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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
YOU may be bored to extinction with big world affairs, but here is a statement, issued by the American delegation at the world economic conference, that is so important you shouldn't overlook it:
"Revaluation of the dollar in terms of American commodities is an end from which the government and the people of the United States can not be diverted."

WHAT does it mean?
Well, in the simplest possible terms, it means that we are undertaking the experiment of providing a dollar that will be worth as much in one year as in another—that will be exchangeable for as much commodities this year as last and that will pay as much debt next year as it pays this.

THE economists call that a "managed currency," meaning by that a currency that can be adapted to changing conditions.

We never had such a thing before, and hard-boiled conservatives say it won't work. But hard-boiled conservatives said that heavier-than-air machines couldn't be made to fly. They pooh-poohed the steamship, they laughed at the locomotive and they proclaimed that the automobile would never be anything but a rich man's toy.

HERE'S something else that is significant of changing times: Major Everett G. Griggs, chairman of the board of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company, returns to the Coast after attending the first meeting of the recently formed advisory economic council of the United States department of commerce.
The meeting was held in Washington, and Major Griggs returns from it full of hope and enthusiasm, in spite of the fact that the council spent its time considering things that never have been done before.

Considering things that never have been done before doesn't scare him a bit.
"ELIMINATION of unfair practices in every line of business and industry must come, and trade channels must be corrected," he tells the newspapers in Tacoma when he gets back.

"We must support the government with faith in the future," he adds. "Every one of the 44 men of the committee agreed to that, and they were men from all over the country, in different kinds of business and industrial activities."

THIS writer has an idea, which may be idealistic and foolish, that it is men like Major Griggs and the other members of his committee, rather than the hard-boiled conservatives who say it can't be done, who will bring order and chaos out of the confusion and stagnation of the past three and a half years.

What do you think about it?

"ELIMINATION of unfair practices in business and industry." Just what does that mean?

Well, in simple words of one syllable, it means that those who won't play ball must be MADE to play ball. Those who insist on producing more than the market calls for producing less, who cut prices and slash wages, must be taken in hand by the government and MADE TO BEHAVE.

THAT is a big contract. It puts the government into business in a way that government has never been put before in this country, and it means big changes in our way of doing things. Probably we won't like all these changes.

But if wages are to be maintained industry must make a profit, and if industry as a whole is to make a profit it must be protected from the selfish greed of the unscrupulous few.

Who is it to do that but the government? Who else CAN do it?

THERE was a time when the strong right arm of the individual was the only law.

That condition existed for centuries, and it brought TERRIBLE abuses. In time, these abuses became unbearable, and so society organized itself to restrain the unscrupulous individual.

That is to say, law and order, which

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PHILLY Heat Fatal.
PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—(AP)—The thermometer at 92, heat today caused the deaths of two persons and about 25 prostrations.

Sheriff's Son Slain.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 8.—(AP)—Robert Johnson, 21-year-old son of Sheriff Joseph Johnson of Milwaukee county, was shot to death in a garage here tonight.

SEXTON'S RELATE SCHERMERHORN'S TALKS IN JAIL

Sheriff Feared Dictaphones and Made All Denials in Loud Voice Brothers Tell Jury.

The Sexton brothers—Burley and Wilbur—testified at the trial of Suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermernhorn, charged with ballot theft, that when confined with the accused official in the women's ward of the city jail, Schermernhorn made denials in a loud voice, and spoke in a whisper when discussing more intimate details of the ballot theft, shortly after his arrest.

"Schermernhorn told us to sit tight, say nothing, for if you squawk, it will be too bad for all of us," Burley testified.

The witness said that state police and aides of the district attorney were concealed in the bathroom and on top of the cell taking shorthand notes of the conversation.

Burley Sexton further testified that Schermernhorn asked, "Where did you see me?" and denied that he was standing on the corner of Laurel and Eighth streets when the first load of ballots went by.

"Schermernhorn said no car went by the corner when he was standing there," he said, "they will get Fehi into this—they are arresting everybody."

The ousted official expressed the fear of dictaphones and urged the two brothers not to "talk so loud" at this time.

Wilbur corroborated the testimony of his brother, Burley. In detail, and the defense was unable to shake them in the main details of their testimony under cross-examination.

The Sexton brothers repeated the testimony they gave at the La Dieu, Jones and Glenn trials, of how Jones had given the signal for the vault window breaking, how Glenn had directed that more ballot pouches be stolen from the vault.

