

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy, followed by rain late tonight or Saturday. Little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 51. Lowest this morning 38.

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SALES TAX IS PASSED BY HOUSE



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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The current excitement about the house subcommittee tax plan is unnecessary. That plan represents only the views of two or three members of the house who made a study of the problem.

The treasury department had nothing to do with the report. It is the official recommendations on taxes. Its recommendations will be substantially more moderate.

The subcommittee plan succeeded in getting front page publicity, which was one of its primary objects. It will serve the good purpose of arousing discussion about tax loopholes.

Program The men who are performing the real task of writing a new tax law at the treasury are NOT concerned with further revenues. Indeed, they may recommend a small reduction in the income taxes.

Their primary purpose now is to plug the loopholes through which the rich have been wriggling out of their just taxes. They do not intend to black-jack every honest man in the country who happens to have a dollar.

They are thinking in terms of three steps: (1) A liquor tax law to be passed separately before January 15; (2) an administrative correction bill to catch the big evaders to be passed later in the coming session; (3) an ultimate complete reform of the entire federal taxing system which may not even be proposed for six months or a year.

Honest taxpayers have nothing to worry about in that.

Situation The tax rates we have not just about reach the end of the rope. The burden is far heavier on everyone than it was in war times. Rates cannot be jacked up much higher without arousing a tax revolt. Also there is a question whether higher rates would bring any more revenue. People usually resist excessive taxes in their own quiet way by not paying them.

What is needed is an intelligent study of the whole federal taxing system to develop a new scheme so the treasury can have the money it needs with a minimum burden on the people.

That is the new tax deal Mr. Roosevelt will spring within the next year.

Friendship One thing behind the National City bank's surrender on the Jesse Jones capital stock plan is the fact that James Perkins, the president of that bank, is one of Mr. Roosevelt's very close friends.

MEASURE DRAWN TO SAVE SCHOOLS NOW UP TO SENATE

One and Half Per Cent On Sales Tangible Property and Gross Earnings Utilities—Vote 39 to 21

SALEM, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The new sales tax proposal, one and one-half per cent on sales of tangible personal property and on gross earnings of utilities, passed its first hurdle today when the house of the Oregon legislature approved it by a 39 to 21 vote.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, was argued all morning and the vote taken during the noon hour. Frank Lomenzer, speaker of the house at the 1931 session, closed the debate for the proponents with perhaps one of the best speeches made in the house of representatives in some time.

Only House Possible. Lomenzer declared the only revenue raising measure at all possible was the sales tax, that it was the most beneficial to the farmers and holders of real property, and that in order to save the educational advantages in Oregon, it was imperative.

Deploping the expressed attitude of the state Grange and Federation of Labor.

Lawyers Jangle Over Governor's Lynch Attitude

OREGON NOT OUT ON PWA BENEFITS

LIQUOR PRICE WAR RAGING IN 'FRISCO

KIDNAPED GUARDS FREED ON ISLAND

GOLD PRICE REMAINS SAME—SEVENTH DAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The government's gold price again was unchanged today at \$34.51 an ounce.

It was the seventh successive time the same figure had been set for the gold price.

Heir To Reynolds Tobacco Millions Brought By Stork

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A male heir has been born to Richard J. Reynolds, Jr., who within a few months comes into a \$30,000,000 trust fund established by his late father, founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company bearing his name.

LINDBERGH'S LAND AT PARA EN ROUTE TO STATES HOME

PARA, Brazil, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, homebound for the Christmas holidays, landed here at 1:30 p. m. (E. S. T.) today after a flight from Natal, Brazil.

TEXAS MOB MUTILATES, BURNS ACCUSED NEGRO

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An echo of the action of Governor James Rolph, Jr., in giving his official approval of the San Jose lynchings was heard today in a bitter fight within the Los Angeles lawyers' club which at one time was on record as demanding the impeachment of the state executive.

\$2.60 GALLON TAX URGED FOR LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP) The president's interdepartmental alcohol committee has recommended that congress impose a tax of \$2.60 a gallon on distilled spirits as compared with the present \$1.10 tax.

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HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted police announced today that four members of the crew of the police cutter Stumble Inn, kidnaped aboard the Kromhout, a suspected run runner, were landed safely last night, at St. Pierre.

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THREE INDICTED IN GEM HOLDUP



Mae West, screen and stage star, with District Attorney Byron Fitts of Los Angeles as she appeared before a grand jury in connection with a robbery a year ago in which she lost \$20,400 in jewels and money. Three men, who police said were eastern racketeers, were indicted. (Associated Press Photo)

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KOUNTZE, Tex., Dec. 8.—(AP)—David Gregory, a negro ex-convict accused of criminally attacking and slaying a white woman, was shot to death when he allegedly resisted arrest by a posse and his body later mutilated and burned by a mob which dragged it to a pyre in the negro section of Kountze early today.

Officers and incensed citizens had been searching for the negro since Mrs. Nellie Williams Brockman, 30, wife of a farmer, was found dead on a highway near here last Saturday.

FATHER ADMITS BEATING TOT TO DEATH IN RAGE

LITTLETON, Colo., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Sheriff E. E. Monzingo of Arapahoe county announced early today that Donald K. Smith had admitted responsibility for the death of his 3-year-old son.

THIEVES LOOT HOME OF MOTION PICTURE CHIEF

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 8.—(UP)—Thieves looted the home of Harry Rapf, motion picture executive, of approximately \$50,000 in jewels and furs, he informed police last night.

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ROOSEVELT DOLLAR SOUNDEST OF ALL DECLARES JOHNSON

President's Policy Defended By NRA Chief at Manufacturers' Meet—Scoffs at Criticism On Codes

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The "Roosevelt dollar" in the words of General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA chief, is "the soundest money on the face of the globe."

General Johnson told members of the National Manufacturers' association last night that the president is "on sound ground."

NEGRO LYNCHERS ARE ROUNDED UP BY MISSOURIANS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 8.—(UP)—Roundup of alleged members of the mob which lynched a negro here last week advanced another pace when charges of first degree murder were filed against Aaron Levin, 56-year-old negro dealer.

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Kingfish Diet Is Revelation In Senate Quiz

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(UP)—Charles S. McCain, chairman of the board of Chase National bank, testified before the senate stock market investigating committee today of an occasion when he and Senator Huey Long decided to have breakfast in a hotel.

TOLLEFSON AND M'KITRICK HAVE HOPE OF PAROLE

Christmas paroles from state prison are reported near for Alvin Tollefson, former cashier of the State bank of Central Point, serving two and one-half years for perpetration of a bank robbery hoax in May, 1932, and Wesley McKittrick, "captain of the Bank guard," sentenced to one year for his confessed part in the bank burglary of the courthouse last February.

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249 MORE JOBS OPEN IN COUNTY ON ROLLS OF CWA

Approval by State Board Announced Today—Total Workers Will Be Raised to 609—Women Get Break

The 249 persons, represented in the additional Civil Works projects for Jackson county, recently approved by the state board, will be placed on jobs late today or tomorrow, it was announced this morning at the local CWA offices.

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