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MEIER URGES 5-POINT PROGRAM



News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON.
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 WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—You will have to learn the deaf and dumb language to get anything out of government statisticians nowadays. They do not care much for English since Frank Walker issued that ruder harmonizing government statistics Walker gave the harmony batons to himself, Labor Secretary Perkins and Relief Director Hopkins. They are supposed to look over statistics because the first result has been to cause a lot of expert government statisticians to start looking around quietly for jobs outside the government service.

Reasons.
 The inside story of why Walker acted as he did NOT write the order just to amuse himself. A certain official, higher up than he is, has been greatly annoyed lately by varying government statistics. Whose given out at the White House always lend a rosy tint to the business situation, as do those issued by Labor Secretary Perkins. The figures from the federal reserve board and commerce department appear to be less rosy.

Now the White House crowd contends that most of the statistics, except their own, are top-sided. They say that they want to present a balanced picture. That is all right in purpose, perhaps, but when you give politically minded men the right to read copy on government figures you are very apt to get your politics and your figures mixed.

Censorship.
 Walker well knew there would be a censorship here and cry raised about his use. That is why he attached to it a phrase requiring that all statistics be fully and truthfully told so as to present the entire story.

The trouble with that is that Walker, Mrs. Perkins and Hopkins are the ones who know what is full, truthful and sincere in their denial that they intend to censor any figures. They are going to let newsmen see the statistics as usual and for all outward appearances the censorship idea is what General Johnson calls a hob-goblin.

But underneath an effect already has been wrought on the men who write statistics. They have wives and families to support. They have a feeling that the boss wants rosy statistics, and whether he does or not, those are the kind he will probably get from now on.

Figures.
 The man who said figures don't lie was NOT acquainted with modern statistical methods. An expert can give you any kind of figures you want. Suspicion has always been directed against the various Wall Street agencies which specialize in statistics. They can make you believe the outlook is good, bad or indifferent, by a slight twist of the wrist.

If left alone the government statisticians will always be above suspicion. There is no higher type of men in government service than the technical experts such as the statisticians, geologists, engineers, etc. They go on without respect to politics from administration to administration.

During the Hoover era there was a wild howl when heads of certain bureaus started emphasizing British figures. The started over accuracy of figures and figures lasted two years and was an issue in the presidential campaign.

Since the start of the new administration the lid has been off, there has been no suspicion that figures were being doctored.

Substitution.
 The federal reserve monthly did not contain the usual analysis of the business situation this month. In that place was one of Mr. Roosevelt's speeches.

Insiders say the monthly went to press before the Walker order and even before General Johnson took the reserve board statisticians to task for saying industrial production was lower in code industries.

Stop Orders.
 Steps were secretly taken by the government a few days ago to stop the flight of capital from this country. A regulation was issued requiring every man seeking balances abroad to affirm that he is complying with the spirit as well as the letter of Mr. Roosevelt's gold embargo order.

This is supposed to have been one of the subjects discussed by J. P. Morgan at the White House, although you will never get it out of Morgan or the White House.

MESSAGE LAYS GROUNDWORK OF EXTRA SESSION

Both Houses Organize Hurdled—Work Of Filling Vacancies Considered—Dunn Has Solution.

SALEM, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The 37th assembly got under full way in extraordinary session at noon today when Governor Julius L. Meier officially opened the meeting with his message featuring a five-point emergency program. Both houses organizations were perfecting according to plans and the senate started work on a measure to have the three legislative vacancies filled.

An almost unanimous expression of "fine message" was made by leading senators and representatives following the governor's address. Many of them said they agreed with the program with but few exceptions.

"A fine message and one which lays a groundwork for this session and is carried out we should be finished with emergency work within the 30 days," declared Fred E. Kiddie, president of the senate.

Snell Lauds Message
 Earl W. Snell, speaker of the house, when asked his opinion of the message, declared it "was an excellent message. It gives us a fine and definite program that if adhered to will expedite the business of this session and his urgency that only emergency proposals be considered appears exactly the sentiment of the majority of the members of the house. I was pleased he presented such a message."

"There was no politics played in the important phases of the message," declared Senator Harry Corbett of Portland. I thought it an excellent piece of work," Senator Jay Upton of Bend, said that while he disagreed with some points he believed the message very good.

Lorenagan Pleased
 In the house Frank Lorenagan of Portland expressed himself relative to the address with the words "a good message, very good." Dean Walker of Polk county also added a similar comment. The general house and senate reaction was favorable to the governor's program.

