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REEMPLOYMENT CODE RENEWED



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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—There is a very bad patronage situation under the surface in Washington. It cannot be kept quiet much longer. There are indications that the will be blown off by congressmen at the coming session.

The explosion may center around a letter written to President Roosevelt last summer by Senator Norris demanding the resignation of Postmaster General Farley. He also wrote one to Farley making the same suggestion.

Norris has never talked about those letters, but insiders at the White House and Tennessee valley headquarters have learned what he behind them.

Farley sent a note to Chairman Arthur Morgan of the TVA as soon as Morgan was appointed. This note directed Morgan to call at Farley's office.

Morgan was excited. The law under which he was working required him to keep the personnel of his outfit entirely free from the influence of political recommendations.

The Morgan people insist that Farley tried to take over the selection of TVA personnel. They contend he wanted to make arrangements with Morgan whereby men would be employed on his recommendation.

Morgan balked, cited the law and withdrew in confusion.

Soon afterward Morgan was to have lunch with the president. On the advice of friends he brought up the Farley subject with Mr. Roosevelt and made his position known.

His close friends say he was determined to resign rather than accede to political appointments. Being a former college professor he was unacquainted with politics and political methods, but he knew what the law said.

Mr. Roosevelt told him that he was quite right.

Shortly after that Farley came to Morgan and also approved his stand. The matter was settled amicably. Farley's friends say his position was misunderstood by Morgan at their first meeting and they are inclined to mark the whole thing down as a professional tempest.

Prospects Most of the congressmen are on Farley's side. They want the TVA opened to political appointments and are talking about repealing the law. As a practical matter it is virtually impossible to prevent the use of political influence in federal appointments. Laws may prevent its use, but there are ways of getting around laws. Indeed, there is evidence of some political appointments lately in the TVA, unbeknown, of course, to the authorities in control there.

Certain senators have been boosting a lot of men for TVA jobs but they have to watch their step. They are dissatisfied not alone with the TVA setup but with all the restrictions on patronage in other departments.

Between those who want jobs and those who want to avoid political influence, it will be a nice fight.

Puzzle A half dozen secret White House conferences preceded Mr. Roosevelt's action Monday, boosting the gold price a nickel.

The Warren gold price charts were rushed over from the treasury so often and thumbed so frequently that they were nearly worn out.

It was evident that the planners were reluctant to go above the \$34.01 level they had maintained for nearly three weeks. It is understood they have now planned their course for three weeks ahead. There will be no leaks about that plan.

Trends Certain trustworthy insiders have figured it out that the Warren scheme will require the president to go as high as \$37.50 an ounce for gold, but no higher.

That is supposed to have been the decision, but you cannot be certain of it.

Also there is no indication as to how fast he will seek his ultimate objective. Indeed there are reasons for believing Mr. Roosevelt himself does NOT know. He seems to be moving as slowly as possible. The price is boosted only when a definite downward trend of stock and commodity prices occasionally becomes evident.

At his present rate he might string the process out for months.

That is part of the strategy to keep the inflationists in congress quiet as long as possible.

Suicidal From the inside the automobile business prospects look very good. It is the bell-weather of the heavy industries which lately have been lagging. Present plans call for it to step up

ROOSEVELT ACTS TO BAR LET-DOWN IN DULL MONTHS

Blanket Agreement in Force for Next Four Months — Permanent Codes Ready for All by Then, Is Hope

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today announced a renewal of the blanket re-employment code for four months after January 1.

In continuing the general code, he told a press conference that all the "fair competition" agreements now cover 70 per cent of all employees who will eventually be covered by codes.

The blanket re-employment agreement was put up as a means to take in the great majority of employees pending establishment of individual NRA codes.

"In the midst of winter and with many persons out of work," said the president in a statement, "it is essential that the new year should not bring with it any let down in the recovery program in the trades and industries which at that time have not come under approved codes and to which, therefore, only the president's re-employment agreement applies."

By the end of the four months' extension period, Mr. Roosevelt was represented as confident that permanent codes applying to the remaining thirty per cent of employees will have been worked out, thus making unnecessary the general blanket agreement.

