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Convention

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The congressional rush to get right with the president is virtually a stampede now.

Take the house appropriations committee for the thirty-five.

Most of the thirty-five congressmen on that committee wanted to restore government wages. Apparently the only strong dissenter was Boylan of New York. The rest were eager to abolish the 15 per cent wage cut. It was the politics thing to do. It meant more purchasing power for themselves as well as their friends in public office.

Mr. Roosevelt was informed of the sentiment in the committee and asked members to drop in to see him. They did and immediately became converted to a five per cent instead of a 15 per cent restoration.

Present
The converts even went so far as to make their report appear to be unanimous.

Some who could not bring themselves around to supporting the president chose to vote "present" instead of voting "nay."

That kind of voting is becoming popular for the first time at this session. The practice is frequently resorted to when items of administration legislation come up in committee. It permits congressmen to avoid definite approval of presidential policies without being placed in the position of actually trying to block those policies.

In fact, you might say congress is just voting "present" now for Mr. Roosevelt on nearly everything.

Languor
The stampede has gone so far that the house ways and means committee also has let the White House know it does NOT want to be misunderstood on taxes.

Some of its members have informed the president that they will drop their own tax plans and take the treasury recommendations if Mr. Roosevelt really wants them.

Such underlying sentiment makes this session of congress different from any recent session. There appears to be an amazing absence of individual assertion.

It cannot be suppressed forever, but for the present, at least, the congressmen appear to be quite willing to let Mr. Roosevelt run the country.

Individual bills have been introduced by carload lots as usual. They suggest everything from a twenty billion dollar public works program to payment of fifty-cent claims against the government.

But no one pays much attention to these bills—not even the congressmen who introduce them. They seem to take it for granted that they will not get anywhere with their individual schemes and are content to rest on the publicity they get back home for introducing the ideas.

Work
The puppet (unrecognized) state of Manchoukuo has opened up an unofficial embassy here.

From a hotel suite the unofficial ambassador hands out ideas for those who care to accept them.

The purpose apparently is to dispel the popular impression that the Japanese rule Manchoukuo. That is a difficult task. Even more difficult is the secondary hope that the United States might recognize Manchoukuo.

The state department can hardly be dissuaded from its impression that the Manchoukouans are really Japanese in Manchoukou clothing.

Rules
Some people teach things that they cannot learn themselves.

Apparently that is the explanation for the mishap to a Georgia ex-congressman who visited the house the other day.

When he was in congress he conducted a school for beginners in politics. He held classes and taught congressmen how to get re-elected. His fundamental rules were: (a) Never run against an old man, (b) Never run against a young man, (c) Never run against a cripple, (d) Never commit yourself.

His rules have not been held in high esteem since he failed to get re-elected himself last time.

Notes
Treasury profits to be expected from 80-cent dollar devaluation were computed wrongly in a recent column. Profit would be more than four billion instead of two billion.

It emphasizes further the point that Mr. Roosevelt's budget melancholia can be almost completely cured by devaluation.

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MINIMUM PRICE FOR VALLEY MILK FIXED BY BOARD

Report Filed After Hearing And Study Of Situation—Rules Outlined—Surplus Supply To Be Studied.

E. G. Harlan, chairman of the Oregon state milk control board, Burge Mason, commissioner, and J. D. Mickle, executive secretary, made a report last night setting up minimum prices for milk and cream in the market area of the Rogue River valley and defining the limits of the milk shed of said valley following the hearing conducted at the court house yesterday morning.

All prices listed are minimum prices and all are temporary and derived from information obtained from producers and distributors at the hearing.

The report follows:
1. Such investigation and proofs as the emergency permits having been made, and public hearing having been held after reasonable notice to the public through newspapers, letters and otherwise and due deliberation having been given it is hereby ordered that until further notice the following temporary provisions shall govern exclusively the minimum prices to be charged in the sale of all grades of market milk and cream by milk dealers in the Rogue River valley counties of Jackson and Josephine, state of Oregon:

Milk Prices
The price to be paid producers shall be \$2.26 per hundredweight, based upon 4.5 per cent fat test, with sliding scale up or down, f. o. b. market.

Minimum prices wholesale to stores:
Quarts 8c
Half pints 7c

Half pints supplied through school to children shall be 2 1/2 cents, with exception of certain designated cases which may be supplied free.

Out of store (minimum prices):
Quarts, doorstep delivery or credit sales 10c
Pints, cash over counter in 9c

Out of milk depots (minimum prices):
Gallon lots in one container in one delivery over counter 30c
Quarts bottled by depot 9c
Pints 8c

Milk distributed at above prices in quarts, pints and half pints shall be mechanically bottled and capped. Because of the number of high

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OBSCURE END FOR 'WOLF OF WALL ST'

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The mysterious stock market operations of the "Wolf of Wall Street" have been ended by death.

