

The Weather

Forecast: Unsettled with occasional light rain tonight and Tuesday; mild temperature. Highest yesterday 67. Lowest this morning 37.

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FEDERALISM CASES WIPED OUT



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WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—There seems to be an underlying feeling in the topmost administration circle that the bankers and stock market have been kicked around enough, or at least that the booting can be overdone.

This feeling is barely discernible so far. It will become more apparent within the next few weeks.

For instance, insiders hear that the stock exchange is shortly to announce at least three new regulations. These are supposed to have been worked out at the suggestion of Ferdinand Pecora, the senate prosecutor, in his conference with Richard Whitney, president of the exchange. These changes will make the operation of pools impossible and put a definite halt on specialists.

Guiding After that the administration probably will put through congress quietly a bill to license the stock exchanges. The bill will NOT include specific rules and regulations, if present plans are followed. It will merely hold exchanges responsible for public protection and keep a guiding hand on them.

That will no doubt be satisfactory to the better element in the exchanges and to the liberals who are demanding reform.

Bankers A similar effort will be made to straighten out the banking situation in a more amiable way. Details have not yet been decided.

The way things are drifting, banks are stagnating. They are mere pools for floating government bonds. The commercial aspect of their business is gone. They are afraid to finance commercial activities, building and real estate in a normal way. They keep themselves in a state of liquid terror, ready for runs and prepared for everything except legitimate expansion of their business.

At least that is the way the administration people are beginning to look at it. They can see that the banks will have to expand their credit operations to finance the business improvement now under way, or the government will have to do it.

You will see that the next big step by the administration will be to comfort the banks and insurance companies. (There are plenty of both needing aid—and comfort).

Some of the outlying congressmen have not yet caught up with the switching current of inner sentiment. They are still hooting and calling against bankers and Wall Streeters, urging that the government run the stock exchange or abolish it.

That sort of thing has been popular since the banking exposures. A public opinion was created then that all bankers and all Wall Streeters were like those who got caught.

The idea is now gaining weight that it is hardly sensible to tear down a house because you found some insects in the living room.

The new tendency will probably be toward fumigation rather than house wrecking.

Slums It looks as if the CWA is trying to make itself unpopular.

Its latest stunt is to send men canvassing in the best residential districts gathering data for slums clearance. The men ask housewives rather intimate questions about their husbands, how much the house costs, how much their husbands make.

One such canvasser man was broomed out of the house by an irate wife who resented the inference that she lived in a slum.

Another resident of the same neighborhood became so annoyed at the intimate questions that he reversed the examination and quizzed the investigator about his private life.

Rails The interstate commerce commission will shortly issue orders requiring the railroads to create sinking funds to retire their bonded indebtedness sometime before the end of the year.

Commissioner Claude R. Porter is supposed to be writing some of the orders with a rather liberal pen. The results will be just what Mr. Roosevelt has been talking about along that line.

Porter is a former attorney for the A. T. & T. who seems to realize the public to his client now.

Notes Will Rogers told Chairman Black of the federal reserve at a White House reception that he was the greatest loser in the world, because he had just been hooked for three billion dollars in gold by the government without a whimper.

Unfortunately the necessary mind reader at the president's dinner party started his tricks after President Roosevelt left, so the guests could not find out what the president intends to do.

HIGH COURT ORDER MEANS DISMISSAL OF 13,400 CASES

Ratification Of 21st Amendment Renders The 18th Amendment Void Is Finding Of Highest Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—By an unanimous decision, the supreme court held today that all pending federal prohibition cases must be wiped off the docket.

Thus, thousands of cases growing out of the national prohibition law which still have not been disposed of must be quashed. This includes not only those in which indictments have been returned but those in which convictions have been obtained and appealed.

Dry Amendment Dead The national prohibition act, the opinion by Chief Justice Hughes said, was "rendered inoperative" by repeal of the eighteenth amendment, "not by the congress but by the people."

The decision was in a case appealed from a decision by Federal Judge Hayes of the middle district of North Carolina directing the discharge of two defendants on the ground proceedings must be dropped because of prohibition repeal.

