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FRUITMEN HEAR HOPEFUL WORD



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Optimism.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The confidential reports Mr. Roosevelt is getting on the business outlook are highly optimistic.

The experts who work in his own private economic laboratory have advised him that things generally look rosy for at least three months to come.

That is NOT propaganda, but apparently sincere opinion. Such opinions have not been worth such since so many of them went wrong in 1929, but these are as good as you can get.

Their conclusion is somewhat amazing. Most of the business indices have been slipping a little during the last few weeks, or at best, holding their own with difficulty. Still, automobiles, car loadings and even commercial electrical consumption have been frozen by the first winds of winter.

The optimism is based on obvious expectations. Banks are generally in good shape for year-end statements. The money policy has died down to a gurgle. The belief is general that the gold price will not go much higher.

The government is passing out money on a scale which will reach its height some time during January and February. Its financing worries are largely over until April 1.

Christmas sales reports are generally good. The money policy has helped cotton immeasurably through the south. The wheat and corn-hog checks are doing the same thing for the west. The Hopkins relief checks are thawing the purchasing power of the city poor. Prohibition repeal has started a large legitimate new business.

The Wall Streeters decline to credit any bad news and are sending the market up. The belief is general that higher market levels will be reached within three months.

On top of all that you have the normal business trend expectations. Business always starts to awaken as a normal prelude to spring.

Usually the experts become frightened at the convening of congress. Not so this time.

Mr. Roosevelt has congress fairly well under control. There will be no appreciable split in Democratic ranks on the money issue. Senator Glass may cause a little, but the Democratic majorities of both houses will be largely with the president.

In addition he will have the progressive Republicans.

That leaves about 20 per cent of congress, the group of Republican conservatives, as the only opposition. That kind of opposition may help Roosevelt's game more than it will hurt.

The prospects therefore favor a tame Roosevelt session rather than a lively opposition one.

Money.

The one trouble spot to which the experts are looking forward is the financing the government will have to do in the spring.

All these expenditures cost money. They are going to make financing more difficult. Action must be taken regarding a billion in liberty bonds coming due April 1.

Also there is the troublesome question of capital financing. Opinions about it differ. The majority says Mr. Roosevelt will have to thaw the capital finance market or his recovery will hit a spring setback. They are demanding amendment of the securities act.

There are some, too, who believe the wild men in congress will remain placid only for the first few weeks. If they do, you can mark it down in your notebook that Mr. Roosevelt will veto greenbacks, and they cannot pass such an idea over his veto.

Anyway the problem of crossing these bridges will be more important when we come to them.

The treasury investigators believe they have found out what caused the gold leak.

The figure is telephoned to the federal reserve bank of New York as soon as it is fixed. The federal reserve bank has open cable connections with the bank of England. The news gets to London almost instantaneously.

In announcing it here, officials walk from the telephone to a mimeograph machine. An announcement is penciled and run off. Under this setup the figure has reached London seven minutes before it arrived officially in Wall street from Washington.

Speculators.

The way the gold price has been running lately no speculator could make any money out of it.

Advance knowledge concerning it would not be worth a dime to anyone.

Treasury officials really do not believe any speculator has bribed a treasury employee. They will be surprised if they get any evidence to that effect.

Notes.

Some observers also are worried

SCHOENFELD SEES BETTER TIMES IN INFLATION POLICY

Horticultural Society Addressed by Agriculture Dean at Annual Meeting Here—Election Tomorrow

Wayne A. Hutchinson of Berkeley, Calif., irrigation engineer of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the State Horticultural society session this afternoon on "Irrigation District Re-financing," explaining its purposes and plans, and what had been done to date.

Hutchinson declared that "because of the lack of confidence, the re-financing had to be done by the government, and that funds would be distributed equitably, and where it would do the most good, to the greatest number."

He said that in one Texas district 82,500 people would be affected.

Hutchinson made an economic survey of the valley two years ago. He substituted for W. W. McLaughlin, chief of the Western Division of Reclamation, who was hurriedly called to Washington D. C., late yesterday.

The following committees were named this afternoon:

Resolutions: H. S. Marion, H. Van Hovenberg, and John Mohr.

Nominations: A. W. Peters, Leonard Carpenter, and O. S. Fletcher.

Convention place: R. J. Earl, H. C. Heller, and Leroy Childs.

