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LIQUOR, SALES TAX BILLS SIGNED



By PAUL MALLON.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt has been privately advised it will be practically and legally impossible to keep the blue eagle blanket agreement alive after New Year's day. The contract he made with employers expires then. What to do? Under the law he cannot merely issue another executive order. The millions of employers would have to agree individually, because a contract cannot be renewed without consent of the party of the second part. That would be too big a job even for General Johnson.

The only thing left to do is for the president to issue a public appeal to all employers, asking them to continue to respect and obey the battered old bird, even when it is dead.

Effect.

The decision is not official yet, but it will be soon.

What it means is that no one can be prosecuted for violations. However, blue eagles may be taken away from violators. If the blue boys in the NRA are able to think up any better arrangement, they will suggest it.

The matter is important because there are about 750 codes yet to be signed. About 150 now are in effect. Those without codes are generally working under the blanket agreement. Of course, the first 150 now in effect do represent the bulk of industry.

But if officials wanted to be truthful, they would confess their suspicions that the blanket agreement is NOT even now being very widely observed.

No one can prove it, but the hints are strong that a lot of little employers have found it too burdensome and have quietly dropped the idea without reporting same.

Only a few of the major effective codes have to be renewed within two years. In this class are steel and automobiles. Steel already has signified its intention of renewing. Automobiles will not.

NRA authorities expect no fights about renewing any of the codes within the two-year period.

Financing.

Another big point in Mr. Roosevelt's coming message to congress will be a recommendation for direct government loans to industry.

It appears the RFC loophole lawyers have not been able to find a loophole for that idea. They want further authority. What Mr. Roosevelt will probably seek is power to set up that new corporation in the RFC so it can lend possibly 10 per cent on payrolls. That means a corporation with a payroll of three millions a year will be entitled to a \$300,000 direct loan from the government.

That idea may not be included.

Stabilization?

These current talks about Mr. Roosevelt negotiating with Britain for stabilization are yes and no.

The White House is not exactly fibbing when it denies that Mr. Roosevelt undertook any negotiations. He did not. But a certain neutral party did.

If you knew the secrets of the federal reserve bank of New York, you would know who the neutral party was. And it is a cinch that Gov. Harrison would NOT be talking to Britain on that subject unless someone able to speak for Mr. Roosevelt in Washington told him to.

But that does not mean stabilization is near, or is being seriously considered. Now is NOT the time to stabilize, either for Britain or for us.

Harrison was merely sounding them out and he got a no for an answer.

Talk.

It is probably not true, but it's a good story anyway—the one about the justice department Republican who talked out of turn. He was being shaved in a barber shop one day when the barber asked him if he expected to keep his job.

"Sure," he replied. "These Democrats cannot fire all us Republicans. They must keep some of us in order to get anything done."

Next day he received his walking papers.

ACTION BY MEIER PLACES CONTROL IN EFFECT TODAY

Tax Measure Not Effective for 90 Days—Referendum Will Be Filled by State Grange Soon Is Indication

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Former United States District Attorney George Neuner was yesterday appointed attorney for the new state liquor control commission, holding preliminary sessions in Portland. Geo. H. McMorrin of Eugene was designated chairman of the commission. Appointment of Mr. Neuner and selection of Mr. McMorrin as chairman was the only definite action taken by the commissioners. They were described as wishing to become familiar with the new law before attempting to set up machinery for the establishment of the state liquor stores or making further appointments.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today announced he had affixed his signature to 40 house bills in the first group of measures which the executive office released shortly before noon today. Other measures which he has signed will be announced later today, the final day which he is permitted to either sign or veto the bills.

The signatures include those on the Knox liquor control bill and the 15 per cent sales tax to be used for public schools. These are two of the major issues for which the special session of the legislature, which adjourned Saturday night, was called. To date the governor had not issued any vetoes.

49 Bills Signed

With 57 measures in his hands, the governor, with those announced today, had signed 49 bills. The truck and bus act was not included in the list of signatures, nor were any senate bills announced in the new list.