Meanwhile, it developed today that President Roosevelt expects Frank C. Walker to supervise the recovery campaign henceforth under the "National Emergency Council" led by him, with the heads of the various recovery units in direct charge of administration and enforcement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt had democratic chiefs in on notice today that the administration is anxious for congress to pass the projected liquor tax bill during the first week of the session opening January 3.

The leaders were informed of the administration's hopes for quick action at a White House conference attended by Representatives Doughton (D., N. C.), chairman of the house ways and means committee, and Senator Harrison (D., Miss.), chairman of the senate finance committee.

Doughton told newspapermen he would call an executive session of his committee Friday with the view to drafting the measure.

NEWSPAPER HOST CHRISTMAS MORN TO ALL CHILDREN

Here comes good news for all children of the Rogue River valley. Just after the arrival of Santa Claus, when all things are looking up, the Mail Tribune announces its annual Christmas theater party. It will be held Christmas morning, December 25, at 10 o'clock at George Hunt's Criterion and Rialto theaters.

The feature at both houses will be "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," with Marion Nixon and Ralph Bellamy starring. There will also be two reels of comedy cartoons.

The staffs of each theater have volunteered to devote this time to the entertainment of the children, making the Mail Tribune party possible, and a jolly time is promised for all.

WELCH FINED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

Orville Welch was fined \$100 and costs, and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, this morning in justice court, when found guilty of driving while intoxicated. His license was also suspended for a year.

Welch is alleged to have driven into J. W. Gossett's auto on East Main street, when it was parked in front of the Home Grocery store. Welch was driving a truck.

Preliminary hearing in the case of William J. Chipman and Gene Hastings of Ashland, specifically charged with grand larceny of livestock, was underway in justice court this afternoon. The two men are alleged to have shot a goat near Rybee bridge last Sunday, and fled when the owner drove in sight.

Americans Arrested by French Police as Spies

LIQUOR CONTROL PROBLEMS AIRD BEFORE COUNCIL

Police Chief Stresses Need of Interim Regulation — State Store Far in Future — Dogs Bob Up Again

Greater consideration of the city's viewpoint in the Oregon liquor control program was urged last night by Chief of Police Clatus McCredie at the meeting of the city council, when action was taken authorizing City Attorney Frank Farrell's attendance at the proposed conference of city attorneys.

The meeting has been recommended to work out some program of regulation, in cities, to control liquor traffic until the state machinery swings into action under the Knox bill.

In referring to the city's problem, Chief McCredie stated that some provision should be made, allowing the cities a definite period of time during which to regulate the problem, so that time and money would not be spent on regulatory measures, only to have the city plans blighted in infancy, when the state machinery gets ready to turn.

State Store Far Off. The general opinion is that it will be 30 days before the liquor stores, provided for in the recent legislation, will be open for business. And when the first ones are, Chief McCredie stated, there will probably be no service available to Medford this side of Eugene. It will be at least six months, according to word from upstairs, before the state program will be in full operation in the southern Oregon section.

Sale of legal liquors through grocery store channels during the interim has been suggested, although no definite program has been outlined. Action is anticipated at the

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LIQUOR CZAR TO BE NAMED AFTER SYSTEM SET UP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon liquor control commission today ruled that alcoholic beverages containing more than 14 per cent alcohol by volume may not be displayed in show windows of business establishments.

George N. McMorran, chairman of the control commission, announced the policy of the board in this respect today during an executive session. He said it would be incumbent on all state police, county officials and city police to enforce the law, effective at noon today.

George Neuner, attorney for the commission, said "many stores now have show windows devoted to displays of alcoholic liquors and beverages that must come out at once."

SALEM, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The appointment of an administrator for the state liquor control commission will not be made until after the system had been set up to such a degree it could be ascertained what qualifications are necessary for that office, George H. McMorran, chairman of the commission, said.

Chairman McMorran was in Salem last night and conferred with city officials and chamber of commerce members as to Salem's attitude on the state control plan. He was on his way to Portland where today the commission would meet to start work on working out the plan which will be put into operation as soon as possible.