"Controlled inflation," as now conducted, should prove beneficial to the fruitgrower and farmer, William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at the Oregon State college, told the 45th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society, at its opening session in the Elks temple this morning.

Dean Schoenfeld presented statistics and figures to show that shipments of farm produce, wheat and fruit to Europe will increase, and said that the total output would now buy two boxes of apples, where formerly it bought 1.3 boxes, and this meant cheaper fruit and more would be eaten.

"The Dollar, the Pound, and the Fruitgrower" was the subject of the Schoenfeld address.

Any step justified.

Dr. Schoenfeld said several phases of the monetary situation were open to argument, but that he did not want to be placed in the light of criticizing, as any step was justifiable to remedy the present serious situation. He expressed the belief the president would hold to the present policy, and his administration would "keep a firm hand on the steering wheel and a heavy foot on the brake" to prevent "controlled inflation" from becoming uncontrolled.

He said he believed that the president had sufficient power in congress to prevent inflation extremists in that body from passing measures. He cited the German mark as a sample of over-inflation and its dangers.

Arch Work Talks.

Other speakers at the morning session were Arch Work of the federal experiment orchard, who discussed the control of soil moisture by irrigation, and the best drainage methods, and how to maintain the mulch; and W. W. Aldrich of the bureau of plant industry, stationed at the federal orchard, who spoke on the "Responses of Anjou Pear Trees to Irrigation," and illustrated his talk with slides. Prof. Aldrich said Anjou trees on sticky soils presented the chief irrigation problems, and "like man, the best method of handling them was to feed them."

"Humus Losses in Cultivated Soils" was the subject of a talk by R. E. Stephenson of the soils department of the Oregon experiment station. He discussed the methods for retention of chemicals in the soil, tillage, cover crops and the use of fertilizer. Extensive cover crops were held to be advantageous in orchard production.

Welcomed by Carlton.

E. W. Carlson of Table Rock gave the "President's Address," and formally welcomed the delegates and speakers for the two days' session. The attendance for the opening session was approximately 125 persons, chiefly orchardists of this valley.

Speakers at the afternoon session were Dr. Manville of the University of Oregon medical school, who discussed the fruit value and vitamins in pears; Prof. F. C. Reimer of the Southern Oregon experiment station; Robert K. Norris of the Pinnacle Packing company, and J. W. Mayo of the North Pacific Cannery association, scheduled to speak on the canned pear outlook.

At 8 o'clock, the fruitgrowers will be the guests of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, at a buffet supper to be served at the Elks temple.

The session will close tomorrow with the annual election of officers and business meeting.

The program for tomorrow is as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Oregon-Washington Pear Bureau. D. R. Rosenberg, president Oregon-Washington Pear Bureau.

10:30 a. m.—"Production Credit." E. L. Potter, division of Agricultural Economics, O. S. C. A.

11:30 a. m.—The Northwest Fruit Industries, Inc., Paul Scherer, general manager, O. S. C. A.

11:30 a. m.—W. H. Himsley, secretary N. P. I.

1:00 p. m.—Coding Moth Spraystation.

Swindler Makes \$60 Per Day By Slick Methods

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—William Bowen, the "million dollar swindler," doesn't know what a depression is. Police here say he has averaged \$60 a day through forgery and allied varieties of swindling since he escaped from the Oregon insane asylum October 9.

Private detectives here have been advised that Bowen is plastering the mid-west with spurious travelers' checks drawn on the United States National bank of Portland.

He escaped from the Salem state hospital with several other men after beating a guard into insensibility. He led the revolt.

SOVIET PRESIDENT GIVES U. S. ENOYV CORDIAL WELCOME

By STANLEY P. RICHARDSON (Associated Press Foreign Staff).

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A cordial exchange of official greetings took place between United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt and Mikhail Kalinin, president of Soviet Russia.

They met for the first time in the old "Winter Palace" of the Kremlin, executive offices of the U. S. S. R., when Bullitt presented his credentials. He apparently made a distinctly favorable impression upon Kalinin officials.

Bullitt said he found Kalinin a "delightful human being."

In presenting his letters, the American conveyed President Roosevelt's "cordial and friendly greetings, as well as his earnest hope for the welfare and prosperity of your great country."