Burley Sexton was on the stand most of the morning session and the defense filed a "continuing objection" to his testimony, which the court disallowed. The court said it would rule on "specific objections," but would not grant the continuing objection, because "it would make an awkward record."

R. C. Cummings of Rogue River testified to starting his Ford auto, to drown the sound of the breaking vault window, and hauled four ballot pouches to Bybee bridge, where they were slit open, filled with rocks and cast into Rogue river. Two of the pouches were recovered. They were identified by the Sextons and Cummings.

Cummings testified that he started his auto and made the noise at the instance of Walter J. Jones, mayor of Rogue River, under conviction.

Cummings also testified Brecheen told him, "We got to get the ballots." George Carter, county clerk, and Nydahl and Helen Dugan, deputy clerks, testified to court records and events on the afternoon of the recount proceedings before the ballots were stolen.

His bonds as sheriff have been cancelled and whatever the outcome of his trial for ballot theft, he will be unable to serve as sheriff of Jackson county until bonds are produced, re-qualifying him to hold such a position, Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody announced when interviewed regarding the situation.

Loggers Injured.
PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Aldino Anestio Seratti, 24, was fatally injured today when he was struck by a 60-foot log while he was at work for the Buxton Logging company near here. He died while he was being taken to a hospital at Forest Grove.

DECISION MONDAY ON FEHL'S MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE

Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth, ruled Saturday morning that he make a ruling Monday, on the application of County Judge Fehi, indicted for ballot-theft, for a change of venue.

The court in announcing its decision, made the following comment, in presence of the jury:
"It was my intention to pass on the motion for change of venue in the case of Earl H. Fehi this morning, but in view of the editorial in last night's paper I desire to give some further consideration to this question. I am frank to say that I had about made up my mind to deny the application for the change of venue but I have reached the conclusion that if the change can be made without prejudicing the interests of the state in the other trials that in view of the consistent and persistent editorial policy of the Mail Tribune during these trials, not relating to all but during the presidency of these trials, it is probably fair to the defendant that he be tried in some other county, but I do not desire to jeopardize the other trials, and that is a matter I desire to give further consideration and desire a conference between counsel during the recess hours if possible."

It would like to say, "These cases are still pending—the Jones case is still pending—the La Dieu case is still pending—they are pending for sentence—furthermore time has been given for these defendants to file motions for new trial, and the difficulty in getting a jury—these persistent editorials here about these cases makes the court hesitate."

In the Thursday, July 5 issue of the Pacific Record-Herald, a weekly publication, there appeared the following editorial under the caption: "The Chain Is Broken."

The state of Oregon in their case against John Glenn, former jailor of Jackson county, went down to ignominious defeat before a jury in the Circuit Court of Jackson county, Oregon, on July 3rd. The state contended that Mr. John Glenn was the man who organized and hired the perpetrators of the ballot hoax in Jackson county. The state was unable to prove this contention and they are now faced with proof that their cases in the main are built upon inference upon inference and suspicion upon suspicion backed by their desire to crucify public officials by claiming conspiracy.

In the words of little Jean Conner, a very lovable character who admitted his guilty participation in the destruction of the ballots, let us analyze the state's position. Mr. Conner said in substance he didn't see why any one needed to be paid or hired to do this job when there were so many volunteers. The ballot episode was not a premeditated crime. The state has utterly failed to prove any allegations as to premeditation. They have failed to prove conspiracy. The John Glenn case with the verdict of "not guilty" sends the state's battery of attorneys into a huddle and without the part claimed by the state to have been taken by John Glenn established, the state's case is lost. The future trials simply constitute POLITICAL BLACK MAIL.

The editor of this paper in which the above appeared, is under indictment for participation in the ballot thefts, and his trial is now pending. State authorities are expected to bring it to the court's attention.

The defense filed the affidavit at the opening of court Saturday morning.

REVISION INCOME TAX LAW STUDIED

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—The task of closing up holes in the income tax law was turned over to experts of the joint congressional tax committee today by a senate finance subcommittee.
Chairman King of the subcommittee, appointed to study the whole field of taxation and recommended changes at the next session, said L. Parker, chief investigator of the joint committee, would be entrusted with the task, but under supervision to study certain features, mainly the income tax.
The capital gains and loss provision, which has resulted in annual end-of-the-year stock sales to show income losses for tax purposes, also will be studied with a view to revision.

