

The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled with occasional rain tonight and Tuesday. No change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 47
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KNOW-BILL DECISION WEDNESDAY



News Behind The News
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The tip is going around among the wise legal boys not to be sure about the supreme court going for the new deal.

The tip is not based on information, but upon the shrewd observation of the experts on the outer fringe of the court. No one even tries to get any inside information from the court itself unless he wants to go to jail for contempt.

The rail boys say, however, they expect the court will go all the way with the administration. They have good reasons for their deductions.

These court experts noted that Chief Justice Hughes had a significant catch in the Minnesota decision. It was that the mortgage owner would suffer no real loss, but only delay under the state moratorium, as his rent would still go on.

But even with that expectation, they caution anyone against betting that the court will go all the way with the administration. They have good reasons for their deductions.

Insiders could see that the beneficent has no blanket application. It cannot apply to a gold hoarder deprived of his money or to any man whose wealth or property is being devalued by edict.

The decision to come on the New York milk case is not expected to touch these points either. It involves mainly the right of the state to fix milk prices.

The court has always been against price-fixing, except during the war. Then it ruled that government regulation of rents was legal because it was a public necessity in a time of stress.

There is a possibility that the court will see the existing economic emergency as a similar time of stress and permit the state to fix milk prices.

The court also may uphold the NEA, if that hot legal question ever gets up to it.

A line of reasoning was followed in the Appalachian coal case which may have direct application to the NEA. In the coal case last year the court held that selling agreements were legal, despite the anti-trust law prohibition against them.

The coal companies were going on the rocks because they did not have a selling agreement to meet competition. They needed such an agreement to save off an emergency of depression and the court gave it to them for that period.

JUDGE LEWELLING TO MAKE RULING IN KLAMATH SUIT

Supreme Court Expected to Render Opinion Soon After Circuit Court Judge Acts—Home Rule Main Issue

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 22.—(P)—Judge L. G. Lewelling of the Linn-Marion circuit court, announced today he will read from the bench at Salem Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, his ruling on the constitutionality of the Knox state liquor control law.

At the start of the suit, Judge Lewelling denied a temporary injunction against operation of the law, the restrainer having been requested by Klamath Falls.

It was announced as the case went to the court that no matter what the outcome, Judge Lewelling's decision would be appealed to the Oregon supreme court for a definite ruling on the constitutionality of the Knox plan of liquor control, and for final determination of the status of the so-called "home rule amendment."

It is expected the supreme court will rule no time in handing down a ruling on the question.

HOPE FOR BANKER HELD AS HOSTAGE NOW AT LOW EBB

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Despair crushed waning hopes today for early release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnapped for \$200,000 ransom, as the Bremer family determined to refuse to barter a fortune for his safe return unless they first receive assurance he is still alive.

A message from the kidnappers and signed by the 37-year-old commercial state bank president and owner, would give such reassurance, was vainly awaited over the week-end, but was not forthcoming as the 11:30 hour passed without word from the abductors.

Blood, a shaky scrawl, a death threat and a mysterious note declaring Bremer had been "bumped off" intensified alarm for the man who last was seen between 8:30 a. m. and 8:30 a. m., Jan. 17 when he left his eight-year old daughter, Betty, at the exclusive Summit school for girls.

A suspicion that Bremer might be dead, close friends of the family said, led to their determination to turn over no money for his freedom until they received a message signed by him.

The new law he has written so far in the Appalachian and Minnesota cases is only a start. There will be scores of decisions to come, all connected with the emergency and reform. The new deal has yet to hop that hurdle.

Hungry Scotchmen March on London In Demonstration

GLASGOW, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Four hundred unemployed Scotsmen, headed by Jock McGovern, the member of parliament who neckled King George when the sovereign opened the first session of the year, started for London on a "hunger march."

The national unemployed workers movement which is a branch of the British communist party, organized the march and claimed it would be joined by contingents from all England. These, said the organization, would converge on Hyde Park Feb. 25 for a demonstration of 20,000 persons.

ROGER COWLES, 32, FORMER RESIDENT, IS SUICIDE IN S. F.

"To the Police: I have died by my own act, dependent because of ill health as the phrase is. I make a request you notify Mr. Cowles at the above address. But do not notify my mother. The shock may be too sudden shock for her."

The above note, neatly written in his own hand, was found beside the body of Roger Cowles, age 32, in his car, parked on the Presidio golf course in San Francisco, last Saturday morning, by a CWA worker.

This startling news will come as a surprising and tragic shock to the many friends of Roger Cowles and his family in Medford and the Rogue River valley. The Cowles family came here from New York city over 10 years ago, purchased a ranch north of Medford, adjoining the Don Clark property, and made their home there for about 15 years.

"I'd like to see this law given a real test," said Johnson at the White House, "and while some amendments would be necessary, I would prefer to meet the problem of helping small business without legislation."

