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News Behind The News
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 New Laws

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A fairly definite line on legislation to be expected from this session of congress is now available. You will get a new tax law which need not worry anyone with an income below \$8000 or so. Slight reductions will be granted persons in that class, who earn their money. The reductions will not apply to those who make their living by clipping coupons on investments.

The big money fellows will get quite a job but in a very legitimate way. The loopholes by which they crawled out of taxes before are going to be blocked and the rates on unearned income increased.

The blocking will be done along same lines suggested by the treasury and not the painful ones outlined a few weeks ago by a house sub-committee.

The St. Lawrence waterway treaty is doomed. A secret poll made by a senate leader a few days ago showed 43 votes against it. That is 10 votes more than enough to kill it. (A treaty requires a two-thirds majority.) Mr. Roosevelt might save it if he came out with a strong demand for action, but there is no indication that he will. He is expected to let it go to a vote and then after it is dead renew negotiations with Canada for a treaty that can be ratified.

The pure food bill has been subjected to a strong inside battering from an aroused opposition. It probably will fail. Professor Tugwell started the fuss by writing the original Copeland bill. His interest has cooled considerably since the measure has been re-written. If any bill is passed it will not be the Tugwell bill, but a far more moderate measure.

The fate of the stock market legislation is not very clear, but, in the end, a law probably will be passed placing all exchanges under federal license. The big question is whether the bill should include specific detailed regulations for exchanges. A detailed measure may go through the senate, but there are indications that the details will be eliminated in the house. Final disposition of the measure depends on what pressure is exerted by the White House. So far there has been none.

Modification of the securities act is virtually certain. The liability of corporations for errors will be relieved in such a way as to benefit the capital finance market.

Any important railroad legislation is out of the question. A move may be made to change the RFC law so as to help rail financing, but that is very indefinite. The bus regulation bill is so dead it could not be revived with a pulmotor. Chairman Rayburn of the house interstate commerce committee is playing around with a communications bill along the general lines vaguely desired by the administration. It cannot get anywhere. There will not be any further general banking legislation, but there will be an administration amendment to the deposit insurance act probably limiting the guarantee to deposits under \$5000.

These are the only important items which have a chance.

Idea.
 It is quite evident that this session of congress is being held more or less under Mr. Roosevelt's hand. Even the congressmen themselves do not know exactly what they are going to do about certain items until the president decides.

It would take a mind reader to get the details out of Mr. Roosevelt, and even he might have trouble because he himself does not appear to be very sure about what he would like to get. It is hard to tell what he has been told but he has better not submit that issue this session. He is trying to work out a scheme whereby he can get the power without causing too much of an uproar in congress. That will be hard to do.

The president's main purpose is to induce congress to adjourn as soon as possible. He has mellowed a little in that purpose since he has seen how eager the boys are to do his bidding. But he does not want to submit anything which will start a fight and delay the end.

Game.
 The house is playing its game by rushing the appropriation bills through. Those are the only bills which really must be passed before adjournment. They carry funds for the government to operate next year.

So far the house has pushed through the interior, navy, four department (state, justice, commerce and labor), treasury, post office and independent offices bills. That leaves only the war, district of Columbia, agriculture and deficiency bills.

They will all be cleared up (except deficiency) within the next ten days. Then pressure will be turned on the senate. As soon as the senate acts, the way to adjournment will be opened.

Congressmen say that time will come around May 1. The White House

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\$200,000 RANSOM PAYMENT BRINGS BANKER FREEDOM

Victim Weak, Exhausted, Nervous — Head Wounds Received When Seized Jan. 17 Now Well Healed

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Law enforcement agencies moved swiftly, but secretly, today to trap kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer as the banker slept, exhausted and wounded, after returning home from a 22-day imprisonment that ended with payment of an unannounced amount of ransom.

During his imprisonment, Bremer said, he was kept in a dark room with guards, working in relays of two, always seated behind him, night and day. He was constantly warned not to look around.

"One look and we'll blow your brains out," Bremer said he was told.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Ransomed with an unannounced amount of money, Edward G. Bremer, seized by kidnapers for \$200,000 January 17, was at home today after a 23-day imprisonment in an unlocated hideout.

Wounds about the head, which he had suffered when spirited away by a gang, were healed. Dr. Joseph Sprafka said, though the victim was very weak, exhausted and "very, very nervous."

Dr. Sprafka was summoned soon after the son of Adolph Bremer, the wealthy brewer, had returned home after being thrown out on a highway near or at Rochester, Minn., about 85 miles south of here, last night. Dr. Sprafka said a ransom had been paid but he did not know how much.

Six or seven in gang

Three men in a small sedan, members of the gang of six or seven which held the president and owner of the Commercial State bank prisoner, freed him about 8 p. m.