"I do not come to your country as a stranger," he continued. "My profound interest in it has existed for many years and I come with a deep conviction of the importance and historical significance of my mission."

"That mission, Mr. President, is to create not merely normal but genuinely friendly relations between our two great peoples who for so many years were bound to each other by traditions of friendship.

"A firm establishment of world peace is a deep desire of both our peoples," the ambassador said, "and a close collaboration of our governments in that body from passing measures."

He told newspapermen grouped about a desk in the capitol that the political realignment he had in mind did not necessarily mean formation of another party.

"If there is a loosening of party lines, but to say there is a different label, I don't know — six months from now, maybe."

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Development. E. J. Newcomer, senior entomologist, U. S. D. A., Yakima, Wash.

1:30 p. m.—Insect Control in the Rogue River Valley. L. G. Genter, entomologist, Southern Oregon Experiment station.

2:00 p. m.—"Spray Residue Removal from Apples and Pears." R. H. Robinson, chemist, Oregon Experiment station.

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KEEP CWA GOING UNTIL SPRING IS ROOSEVELT'S AIM

Increasing Employment Has Immediate Attention — Great Industrial Adjustments Seen On Horizon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was shown today to have his immediate attention on increasing employment, and determined to keep the civil works administration going until spring to do so, while in the distance he sees potentially great industrial adjustments in a few order of things.

One of the several involved administration studies under way, it was disclosed, deals with a simplified communications setup. Tentative conclusions suggest it would be well to merge telephone, telegraph and radio agencies under strict federal regulation and public reaction to such a possibility is awaited.

Gold Price Unchanged

Monetary policy remained quiet-quiet, with the dollar value of gold at \$34.01 an ounce for the eleventh time. More at the front was formulation of budget recommendations, with a decision on how much more to spend on public works being offered.

It was said at the White House that no relaxation of the securities federal relief administrator putting with a decision on how much more to spend on public works being offered.

Bi-Lateral Treaties Aim International conditions, it developed, have led the president to the view that the best method toward reducing tariff barriers is through general treaties between individual countries. Secretary Hull moved to that end in the Montevideo Latin-American conference yesterday.

Looking to the cold months, the president has had Harry H. Hopkins, secretary of the interior, putting his major emphasis on the CWA employment. The latter told him 4,000,000 men will be at work under the program; and also that 100,000 women already have been given jobs.

TRANSIENT RELIEF DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT LIONS SESSION

C. W. Reynolds, state director of transient relief under the federal program, here to assist city officials in setting up their transient relief program, was speaker today at the noon luncheon of the Lions club at the Hotel Holland in one of the most interesting programs of the club year.

Mr. Reynolds stated that his work is directly connected with the disbursement of federal funds and announced that two case work centers will be established in the state of Oregon in the near future, one at Portland and one in the southern end of the state. Where the latter will be located he did not tell today. One camp will be established at each center with accommodations for 100 men.

Mayor E. M. Wilson and the other city officials were meeting with Mr. Reynolds this afternoon.

"An interesting feature of the club program was the travogue of Alaska presented by Mr. and Mrs. Cowden. Colored slides were accompanied by a descriptive lecture, given by Mr. Cowden.

Other guests for the luncheon were George O'Dowd of the Shaata Cascade Wonderland association, Dr. and Mrs. Bob E. Lee of this city and Captain Dunham of the Salvation Army.

The program for the day was arranged by Charles Reames and Lew Reynolds, chairmen.

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A gale swept the British coast, interrupted trans-channel navigation and imperiled small craft. A strip along the upper Atlantic seaboard, Greenville, Me., reported a temperature of 10 degrees below zero — lowest in the country.

Editors Note

MOUNT VEINON, Iowa, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Dr. James E. Harlan, 88, pioneer Iowa educator and former president of Cornell college, died today from pneumonia.