The Knox liquor control bill became effective at once, and the commissioners, already named, can now officially get down to business. The sales tax will not become operative for 90 days, or until March 10. It was indicated a referendum on the bill would be filed late today or tomorrow by representatives of the State Grange.

Those signed were:

H. B. 1.—By Beckman. The Knox liquor control act.

H. B. 4.—By Winslow. Permitting Tillamook county to waive payment of state property tax for one year, due to disastrous forest fire last fall.

H. B. 9.—By Huntington. Permitting refunding of unpaid bonds at maturity.

H. B. 12.—By Winslow. Providing additional method of securing highway rights of ways in cities and counties.

H. B. 1.—By Abrams. Waives state law prohibiting cities to sell bonds at less than 95. If these bonds are used in co-operation with federal projects.

H. B. 17.—By Abrams. Authorizing state board of control to contract.

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FLYING COUPLE IN SAN PEDRO TODAY

SAN PEDRO, Dominican Republic, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 10:40 a. m. Eastern Standard Time, today after a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Pan-American Airways announced.

San Pedro is on the southern coast of the Dominican Republic, east of Santa Domingo and about 225 miles west of San Juan.

They alighted here, Pan-American officials said, because of the good airport and facilities. They planned to stay here today and resume their journey toward Miami and New York tomorrow.

LIQUOR LAW ENFORCING IS PROMISED BY POLICE

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Knox liquor control act is capable of enforcement and will be enforced, Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, said here today when asked the attitude of his organization on the new law which was signed by the governor today and became effective at once.

"The new law is comprehensive, simple and effective," Pray said. "I really believe it an excellent piece of legislation and one which the officials back of the plan can well be proud. Because it makes enforcement of the act possible, it will be enforced."

Held As Lyncher



Aaron Levin was the second man to be charged with murder in connection with the inquiry into the lynching of a negro 14 St. Joseph Mo. (Associated Press Photo)

BILL CHARGED TO COUNTY PAID BY G. G. C. PRESIDENT

Several weeks ago The Mail-Tribune published a news article setting forth that the county court had refused to pay certain gasoline bills, and telegraphed an ultimatum to the county clerk George R. Carter and the managers of the Western Union and Postal companies, were published locally.

Miss Bernice Cameron, manager of the Postal Telegraph, said this morning that Henrietta B. Martin recently paid a bill of \$1.89 for a message sent last January during the Banks-Pell agitation turmoil, to Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes at Washington, D. C. The message was signed by Earl H. Fehl, then county judge. Mrs. Martin was president of the organization during its heyday.

County Clerk Carter states that shortly after The Mail-Tribune article appeared, Mrs. Martin called and asked about the bill, and expressed a willingness to pay it, explaining that she had requested Fehl for the bill, but was never able to receive any satisfaction. Clerk Carter said he referred Mrs. Martin to the manager of the Postal Telegraph. Manager Cameron inquired of the Portland office, where all the unpaid accounts were then kept, and received notification of the debt in due time. Mrs. Martin then paid it, stating it was her account.—this was subsequent to the publication of the article in THE MAIL TRIBUNE.

The Mail-Tribune article also stated that a message from Attorney von Schmaltz to his home in Burns, amounting to \$1.19, was charged to the county. This was true. But Clerk Carter states that within the LAST TEN DAYS he received a draft

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FRANCE AND ALLIES TO PUT HITLER ON SPOT

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—France and four of her allies agreed today to file a joint and grave regulation over these gardens for the first time through the license system. Revocation of licenses would be just as effective as other penalties.

Within cities enforcement will be by city officials, but the state police, as always, will cooperate in any way possible, Pray continued. Enforcement will be started just as soon as the machinery for operation is set up by the liquor commission. Until licenses are actually issued, applications for licenses will be considered their equivalent, Pray indicated.

The permit system also adds to enforcement ease. If automobile drivers have liquor in their cars, their permits will show where and how much was purchased. "The entire system is comprehensive," Pray concluded.

