dam built up over decades, prohibition forces mustered their legal experts to carry into the courts their contention that sale of 3.2 per cent beer is unconstitutional so long as the 18th amendment is still the law of the land.

Speakers for the anti-saloon league and the Methodist board of temperance said today no definite case is being prepared for forcing a test case to be carried to the supreme court. It was admitted, however, that various legal angles were being considered and that action would come soon after the beverage is legalized.

FARM CREDIT AIDE OPTIMISTIC OVER LOANS ON CROPS

Mrs. E. E. Morrison Withdraws As Surety For County Judge—Two Minor Figures In Turmoil Freed.

A. B. Robertson, assistant manager of the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation, is here from Portland checking up on general conditions relative to loans desired by local fruit growers and was optimistic in his forecast for the Rogue River valley yesterday.

"It is going to be slow," he stated, speaking of loan prospects, "but if one's securities are good I think he will get the money. There will be no limitation so long as good securities are forthcoming."

Asked about claims of discrimination against Oregon, favoring California, Mr. Robertson stated that as far as he knew the provisions under which loans are obtained amount to practically the same thing. While Oregon growers are allowed only 35 cents a box to cover growing, harvesting and packing of the fruit, Mr. Robertson indicated that additional loans will be allowed on other securities, enabling the orchardists to carry on the completion of the fruit harvest.

The Portlander conferred yesterday with Colonel Gordon Voorhies, member of the Regional Credit corporation from this district, and will spend today gathering additional information from which to gain a clear picture of conditions throughout the valley.

ROOSEVELT SPURS ACTION ON RAIL AND FARM RELIEF

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ended his first month in the White House today in a whirl of activity that produced proposals for aiding the nation's troubled rail carriers and development of the Tennessee river valley experiment.

Rapidly the president turned from one subject to another in a series of White House parleys that put into operation a big part of his new program and laid the groundwork for the remainder.

MRS. MARTIN AND FATHER RELEASED, NEW FEHL BONDS

New Dry Chief

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—A. V. Dalrymple took the oath of office as director of the nation's prohibition forces today and immediately took over the duties of his office.

SALEM, April 1.—(AP)—Joe Fallon, 23, was declared a suicide by officers who found him early this morning at the armory, shot through the chest.

Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin, president of the "Good Government congress" held in the county jail for the past two weeks, on two indictments charging "riotous conduct," and "criminal syndicalism," was released Saturday afternoon on bonds.

Mrs. Ariel Burton Pomeroy and Mrs. Clara Ripley Smith, were named as sureties on \$500 bonds required for the "riotous conduct" charge, and Ernest Dahack of the Eagle Point district, and Mrs. Clara Ripley Smith, for the \$1800 criminal syndicalism bonds.

E. E. Morrison of the Central Point district, a well-to-do stockman and farmer, served notice of his withdrawal as a bondsman for County Judge E. H. Fehl in the sum of \$15,000, so a new bond was presented by Fehl. George Ochsman of the Central Point district, whose name was among the original five, does not appear on the new bond. He could not be located yesterday, and it is not known whether he will continue.

Mrs. Ariel Burton Pomeroy, Ted Hensforth, and John Hunsaker, appear as the new sureties. They were on the first bonds for Fehl.

C. H. Brown, indicted for riotous conduct and "landering a bank" was freed on \$100 furnished by Nora Bostwick and C. E. Pfeifer. Edwin L. Malcom and Andrew Simpson were released on their own recognizance.

MINNESOTA AND WAY DOWN SOUTH FLOOD MENACED

Houston Isolated By Water—Deluge In Wake Storm Hampers Relief Work On Lower Mississippi.

WINONA, Minn., April 1.—(AP)—Flood waters which took one life continued rampant in parts of south-eastern Minnesota tonight.

Down stream areas of rivers and creeks were bearing the brunt of inundation, while in upper reaches waters receded.

Water Olson, 24, of Lakesboro, was drowned in the overflowing Root river after a canoe capsized.

Railroad service was hampered by washouts and many highways were closed. Houston, with 800 inhabitants, was surrounded by water. So were some buildings in a number of other communities, including Rochester, where the Zumbro river reached a level untouched since 1924.

NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—(AP)—Bayous and creeks of the lower Mississippi river were swollen and big rivers were menacingly as the deep south tonight watched a flood threat move following a two days storm that killed 21 persons, injured many hundreds, and wrecked a score of more villages from Texas to Alabama.

The Mississippi delta was awash in sections where its little rivers had tumbled out of their beds and spread across the fertile fields and highways.

A deluge that trailed the storm was largely responsible for the immediate flood menace, but the rivers already were rising as result of earlier rains.

The Red Cross in the stricken area moved to care for the homeless and destitute.

East Texas southwest Arkansas and sections of Louisiana were swept by the windstorm Thursday, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Tennessee were raked Friday.

Mississippi bore the brunt of tragedy. It counted 10 dead.

Rescue work was hampered by high water. Many highways were blocked. Forests were leveled by the winds which swept from the Black River country through the timbered ridges of south Mississippi.



BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 31.—Glad to see that reforestation and employment bill pass. We got to have a lot more forests and trees, otherwise these cigarette smokers won't have anything to burn up.

Say, here's something that for the good of the internal revenue collectors ought to be made straight. We all kinder smile and the papers headline it any time that somebody gets a refund on their income tax.

That's given wide publicity but here's something that everybody don't know because they are not allowed to publicize it. They collect in lots more back disputed taxes than they pay out. It's news if you can get anything out of the government, but if the government gets anything out of you that ain't news, that's just a habit, but Uncle Sam has no more faithful, fair servants.

Will Rogers

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