"With one exception, I believe all cities will cooperate with the commission in the state-control plan. We will attempt to work out a uniform program for all communities," McMorran said. The one exception, he indicated, was Klamath Falls. He said the commission would welcome a suit in the supreme court on the home rule provision, but did not state what might be the result of such suit.

In the meantime, McMorran said, the commission would get under way and any court action would not affect the starting of the program.

Escaped Con Kills Cop PARIS, Ill., Dec. 20.—(AP) Eugene Tragus, Indiana state policeman died in the hospital here today from a bullet wound received in the capture of Edward Shouse, escaped convict from the Michigan City, Ind., prison.

Distressed Thief Sought In Loss of 20 Plum Puddings

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP) Officers here would be highly suspicious today were they to encounter anyone with a stomach-ache.

Last evening, when Mrs. Guy Ellis left her car for a moment to enter her home, someone stole 20 plum puddings from the machine, which the Episcopal church women had spent two days making in preparation for a Christmas sale.

POSTMASTERSHIP ACTION DEFERRED SEVERAL MONTHS

Semi-official word has been received in this city the past week that there will be no appointment to the Medford postmastership before March 1, due to the absence of Postmaster General Farley in Europe and the Washington, D. C., powers-that-be having more important matters at hand.

The commission of William W. Warner, incumbent postmaster, expired last Monday, December 18. Warner has completed 30 years of postal service and comes under the retirement clause of the economy act. Jackson county Democracy had hoped that the appointment would be made so the new appointee could take office January 1.

Among the leading applicants for the postmastership for this city are Attorney Frank DeSouza, chairman of the Democratic county central committee; J. Frank Wortman of Phoenix, farmer-banker, and patron of the local postoffice, and Lewis Ulrich of this city, a native son of Jacksonville. All have been well-known of local Democrats.

Official word has also been received that the commission of Mrs. Nellie Reed of Gold Hill does not expire until May, 1935, so there will be no vacancy there until then.

All postoffice appointments come under the civil service, with examinations for qualifications. There are supposed to be no political lines in the civil service examinations.

VENUS AND SATURN ECLIPSED BY MOON

TOKYO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A phenomenon which Japanese astronomers asserted had not happened in several thousand years—successive eclipses of Venus and Saturn by the moon within two hours—was witnessed by millions of star-gazers in Japan late today.

While it was still daylight, watchers with the naked eye saw a slim moon in the western sky swallow Venus at 4:04 p. m.

After dark, as Venus reappeared from the crescent's lower rim at 5:16 p. m., Saturn was visible above—waiting its turn to be eclipsed at 6:03 p. m. It reappeared at 7:01 p. m.

JOHN FLUHRER TAKEN BY DEATH

John Fluhrer, well known local resident, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock, following a long illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at the Per Funeral Home at 2 p. m.

Mr. Fluhrer is survived by his widow and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fluhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Olson, all of Medford.

YOUTH CONVICTED OF MARSHFIELD MURDER

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP) A 19-year-old youth, Raymond Frye, was convicted of first degree murder here Tuesday for the slaying of H. U. Blackman last Oct. 30. A sentence of life imprisonment was recommended by the circuit court jury, and this sentence is mandatory under the law.

WINTER WHEAT SOWING UNDER PREVIOUS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Winter wheat sown this fall was reported today by the department of agriculture to total 41,002,500 acres or 95.0 per cent of the acreage sown in the fall of 1932.

KIDNAPING FEARED AS 'BOY PLUNGER' DROPS FROM SIGHT

Jesse Livermore, Large Scale Stock Speculator, Is Mysteriously Missing From New York Haunts

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Jesse L. Livermore, whose large scale speculation in stocks made him known as "the boy plunger," was reported missing by his wife today.

She told police he had left their Park Avenue apartment yesterday afternoon after returning home from business and that she had not heard from him since. She said she was worried about his absence because he always telephoned if he was unexpectedly detained.

Police immediately began a check of hospitals on the chance that Livermore had met with an accident. His wife said she knew of no threats received by him. When he left home yesterday, she said, he was in good health, and apparently had no business worries.