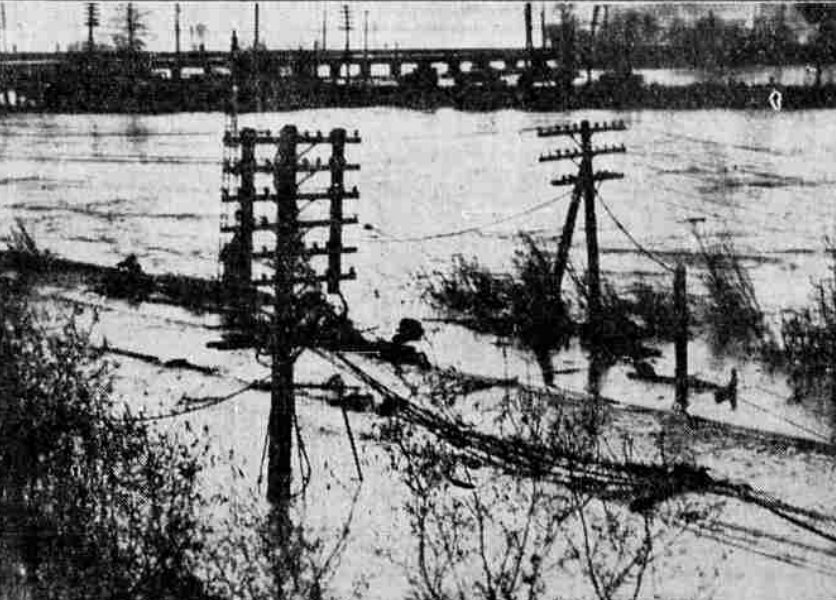
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WESTERN WASHINGTON BESIEGED BY FLOODS



Tacoma, Wash., reported the worst flood in the history of the city as the Puyallup river, swollen by torrid rains and melting snow, overflowed its banks and flooded the lowlands. Eleven deaths were attributed to the storms over several days period. Property damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars while transportation was disrupted. Photo shows part of the main line between Tacoma and Seattle completely inundated with water halfway up the telephone poles. Stranded autos may be seen in the background. (Associated Press Photo)

Eccentricities of Allen's Aunt Pictured in Effort Other Kin to Break Will

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Attorneys for the contestants against the will of Miss Margaret Keith, before a jury in the superior court, drew word pictures today of the wealthy and eccentric 49-year-old recluse who chloroformed herself in her Beverly Hills unfurnished home last April.

The attorneys pictured her as a woman of great beauty and attractiveness, who, nevertheless, any changes being limited to clarification rather than easing of control.

Liquor authorities decided to let in slightly more than 5,500,000 gallons of foreign spirits in the next four months while negotiations will be under way for supporting national take American farm purposes.

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MEIER PONDERING NEW LEGISLATION

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—With more than 80 bills still in the hands of the governor, the chief executive of the state was considering the measures at his Portland offices today, with indications none would be signed today. None of the major issues for which the special session of the legislature was called have yet been finally approved.

The enrolled bill regulating buses and trucks was in the executive office last night, and Governor Julius L. Meier has had the \$3,000,000 unemployment relief bill in his hands for several days. It was expected he would wait until he signs the liquor control bill before he attaches his signature to the relief measure, which hinges upon the liquor revenue.

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CHARGE CCC BOYS APPLEGATE CAMP WITH AUTO THEFT

Gordon T. Johnson and Cornelius Schmidt, members of the CCC stationed at the Carberry camp on the upper Applegate, are charged in a complaint signed by H. U. Mitchell, 527 Franquette street, this city, with grand larceny in the theft of his sedan, valued at \$200.

A warrant has been issued for the pair's arrest. Mitchell alleges that the youths stole his auto, drove it to a point near the camp, and hid it in the brush. The two were brought to Medford yesterday by Lt. H. J. Harper, commanding officer at Carberry camp. State and city police are investigating the case and seeking information from Portland.

Harold Anderson, charged with driving on the Jacksonville highway last Saturday night while intoxicated, was scheduled to appear before Justice of the Peace Coleman this afternoon, and enter a plea.

Walter A. Collins, charged with being drunk on a public highway, entered a plea of guilty, and sentence was continued indefinitely.

T. J. Whalen of the Trail district, charged with operating a car with improper license plates, appeared in court this morning, and entered a plea of guilty.

"It was a case of buying a license, or buying groceries, so I bought the groceries," Whalen told the court.

Whalen said he bought the auto for \$15, with an Idaho license, from a city fireman, promising to pay when able. He was working on the Tiller-Trail road, but the weather caused an unexpected suspension. The auto, he said, was the only means he had of hauling supplies to his cabin. He said he was the sole support of his parents and own family.

The court deferred sentence, to look into legal phases of the case.