Members of the supreme court and state elective officials sat upon the platform when the governor made his address. Hal E. Ross, secretary of state, was at the capitol but did not arrive at the house chambers in time to hear the message. Both houses were in joint session to greet the governor and the galleries were filled to capacity.

Prior to the address the senate launched into business of filling vacancies in the senate and house under the first bill introduced, by Senator George W. Dunn of Jackson county. The measure called for the appointment of the members by the governor with approval in the houses where the vacancies exist. Senator Jay Upton protested the measure, but the bill was laid on the table for later action.

GOLD PRICE GOES TO \$33.66 PER OZ.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The administration returned to the raising of the domestic gold price today, setting a figure of \$33.66 an ounce, in the face of the opposition of the policy registered Saturday by the board of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

Subsequently, such gold actually bought by the RFC was disclosed by Chairman Jesse H. Jones to amount to 265,000 ounces.

While he continued today to decline to tell reporters how much gold has been bought in the foreign market, Jones indicated that purchases in London and Paris have been about equally divided.

The value of the domestic gold purchases was placed by him at \$7,500,000.

Pear Markets
 CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—One car California (arrived, 7) on track, 3 sold. Oregon Bosc 390 boxes extra fancy 1.70-1.75; 1080 boxes fancy 1.35-1.70.
 NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(U. S. D. A.)—One car California (arrived, 3) California, 4 Oregon, 9 Washington unloaded. Oregon Bosc, 4320 boxes extra fancy 1.80-2.15; average 2; fancy 1.70-2.05; average 1.80; fancy and between 1.75-2.25; average 1.85.
 Washington Anjou, 4520 boxes, extra fancy average 1.91; fancy 1.20-1.80; average 1.54; combination grades 1.60-1.90; average 1.79; unclassified 1.25-1.65; average 1.46; Bosc, 1145 boxes, extra fancy 1.50-1.75; average 1.55; fancy 1.25-1.55; average 1.38; Pemish 101 boxes, extra fancy 1.20-1.40; average 1.28; fancy 85-1.30; average 1.11

Highlights of Meier Message

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20.—(UP)—Highlights of Governor Meier's message told in brief quotations:

The duration of special sessions is limited to twenty days, which in itself is a plain mandate that consideration shall be given therein only to legislation of emergency character.

Licensing private individuals to engage in the wholesale or retail liquor business has conclusively proved itself a failure, and to return to any such system would invite inevitable disaster.

The approach of winter is rapidly aggravating the serious aspect of the relief situation.

A state school fund produced from sources other than a property tax would aid in adjusting the inequalities that exist between poor and rich districts and would tend to equalize the educational opportunities for children of the state.

I would suggest creation of a separate state authority with power to aid refinancing state, municipal, and local bonds and warrants.

The principle that buses and trucks should pay a fair return for use of our highways should be maintained. If inequalities exist in the bus and truck laws, they should be adjusted.

Five definite proposals were presented by the executive to the 90 members of the house and senate as they assembled in the house chambers to hear the 3500 word address.

And only one new tax—the utilities gross earnings proposal—was specified in the message, while no mention was made of the higher education problems, indicating they were to be kept out of consideration and left entirely to the board of higher education.

Showing Limit Scope
 Governor Meier emphasized the legislators should limit consideration of any but emergency measures, insisting the calendar be kept clear for the major issues, emphasized both in his call for the session and in address.

After listing his recommendations he declared "later in the session I shall submit a special message in connection with the development of the Bonneville navigation and power project."

Tying in the relief for the needy with that of liquor, the executive prefaced his remarks by pointing out that it was impossible to estimate how far the federal work would extend toward aiding unemployment, but that it was his belief that a substantial number of able-bodied men would be removed from relief rolls, indicating the sum from the state could be therefore reduced. His recommendations were:

1. Adoption of the Knox committee plan for liquor control as a basis for the new state liquor act. The report of the committee of 11 was submitted to the governor after three months study and the report forwarded to members of the legislature. It recommends state owned liquor stores.

2. All revenues from the sale of liquor over operating costs, together with "such other revenues as you may provide for unemployment relief, be paid into the unemployment relief fund until June 30, 1935, or until the relief emergency has been passed."

Big Liquor Revenue Seen
 After the emergency has been passed, the governor stated the revenue should go to the state and counties on a 25-75 per cent basis. He estimated revenue from liquor sales between \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 a year.

