COINING OF SILVER IS COMMANDED BY PREST. ROOSEVELT

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the paragraph of the presidential proclamation:

"The present ratio in weight and fineness of the silver dollar to the gold dollar shall, for the purpose of this proclamation, be maintained untile changed by further order or proclamation."

The president's order, intended to boost silver's market worth to half the legal value of $1.29 an ounce, was issued by authority of the inflationary powers congress voted him in the agricultural adjustment act. It immediately was hailed by Senator Pittman (D., Nev.), author of the silver agreement written at the London economic conference.

66 Countries Agreed

This understanding between 66 countries against further silver debasement and depreciation was contingent upon an agreement between major silver producing countries.

Australia, Canada, Mexico, Peru and the United States agreed to absorb 35,000,000 ounces of silver annually for four years. China agreed to prohibit sales of silver derived from melting up or debasing coins, India to limit such sales to 35,000,000 annually and Spain to 5,000,000.

The president said India already has put the agreement into effect and "I understand other nations concerned are about to act."

Mr. Roosevelt said he took the joint step of ratification and coinage, "finding it proper to co-operate with other governments and necessary to assist in increasing and stabilizing domestic prices, to augment the purchasing power of peoples in silver-using countries, to protect our foreign commerce against the adverse effect of depreciated foreign currencies and to carry out the understanding between the 66 governments that adopted the resolution hereinbefore referred to."

Stabilize Price

Pittman held the president's action "undoubtedly will stabilize the price of silver throughout the world at 64½ cents an ounce until some other action is taken to raise it to a higher price."

"It will enormously increase our export trade to these (silver using) countries," Pittman said. "This of course will aid in raising commodity prices and tend greatly to our recovery and hasten return of normal conditions."

President Roosevelt ordered that the treasury's 50 per cent of the silver turned in to mints be held as bullion and not be disposed of prior to December 31, 1937, 'except for coining into United States coins.". The plan was applied to "silver hereafter produced in the United States or its possessions."

In proclaiming that he found it necessary that the price of silver "be enhanced and stabilized," Mr. Roosevelt emphasized international co-operation in the effort. Referring to the London agreement, he said:

Eliminate Over-Supply

"This resolution was contingent upon an agreement between the governments of those countries producing large quantities of silver and the governments of those countries holding or using large quantities, looking to the elimination of an unnatural over-supply of silver on markets of the world.

"This agreement, of course, was for the purpose of allowing demand and supply to govern the price of silver by the limitation and neutralization of this over-supply derived from the melting up of silver coins.

"India had the power to dispose of, on the markets of the world, at any time, and at any price, hundreds of millions of ounces of silver derived from the melting up of Indian coins in an amount equal to the worlds' production from the mines for a period of two years.

"This power and the uncertainty attending its execution was destructive of the value and stability of silver throughout the world."

Communications

He's Strong for Sales Tax

To the Editor:

The only thing about the collapse of the tax situation that has distressed me is the fact that a lot of our schools might have to be closed, causing an irreparable loss among our children.

Then along comes a ray of hope in the shape of the recently passed sales tax for the relief of the school situation. And now, along comes a self-seeking blatherskate, whose only personal interest in the whole matter is that he might gain a whole lot of votes for himself, and throws a monkey wrench into that machinery, and oh, how we are all going to be stampeded. The public does dearly love to be stampeded; we need some guy with a lantern running around looking for someone with brains.

I secured a copy of the sales tax bill and have studied it as well as made some inquiries among school authorities as to its working.

The situation as we face it without the sales tax is that our larger school systems, like Medford or Ashland, could pull through because there is a chance to do a lot of trimming; but the smaller districts face the almost certainty of being unable to open again next September, and it is going to be the farmer's children that will not get the schooling. Now with the sales tax, we can see this: Our general levy of $10 per pupil, and our district levies amount to about $12,000,000 and about half of this is being paid, and the sales tax is estimated to bring in $4,500,000; so you see the school situation will not be in bad shape at all.

