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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—There is inside evidence that Mr. Roosevelt's public appeal for rail peace was a staged play to put the employers on the spot.

Footprints in the grass around the White House indicate that the rail labor leader, A. V. Whitney, has called to see Mr. Roosevelt several times recently.

The labor groups were fearsome that the operators would force an issue on a further wage cut at this time. Mr. Roosevelt himself originally cut his own employees 15 per cent while the railroads cut only ten per cent. Workers generally have been cut considerably more than rail labor.

Speed. Mr. Roosevelt was so fast with his appeal that he got it into the newspapers about the same time the managers announced their intention of seeking a 15 per cent reduction. He was even further ahead of the managers' game than that because he wrote the letter a day before he made it public.

It left the operators no opportunity to force the issue unless they wanted to take on a fight with Mr. Roosevelt at the same time as the labor question. That would be a large order.

If you dig deep enough you will probably find some of the managers see the reasonableness of continuing the existing ten per cent pay cut. They were not called to the White House, but Joseph Eastman, railroad coordinator, was supposed to have been Mr. Roosevelt's contact man with them.

The way Mr. Roosevelt staged it, both managers and labor can give in without losing face.

Justice. Most non-partisan experts agree that this is no time to talk about further wage reductions. Operating revenues are increasing. Mr. Roosevelt himself has promised to give back five per cent to his government workers, making their net reduction 10 per cent as of July 1.

The whole effort of NRA is toward increasing wages.

The railroads have made major economies far beyond their 10 per cent wage reduction. They did it by discharging men with a rather free hand and increasing the efficiency of the remaining men.

The number of their workers has fallen from 1,700,000 in 1929 to around 950,000 now.

Cotton. The administration has gone thru agencies trying to find out whether it favors the compulsory slash in cotton acreage.

Agriculture Secretary Wallace once told a group of friends privately that this was no dictatorship, when they asked him whether he favored communism. That was several weeks ago. Since then the White House has publicly exposed the proposal. The Bankhead bill was dragged from oblivion and given consideration by the house agriculture committee.

Within the past few days the White House is supposed to have cooled again toward the project.

When Mr. Wallace testified before the house committee, he was this way and that way, on the one hand and then on the other.

Meanwhile, Chairman Jones of the committee is telling his closest friends he believes he has a bull by the tail and cannot decide where to throw it.

When all the confusion simmers down, the bill may go back to oblivion.

Talking. Mr. Roosevelt's unprejudiced plan of talking freely at press conferences has involved him lately in several inner difficulties.

On one occasion he gave an impression concerning the CWA which Administrator Hopkins diplomatically corrected the next day. In the home owners' loan corporation talk he promised to guarantee more bonds than the corporation intended. Later in talking about cotton he caused Mr. Wallace some uneasy moments. At least the newsmen thought he did.

None of the occasions was important.

Snipping. The private calendar fight in the house the other day was blamed on Col. Lindbergh, but he was only an innocent bystander who happened to get shot.

## NRA TO ABANDON PRICE TAMPERING UNDER NEW PLAN

System Drafted To Prevent Sales Below Reasonable Cost—Industry To Determine Emergency Needs.

By J. R. BRACKETT  
(Copyright, 1934, by The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The NRA has created a new price formula, expected to lead to eventual abandonment of absolute price-fixing.

It is designed to prevent sales below "reasonable cost." Officials of the recovery agency feel that if the plan proves successful it will make more arbitrary price-fixing unnecessary.

The new scheme, as set forth in an official memorandum not yet released to the public, proposes a standard price provision for codes. It would permit an industry to determine "reasonable" costs in an "emergency" where destructive price cutting might endanger the maintenance of a code.

It would tend in the future to permit price regulation only in emergencies, and officials said it indicated a general backing away from price tampering except in a few instances.

The new provision is recommended in all new codes, and may be adopted for old codes if the industry desires. The new formula was described as based on the idea of selecting the cost of plants of average efficiency as standard "reasonable cost" for an industry.