Livermore, who is 56 years old, has figured prominently in the news for many years. Most recently, he was named in a \$250,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Maids Krasnowa in October of this year. He filed a general denial of the charges and a motion for a bill of particulars. The case is still pending.

In September last year, his first wife, Mrs. Dorothea P. Livermore, obtained a Reno divorce, and last March he married Mrs. Harriet Metz Noble of Omaha, Neb. It was she who reported Livermore's absence to the police.

CALIFORNIA VOTES WATER PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Victory at the California polls for the Central Valley water project, involving a bond issue of \$170,000,000, was announced today with returns from all but 700 precincts out of the 8,500 in yesterday's referendum, showing 424,455 favorable and 400,244 unfavorable votes.

Poes of the plan argued that although the issue might not be a legal obligation against the state, it would constitute at least a "moral obligation"; would put the state into the power business and would serve to ward increasing the already troublesome agricultural surplus.

Proponents contended the plan would furnish jobs for 15,000 persons for three years; pay for itself through the sale of water and hydro-electric power and apply a large area in dire need of water.

ITALIANS HONOR BUSY MOTHERS

ROME, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The mothers of Italy's 92 largest families began arriving in Rome today on a five-day visit at the expense of the state. They will be received by Premier Mussolini Sunday as the crowning event of a nation-wide celebration of mothers' and infants' day.

Signora Pasolina Belluc of Naples, who has brought 20 children into the world, wore the prized blue ribbon awarded by the Mothers' National Protective association for raising the largest brood in the kingdom.

CHRISTMAS MAILING FLOODS POSTOFFICE

The real Christmas mailing has started at last at the Medford post office, indicating that Santa Claus hadn't forgotten his children but is just a little tardy this year.

Three or four extra employees were put on the job today and an additional truck hired to aid the service, Postmaster W. J. Warner reported.

HALLÉ, Germany, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Professor Hans Vaihinger, 81, blind German authority on philosophy, died yesterday.

YES, CHRISTMAS IS NEARING



You can't get away from it, Christmas soon will be here. New York is positive of it because the annual parade of giant balloons has made its way down Broadway, heralding the start of the holiday season. Children and grownups alike gaped at the dragons, clowns and other queer-shaped monstrosities passed in review in a pageant staged by a department store. (Associated Press Photo)

NORTHWEST GIVEN HUGE SHARE PWA FUNDS IS SHOWN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Federal and non-federal projects in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana involving an expenditure of nearly \$80,000,000 have already been approved by the public works administration, it was said today by Marshall M. Dana, regional advisor of PWA for this district.

The 93 projects approved represent, in terms of work, Dana said, 11,288,034 man-days.

The summary, based on reports from the four state public works offices up to Dec. 16, shows that 55 non-federal projects involving a cost of \$2,500,000, and 38 federal projects totaling \$77,500,000, have been approved for construction.

The Oregon board has forwarded to the administrator 49 applications, Washington 157, Idaho 44, and Montana 52.

Oregon has had four non-federal projects approved, amounting to \$1,037,458 and representing 150,000 man-days, and ten federal projects amounting to \$26,672,000, representing 3,225,440 man-days.

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STERILIZATION TO BE STARTED SOON

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A semi-official news agency indicated today that 400,000 persons, equally divided between the sexes, will be liable for sterilization "within a short time" under the German sterilization law effective January 1.

It was said the sterilizations would be performed by court orders.

On that day 1700 "eugenic courts," of which there are 1000 in Prussia alone, besides 37 "supreme eugenic courts," will take up their functions.

Nine classes of congenital diseases are specified, the majority of them among the mentally defective, as calling for operations.

ANOTHER STORM STRIKES ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Another southerly gale struck this district early today, the wind reaching a velocity of almost 60 miles an hour at the mouth of the Columbia river, and piling up very heavy seas. Little further storm damage was reported, however. The highway east to Portland and south along the coast was reported open. Communication service had been partly restored.

ALLEN DOGGED BY INVESTIGATOR HE CHARGES IN COURT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A story of how an "investigator" pursued him was related in superior court today by Albert C. Allen, Jr., Oregon ocellist, whose inheritance of the \$500,000 estate of Miss Margaret Keith, Palco Verde reclus, is being contested by three other relatives.