3. Gross earnings tax on public utilities. The governor urged "creation of a separate state authority, vested with power to aid in the refinancing of state, municipal and local bonds, warrants and other similar evidences of indebtedness." This authority would be vested with power to borrow from the federal government.

GROSS UTILITIES EARNINGS TAX IS GOVERNOR'S IDEA

Unemployment Relief Funds From Liquor—State Body To Aid Tax Delinquency Solution Among Points.

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD (Associated Press Staff Writer)
 SALEM, Nov. 20.—(UP)—Unemployment relief funds to be secured from liquor revenue under the Knox plan, a tax on gross earnings of utilities for school relief and a state authority to aid in solving tax delinquency and refunding indebtedness of political subdivisions featured Governor Julius L. Meier's message to the special session of the Oregon legislature today.

The measure is designed to place men at work on worthwhile projects under conditions, which will be laid down at the Portland meeting.

Copies of applications in the form prescribed by the administration have also been forwarded to Medford for presentation at this afternoon's meeting, when it is anticipated a list of worthwhile projects, conforming to the rules and regulations, will be prepared.

The city of Medford has three projects to be submitted and the county, it is understood, has a program on market roads, the same outlined to the state highway commission.

What Ashland will present was not known this morning. The projects must have the endorsement of the political sub-division and the county relief committee, which constitutes the county Civil Works administration. The preliminary meeting is therefore necessary, preparatory to the submission in Portland of Jackson county's projects.

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At this afternoon's meeting in addition to county and city officials are present: E. C. Solinsky, superintendent of the Grater Lake national park; E. H. Judd, county and River irrigation, Jackson county, and P. M. Kerahaw of the Medford irrigation district; E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools; J. C. Mann, acting president of the county relief association; Victor Tengwald, of the relief committee, Roll and Hubbard and Victor Burrell.

Should Eye Truck Laws
 4. Truck and bus legislation. Only one short reference was made by the governor on the truck and bus issue. He declared that since the enactment of the truck and bus laws, the number of accidents has increased.

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YOUTH HELD ON BICYCLE THEFT

Clinton Allen, 17, is being held in the city jail, following his arrest this morning on charges of stealing the bicycle belonging to Frank Gritsch of 335 South Ivy street. The boy was visiting his sister at a ranch near Medford, and the bicycle was found in the orchard, according to police.

Gritsch had reported to officers Sunday that his bicycle was stolen from the Holly theater.

Police said today that Allen was sent to the state reformatory from Salem early this year, and after spending about 100 days there, went to live with some people. Allen told officers that he was unable to get along with the people so returned to the school.

At hop-picking time he was released to his parents, and for the past two months has been in this area. He has another sister who lives in Medford.

RELIEF PROJECTS ARE SELECTED BY COUNTY AGENCIES

Court, Mayors, And Relief Chairmen Confer on Work To Be Recommended For County's Share In Funds.

In response to the invitation of Raymond B. Wilcox, chairman of the state relief committee for civil works administration, asking presentation of Jackson county's applications for public works funds at a meeting in Portland Wednesday, members of the county court, the Jackson county relief chairmen, mayors of Jackson county cities and other representatives of Ashland and Medford are meeting at the Chamber of Commerce here this afternoon to endorse projects to be presented in Portland.

The letter from Mr. Wilcox states that the new procedure in inaugurating the civil works administration will be explained to all at the Portland meeting and that full instructions with the necessary forms for immediately undertaking this re-employment measure will be available.

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MORE EVIDENCE IN HART SLAYING

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The finding of a pillow slip similar to the one described in the confessions of Thomas H. Thurmond and John Holmes of the kidnaping and slaying of Brooke Hart, 22, gave authorities new hope today the body of the victim would be found in lower San Francisco bay.

A hat identified by the youth's father as that of his missing son was found near the bridge yesterday.

The pillow slip contained an egg-shaped stain, and a ragged hole much like a bullet would make. Thurmond and Holmes in their confessions said a pillow slip was tied over Hart's head before they threw him into the bay and fired shots in the direction of his struggling form.

SEIZE EINSTEIN'S GERMAN OWNING

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Secret police today ordered the seizure of all property of Dr. Albert Einstein, famous physicist, and Mrs. Einstein, by virtue of the law for confiscation of communist property.