A warrant was issued this morning for T. J. Greer, charged with reckless driving on North Riverside avenue last evening. The complaint was sworn to by Deputy Sheriff Ed Leach.

SAN JOSE SHAKEN BY EARLY QUAKE

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A sharp earth shock that rattled windows, but did no damage was felt here at 7:30 a. m. today. The shock, which lasted about a minute, was the second within a week.

The disturbance registered on the seismograph at Santa Clara university and Lick observatory for a little more than a minute. Dr. Albert Newlin of Santa Clara reported the shock was a local one.

A slight tremor was felt here Monday.

APPLE PRICE TOO LOW IS PLAINT

YAKIMA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Fred Eberic, pioneer Yakima fruit shipper today resigned his place on the commodity board for the Northwest Fruit Industries as a protest against the refusal of the control committee to increase the minimum scheduled price for apples. A number of other leading shippers are also in revolt over their inability to get through an increase in the minimum price of apples and are today, under the leadership of F. E. Miller, arranging for an appeal direct to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

WOMAN, 101, DIES IN HOME AT ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Margaret Ehrhridge, 101, last October reached the age of 101 years, died in Roseburg last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Burdett. Mrs. Ehrhridge was born in Louisville, Ky., October 7, 1832, and spent the greater part of her life in California, coming to Roseburg last May to reside with her daughter.

GREEKS ASK RETURN OF SAMUEL INSULL

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A petition signed by more than 25,000 American citizens of Greek extraction, asking the Greek government to deport Samuel Insull as an undesirable alien, will be sent to Athens Saturday, the American-Greek Democratic association announced today.

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Deep Mystery Surrounds Finding of Body at Early Hour by Milkman—Note in Pocket Provides Clue

PASADENA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Drenched from an all-night rain, the body of Dr. Leonard Stever, dentist, about 35, socialist and art patron, was found in a driveway adjoining the Scottish Rite cathedral, early today, by a milkman who thought he had stumbled across a drunken man.

Bullet wounds in the head and chest, the discovery of a note in one pocket, reading: "11 p. m. Tuesday," and signed by a Pasadena man whose name police did not disclose, quickly led detectives to a theory of a murder plot.

Robbery Hint a Stall.

The doctor's wallet and watch were missing, but police regarded this as a "stall" by the killer—an attempt to disguise the tragedy as the work of robbers.

Harold Fox, the milkman, found the body as he walked up the driveway to deliver milk to Peter Bennett, caretaker at the cathedral. At first Fox thought he had stumbled across the body of a drunken man, but he quickly saw his error.

Fox summoned the police and the body was removed to an emergency hospital where Dr. Robert Cunningham, assistant surgeon, said the victim apparently had been shot in the head first. As he fell to the driveway, evidently the killer fired into the prostrate form from close range. Dr. Cunningham surmised, for the chest wound was flecked with powder marks.

The second bullet pierced the body and flattened against the stone driveway.

Presence Unexplained.

The shooting occurred near the rear of the driveway, but why Dr. Stever was there police had been unable to learn. There had been no meeting last night at the cathedral and the doctor's offices were located more than a block away from the scene.

Examination of the body indicated that a wallet and watch had been taken from the clothing. In the automobile door police found a key probably belonging to the doctor.

3000 MORE JOBS FOR OREGON CWA

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Three thousand more jobs for unemployed men are to become available at once.

The state committee of the civil works administration today announced the original allotment of 21,000 jobs has been increased by 3000 and that these places will be filled before Friday.

The 3000 jobs are the unfilled positions from the federal project allotment list of 7000. The men are to be selected from the national re-employment service listings and put to work at once on state CWA projects.

Raymond B. Wilcox, state chairman, who has passed out 21,000 jobs in Oregon since the middle of last month, said the Oregon counties will be able to absorb the additional 3000 jobs within three days.

The CWA re-employment plan will be kept at full operation until February 15 at least.

FISHING VESSEL BURNS OFF COAST

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The ship which caught fire and sank off Point Pinos, near here, last night, was identified today as the Japanese shallop fishing boat Utah.

Identify was determined when the ship's crew of four, headed by Captain Y. Tanuma, made known their presence here this morning, saying they had abandoned the vessel shortly after the fire broke out, taking to a motor launch, which had been in tow of the shallop boat.

First reports indicated the vessel might have been an oil tanker or some ship of considerable size.

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