## WATER DISTRICTS ADVISED TO HURRY LOAN COMPLIANCE

SALEM, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Plans to comply with federal provisions before money already authorized by the reconstruction finance corporation can be appropriated and used for the irrigation and drainage districts in the state must be completed by June 1, C. E. Stricklin, secretary of the state reclamation commission, announced today.

Stricklin was in conference over the week end with Frank J. Keenan, financial advisor of the division of irrigation and drainage for the corporation, and discussed the plans. Keenan made the statement after proposals made to be completed by the June date.

Six districts in the state have been authorized loans amounting to \$903,608 on the average of 29 per cent on the face value of the districts. Plans for three of these districts were being held up by a suit pending in the supreme court involving the state from collecting its previous loans from the districts, one of the provisions of the government terms.

The funds authorized for refinancing were as follows: Talent district, \$337,500; Ochoco, \$289,142; Rogue River, \$89,000; Hood River district, \$64,375; Medford, \$45,379 and Gold Hill \$38,210.

Stricklin stated the Hood River loan was authorized upon a basis of 63 per cent of the face value, one of the highest based loans made by the government.

## JAPS HINT CHINA MISUSING LOANS

TOKYO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Reports that a portion of America's \$30,000,000 cotton and wheat loan to China is being used in the expansion of Chinese airbases at Foochow and Amoy will be the subject shortly of Japanese diplomatic representations to China, it was learned today.

A Japanese foreign office spokesman said Akira Ariyoshi, minister to China, had been instructed to seize an early opportunity to ask the Nanjing nationalist government to confirm or deny the reports.

In the event of confirmation, the spokesman said, Ariyoshi will warn China that such use of foreign funds violates China's pledge not to employ borrowed money in military establishments along the Fukien province coast.

## JURY CALLED FOR MANNING HEARING

KIAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Judge William Duncan has called the Klamath county grand jury for Wednesday morning. It is presumed the jury will start considering the case of Horace M. Manning, 55 year old attorney charged with the first degree murder of State Representative Ralph Horan.

Manning's preliminary hearing and arraignment will take place Wednesday afternoon.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The game commission said today it expects to be able to resume operations at the Corvallis game farm next season, although the farm will be closed this year and the work will be transferred to the Eugene farm. Holding pens will be maintained at Corvallis.

## Father and Sons Freeze To Death In Kansas Storm

HAYS, Kas., Feb. 19.—(AP)—A father and two young sons were found frozen to death near here late yesterday where they apparently had fallen from exhaustion in their attempt to reach a farm home after their motor car had stalled in a blizzard. They were Adam A. Pfeifer, Williams, 15, and Gilbert, 12.

Pfeifer's widow and six small children survive.

## CITY TO CHOOSE SIX COUNCILMEN AND NEW MAYOR

The city of Medford will have six councilmen and a mayor to elect at the November election, it was revealed today. The regular terms of four councilmen expire this year and a death and a resignation have necessitated filling two more vacancies.

Councilmen, whose terms expire are: George Porter, C. C. Furnas, Dade Terrett and C. C. Darby.

R. O. Stephenson, who was appointed to succeed W. M. Clemenson, following his untimely death, will serve only until the next regular election. The man named to succeed A. L. Littrell, who handed in his resignation at the last meeting of the council, will also serve only until the election.

Mayor E. M. Wilson, whose term also expires, has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection in November.

He stated today that Councilman Littrell had consented to continue in office until the present work of the street and roads committee, of which he is a member, is completed. The council will meet in regular session tomorrow evening but no action will be taken then toward naming a successor to Mr. Littrell, whose resignation has been necessitated by increased personal business.

When he retires the same system used to fill other vacancies in the council will be used. Mayor Wilson stated today that a meeting of the residents of his ward will be called in order that the people may recommend the successor.

Frederick Heath and S. A. Kroochel are the holdover members of the council, who will continue in office after this year. It is hoped that a number of others will find it possible to seek reelection, in order that too many changes will not be made suddenly in the city government.

No persons have so far announced intentions to run for mayor and this is much talk of adoption of the city manager form of government here. No definite action in this direction, however, is known to have been taken.

## LAST MAIL FLIGHT SETS NEW RECORD

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker landed at 1:01 p. m., today to complete the last commercial air mail flight for the Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc.

