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BY PAUL MALLON Copyright, 1934, By Paul Mallon WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The angry young democratic congressmen who have been ranting against the Roosevelt patronage methods are not really angry any more.

In fact their rebellion has taken on such a tone of amiability that it can hardly be recognized any longer as a first class revolt. They forced the house democratic leaders to call a caucus on patronage and they were belligerent about it then. But when the doors were locked and the secret caucus discussion began, it was evident they wanted to be good fellows after all.

Old timers swear it was the loudest party pow-wow held in a long time. Those who know how the house wheels go around say that the magician who brought the metamorphosis was none other than Joe Lyons, experienced floor leader.

He noted that many of the revolvers were newcomers elected in the Roosevelt sweep. A good many were from normally republican districts in the north, middle west and Pacific region. The southerners and experienced party men generally kept their shirts on.

Mr. Lyons is supposed to have gone to each of the newcomers and said, in a fatherly tone, approximately this: "Do you think you are sitting in the White House today because you are a great man? No! You were elected in 1932 because Mr. Roosevelt was a great man."

"If you are going to be re-elected this year, it will be for the same reason. If you are a smart man, you will not pull the coat-tails on which you are riding."

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HOUSE APPROVES LOW DOLLAR ACT BY 360-40 VOTE

'Gag Rule' Halts Debate and Charge Made Few Can Explain It—Bourbons Gay and Oregon Solons in Fold

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Roosevelt dollar-devaluation bill tonight swept through the house to passage by a smothering majority of 360 to 40.

A noisy impatient membership rushed the measure through the final stages, with debate almost entirely shut off at the motion of democratic leaders, backed by their huge voting strength.

Republican leaders complained time and again of "gag-rule," and charged the democrats with ignorance of the measure they were passing. One, Reedy of Maine, went so far as to assert that "not twenty men" of the 435 in the house could explain its provisions to their constituents.

But the democrats, relying confidently on the leadership of President Roosevelt, shouted down all amendments except those offered on behalf of the administration and demanded a roll call vote to put all republicans and democrats alike, on record as opposing or supporting the president.

Amendments Lost Realizing they fought a hopeless cause from the start and had not the slightest chance of defeating the bill, the opposition concentrated upon an effort to put a board in charge of expenditures from the two billion dollar stabilization fund.

When the question was put to an oral vote, the proponents of the amendment shouted their loudest. The confident democrats laughed when they demanded a rising vote and were borne out when the count showed 148 against the amendment to 73 in favor of it.

While the house was considering the bill, Secretary Morgenthau explained government financing plans to the high officers of the federal reserve system and received assurances of their support. The conference extended over several hours and gave opportunity for a thorough review of the financial situation.

A total of \$10,000,000,000 must be borrowed in the next five and one-half months. A treasury amendment voted into the bill was designed to facilitate this huge operation. In the senate the devaluation measure was still in the committee stage.

Specifically the measure proposes four things, it would: Give the treasury title to all the nation's monetary gold stock, including that of the federal reserve banks. For 60 per cent of the dollar's present gold content as the upper limit of the gold value of the dollar after revaluation.

Equip the administration with a fund of \$2,000,000,000 obtained from the added value of the gold after devaluation of the dollar, the fund to be used in the purchase of foreign exchange and other commercial items for the purpose of stabilizing the foreign value of the dollar.

Enlarge the scope of treasury authority for the issuance and flotation of government securities to simplify the huge refinancing task that lies ahead. This section would make it possible for the treasury to purchase any type of government security with any other type and sell issues of securities privately without making an offer to the general public.

DESPERADO FREES FIVE CONVICTS



Ambushing a working party at the Eastham state prison farm in Texas, Clyde Barrow, Texas' most notorious gunman, laid down a machine gun barrage that wounded two guards and permitted the escape of five prisoners. One of them was Raymond Hamilton, Barrow's former companion. Above Barrow is shown in a snapshot found after the outlaw law was forced to make a quick get-away from a posse led by Bonnie Parker, two-gun companion of Barrow who was believed to have aided him. (Associated Press Photos)

'FORCED FEEDING' FOR KIDNAP PAIR WHO REFUSE FOOD

Bailey and Bates Go On Hunger Strike in Federal Prison—Refuse to Divulge Spot Where Coin Cashed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Any intentions that Albert W. Bates and Harvey J. Bailey, had men imprisoned in Leavenworth penitentiary for the Urschel kidnaping, have of starving themselves to death will—and have—met with other intentions of the department of justice.