The body of David Lamar, whose activities in finance—ostentatiously shady—gained him this sobriquet years ago, was found today in a hotel room he engaged eight days ago.

Lamar had been dead about 24 hours. He was 45 years old.

The aura of secrecy about his last days rivaled many of the incidents in his career in stocks. His police record was long.

Early in the decade, he was indicted for impersonating a representative in congress in Washington. The government said his plan was to get on the floor of congress and make a speech to influence the price of steel. For this, he served two years.

Lamar was a handsome man, tall and broad-shouldered, with graying hair. He had a pleasing personality and was easy of manner.

DOORN, The Netherlands, Jan. 13.—(AP)—An attack of rheumatism in the legs has compelled former Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany to forego his favorite outdoor exercise of woodchopping.

Although confined within his residence, the former ruler, who is approaching his 75th birthday, remains otherwise in good health. He keeps close watch on political developments in Germany, refusing, however, to comment on them.

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RENO, Nev., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A marriage license was issued here today to George Albert Barnum, over 21, and Mae Laura Heath, over 18, both of Medford, Ore.

The bride is listed in the Medford directory as a telephone operator with residence at 36 North Oakdale.

Barnum is a member of a well known pioneer family. The marriage will be his third. He is a garage operator.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A penny for your thoughts multiplied 300—equals funds for a marriage license. A third purchase of a marriage license with 300 pennies was made here today, the county clerk reported. Two other such purchases were made recently.

Outwitted by Crooner Mate



Sensational charges involving infidelity, vicious temper, vile language and allegedly financial settlements were revealed when the divorce and nuptial of Mrs. Rudy Vallee (lower right) against the orchestra leader was made public. Above is Alice Faye, accused of adultery and Vallee's trooper, whom Mrs. Vallee accused of incest with a crooner. Two other women also were accused but were not named. (Associated Press Photos)

QUENTIN FELONS USE BLOW TORCH PANCAKE BAKING

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Hotcakes baked with a blowtorch resulted in three Los Angeles burglars being placed in solitary confinements here today.

Assigned to repair the prison plumbing, Steel Knight, 24; Charles Campbell, 25, and Joe Arnold, 33, were given some flour to make paste for wrapping steam pipes with asbestos.

Then Arnold went to the prison kitchen, guards said, and requested some grease for the pipe joints. The cook gave him a handful of grease and for the next half hour there was much noise while the prisoners apparently fixed the pipe.

Guard E. J. Bonfiglio, investigating the process, came upon the prisoners just in the act of eating the last of 15 hotcakes which they had baked with a blowtorch. Into solitary they were sent and a guard will stand by to see that other prisoners finish the repair job—without hotcakes.

AUTO DEATHS IN STATE INCREASE

SALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Deaths due to automobile accidents on Oregon highways during 1933 totaled 246, an increase of 19 over the previous year.

It was reported by the secretary of state's office today. The December total of 28, or seven more than the same month in 1932 boosted the fatality list.

Persons injured last year showed a slight decrease, with a total of 4,315 as compared to 4,384 in 1932. Of this number 544 occurred in December, which was 121 more injuries than was reported in December of 1932.

Accidents occurring, however, were less for the year, a total of 20,241 being reported, as compared to 20,822 in 1932.

Of the 28 fatalities last month, ten were pedestrians, eight resulted from non-collision accidents, six in auto collisions, three in railroad accidents and one listed under miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The government is in full cry for liquor revenues tonight under the policy that tax liability rests not only on "the little fellow but on very large and powerful corporations as well."

The first points of attack were the United States Industrial Alcohol company and the United States Chemical company, which the government contended owe taxes of \$8,140,514.88 on 1,271,955 proof gallons of distilled spirits. It claims were diverted for beverage purposes between January 1, 1929 and January 15, 1930.

Conceding that such diversion was illegal during prohibition laws, the attorney general enunciated the principle which sent such notorious bootleggers as Al Capone and Waxy Goston to jail for income tax delinquency.

Taxes due the government may not be evaded by reason of the illegality of the transaction under which they arose.

CAROLINA KIDNAP FIEND SENTENCED TO ROPE BY JURY

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Robert H. Wiles, South Carolina's first kidnaper-killed in modern years, was sentenced to death today, three weeks after he killed a 15-year-old school boy.

Judge Hayne P. Rice decreed the 49-year-old despatched automobile mechanic should die in the electric chair March 12.

Ignoring an insanity plea, a Richmond county jury in less than half hour of deliberation found Wiles guilty of murdering the schoolboy, Hubbard H. Harris, Jr.