WYNEKOOP TRIAL CALLED MISTRIAL ACCOUNT HEALTH

CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, Chicago, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Mistrial in the case of Dr. Alice Lindsay Wynkoop was declared this afternoon by Judge Joseph B. David.

The judge ruled that continuing the trial would "constitute a very real danger to the defendant's life."

Physicians had informed the court that Dr. Wynkoop was suffering from heart disease, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries and other ailments.

He ruled after Defense Attorney W. W. Smith made an impassioned plea for a postponement, and Assistant State's Attorney Charles S. Daugherty had argued just as vehemently on the opposite.

BENEFITS FROM LOWER DOLLAR TOLD CONGRESS

Roosevelt's Plan Advocated by Prof. Rogers—Home Owner, Farmers, Debtors Held Chief Beneficiaries

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.) served notice in the senate today that he would offer an amendment to the administration monetary bill for the purpose of reamortizing silver.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Professor James H. Rogers, a presidential monetary advisor, told the senate banking committee today the administration bill to devalue the dollar would permit an "inflation" of credit of from \$7,000,000,000 to \$17,500,000,000 which would boost business but could be restricted when desired.

He gave this testimony after Professor George F. Warren of Cornell, another leading money adviser, had praised the monetary legislation and Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.) had notified the senate he would offer a silver reamortization amendment. Earlier he conferred with President Roosevelt or the silver problem.

Warren told the committee home owners, farmers and debtors would realize "the greatest benefit" from the monetary program.

Eugene Black, governor of the federal reserve board, said the heads of the 12 reserve banks had given "assurance of full co-operation" in the government's huge financing program.

"I am convinced," Wheeler said, "that cutting the gold content of the dollar will not raise prices appreciably in this country unless it is accompanied by an increase in the amount of currency."

PUBLIC LANDS ORDER IS BEING PREPARED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—An executive order is being prepared, it was learned today, which would turn over jurisdiction of public lands in the federal government without congressional action in states which ask the action.

Senator Carey (R. Wyo.) said reports the order was being drawn had reached him and he was advised the order will concern itself only with states which ask that they be included. Concern was expressed by several members of western congressional delegations over the report the order is being drafted.

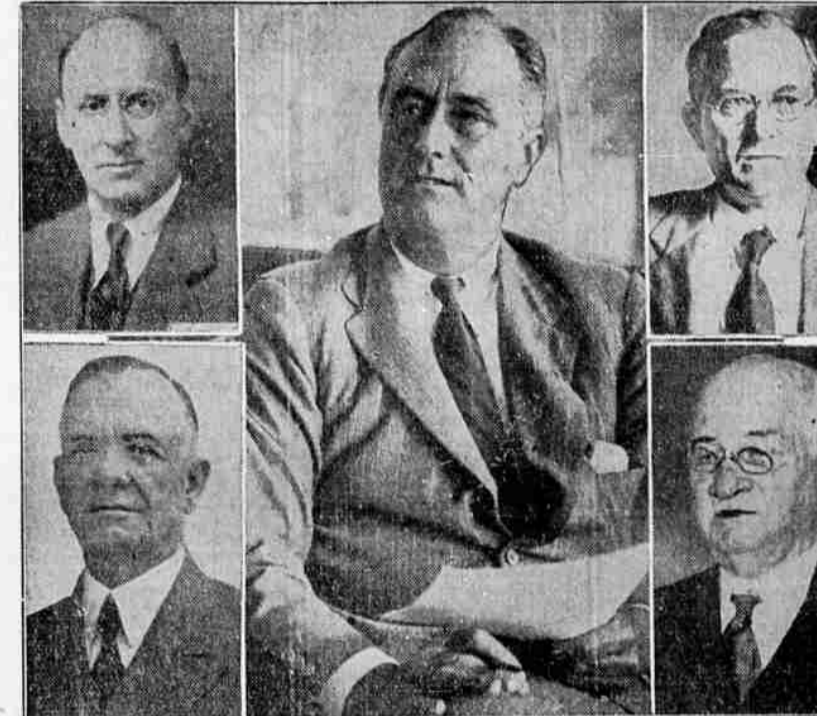
LIBRARY RANSACKED; FEW STAMPS TAKEN

CITY police were notified Sunday morning that the Jackson county library was broken into Saturday night, but only a few stamps were reported taken. The library was ransacked, entrance being gained through the back door.

Byrd and Men Reclaim Snow Bound Quarters

ADMIRAL BYRD'S FLAGSHIP, BAY OF WHALES, Antarctica (via Mackay Radio)—(AP)—Jan. 20.—(Delayed)—The thrill of prowling again over the scenes of his first expedition in the deep Antarctic was near Admiral Richard E. Byrd's today.