Both men are serving life sentences. Along with the disclosure today that both had attempted hunger strikes in the penitentiary, justice agents said that forcible feeding of Bates had begun and would continue if that were necessary, and that the time might be near when Bailey would eat whether he wants to or not.

Bates went on his hunger strike January 7 and forcible feeding was undertaken January 19. Bailey started his hunger rebellion January 15. The forced feeding, authorities said, is under the supervision of the United States public health service.

On hands at crime, Bates and Bailey were convicted of participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City. Urschel's family turned over \$200,000 cash to win his freedom.

Bates is reputed to have been the banker for the kidnaping gang and the government has said that his part of the money is still undiscovered. The two men, authorities said, were placed in solitary confinement in an effort to make them tell where the stolen money was cached.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan of the criminal division of the department of justice said tonight the men were not in solitary confinement in the sense that they were confined in a dungeon, but that they occupied cells singly and were allowed exercise and library privileges.

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STREET CAR CRASH INJURES 34



One of the two San Francisco street cars which collided at an intersection, injuring 34 persons, two perhaps fatally. A defective switch was blamed for the head-on crash. (Associated Press Photo)

BOND SALES BOOM AS DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR NEAR

Week's Upswing Sharpest in Wall Street History—Investors Confident, Recovery Spurs Speculator

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's project to define more closely the value of the dollar prompted one of the largest buying waves in corporate bonds in Wall Street this week ever experienced in any financial market in the world.

Advances in corporate bonds were the most sweeping since the investment market registered its depression low in the summer of 1932, and on the basis of available records, the week's upswing was probably the sharpest for any like period of time in the history of the New York market.

The turnover in bonds in the stock exchange for the week exceeded \$120,000,000 par value, the largest for any week since June, 1924, of in nearly ten years. The only week on record exceeding this week by a substantial margin was the last week of 1919 when a huge turnover in liberty bonds boosted the total over \$180,000,000.

Corporate issues accounted for the bulk of this week's huge trading, however, and activity in these issues came close to anything ever experienced in any week in the stock exchange.

In each full day, transfers exceeded \$20,000,000, although in no single day did the volume equal that \$30,000,000-day of March 20, 1930.

While the plan to restrict the fluctuations of the dollar, to between 60 and 80 per cent of its old parity, served to quell the inflationary fears of holding fixed income securities, growing bank deposits and an increasing conviction that business recovery was at least on its way were also said to be prime factors for the renewed demand in the investment market.

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SEATTLE PERILED BY SLIDES, RAIN AND NEW STORMS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Storm warnings were ordered up tonight at all coast guard stations, from the mouth of the Columbia river to the northern extremity of the Washington coast.

The sea was rough, rain was falling and a 31-mile wind was recorded at the southern end of the promised coastal storm.

Seattle, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Water-soaked hillsides menaced many houses and streets in Seattle tonight, with a prediction by the department of streets and sewers that the danger will increase with continued rainfall.

While residents' claims against the city on account of slides passed the \$200,000 mark, all flood damage repair and slide removal work on King county roads was halted in compliance with orders from the civil works administrator, which is curtailing expenditures pending congressional appropriation of additional funds.

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NEBRASKA THUGS FREE 5 HOSTAGES IN BANK ROBBERY

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 20.—(P)—Officers of two states searched tonight for five gunmen who held up the Fort Kearney State bank here today, abducted five persons and escaped with \$10,800. The hostages were released unharmed near here.

Bank officials said the loot consisted entirely of currency and was covered by insurance.

Officers tonight said they had been unable to find a trace of the gunmen and believed they have fled into northern Kansas. The authorities here were working on a clue that the two automobiles used by the gunmen were from Kansas City and were not stolen. License plates used on the car which carried the quintet away from the bank were stolen about a month ago in Grand Island, Neb.

It was the first bank robbery in Nebraska this year and officers believed the gunmen were the same group which failed in an attempt to rob the Central National bank of Columbus, Neb., last Thursday. A bank officer saw the gunmen in the institution there and when he hurried to a telephone to notify officers, the intruders fled without loot.

Eight Nebraska banks were robbed last year and the thieves carried away \$191,635.

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GOP WOMEN BACK 'RECOVERY' UNTIL CONSTITUTION HIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Republican leaders are supporting President Roosevelt's "no-called" recovery program and will continue to do so, "but only on condition that it stays within constitutional limits."

Miss Sybil Holmes, assistant attorney general of Massachusetts, declared today.

Miss Holmes was a speaker at the annual luncheon of the women's National Republican club, which was attended by some 1200 women from 30 states.