To Dismiss 13,400 Cases Solicitor General James C. Biggs said the action of the court would require the dismissal of 13,400 cases.

He had no definite information, he said, of the approximate number of liquor cases in which defendants had been convicted but which have appeals pending and who can not now be held.

The court observed that "upon the ratification of the 21st amendment, the 18th amendment at once became inoperative. Neither the congress nor the courts would give it continued vitality."

"The continuance of the prosecution of the defendants after the repeal of the 18th amendment for a violation of the national prohibition act... would involve an attempt to continue the application of the statutory provisions after they had been deprived of force."

By Peoples Action "The national prohibition act," the opinion read, "was not repealed by act of congress but was rendered inoperative, so far as authority to enforce its provisions was derived from the 18th amendment by the repeal, not by the congress but by the people of that amendment."

"The people are free to withdraw the authority they have conferred and when withdrawn, neither the congress nor the courts can assume the right to continue to exercise it."

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Salaries for five employees of the state banking department, as approved by the banking board which constitutes the governor, secretary of state and the state treasurer, were up for consideration before the board of control today which is made up of the same state officials, in a "closed" meeting.

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Portland Music Leader Passes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Harold A. Webber, 54, a leader in Portland music circles for many years and director of the Webber Academy of Music here, died at his home today.

He was born in Maine and came to Oregon with his parents when he was 12 years old. His father was one of the pioneers in the salmon packing industry at Astoria.

PAIR MAKE LANDING WITH BLAZING PLANE

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—(AP)—With their plane afire, Lieut. Joe Fokker, naval reserve pilot, and Lloyd Schreiber, landed safely on a golf course, clipping off the top of a fir tree. The fire was then put out.

Free-For-All In Portland Church Quelled By Cops

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Contending factions of the Evangelical Congregational Brethren church here required the attention of four police radio squad cars last night as what was described as a free-for-all developed over the right of the pastor, the Rev. Conrad J. Wagner, to continue his duties at the church.

Last night, police said, nearly 100 persons engaged in a free-for-all outside the doors of the church, and fists flew and umbrellas were flailed. Officers reported, however, that apparently no one was injured.

6 P. M. CURFEW ON WOMEN WORKERS WITHIN 60 DAYS

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Women may not be employed later than 6 p. m. in any mercantile establishment in this state, under a ruling adopted late Saturday by the Oregon public welfare commission.

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The indictments charged Moltzner and Earl Fitzwater, president of the association, with unlawfully lending funds to the association without security.

John Kaate, attorney for Moltzner, declared the indictments "ought to be dismissed, especially so on account of the fact that Mr. Moltzner is going to run for district attorney on a platform of 'no political indictments.'"

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Three well dressed young men today forced a clerk employed in the meat market of Dick Gerahol into an automobile as he was en route to a bank with a deposit reported as between \$8,000 and \$9,000. After robbing him, they put him out of the machine on the bay tie midway between DuLuth and Superior and escaped.

The clerk, David Gerahol, a nephew of the owner of Gerahol's Markets, told Police Chief R. E. Donaldson that on putting him out of the machine, one of the robbers struck him over the head with the butt of his revolver.

CWA BILL GAINS HOUSE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The house today passed the administration bill for a \$950,000,000 relief and CWA appropriation, sending it to the senate where similar expeditious action is to be sought. No amendments were allowed under the house procedure that restricted debate to 40 minutes.

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Garbo and Friend ON ANOTHER JAUNT

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Greta Garbo was aboard the Manhattan Limited bound for New York today, officials of the Pennsylvania railroad said. Rouben Mamoulian, companion of the Swedish actress on recent travels through the Southwest, was also New York-bound.

BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE MADE BASIC COMMODITY

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SANKEY, LONG SOUGHT AS KIDNAPER, CAUGHT



Verne Sankey, Gann Valley, Minn. rancher who allegedly turned kidnaper, was captured in Chicago and questioned concerning numerous kidnappings. Sankey denied he had any connection with the abduction and slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., but federal officials said he confessed he was implicated in the kidnaping of Haskell Bohn of St. Paul and Charles Boettcher, 11, of Denver, and had received ransom money in both cases. Sankey is shown at left after his capture. At right is Heide Mattern, arrested in the apartment of Sankey. She denied she knew the real identity of the desperado.