SOUND EXPERTS OF FILMS STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—(AP)—A strike of 1000 members of the sound technicians union and allied trades, employed by the Columbia Motion picture studio in Hollywood, was called tonight by union officials who claimed the studio had failed to meet union demands.
Samuel J. Briskin, general manager of the studio, in a statement issued after the strike was called, denounced it as "unwarranted and unreasonable." He claimed that the union demands included salary increases totaling in some instances as much as 250 per cent.

LEAD ITALIAN AIR ARMADA



Gen. Italo Balbo (left), air minister, and Gen. Aldo Pallegrini, second in command, are the leaders in the mass flight of 24 Italian airplanes now en route to Chicago from Orbetello, Italy. Above picture shows one of the planes rising from the water. (Associated Press Photo)

DEFENSE OUSTS JUROR MCCLAIN WITH AFFIDAVIT

George B. McClain, a juror in the trial of Suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermernhorn, charged with ballot-theft, was excused Saturday morning, upon an affidavit, filed by the defense, asserting that McClain was disqualified, by reason of the fact, that on March 25 last, McClain's daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Watkins, engaged in an altercation with Mrs. Effie Lewis relative to the murder trial of L. A. Banks at Eugene.

The affidavit was signed by Attorney P. J. Newman, and by Mrs. Lewis, who alleged that she was "brutally assaulted" by Mrs. Watkins, when she presented a petition at her door, asking the Governor to retain Schermernhorn as sheriff. This was when the ouster proceedings were pending.

The state contended that Mrs. Watkins slapped Mrs. Lewis when she justified the assassination of Constable George J. Precourt by L. A. Banks, former local agitator.

The state attorney referred to Mrs. Lewis as "one of the witnesses, who went on the stand at Eugene, in behalf of L. A. Banks, and perjured herself."

Attorney Moody also declared that the defense counsel was guilty of "naughty innuendoes."

Under question by the court, McClain said he felt he could be a fair juror, and held no prejudices.

Attorney Newman questioned McClain relative to a conversation he asserted had with "a man by the name of Turnbow," in which he expressed prejudices against Schermernhorn.

The court excused McClain and directed that P. J. Littlefield, archdeacon, Phoenix, the lone alternate juror, take McClain's place.

The trial proceeded without an alternate juror, the court remarking, "we will take a chance on one of the jurors getting sick." This is the first of the ballot theft cases with alternate jurors.

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DIRECT APPEAL TO PRESIDENT FOR CRATER FORESTS

EUGENE, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—In an effort to save virgin forests along the highway from Medford to Crater Lake, the Oregon Council of Roadside Beauty at a meeting here today decided to make a direct appeal to President Roosevelt.
It was pointed out that the state highway commission lacks either authority or the funds to take over the timber, in danger of being logged off. It was further said that the newly created state park commission lacks funds to save the timber.
The association members said legislation empowering the federal reforestation service to exchange timber lands of equal value for the timber along the highway cannot be enacted until congress meets again next January, but it was believed the president might have power under his new executive grants to authorize such an expense.

Jewish Doctors Hailed.
BERLIN, July 8.—(AP)—Eighty Jewish physicians, including many prominent in the profession, were sent to a concentration camp today following a raid on the "consulting office for Jewish doctors."

Wage Increases.
BALTIMORE, July 8.—(AP)—Maryland industrial plants reported increases of 10 to 35 per cent in employment and payrolls during June as compared with May, the state commission of labor and statistics announced today.

NEW CHIEF PA SERVICE HERE CRATER LAKE

Re-organization of Service Forecast By Associate Director Cammerer — Guest of C of C Luncheon

Announcing that he expected to find it "just as blue as the pictures," Arno B. Cammerer, associate director of the National park service, who will assume the directorship succeeding Horace M. Albright August 7, left here yesterday afternoon for his first glimpse of Crater Lake.

His journey to the world wonder, which, through his many years in the park service, he has failed to see except in the pictures was preceded by a large Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon, arranged in his honor at the Hotel Medford.

Extensive reorganization of the service, which will become effective August 7, constituting a very large department for him to direct, was outlined at the luncheon by the honor guest. At that time, he stated, the department will become the new office, recently order in the Department of Interior — "National Parks Buildings and Reservations." Into this department will be drawn the National Park service, national military parks, national cemeteries, parks of the District of Columbia, public buildings in the District of Columbia, with exception of the Capitol and legislative branches; and all government buildings of the land with exception of post offices and those belonging to the treasury department.

It is the hope of the park service, Mr. Cammerer then added, to retain the name of National Park Service and a measure is being prepared to suggest that the title National Parks Buildings and Reservations be supplanted with "to be known as the National Park Service."

This retention is desired, he stated, in view of the splendid service, which the park service has rendered in the past and which its name implies.