Wiles admitted on the witness stand he lured Hubbard from home on the lad's birthday, two days before Christmas, to demand a \$1,000 ransom. He hammered the boy to death, he said, with an iron bar at a deserted farm house when his one-man plot went awry.

Part of the 23 minutes the jury deliberated the case was spent in prayer asking "divine guidance" in their verdict.

As Clerk of Court C. E. Hinnant intoned the fatal word, "guilty," Wiles' three-year-old son, Robert, Jr., could be heard outside the court room crying, "daddy, daddy." The child had been with his father in the courtroom, but was taken outside by his mother and two grown half-sisters before the jury retired.

Wiles heard the verdict with the stern composure he had maintained during most of the three-day trial. His only sign of nervousness was the rapid chewing of a quid of tobacco.

BONNEVILLE SHIP LOCKS CHIEF AIM

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The campaign for ship locks at the Bonneville dam of the Columbia will not be abandoned by the Inland Empire maritime conference, Secretary W. S. Nelson declared here last night.

The conference is exponent of a number of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho organizations campaigning for sea locks at Bonneville and extension of ocean shipping facilities as far as The Dalles.

"We are determined, if necessary, to take the matter directly to the president," Nelson said. "Petitions, now being signed by hundreds of Inland Empire citizens, call for intervention by the chief executive in order that producers of this area may gain the benefits of their natural heritage in the Columbia river."

"We are determined not to cease until we gain what we believe is our natural right."

FARRELL EAST ON IRRIGATION LOAN

Attorney Frank Farrell left Medford Friday night for Washington, D. C., where he will represent irrigation districts of the state of Oregon, regarding refunding loans, he said. He will remain in the east for two weeks.

Floyd Hart, vice president of the Timber Products company, also left Friday night for Washington in the interests of the lumber code.

WHEN MRS. V. LE WAXED ROMANTIC RUDY GOT RECORD

Phonograph Noted Talks With Dancer—And Deceit Of Wife Revealed—"Stocked Up" With Dresses, Says Rudy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Lifeless wax, like that which the voice of Rudy Vallee so often has created with songs of love, spoke another story for him today.

On evidence provided by transcriptions of telephone conversations between his wife and others—one of whom was Garfield Leon, an adagio dancer—Vallee won the right yesterday to sue for divorce wherever he chooses.

The specific ruling was a refusal by the appellate court to grant a petition of Mrs. Fay Webb Vallee by which she sought to enjoin the soft-singing maestro from seeking a Mexican divorce.

The transcriptions obtained by a very simple device attached to a telephone extension and without the necessity of wire tapping, led Vallee to tell the court (in his affidavit) that: "My wife carried on her affair with Leon right under my roof, with shocking callousness."

One of the phone conversations cut into was by Vallee's affidavit device was described in the affidavit as follows:

Mrs. Vallee: Rudy is leaving at 10 o'clock to go to Philadelphia and I told him I would come to the station.

Leon: All right.

Mrs. Vallee: Listen, we have to be awful careful, Garfield. I mean there are a lot of spies around watching us. But my chauffeur is my chauffeur, see? So would you get in a taxi and meet me in the park some place and we can ride around the park?

Leon: Oh, that sounds kind of mysterious.

Mrs. Vallee: I want to see you so badly. It sounds nice, doesn't it?

Leon: Yes, well, all right.

The date of that conversation, Vallee's affidavit said, was March 23, 1933, and took place from his home.

Another recorded conversation led Vallee to aver:

"Not only was she (Mrs. Vallee) accumulating money she received from me for the purpose of maintaining an illicit love affair, but my wife told Leon she was 'stocking up'."

A part of that conversation quoted Mrs. Vallee as saying to Leon: "Yesterday I bought five dresses and three pairs of shoes and three hats. I'm stocking up."

To which the voice of Leon replied: "You'd better. You're no fool."

One conversation between Vallee and his wife on March 20, 1933, was reported. It went as follows:

Mrs. Vallee: I called you up to tell you I love you.

Vallee: Really?

Mrs. Vallee: Uh-huh.

Vallee: How much?

Mrs. Vallee: Oh, about fifty thousand, million, billion, trillion, trillion times around this world and all the other planets.

Vallee: More than anyone in the world.

Mrs. Vallee: More than anyone in the world. And more than anything in the world. And I really mean it, too. And I'll show you.

Two days later, according to Vallee's affidavit, Mrs. Vallee and Leon had another conversation on the phone.

Noted Dead

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Dr. G. E. Sanders, 81, retired dentist credited with discovering cherry pollenization secrets, died at his ranch home here today.

Backed By Long Foes

The old "regular" democratic organization in New Orleans, now opposed to Senator Huey Long, endorsed Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley (above) of New Orleans for re-nomination in the city's January 23 primary. (Associated Press Photo)



SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The state of Oregon will launch its retail liquor control by February 10, the liquor control commission announced here tonight.