ROXY ANN PARK CCC CAMP PLAN GAINS NEW HOPE

Inspector Of State Park Work For ECW Here Conferring With Interested Officials—Pledges Aid.

Assurance that favorable consideration will be given the proposed Roxy Ann park CCC camp site, was voiced here today by Emerson Knight, inspector of state park emergency conservation work, following his arrival from San Francisco to inspect the territory included in Medford's bid for the site.

Mr. Knight was conferring this morning with City Superintendent Fred Scheffel, Dr. L. D. Inakeep of the Lions club, which has donated much of the land available; E. C. Solsky, superintendent of the Crater Lake national park and Captain Charles H. Barnwell, Jr., of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Start April 1. While the camp site is the same as offered by Medford last fall, the program involved is quite different. Mr. Knight pointed out today, stating that if the site is approved work will start April 1, which marks the beginning of the new CCC period.

Approximately 200 men and 30 or 40 additional experienced workmen would be placed in the camp, the primary purpose of which would be a fire prevention and pest control program.

It was planned last fall to carry on a certain amount of construction work in the Roxy Ann park, but those plans were abandoned because Mr. Knight stated today, explaining that the program is now concerned with preserving values already in existence and with protection against fire, insect pests, floods and erosion, exclusively.

Too Late Last Year. Medford's application was received too late last fall to make selection of Roxy Ann park possible as a winter camp site. Since then the allocation of camps has been removed from the coast to Washington and other changes have been made in the program which would prevent construction of park recreational buildings and all roads, except those necessary to fire prevention.

The department is anxious, Mr. Knight explained, to assist communities in carrying on such prevention work, but control programs are necessary and which cannot be financed by the section. Work, comparable with that of the national park service, is sought. In so doing the government is also furnishing work to many in need of it and making possible character building which would be desired during the past several years. Man power is ever the foremost aim of the program, and it will be directed toward worthy conservation projects only.

Get Favorable Study. Before starting the Roxy Ann site, Mr. Knight was unable to comment further than that the project would be given favorable consideration. He stated, however, that most projects, which progress to the extent the Roxy Ann one has, are found justified.

With Mr. Scheffel and Captain Barnwell, Mr. Knight was visiting the Roxy Ann section this afternoon.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Watched congress open in Washington around noon Friday. Then I realized I couldn't do anything about it so I left. Into Chicago at 4:30. Salt Lake City by midnight and Los Angeles for breakfast. That's rambling. Got a lot of blind flying by radio beams on account of the snow.

I don't know what the groundhog saw, but we didn't even see the ground all day.

Have read all the papers in all the cities along the route and all have had the same front page. Big pictures of Sankey and Dillinger (generally both). We don't give our criminals much punishment but we sure give 'em plenty of publicity.

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LIQUOR STAFFS NAMED TUESDAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Oregon liquor control board said today it appeared doubtful that any announcement could be made before tomorrow morning in connection with personnel and locations of state liquor stores and agencies to be opened this month.

Members of the commission and the administrative department held an all-day session at the Portland office.

KIDNAPERS IGNORE PLEA OF BANKER

ST. PAUL, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A father's public plea that the kidnapers of his son, Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, release him within three days and nights apparently still has been ignored today, when news that the missing man may be dead.

The father, Adolph Bremer, who is president of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company here, in making the plea, indicated his hope that his son is still alive, but in other quarters there was a growing belief that the kidnaped man was slain.

Young Bremer was seized January 17 and \$200,000 ransom demanded by his abductors. Bloodstains were found in his abandoned automobile and for two weeks no word has been received from the kidnapers.

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GAS RATE REDUCTION IS HALTED BY COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Pacific Gas & Electric company today was granted an interlocutory injunction by a three-judge federal court restraining the railroad commission from enforcing its order reducing the natural gas rates of the utility \$2100 a year.

The court's ruling that a rehearing of the evidence should be made means, attorneys for the railroad commission said, that final determination