Through the reorganization, the

COURT ABOLISHES PROBATION OFFICE OF AMOS WALKER

Amos W. Walker, appointed probation officer by County Judge Earl H. Fehi, was ousted last Wednesday by the county court. The appointment listed Walker's duties as caring for cases of dependent, neglected and delinquent children, and to hold office "during the pleasure of the county judge."

The county clerk served notice upon Walker by letter, of his retirement as probation officer.

The records of the county court for July 5, show that upon motion of Commissioner Billings and seconded by Commissioner Nealon, the office of probation officer was ordered discontinued, which automatically eliminated Walker as probation officer.

The record reads:
"As there are no funds with which to pay a probation officer, and no provision has been made for it in the budget, it is moved by Billings and seconded by Nealon, that the office of probation officer be discontinued, and the county clerk is instructed to give Mr. Walker written notice of this action."

The appointment of Walker was last made on June 28, and brought mild protest. The county judge held the appointment was discretionary with himself alone and not for the consideration of the commission.

Walker was appointed probation officer last spring by the county judge, and ceased to serve when the county court refused to approve his salary.

Precious to this, he was a deputy sheriff under Suspended Sheriff Schermernhorn and evidence at the ouster proceedings against Schermernhorn showed he was named last January at an early morning meeting at Fehi's home, at the instigation of Fehi.

Fehi last week in a communication to the press announced that Walker was named probation officer as a protection to young folks who were allegedly frequently visiting roadhouses and imbibing strong drink.

AMELIA CROSSES LAND IN 17 HRS.

NEWARK, N. J., July 8.—(AP)—"Dirtier than ever before," so use her own expression, Amelia Earhart Putnam, with a new woman's transcontinental record in hand, brought her Lockheed Vega monoplane down at Newark airport at 8:19 p. m. (Eastern Daylight time) today, 17 hours 74 minutes after she left Los Angeles.

Her former record was 19 hours and 4 minutes. The worst part of her flight, Mrs. Putnam said, was after she left Amarillo, Tex., where she stopped to let mechanics tighten a loosened hatch. Between Los Angeles and Amarillo and between Columbus, O., and Newark she made her best time, she said, with tail winds most of the way.

She flew at an altitude of between 6,000 and 8,000 feet, and rounded several thunder storms. Over the Alleghenies she encountered rain, she said.

Questioned



Otto H. Kahn, senior partner in Kuhn, Loeb and company, was quizzed by the senate banking committee about his income tax returns along with investigation of the operations of his New York banking house. (Associated Press Photo)

OREGON DRIES TO OPEN DRIVE TO KEEP STATE DRY

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—What was described as a hand-to-hand pitched battle with opponents to enlist enough votes on July 21 to keep Oregon in the list of prohibition states was launched by Protestant ministers of Portland today. Dr. William G. Everson, pastor of the First Baptist church here, and recently from Denver, will lead the forces of the clergy and dry lobby.

Tomorrow the ministers will present the dry cause from their pulpits and receive a free-will offering for the printing of more than 300,000 pamphlets which will argue the defense of prohibition.

This literature will not be scattered promiscuously, the dry leaders declared. Responsible workers from each church will personally deliver the pamphlets from door to door and will explain to the householders how best to preserve the 18th amendment.

Organization of the "united dry" was announced by prohibition forces as the first step in the attempt to put Oregon in a position to halt the "wet parade of states." The "united dry" is composed of leading ministers, and laymen both inside and outside the church membership, combining the efforts of all dry forces including the W. C. T. U., the Oregon Anti-Liquor league, the Oregon State Grange, the various denominational headquarters in Portland, the Federated Women's organization, the Parent-Teacher association, and similar groups.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier, in a statement issued here today, indicated that in the event Oregon votes in favor of repeal of the 18th amendment and of the prohibition amendments to the state constitution, he will immediately take steps to see that liquor is regulated and controlled in this state. Oregon will vote on repeal of both federal and state amendments July 21.

CHIEF FACTS OF PROCESSING TAX NOW OPERATIVE

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Here are some facts about the wheat processing tax which goes into effect at midnight tonight.

Rate—30 cents a bushel on wheat processed by flour millers and other manufacturers of food who are primary processors of the grain.
Estimated yield—\$150,000,000.
Purpose—To provide funds to pay growers benefits in return for agreements to reduce their wheat acreages in 1934 and 1935.

Time—The tax will be in effect for one year and may then be continued under a new order by the secretary of agriculture.