LEADERS SHAPING NEW FINANCIAL POLICY



President Franklin D. Roosevelt took another step toward his "commodity dollar" plans when he asked congress to "vest in the United States government title to all supplies of American-owned monetary gold."

MISS KEITH'S KIN CLOSE EVIDENCE IN WILL CONTEST

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—After six weeks of evidence and spirited argument among counsel on the admissibility of testimony, contestants to the will of Miss Margaret Keith, eccentric recluse who committed suicide last year, closed their case.

As soon as the evidence was completed attorneys for a Los Angeles bank, trustee of the estate, moved for a non-suit on the grounds of an attack at any moment, and that Japan "must remember the Soviet Union is not Communist Russia of 1904."

Writing in the Agency Economique et Financier, he said "Tension is unquestionable" between "the United States and Japan on the one hand and the Soviet Union on the other hand."

GRATER ROAD CLEARED OF SNOW TO WARPEG

Where 12 feet of snow covered the Grater highway this time last year, two-way traffic was possible today, according to James Bromley, chief engineer of the state highway department in this district, with headquarters in Grants Pass.

INSULL MUST LEAVE GREECE BY JAN. 31ST

ATHENS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Premier Panagiotis Tsaldaris said today Samuel Insull, Sr., former Chicago utilities operator, must leave Greece, no matter what the council or state may decide on his appeal for permission to remain here.

The general secretary of the council of state said it had postponed indefinitely the calling of a secret session to consider Insull's plea. Consequently, it was said in an authoritative quarter, Insull would be expelled from Greece January 31 if the council does not make a decision before that date.

FATHER STRANGLES TWO LITTLE SONS IN RELIGIOUS FIT

'Vision From God' Dictated Act, Says Seattle Fisherman—Wife Will Also Face Crime Responsibility

SEATTLE, Jan. 22.—(P)—A 37-year-old fisherman, Oskar Heistness, a self-styled "messenger of God," today faced first degree murder charges for the bizarre strangling of his two little boys.

With a confession before them in which he had given as his motive a "vision from God," ordering him to "choke the devil out of them," authorities also studied his sanity. Chief of Detectives Luke S. May announced the confession last night.

In words containing many religious references, the strong-headed fisherman, who had made a number of Alaskan trips, described the killings. The victims were his only children, John, aged 10, and Henry, aged four.

"I killed John first. Last Tuesday he came from the Pentecostal temple, and I asked him who sent him. He wouldn't answer. Then I asked him 'Who is in you?' "He said 'The devil is in me.' Then God appeared to me and he told me to choke the devil out of him."

The bodies of the two were found in their small four-room home yesterday afternoon, after their parents had been placed under arrest the previous night. A minister, the Rev. O. L. Haavik of the Ballard First Lutheran church, had found them in his garage, in possession of his car.

Heistness demanded that the Rev. Mr. Haavik turn over the keys to his automobile.

"The Lord has told me to take the car. I am the second Elijah. I part the way for the second coming of Christ," he said. His wife, Marie, added:

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Visitors are allowed three days a week, McKittrick said, but he never saw Heistness. B. Martin, "Good Government Congress" leader, about the place during the six months he was a resident. And he never received news of her visits to other Jackson county representatives at the Big House. Mrs. Ariel B. Pomeroy, on the contrary, called at the penitentiary several times.

Sumoy stated that Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Pehl were living in Salem, but McKittrick explained he had no verification for the report.

While he was there he had many jobs, the last one being that of cook in the guards' quarters and at the annex. He is now located on the old John Cameron place at Sams Valley, and was in this morning to see about setting some traps, which the government wants to buy.

He appeared in "fine fettle," and announced that he wished to thank the many people who recommended his conditional parole.

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SLIDES OF EARTH MENACE SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Declaring earth slide conditions in Seattle are rapidly approaching the "worst in history," Herman W. Ross, streets and sewers superintendent, today called out every available maintenance man, and between 400 and 500 civil works administration laborers to keep thoroughfares clear.

Ross reported many hillsides, crunched with rain water, were attacking bulkheads or sloping over the top of them, uprooting trees, sidewalks, street paving and curbs, and endangering many homes.

Skid Is Fatal. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Carl W. Mayhew, 34, of Vancouver, was fatally injured on the interstate bridge approach Sunday when the automobile in which he was riding skidded and crashed into a guard fence.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 20.—Plenty of headlines today, but not much news. "Congress votes on the 60 cent dollar Saturday." Wonder if they will have one in there is an exhibit.

"Government undecided about what they can do with Japanese taking pictures of fortification." Make 'em agree to send us some of the pictures if they turn out O. K.

"Cuba hails new president." Hails him with what?

"The man that found the 726-carat diamond in Africa received \$350,000 for it and wants to buy a farm and silk hat." Well, I can understand a man perhaps being eccentric enough to want to own a silk hat.

Will Rogers

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