Bremer was unshaven. He had been either blindfolded or his eyes taped during the imprisonment.

The family, happy in being reunited with the banker, was protected from interruption by department of justice agents who guarded the home of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim.

Adolph, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company, and personal friend of President Roosevelt, probably will issue a statement later.

The banker, friends said, took a bus from Rochester to St. Paul, then went to his father's home in a taxi.

First announcement of his release was made by Werner Hanni, chief of the department of justice.

Seized January 17

He was seized between 8:20 a. m. and 8:30 a. m., January 17, after driving his young daughter to school. His blood-stained automobile was found the next day, abandoned in an outlying residential district.

Howard McGonn and Mrs. Jennie Haight, employees in the bus depot at Rochester, were believed to have been the first persons to see the banker after his release.

About 8 p. m. yesterday, asking about his connections with the Twin Cities, he told him he had missed the last bus that night to the Twin Cities, that he could take a train to Owatonna, nearby, and catch a bus there.

Bremer was quoted as saying he could not do that. McGonn and Mrs. Haight paid no particular attention to the unshaven stranger, who appeared dazed, they said, and did not know he was the long-sought St. Paul banker.

They did not know, they said, whether Bremer took a train to Owatonna and caught a bus there.

Home closely guarded

As soon as Bremer returned home, Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Inspector of Detectives Charles Tierney and Detective Tom Brown of the St. Paul police department rushed to the Ansel Bremer home.

They, with federal investigators, immediately began questioning the

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French Quited by Return of Power of Doumergue

Returns Home Unharmed



Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Bremer reunited last night on release of the St. Paul banker by a kidnap band.

ZELLERBACH CO. VIOLATES TRUST LAW IS CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—In a formal complaint the federal trade commission has charged the Crown Zellerbach corporation of San Francisco, a large holding company of the paper products industry, with violation of the Clayton anti-trust act.

The commission charged the company with illegal acquisition of capital stock in acquiring the Crown Willamette Paper company, operating mills in Washington, Oregon and California.

In a statement the commission said the Crown Zellerbach company, by its move, acquired a dominant position in the industry, particularly as concerns newspaper paper, controlling the manufacture and sale of about 80 per cent of the output of newspaper in the Pacific coast states.

The complaint charged that competition has been substantially lessened in paper and paper products generally and the interstate sale of paper has been restrained.

The acquisition, the complaint said, resulted from an agreement on March 30, 1928, between representatives of Zellerbach paper company, predecessor of Crown Zellerbach, and Crown Willamette. Zellerbach company agreed to increase its authorized common stock from 1,200,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, the complaint added, and its outstanding common stock from 825,769 shares to 1,000,000 shares by issuing a stock dividend and changing its name to Crown Zellerbach.

LEGION LUNCHEON IS HIGH POINT IN LOCAL CONCLAVE

Chamber of Commerce Host at Largely Attended Noon Meet — Veteran Officials On Good Will Journey

To carry the good will of the American Legion to one more section of the state and to break down the artificial barrier between Legionnaire and taxpayer, "built up during the past several years through misrepresentations and propaganda," the official Legion delegation arrived in Medford this morning for the southern Oregon district conference, presided at the train by the Kilby band of Ashland and the Medford Legion drum corps. Shortly after the arrival of the delegation, escorted through the city by the welcoming bands and a large representation of Medford and Ashland people, the full day's program opened with a broadcast from the chamber of commerce.

C. of C. Praised

The outstanding event of the day, the forum luncheon at the Hotel Medford at noon, expressed the enthusiasm that southern Oregonians retain for ex-service men and won from the speakers of the day much praise for the Medford chamber of commerce and Medford and Ashland posts of the Legion. More than 180 people attended the luncheon.

The purpose of the official tour was described at the luncheon by State Commander Harold J. Warner, who declared that the Legion's aim is ever toward better citizenship and that the tour now in progress was arranged to acquaint more people with the real Legionnaire.

"The Legion wants to walk hand in hand with other citizens in all community endeavors," the speaker declared, and "asks each Legionnaire to put back into his community more than he takes away. We are out to eliminate the line, which has placed the aspirations of the Legion on one side of the table and the aspirations of the taxpayer on the other. The Legionnaire is also a taxpayer."

For Holding Islands

Voicing indirectly a plea to Americans to maintain their power in the Philippines, although refusing to take a definite stand on the issue of Philippine independence, General Creed C. Hammond, main speaker on the island, declared that the Legionnaire is to drive back Russia. I don't think there is any immediate danger of war with Japan. But she has been working for 30 years to build up an industrial nation. She feels that she should control the trade of the far east. We must protect ourselves against her expansion.