Now the other side of the question is the relief to the property tax; the above figures show that one-third of our school tax will be paid, and, as I interpret the bill, will pay a great deal more than a third in the small districts where the per pupil cost is kept to a minimum, and in Medford or Ashland will amount to a reduction of something like 5 or 6 mills on our total tax levy.

Now as to the burden of the sales tax on the individual: I do not suppose the average family will spend over $500 per year; that makes $7.50 per family for the assurance that your children will get their schooling.

I can see where the man who has never paid a cent of taxes, and never intends to pay any, will have a squawk coming; but that class of people had better realize that it is about time for them to pungle up; just remember that the goose that has laid the golden egg is mighty sick right now and is going to need a lot of doctoring.

GEO. IVERSON.

Medford, December 21.

300 GET BLANKS FOR AGE PENSION

The county court to date has distributed approximately 300 old age pension application blanks. Of this number less than a dozen have been returned. One received was from a resident of Lane county and will have to be filed there.

The county court previously estimated there were 1500 people in this county over the age of 70 years and that half that number would apply.

No date has been set for consideration of the applications by the county court which, under the law, constitutes the pension board. The first session will probably be held within the next week or ten days. Under the provisions of the law, approval is given only after a thorough investigation. The pensions are payable in the order of their approval.

Study of the old age pension law shows it is closely woven, providing among other things for reimbursement by transfer of property and the ability of sons, unmarried daughters and other kin to contribute to the support of the applicant.

CANTATA SUNDAY AT M. E. CHURCH

A Christmas santata, "The Lost Carol," by Francis Simpson and Ruth Dale, will be presented at the M. E. church, South, Sunday night at 7:45.

The libretto deals with an incident in the life of the composer, Franz Gruber.

The characters are:

Franz Gruber.....Carroll Powell
Frau Gruber.....Donna B. Taylor
Karl Muller.....Dolph Bills
Gruber's son.....Ray Arthur

Members of the quartet are: Mrs. Gubler, soprano; Mrs. Chase, alto; Dwight Albright, tenor; Arthur E Powell, bass. The quartet will be assisted by the choir and a group of carolers.

COUNTY NURSE TALKS ON RADIO SATURDAY

Miss Blanche Runels, county nurse, will speak tomorrow at 11:55 o'clock over radio station KMED concerning the Christmas seal sale. The short talks being given over the station have been made possible through the co-operation of the radio station. It was reported this morning that the seal money is being turned in satisfactorily this year, in small quantities, but by many folk.

3 GUNMEN SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH CHICAGO OFFICERS

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down on the place, posting men with sub-machine guns at the rear to cut off escape in that direction.

Surrender Demanded.

Captain Stege, Sergeants Frank Reynolds, Harry Newman and Harry Bingham remained in front with a group of their men. After one policeman had forced open the door to a afairs leading to the apartment, Sergeant Reynolds, Detective Jack Dawe and Captain Stege, with several others, crept up. The bell of the apartment was rung and when the door was opened Sergeant Reynolds leaped forward, shouting, "we're police officers, surrender."

Instead of doing so the men at the door fired three times, but hit no one. Forcing his way in Reynolds dropped his foe with two shots in the head. The second of the trio of gunmen also fell before Reynolds' deadly aim, as he stood in the living room, with two pistols in his hands. He had blazed away blindly at Reynolds, and Captain Stege and the other policemen, who by this time, were storming into the place. The third gunman, firing at the policemen, as he backed into the kitchenette, fell wounded before the police bullets and was finally killed by Sergeant John Daly.

Women Gives Tip.

Captain Stege said his information that the men in the apartment were connected with the Dillinger gang, came from a woman. Daniel Gilbert, chief investigator for the state's attorney's office said he had been informed that the trio knew the Dillinger crowd, but were not allied with them in their activities.