Tax in terms of flour—It will amount to \$1.38 per 196-pound barrel of flour.

Bread—Secretary Wallace estimates that if the tax is reflected directly into the price of a pound loaf it should be not more than half a cent. This is exclusive of recent rises in wheat prices and other ingredients of bread.

High Society Waits
PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—(AP)—Police raiders tonight battered down the doors of the Swanky Latimer club in mid-city, arresting 18 persons, several of whom gave names that appear in the social register.

European Gold Pool
PARIS, July 8.—(AP)—A huge pool of gold for defense of their currencies was formed today by six chiefs of central banks at gold conference who threw down the gauntlet of battle to the world.

REPORT SCOUTED JAKE THE BARBER FOUND IN TEXAS

Believe Chicago Market Plunger Engineers Abduction By Authorities.

ALICE, Texas, July 8.—(AP)—A report branded by state highway patrol officials as a hoax in their opinion, that John (Jake the Barber) Factor, kidnaped Chicago market plunger, had been found near here sent officers scurrying vainly through a wide area of South Texas tonight.

A check with officers at points in various towns in the southern part of the state showed the reports originated in an attempt to play a practical joke on two highway patrolmen. The patrolmen, waiting today on a road near here because they had heard an automobile bearing Factor and his abductors might be headed this way, were informed finally — Lieutenant Miller of the state highway patrol could not learn definitely from what source—that "Factor had been caught up in Alice. The lieutenant was here because they gave up their search and a McAllen newspaper, hearing the rumor in turn, telephoned to Miller.

Miller himself got busy, but his check, and that of newspapermen, disclosed nothing but denials of the Factor report at Alice. The lieutenant had not been able to reach the two patrolmen themselves tonight, but all others in that section had been checked and none of them knew anything of the Factor report.

Meanwhile, L. G. Phares of Austin, chief of the state patrol, likewise added his opinion that the rumors obviously was a hoax.

ALICE, Tex., July 8.—(P)—John (Jake the Barber) Factor, Chicago market plunger abducted a week ago, tonight reported found along with his abductors, near here, but Lieut. Lee Miller, state highway patrolman, who began an immediate investigation, expressed doubt as to the accuracy of the report.

Lieut. Lee Miller of the state highway patrol at Corpus Christi received the report and began an immediate investigation. Alice police officials, however, said they "knew nothing about it," adding they had only one prisoner in jail and he was a local Mexican. The Alice police added they believed there was "nothing to" the report.

CHICAGO, July 8.—(P)—Charges of "hoax" and a fresh wave of anonymous tips today added to the confusion concerning the strange case of John "Jake the Barber" Factor, missing since last Saturday.

The British government, in the person of Franklin R. Overmyer, counsel for the crown, declared Factor harbored stock speculators, had been a willing party to his kidnaping, and intended to enable him to escape extradition to England where he faces charges of mulcting investors of approximately \$7,000,000.

Using the abduction as a screen, Overmyer said, Factor was probably on his way to Mexico and a haven from legal proceedings. Factor was arrested two years ago on behalf of the British government. His arguments against extradition were scheduled to be heard before the U. S. supreme court Oct. 9.

"Ridiculous," exclaimed G. Gale Gilbert, Factor's attorney when informed of the accusation that his client was seeking refuge on foreign shores.

Officials held that a note found in Eurasia, Okla., signed "Jake the Barber" and pleading for deliverance from "Al Capone" henchmen who were "taking me to Cuba" was obviously spurious.

The kidnaping "board of strategy" gave up its efforts to negotiate for the speculator's release.

A new Italian syndicate was formed, with William "Red" Cohen, puglist brother-in-law of the missing man, its director. He discredited charges that Factor had "framed" the kidnaping to escape extradition.

LUMBER ORDERS FOR WEST COAST HIGHEST 3 YEARS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(P)—The West Coast Lumberman's association reported today that orders for lumber in the Douglas fir industry for the week ending July 1 broke all records for any week, with one exception, in the last three years. New business of 181 mills reporting amounted to 131,950,000 feet, an increase of 14.25 per cent over the previous week's volume.

A total of 254 operating mills produced 114,166,000 feet during the week, a gain in output of more than 10,000,000 feet. Increase in cutting amounted to 20,000,000 feet in 14 days. The association said that the activity reflected added employment during the two weeks of about 6,000 men in logging camps and sawmills.

The buying movement, the association said, was considered largely speculative, as building construction has not yet become extensive. The total inventories of 150 mills reporting were 18.7 per cent less than at this time last year.