Pair Pierce Stratosphere On Trail of Cosmic Rays



Lieut. Com. T. G. W. "Tex" Settle of the United States navy (left), and Major Chester L. Fordney, of the marine corps, shown during preparation for their stratosphere trip which started today. (Associated Press Photo.)

AKRON, O., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Attaining a height in excess of 58,000 feet, according to the altimeter inside their gondola, Lieut. Com. T. G. W. Settle and Major Chester L. Fordney late this afternoon began a descent to earth in their huge stratosphere balloon intending to land somewhere near Washington, D. C.

AKRON, O., Nov. 20.—(P)—Seeking to penetrate further the mystery of the cosmic ray, Lieut. Commander T. G. W. Settle of the navy, and Maj. Chester L. Fordney, marine corps mathematician, sailed away at 9:27 (E. S. T.) for the stratosphere, at least 35,000 feet above the earth's surface.

The two men were aboard a seven foot gondola, which swung beneath a huge hydrogen filled bag, expected to carry them into the third layer of atmosphere above the earth.

They expected to reach the play-

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NON RECOGNITION FOR CUBA HINTED IN WELLES RETURN

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Nov. 20.—(P)—President Roosevelt is sending Ambassador Sumner Welles back to Havana to carry on the United States policy calling for establishment of definite stability in the troubled island.

A brief announcement by the President last night after a five-hour talk with Welles that the ambassador would return to his post was accepted here as meaning there would be no immediate change in the American attitude of non-recognition of the Grau San Martin government and of non-intervention in the island.

In other words, Mr. Roosevelt is waiting to see what the San Martin group can do to maintain peace and stability. The views of Ambassador Welles in this regard were kept confidential.

After devoting his first day at

WATCH DRYS IN DRAFTING BOOZE CONTROL, ADVICE

Professional Drys Have Legislatures Scared Out Of Wits Is Claim Of Bar Association's President.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A warning against enactment of ill-adviced liquor control and under-estimation of "the power and influence of professional drys," was sounded by Henry Ward Beer, president of the Federal Bar Association, at the opening of public hearings by an association committee on alcoholic beverage control laws.

"I warn the fighters for repeal," Beer said, "to awaken to renewed and greater action against permitting the common public enemy to write laws which will be in their nature and effect worse than prohibition itself."

Scared Legislatures
 "At this moment, the professional drys have scared legislators, committees and newly appointed commissions out of their wits by repeating arguments definitely destroyed by the will of the people."

"Frankly, it would be a criminal mistake to underestimate the force of the power and influence over liquor lawmaking that the drys have arrayed against the wets."

"The drys have the staying power and it is not the time for such great fighters as President Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith, James A. Farley, Mrs. Sabin and Henry Curran to quit. It would be foolish and indefensible for them to turn their backs on the people's need for their help. These men and women who have given us great victory should have the most to say about the new liquor making."

Suggestions offered
 Mr. Beer quoted "the Bishop Cannon's" as saying "let them end the eighth amendment—we will write the enforcement liquor laws."

He offered the following suggestions to be sponsored by the Federal Bar Association:
 1—Liquor laws for control must be of sane nature.
 2—Only pure liquor, wine and beer to be sold in interstate and foreign commerce.
 3—Reasonable excise taxes to prevent competition from bootleggers.
 4—Federal protection of dry states "until these states can come to their senses."

The hearing, Chairman Benjamin Miller said, is not only for the benefit of the consumer and the manufacturer, but those who are engaged in trade collateral to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

The Federal Bar Association is composed of attorneys of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut who practice in the federal courts. It has about 500 members.

COULEE EXCAVATION BIDS ARE SURVEYED

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 20.—(AP)—David H. Ryan, San Diego, Calif., submitted the lowest bid of \$2 on file here today for excavation of 2,040,000 cubic yards of soil and rock for the Grand Coulee power dam in the Columbia river west of here. He bid \$394,500.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 18.—The senate went out investigating, some went east, some went west and some went over the cuckoo's nest, New Orleans the home of the Sazerack cocktail and the best food in America, but they won't stand investigation. My good friend Senator Connally of Texas was among 'em, and the committee have been making their entrances into the court room by sliding down the flagpole and retiring through a trap door.

The Washington bunch with Pecora (the last word in digging up devilment on the evil doer) and the California committee were looking into receiverships and fake stock sales schemes (which are one and the same). They found out Californians will buy anything in the way of stock if it's phony enough.

Will Rogers
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