WIDE REVISION OF INCOME TAX LAWS MORGENTHAU AIM

Administration Intends to 'Plug Loopholes'—Will Hamper Business Little As Possible, He Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Declaring the administration's intention to plug "any loopholes" but hamper business as little as possible, Acting Secretary Morgenthau today recommended drastic revision of the income tax laws before the house ways and means committee.

The treasury head, appearing for the first time before a congressional committee, in that capacity, withheld his recommendation on specific income tax rates. The budget must be completed, he indicated, before the rate is named.

For Single 4 Per Cent Rate.

At the same time, however, he approved the principle of the committee's plan. The house group suggested that instead of the present 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income and 8 per cent on the balance, there be a single 4 per cent rate. Increased surtaxes would be levied on large incomes.

Reading only the high spots of his suggestions, before turning over the exposition of details to Professor Rowell Magill, treasury tax expert, Morgenthau made no estimate of how much the government might gain from re-writing the income tax law. Aides indicated, however, the treasury felt the return would be nearer \$100,000,000 than the committee's estimate of \$270,000,000.

Taxation Studied.

In his comparatively brief reading, before taking a seat in the audience at the house office building, Morgenthau disclosed the treasury had started a survey of the whole relation of federal and state taxation.

Magill suggested beginning the proposed new surtax rate at \$4,500 instead of \$4,000, as the sub-committee recommended.

He contended the sub-committee's surtaxes, which lower existing brackets and increase the rate to offset the proposed reduction in normal tax through the single rate of 4 per cent, would give the wealthy man the advantage.

He said persons with net income from \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be hit hardest under the proposed schedule—a 23 17-100 per cent increase—but after that the increases would go down.

GARY COOPER AND ACTRESS MARRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The wedding bells ring today for Gary Cooper, strong, silent man of the talking pictures, and Sandra Shaw, also of the screen.

They will be married this afternoon in Cooper's hotel suite and leave immediately for a wedding trip to Phoenix, Ariz. After that they will go to Hollywood to resume their screen work.

The bride in real life is Veronica Balfe, daughter of the socially prominent Mrs. Paul Shields. She made her debut in society two years ago and in talking pictures last year.

Cooper has appeared in more than 30 pictures in the last three years.

PORT EMPLOYEES ARE EXONERATED

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The port of Portland commission today formally exonerated several of its employees, who had been accused of misconduct in administering the affairs of the port. It had been charged the employee were guilty of improper conduct in sale of some port equipment and that some steamship operators had received unwarranted drydock rebates.

The investigating committee, comprised of Bert E. Hanes, Paul C. Bates and Frank M. Warren, returned a majority report favoring censuring James H. Polhemus, general manager of the port; John P. Doyle, assistant secretary; R. W. Nelson, superintendent of dredges, and James Healey, drydock superintendent. This report was signed by Hanes and Bates. Warren brought in a minority report absolving the employees of the accusations.

HOSIERY MILLS PUT ON THREE-DAY WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A three-day week for hosiery knitting mills all over the United States was decreed today by the hosiery code authority with the approval of Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator.

DEMPSEY HOPES LOUGHRAN WILL FLATTEN PRIMO

Former Champ, Here As Referee, Pleased at Word Title Bout Signed—Accident Report Mystifies

By Iva Fewell.

"That's swell. If Tommy Loughran could knock out Primo Carnera, it would be the greatest thing in the history of the ring."

Such was Jack Dempsey's opinion of the Loughran-Carnera match that was signed up today in New York for February 22 in Miami, Florida, in which Carnera will be required to defend his title as world's heavyweight boxing champion.

Having lunch at the Hotel Medford with his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and his chauffeur, Howard Hutchison of Culver City, Dempsey expressed surprise that rumors had spread to the east that he had been killed in an auto crash south of Eugene this morning.

"We left Eugene about 9 o'clock and came right through, without stopping. Saw the trailer of an oil truck that looked as if it had been in a wreck, but that's all. The former champion said he didn't see any state police out on the highways looking for him. Dempsey is here to referee wrestling at the Armory tonight."

Again referring to the Carnera-Loughran match, Dempsey turned to his wife, a beautiful blonde, and informed her: "We'll have to go to Miami to see the fight. We've been wanting to go down there for a long time."