Allen said that the incident occurred last night as he was enroute to the home of friends, where he is staying. He said the man, pointing out his automobile to a taxi-cab driver, jumped in the cab and started after him.

"I twisted through the streets of South Pasadena and San Marino but I couldn't shake him off," Allen said. "Finally I stopped a policeman on Colorado street in Pasadena and asked him to arrest the man in the taxicab. He did so and took the man to the police station, where he identified himself as an investigator."

"The man refused to say what he was investigating, however, nor would he tell us whom he was working for."

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DOLL BABY GAINS QUARTER POUND

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The "doll baby" has gained a quarter pound and today weighed a pound and a half—24 whole ounces. Grandmother Mrs. Charles Finer says "She's doing just fine."

"We just feed her the old-fashioned way—whenver she cries, about every 20 or 30 minutes. She takes about a teaspoonful of milk at a feeding," said Mrs. Finer. "Sometimes we give it with a medicine dropper and sometimes with a doll's nursing bottle."

The tiny girl's mother, Mrs. Charles Finer, expressed confidence the child, born Saturday, four months before she was expected, would live. The baby is kept in a small basket next the family's old-fashioned coal stove.

Ship Hits Span. PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Harriman railroad bridge across the Willamette river here in the downtown section was considerably damaged today when the intercoastal freighter West Gate got out of control in the river and rammed the center span. The steamer was not greatly damaged.

DOCUMENTS AND RADIO SETS ARE SEIZED IN PARIS

Ten Taken in Roundup of Alleged Ring — Leaders Preparing to Flee When Arrested — Red Angle

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—An American salesman and his wife and a naturalized Canadian couple were under arrest today charged by the French police with heading an alleged espionage service reaching into the French ministry of marine itself.

Ten arrests in all were made and the police said one other leader whom they did not name had escaped.

The American salesman was described by police as Robert Switz, 28, born in East Orange, N. J. He was arrested without a fight and police said they believe him to be the chief of a band of 10 persons, including five women, all of whom are held.

Had Big "Roll." The gendarmes said they found 19,000 francs in Switz's room, together with a number of military documents. They said others of the alleged ring were preparing to flee when they were caught in the roundup.

Arrested with Switz, who was said to have been born October 26, 1904, was his wife, described as the former Marjorie Tilly, born September 5, 1911, in New York.

The man whom the police described as a Canadian merchant, was Benjamin Berowitz, born May 10, 1891, in Jassy, Rumania.

Police identified him as the co-chief of the alleged espionage band and said they arrested him as he prepared for flight—his bags already packed—shortly after Switz was taken into custody.

Money Sewn in Skirt. Three envelopes, containing 33,000 francs, which the gendarmes said were intended for accomplices, were found in Berowitz's pockets while his wife, Clara, born December 19, 1903, in Beldery, Rumania, was said by the police to have had 12,000 francs sewn into her skirt.

Warrants for the three leaders who escaped were issued by Examining Magistrate Penon and the police immediately began an intensive search for them.

Among the alleged espionage material which the police confiscated were three wireless sets, including a clandestine sending outfit, military documents, photographic plates and movie cameras and large sums of money.

Commissary Gianvetti of the French police made the haul of paraphernalia and said that he had found, in addition, that one of the prisoners, Louis Martin, 49, a Frenchman and translator in the ministry of marine, had an account in a Frankfurt, Germany, bank.

Suspect Fainted. Martin fainted when the police broke into his home after coming from the apartment of Madame Lidia Tshelskloff Stahl, 48, a Russian teacher, whom they also arrested. At Madame Stahl's home the police

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WILL ROGERS says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 19.—I see where Jesse Jones and his RFC (Redistribution Finance corporation) are not satisfied with the way the banks are just counting their money, so to make the banks ashamed of themselves the RFC is going to make loans to industries.

The banks will about be so humiliated that they will be the first ones to borrow all that Jesse has.

Jesse, you been a banker yourself. You ought to know you can't shame a banker, especially a big one.

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