The police said they learned that the apartment raided was that of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marmer, who occupied it for about a year. Mrs. Marmer, and her brother, Leonard Prizament, found in the same building, were arrested. Marmer was being sought. The investigators, however, were unable to establish what connection, if any, there was between the Marmers and the slain men.

Women Seized.

Miss Jeanette Le Noble who identified herself as a sister of Mrs. Marmer and Lucille Scher McHanigan, a friend, were also seized for questioning by the police when they attempted to enter the apartment after the shooting. They were ordered held pending the coroner's inquest.

A veritable arsenal of guns and ammunition was found in the place.

Captain Stege said he had established a connection the slain men had with a $100,000 robbery of an express messenger in St. Paul recently and with the hitherto unsolved slaying of two policemen in Chicago who were killed when they stopped to question a number of men riding in an automobile on West Washington Boulevard several months ago. A revolver found at the scene of the St. Paul robbery, the police said, was once carried by Katewitz.

LIQUOR BARRED FROM ARMORIES

Although liquor laws have been changed, Major General George White of the Oregon National Guard has sent orders to various officers in the state informing them that the orders of the National Guard pertaining to liquors have not been changed.

According to the letter forwarded by Lieutenant Colonel Raymond P. Olson at Salem, assistant chief of staff, the training place of National Guard units must be viewed as having the same status as a campus of a university or high school, wherein the introduction of liquors would not be countenanced any more than it will be permitted in the National Guard.

ROOSEVELT HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

The following pupils of the Roosevelt school were on the honor roll for the second six weeks' period:

1B—Dolores Ray, Aileen Young, Madeline Heath.

2B—Jean Elliott, Joan Humphrey, Betty Johnson, Joan Cox, Harry Nordwick.

2A—Lois Ann Hubbard, Richard Stuart, Barbara Inskeep.

3B—Shirley Weisenberger, June Jarmin, Betty Frye, Louis Powell, Richard McElhose.

3A—Elsie Saunders.

5B—Barton Clemens, Alfred Dodson.

5A—Reece O'Neill.

6B—Mary Beth Bradfish.

6B—Gloria Williams.

Oregon Weather

Unsettled with local rain tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature; strong southerly winds offshore.

PLANNING BOARD NAMED FOR PWA USAGE IN REGION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Appointment of members of the planning board for the fifth region of the PWA organization, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, has been completed by the governors of the respective states, it was said today by Marshall N. Dana, regional advisor and chairman of the regional board.

Members of the planning board are Charles M. Thomas, Oregon public utilities commissioner; E. T. Banker of Olympia, chairman of the Washington Columbia basin commission; Eugene A. Cox, Lewiston, Idaho, attorney, and J. S. James, Montana state engineer.

Selection of other board members will be announced later. Each state board is to consist of three citizens at large and four state department heads.

The function of the state boards is to prepare a program whereby each state will receive the greatest and best use of PWA money allocated to the state, with special attention devoted to the future sound economic development of the area as well as to immediate ends desired.

Each state board will have a plan consultant, a technical advisor and clerical help provided under the civil works program.

ROOSEVELT PUPILS IN YULE PROGRAM

At 9:15 on Thursday morning the pupils of Roosevelt school sang Christmas carols.

The children from the various rooms were grouped on stairs and in the upper and lower halls and their voices were very lovely as first one group and then another would sing.

At 1:15 a Christmas program was given in the auditorium by the school attended by a large audience of appreciative parents.

The children then repaired to their various rooms, where they enjoyed their Christmas trees.

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One of the main reasons for the recent higher gold price was the fact that wheat prices were slipping.

The White House has been significantly avoiding any comment on better business prospects, but may join the optimistic parade next week. The strategy on that seems to be that the White House keeps quiet when things look fairly good, and starts talking optimistically when that kind of talk is needed.

Chester Davis, the new AAA chief, is no more radical than Peek was, but he gets along well with the staff, from Secretary Wallace down. He and Wallace both hail from Iowa and are good friends.

British firms have contracted for approximately 2000 bales of Pacific coast hops.

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