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LITRELL RESIGNS AS COUNCILMAN OF SECOND CITY WARD

Private Business Precludes Proper Attention to Council — Stephenson Takes Place in City Government

Another change in the personnel of the Medford city government loomed last night, when E. A. "Al" Littrell, representative of the second ward, handed in his resignation from the city council. The resignation was received with much regret, voiced by fellow councilmen, and the request from Acting Mayor George Porter that Mr. Littrell remain with the organization until the East Main street improvement to be well underway, that project being in the hands of his committee.

Mr. Littrell consented to make that concession, stating that his private business enterprises would make it impossible in the future for him to give the time required by the proper administration of his council work.

Effective in Three Weeks

In view of the splendid work he has done while a member of the council, and the generous way in which he has given of his time, the reasons were accepted as sincere, and Mr. Littrell's resignation will become effective in approximately three weeks. No mention was made of a probable successor to his position. Mr. Porter stating that he wished the matter to be presented to Mayor E. M. Wilson before any action is taken. Mr. Wilson is expected home from California later this week.

Ralph O. Stephenson, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late W. M. Clemenson, attended his first regular meeting of the city dads last night. The resignation of Mr. Littrell will mean at least one

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"Shut Up," Shouts Lady Astor When Called To Order

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(UP)—Lord Derby appeared before a parliamentary group in the house of commons today to plead for support of the hotel and restaurant bill which would extend drinking hours.

Lady Astor, an ardent prohibitionist, voiced vehement opposition to the measure, and when called to order, cried: "Shut up!" "When her husband," said Lord Derby, referring to Lady Astor, "wins the derby—not this year but next—she will celebrate with ginger beer. I hope she cannot stop from drinking whiskey and soda."

GOVERNMENT OF SAGES PROMISED BY EX-PRESIDENT

Mad Rioting of Past Two Days Halted by Fall of Daladier Cabinet and Return of Aged Statesman

PARIS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Gaston Doumergue, aged servant of France, told a suddenly tranquil nation today that he would give it a government of sages—an "elder statesmen" cabinet.

The streets of Paris, after two days of mad rioting which resulted in the resignation of former Premier Edouard Daladier and his cabinet, today heard only the shout: "Vive Doumergue!"

Back from his retirement on his quiet country estate in the south of France, Doumergue, former president, former premier, and former minister in half a dozen governments, announced he would exact a truce from the dissident political parties.

Statesmen To Helm

He said he intended to surround himself with ministers like himself—men thoroughly experienced in statecraft.

His return to the battleground of politics is Doumergue's supreme sacrifice for his country. He had hoped, when he left the presidency three years ago, to be able to end his life in the peace of a private citizen.

The premier-designate declared: "The urgency of the hour does not permit me to form any sort of ministry other than one of a political truce composed of eminent men well-versed in statecraft."

Doumergue, who became the only Protestant and only bachelor president in France's history, was married immediately after his presidential term expired in 1931.

He entered the presidency in 1925.

Retirement Starts Unrest

But, even as he spoke, the partisan

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28 CARS PEARS OFF TO FRANCE ON S. P. TONIGHT

Twenty-eight cars of pears, comprising a special train, will depart tonight for Portland over the Southern Pacific railroad for shipment to France on the motorship "California Express." It is the largest shipment of the winter shipping season from this point. A month ago, 21 cars were dispatched in a day to foreign and eastern markets.

The shipment today is being made by the Pinnacle Packing Co. and the Southern Oregon Sales plant, and totals 18,760 boxes, with 720 boxes to the car.

Shipments of fruit from this point for the week ended Wednesday night, were 12 cars of pears and six cars of apples.

Shipments for the year up to Wednesday, totaled 1,792 cars of pears and 124 cars of apples, the Southern Pacific reports.

Fruit storage figures, as furnished by the Traffic association, on hand up to Wednesday night show 258 cars of D'Anjou's, 125 cars of Winter Nellie, one car of Esaters, 95 cars of apples and 7,827 lug boxes (approximately 10 cars) of apples.

SNOWFALL CLOSES ENTRIES TO PARK

Entrance highways into Crater Lake national park were closed last night by snow storms, according to information received by the park offices today. Approximately eight inches of new snow was reported at Government Camp this forenoon, with more falling.

Due to an abnormally mild winter snow conditions have permitted travel into the park through the south and west entrances for a short time past, for the first time in the history of the park at this season of the year. Last winter left over twice as much snow as has been recorded so far this year.

GRANGERS WILL SEE CRATER LAKE FILMS

Ernest Roedel will show pictures in film of Crater Lake park Friday evening at the regular Jacksonville Grange meeting, Miss Doris Conger, lecturer, has announced. The Grangers welcome the opportunity of showing this educational and entertaining program to its patrons and friends.

Ladies of the Home Economics club met Wednesday. Only routine business was transacted. Several projects were discussed but no definite action taken. The quilt that the members have been working on is nearing completion.