Mrs. Dempsey, who underwent an operation last Saturday in Seattle, has not completely recovered from her illness, and was hardly able to talk because of a sore throat. She was wearing a brown checked belted sport coat, with a bright plaid scarf about her neck. Her little black dog "Kickspoo," on a tiny red leash sat by the table.

Shown the pictures of Max Baer, which appeared in Thursday's issue of The Mail-Tribune, the "Manassa Mauler" only smiled, adding "that's fine." Asked if he thought Baer would definitely quit fighting and go into the movies seriously, Dempsey said that it is hard to say, as Baer had been receiving such wonderful offers in the movies.

"I'm sure he likes the movies better, but he's under contract to me for one fight," Dempsey said he had dropped all hopes of promoting a Carnera-Baer match yet. I haven't been in touch with any of them since I've been on this coast tour, and I won't know definitely about any of it until I return to New York.

The Dempseys will spend the holidays in Los Angeles, then leave January 2 for New York. Plans, Dempsey said, after the first of the year, are indefinite.

Maurice E. Cain of New York, Dempsey's manager, was also a member of the party.

PEARS, APPLES TO FRANCE INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP) The federal alcohol control administration announced today an increase in the temporary quota of French wines for the first quarter of 1934, equal to almost four times that for the current quarter. The increase will be allowed in return for a French government quota on American apples and pears.

The quota on American apples and pears for the first three months of next year which the French government will establish was announced as approximately 1,000,000 bushels. Of this some 80,000 bushels may be imported this month.

M'KENZIE PASS IS CLOSED FOR WINTER

BEND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The storm-swept McKenzie Pass, now blanketed by two feet of dry, drifting snow, was closed to traffic late today on orders of state highway workers, due to hazardous conditions.

Barriade signs were placed at all approaches to the mountain highway, notifying the public that the pass has been closed for the winter.

In the Malay Islands the period of the year when Venus is observed closest to the moon is regarded as the most opportune time for marriage proposals.

GRAND JURY INDICTS MDIVANI BOYS



Indictments charging the Georgian princes, Serge (left) and David Mdivani, with 14 counts of grand theft in connection with their operation of an oil company were returned in Los Angeles. They are the former husbands of Mae Murray, film actress, and Mary McCormack, opera singer, respectively. (Associated Press Photo)

BUSINESS HORIZON IS BRIGHTENED AS BUYING INCREASES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The entire aspect of trade movements was brightened this week by the expansion on retail sales, the moderate gains in industry and a further rise in employment, Dun & Bradstreet said today in their weekly trade review.

Reports from all parts of the country revealed that more progress is now being made than at any time in the last three months, said the review. "With a complete reversal of the attitude assumed at this period last year."

"General business trends not only are upward, but the betterment is resting on a more stable basis than during the mid-summer upswing. As a result, Christmas buying is attaining the largest proportions in the last three years."

Wholesale markets have kept pace with the demand, the review said and distribution is being maintained readily at the high levels attained during the Thanksgiving season. The report said increased schedules are becoming more numerous from industrial centers and a number of plants already are planning to open earlier than usual to work on spring orders.

The Medford postoffice is preparing for a heavy day of mailing tomorrow in anticipation of Christmas, Postmaster W. J. Warner announced today.

The general delivery and stamp windows and the registry offices will be kept open Saturday afternoon to accommodate the rush of business. The other departments will, however, close as usual for the afternoon.

KEEP POSTOFFICE OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Confirming reports that he is engaged to Florence Rice, daughter of Grantland Rice, sports writer, Philip Holmes, screen actor, left by airplane last night for New York, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

MURDER IS REVEALED BY ATTEMPT TO BURN BODY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A few minutes after the blazing body of a man had been found in a vacant lot, police had a suspect in custody today and said he confessed to the slaying.

The victim was John A. Jobb, 33 building caretaker, and the man held as his slayer is Fred Markham, a bill peddler. Lieutenant Oliver Hoffman and Detective James Sullivan said he confessed.

Police said they believed Jobb originally came from Saskatchewan in Canada. Letters were found among his belongings postmarked at Brandon and West-Current in that province.