On that date hard liquors will be on sale at 18 state bottle houses and 80 authorized agencies. The announcement was made despite the pending constitutionality suit which had been brought against the new liquor law by the city of Klamath Falls—home rule exponent.

The 18 stores will be set up in 17 cities. Portland will have two at the outset. Other cities which will have stores are: Salem, Eugene, Medford, Albany, Corvallis, Roseburg, Marshfield, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Bend, The Dalles, Astoria, McMinnville, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker. Agencies will be established in every major community in every county the commission stated.

Headquarters for the state office will be set up here Monday, two office rooms having been assigned Administrator George Sammis of the commission on the third floor of the capitol building.

Sammis, reporting his plan today to the liquor commission, estimated that 105 employees would be needed to set up the organization set up and operating. There will be 80 agents aside from those in the stores.

Details of the commission's plan came in the form of a report by Administrator Sammis. His plans were adopted in rapid-fire order by unanimously passed motions of the commission.

State liquor stores will run under NRA hour schedules, opening late in the forenoon and closing at 8 p. m., except on Saturdays, when 10 o'clock will be the closing time. Stores will not open on Sundays.

Stocks of liquor were already moving to the state and virtually all varieties will be available by the time the retail stores are ready. Goods will be shipped by rail and water to Portland and kept there in bonded warehouses, remaining the property of the shippers until the state elects to purchase the stocks. The commission authorized \$250,000 for purchase of stocks.

Chairman George I. McMoran said the state would lose nothing by going ahead with organization despite the suit in circuit court here brought by Klamath Falls to test the legality of the act.

Members of the committee refused to say whether the comparisons had developed any discrepancies.

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In most cases the defendants were dismissed, but in a few instances operators of establishments were held for grand jury action. Most of the dismissals were based on lack of direct evidence.

"Big Dave" McAuliffe, who was exiled in the Walker administration for his drives against gamblers, was instructed by police to pay no attention to the courts' action, but to "harass" gamblers until they grew tired of trips to police stations.

GOETS LJUNGBERG, the tall and blonde soprano from Sweden, had the title role in Giulio Gatti-Casazza's revival of the tragic masterpiece of Richard Strauss.

The seats were all sold out two weeks ago. Several railroads operated opera specials from Westchester and Jersey suburbs.

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Family Neglect On Pay Day Laid To CWA Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Warrants for the arrest of 300 San Francisco civil works employees, charged with forgetting their families after regular pay had replaced relief rations, were in the hands of police today.

The warrants, charging non-support of dependents, were issued at the request of Charles M. Wollenberg, city relief head, who said wives and children were left destitute while the money-earning family heads spent their pay. Most of the men, while receiving groceries and relief supplies instead of money were considered good husbands and fathers.

Wollenberg said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Representative Clarence F. Lea (D., Cal.) said today he had asked the army board of engineers for rivers and harbors to recommend the approval of the report of the division engineer for the development of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal., subject to a provision that assurances be given that a railroad will be built connecting with Grants Pass, Ore.

The request was made in a letter to Col. W. J. Barden, chairman of the army engineering board. Lea observed that Colonel Robbins, division engineer, had recommended what "may properly be regarded as a splendid and adequate deep water development of Crescent City harbor."

The report, Lea said, recognized the interior country is now denied any advantageous outlet to the sea, by physical handicaps that render satisfactory transportation practically impractical.

"Manifestly" Lea wrote, "the harbor is provided, rail connection with the interior will follow and justify the enlarged harbor. Thus, a deep sea harbor and a railroad are much dependent upon each other. One must be assured before the other can be provided."

For that reason, Lea said, after conferences with proponents of the developments in Del Norte county, California, "we have urged the project be adopted without a railroad. We now pray that your board recommend approval of the Robbins report subject to a provision in substance that the improvement be dependent upon satisfactory assurances to the secretary of war that a railroad be built within a reasonable time from Crescent City to Grants Pass."

The basic problems of the mid-Pacific Coast area, Lea added, are to secure both the railroad and the harbor, each to aid the other.

"If we can have definite knowledge of the conditions on which this harbor can become available, then these two problems will be greatly simplified."

Lea said the interstate commerce commission had approved the construction of a railroad from Crescent City to Grants Pass. The California and Oregon Coast railroad already has 15 miles of track in use extending south from Grants Pass toward Crescent City, and it was upon this application that the I. C. C. authorized construction of the remainder of the route.

Construction of the railroad and improvement of the harbor would be a great boon to the lumber and pulp wood industry of southern Oregon and northern California, proponents pointed out.

The Robbins report recommended deepening the entrance channel and turning basin of Crescent City harbor sufficiently to allow large freighters to make it a port of call.

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