OVERSTREET HELD FOR CALIFORNIA OFFICERS

Max Overstreet, 27, of 218 West Jackson street was arrested this morning by Sheriff Walter J. Oimscheid and state police, on a warrant from Siskiyou county, charging him with cattle stealing.

Overstreet was lodged in the city jail, and was being held for Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Yreka, who was expected to arrive in Medford this afternoon.

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Salesman-Tenor Warbles During Keith Will Trial

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Arias from the opera, "La Forza del Destino," sung by an automatic hot water tank salesman, today entertained the jury that for two months has been listening to the contest of the will of Miss Margaret Keith, millionaire reclusive, who committed suicide here last April.

J. W. Crowhurst, called as a witness for Albert C. Allen, Jr., to whom Miss Keith left her entire fortune, said he went to the courtroom spinner's home to repair a hot water

800 PRESENT AT RITES FOR HOSS HELD IN CAPITOL

SALEM, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Funeral services for the late Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, were held from the hall of representatives here this afternoon with more than 800 persons in attendance. Mr. Hoss died at his home in Salem early Tuesday after an illness of several months.

The services were conducted by the Christian Science church and included a hymn, prayer and reading by Walter G. Smith from the scripture and correlative passages from Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.

The body lay in state from 10 o'clock in the morning until after the funeral services. The huge white gold metallic casket was banked with wreaths and sprays received from friends of the secretary of state from all parts of the state. The immediate family occupied the speaker's room in the hall of representatives which was equipped with amplifiers.

Lena Belle Tartar of Salem sang two solos, "O Gentle Presence" and "Eternal Mind, the Potter Is," both from the Christian Science hymnal. Previous to the service the Salem Christian band played two funeral dirges outside of the capitol building. There also was an organ solo.

RUM SUPERVISORS SPREAD JOB NEWS

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Oregon's three divisional supervisors of the state liquor control board were touring their respective districts today, making formal announcements of the liquor store set-ups in their territory.

Otto Runtz of LaGrande is in charge of the eastern Oregon area; Edward R. Morris of Eugene has charge of the western section south of Eugene; and Laurence R. Hickman of Portland is supervisor for the northwest corner of the state.

The control board said state-operated stores will be located in Pendleton, Baker, LaGrande, The Dalles, Bend, Ontario, Siskiyou, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Marshfield, Astoria, Oregon City, Corvallis, Albany and perhaps in St. Helens.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Archibald Rice of Klamath Falls, Ore., was painfully but not critically injured Tuesday night when his automobile overturned between Susanville and Westwood, Cal.

BANK CHECK TAX REPEAL FAVORED IN REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today voted to repeal the 2-cent bank check stamp tax effective January 1, 1934.

This provision was placed in the new revenue bill being drawn up for presentation to the house. It was a treasury estimate that in its present form it would provide \$235,000,000 additional annual revenue.

The bank check tax would not expire until July 1, 1934, under existing law. It produced approximately \$38,000,000 in revenue in the calendar year of 1933.

The committee also continued the 3-cent intercity postage rate on first class mail but adopted an amendment which permits the rates on second class matter affecting news, papers, magazines and advertising matter to revert to the rates in effect prior to the 1932 revenue bill.

In addition, the committee approved a provision giving the president power to reduce the 3-cent rate on first class mail to 2 cents if the condition of the treasury justifies it.

The 3-cent rate was continued for only one year. Under existing law it would expire July 1.

Representative Vinson (D., Ky.) proposed the amendment for restoration of the old rates on second class postal matter. He explained that since the rates were increased under the 1932 act, second class matter had decreased from 384,000,000 pounds annually to 265,000,000 pounds in 1933.

CONTROL OF MILK SURPLUS PLANNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Establishment of a pooling agency by which milk and cream surpluses in the Portland milkshed may be controlled and the industry otherwise stabilized, may be effected by Saturday, it was said here today by E. G. Harlan, chairman of the Oregon milk control board.

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ROLAND HUBBARD NAMED DIRECTOR

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—C. J. Jennings of Tacoma was elected president of the newly formed North Coast Hardware and Implement Dealers' association here Wednesday after the organization had been effected through extension of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association to include Oregon and western Washington.

A. R. Quackenbush of Eugene, and J. M. D. Hamberry of Seattle were elected first and second vice presidents. George E. Allen of Salem, E. P. Lewis of Marshfield, and Roland Hubbard of Medford were among those elected to the board of directors.

WILL ROGERS MEET SATURDAY

Annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' league will be held Saturday at 2 p. m., at the courthouse, it was announced today by Dr. G. B. Dean, president.

A report of the year's work will be outlined by Dr. Dean, which will be followed by election of directors.

A special feature of the meeting will be a talk by Dr. Henry Harman of the Oregon State Agricultural college, who will give a report on the investigations which he has made during the present year pertaining to the pear industry.

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