Applause greeted her statement, and the women also applauded her plea to prevent any "emasculating amendment" to the constitution or any "specious attacks upon it."

There was silence, however, when John Erskine, the author, retorted in his speech, "if the constitution never changes, it will be just one more museum piece."

Erskine called the United States "museum minded" because of what he said was its slavish following of Europe and the past.

SALES TAX PULLS CALIFORNIA OUT; BUDGET BALANCED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A balanced state budget for June, 1935, was the prediction of Controller Ray L. Riley today as he pressed the sales tax as the best method for overcoming a government deficit.

This aspect is particularly encouraging in view of President Roosevelt's program of revaluation, Riley said.

"If the President carries out his program there is every reason to believe that California will end the present biennium in June of next year with a surplus instead of a deficit of 30 or 40 million dollars," he said.

In explaining devaluation, Riley said farmers and merchants will get more for their products. Wages must be increased and there will be more money in circulation.

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INVESTIVES FLY AS NEW ORLEANS CAMPAIGN ENDS

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The book of investives was completely exhausted today as partisan speakers, shouting from platforms in three sections of the city, wound up the bitter and most vituperative mayoralty campaign in recent New Orleans history.

The primary is not until Tuesday, but by tradition the campaign was concluded tonight in the three big rallies of the opposing slates.

As the voting day neared, there was an ominous background of threatened use of the state-administration-controlled militia and an answering city hall threat to swear in 10,000 police if guardsmen are sent into the city on election day.

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ASK \$25,000 FOR PLANE TRAGEDY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A \$25,000 damage suit arising from the transport plane crash here November 9, 1933, in which four persons were killed, was filed in circuit court here today against the United Air Lines.

The action was filed by Dr. John Straumfjord, Portland physician and surgeon, who had taken passage for Medford with Dr. Robert C. Coffey, internationally known surgeon who was killed in the crash.

Straumfjord's complaint asked \$25,000 damages for alleged injuries and loss of time resulting from the crash.

Floyd Hart of this city was a passenger on the ill-fated plane.

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BROTHER WOUNDED BY TOT WITH GUN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A shotgun in the hands of Heiden Metcalf Jr., six years of age, discharged and tore a portion of flesh from the thigh of his brother Roland, 4. Hospital attacks said the child would recover.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heiden Metcalf of Eugene, had left the boys here with their grandfather, G. W. Metcalf. Heiden Jr. discovered his grandfather's shotgun and brought it into the living room to ask how it worked.

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COOS COUNTY LAW METHODS PROBED

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A committee to investigate alleged illegal practice of law in Coos county was named at the annual meeting here today of the Coos and Curry County Bar association.

The bar voted to support Judge J. T. Brand for re-election to the circuit bench.

"Radical" tendencies toward changes in higher court procedure were scored by the Hon. Dexter Eld of Roseburg in addressing the delegates at a banquet following the business meeting. He advocated leaving matters of procedure strictly as they are.

BARBARA'S PRINCE LOSES HIS TITLE

PARIS, France, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Alexis Miviant, sometimes called Prince, will return from his honeymoon with his bride, the former Barbara Hutton, to find his Paris diplomatic post vanished, but a chance awaiting him to be a Georgian patriot.

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DRINKS BY GLASS IRK CALIFORNIA

BREDDING, Cal., Jan. 20.—(AP)—The status of "hard liquor" drinks-by-the-glass in California remained unchanged tonight after the board of equalization met here and decided to wait awhile before carrying out a previously announced intention of authorizing sales by the glass in public eating houses.

On the eve of the meeting, Attorney General W. S. Webb, in San Francisco, was asked for opinion in the matter, and repeated what he has said ever since the state liquor act was repealed—that it is not legal to sell hard liquor except in packages for consumption off the premises.

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CUBA DOCTORS IN STRIKE DISORDERS

HAVANA, Jan. 20.—(AP)—With most of his cabinet already sworn in, President Carlos Menéndez today turned his attention to a medical strike, which became more serious every hour.

Twenty-five thousand physicians, surgeons, nurses, druggists and affiliates still refused to perform their professional duties as a protest against the non-enforcement of a recent government decree compelling all physicians to join the medical society.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 13.—I am still trying to stay off writing about the 60-cent dollar. It looks like the argument is pretty well taken care of without any expert aid from me. We got France scared, so the experiment has already paid for itself.

Cuba kinder nosed in on the front page again with a new president, but it's getting so that's not news. So about two more presidents and they will be back with the want ads as news.

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