But it was to eight-year old Jackie Threlkeld, whose mother, Mrs. Mittie

Threlkeld, identified Jobb's charred body, that police owed their clue that led to the quick solution of the mystery.

Jackie told of a "terrible fight" in the building where he lives with his mother and where Markham also resides and where Jobb was employed as janitor.

"Taking Markham into custody the two officers said he confessed at once to having killed Jobb Tuesday night and hiding his body in a storeroom until last night when he removed it to the vacant lot under cover of darkness, saturated it with gasoline and touched a match to it after placing it in a crudely made crematorium of bricks.

"There it was discovered, still burning, by a passerby.

STRANGE HABITS OF ALLEN'S AUNT ARE RECOUNTED

Embittered Woman Extremely Beautiful, But Servants Discharged if They Looked at Her, Claim

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—As strange as a bizarre fiction, the life story of the late Margaret A. Keith, wealthy spinster who was described as extremely beautiful by the few who were permitted to gaze upon her in life, was being unfolded today in superior court.

Miss Keith, who discharged her servants if she ever found them looking at her, was embittered at the world and "despised all human beings, especially men," testified Nicholas Burns, Beverly Hills contractor who built a mansion overlooking the Pacific ocean for the 49-year-old reclusive, without ever once seeing her.

Burns' testimony was offered in support of Mrs. Rita Keith Eskridge, Miss Keith's sister. Mrs. Mary Ellen Towle, her niece, and David Keith, a half-brother, all of whom are contesting Miss Keith's will which left the bulk of her estate, originally estimated at \$1,000,000, to a nephew, Albert C. Allen, Jr., Central Point, Ore., rancher.

Miss Keith ended her life last April in her Beverly Hills mansion, after surrounding herself with flowers and tuning her radio to a classical musical program.

Miss Keith was the daughter of the late David Keith, Salt Lake City mining magnate. Her reason for going into seclusion has never been revealed publicly.

Other strange habits of the woman, who maintained two mansions of more than 20 rooms each, and in which no visitor was ever welcome, were that she allowed her cat to taste all food before she consumed it.

The trial of the will contest will continue today.

POSTAL CLERKS LOSE HUGE BUYING POWER

Based on the estimate that the approximate deductions in the wages of postoffice employees amounted to \$1,000,000 and that a dollar in a wage envelope turns over at least five times in a month, the United Postal Clerk, publication of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, states in the current issue that "buying power for the six months ending December 31, 1933, has been decimated by \$2,000,000,000."

The article also states that 35 cents of every tax dollar goes to local government, 15 cents for state tax, and 50 cents for federal taxes.

POLICE PROBING DEATH OF COACH

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 15.—(AP)—State police not entirely satisfied with the "accidental death" theory of Medical Examiner C. H. Keene, today began their own investigation into the death of Richard J. (Rich) Glendon, Columbia crew coach.

They wished to find out why, if he had gone hunting, as supposed, he was dressed in light blue trousers and worn only rubbers.

Glendon's body was found yesterday near a fence on Castle Cove road, not far from Chatham Beach. His shotgun, with one shot fired, lay nearby. His right side and abdomen had been torn by the shot.

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE THURSDAY EVENING

Another half holiday was added to the local school vacation today, when Superintendent E. H. Hedrick announced that schools would close on Thursday night, instead of Friday noon of next week, as previously announced.

The last classes preceding the holiday will be held Thursday afternoon, December 21, enabling people going a distance, to arrive home for Christmas day.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 14.—Say, these gold dollar arguments are dying down. Used to pick up a paper and all you could see was what Mr. "Got His" had to say about money, but now you don't hear a peep. Everybody seems to be trying to get ahold of any kind. This would be an awful good time to pass off some Confederate money.

They are holding a big peace conference in South America, just a drive and two nubbick shots away from the war. Every time there is a big conference they always have a war to go with it.

I was in Geneva a couple of years ago at a conference when Japanese recruiting officers come in and drafted their delegation to go help take Manchuria.

Yours,

Will Rogers
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