The flight, a gesture to show efficiency in the handling of air mail by commercial planes, started at Los Angeles at 11:30 p. m., yesterday. TWA officials claimed it set a new record for commercial flights.

The plane, a Douglas Airliner and the newest type of commercial ship, carried 34 passengers.

Rickenbacker made two stops en route, the last at Columbus, O. He left the latter place at 10:37 a. m., today and was sighted over Newark airport at 12:58 p. m.

## CREAMERY MEN HOLD CONCLAVE, CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Creamery men from all sections of Oregon met here today for the 23rd annual convention and short course of the Oregon Butter and Ice Cream Makers' association. The meeting will be concluded Thursday.

## 16 KILLED IN CRASH ON ITALIAN RAILROAD

PIOMBINO, Italy, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A special train, loaded with sightseers returning from a feast here, ran into another train yesterday, killing 16 persons and injuring 11, related official dispatches revealed today.

The trains met head-on near the village of Populona.

## LINDY'S INCOME TAX RETURNS IN CORRECT ORDER

Senate Committee's Probe Shows Nothing Amiss Is Word—Stock Profits Are \$187,838—No Gift Stock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Walter F. Brown, postmaster general in the Hoover administration, before the senate committee investigating airmail contracts today defended his airmail policy and personal financial dealings.

He called cancellation of all contracts by Postmaster General Farley a "colossal injustice."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Sharing interest with the appearance of former Postmaster-General Walter F. Brown before the senate airmail investigating committee here today, the disclosure that the committee has been checking up on Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's income tax returns and apparently found nothing amiss.

The flying colonel, America's No. 1 pilot and adviser to aviation concerns issued a statement in New York last night explaining that his aviation stock profits total \$187,838.55. The senate committee, headed by Hugo L. Black, has checked this statement against Lindbergh's tax returns.

Lindbergh's disclosure of his aviation profits had been in the hands of senate investigators some time before they were given to the public in New York.

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## STATE ADVISORS DROPPED BY PWA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Out of funds, the public works administration has terminated the services of all members of state advisory boards.

It was estimated that the PWA had already allocated all of its first \$3,000,000,000 and that it has applications for \$3,500,000,000 from states and other political divisions on file.

Lewis Douglas, director of the budget, was reported to be drawing up a request for between \$750,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 more for the PWA. It would be sent to the capitol in the next few days.

In some congressional quarters efforts are being made to have the larger amount appropriated.

Marshall N. Dana is the Pacific Northwest PWA regional advisor. The state advisory board for Oregon consists of C. G. Hockley, engineer, and Bert E. Haney of Portland, Robert N. Stanfield of Baker, and Dr. James Gilbert of Eugene.

## BLEEDING HALTED AFTER TEN DAYS

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Miss Gertrude Siers, is getting well. The bleeding which persisted for more than ten days from her mucous membranes as a result of an attack of thrombocytopenic purpura, has ceased.

Her physician, Dr. Charles H. McKenna, disclosed last night that his patient's fiance, Edward Bronze, has organized a "blood squad" to furnish blood for transfusions as long as they are necessary.

## CHILD SHOT WHILE SEATED IN CHURCH

IDABEL, Okla., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Seven-year old Georgia Caplinger was shot fatally last night as she sat with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Caplinger, in a mountain church at Goodwater, 16 miles east of this city.

A pistol bullet, fired through the window of the little church by someone apparently intent on disturbing the services, pierced the forehead and she died this morning.

The killer escaped on horseback.

## VETERAN METHODIST MINISTER SUCCEUMS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Rev. J. T. Abbott, D. C., 83, one of the best known Methodist ministers in Oregon, died at his home here today.

## GRIEVING BELGIUM PREPARES TO SEAT LEOPOLD AS KING

Funeral of Hero-King Albert, Killed By Fall In Mountains, Set For Thursday—Widow Holds Privacy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today messaged the crown prince of Belgium, who will ascend the throne as King Leopold III.

"My country learns with sincere sorrow of the death of his majesty, your father.

"In his official life he was just and wise and in his private dealings a true friend to all.

"Bound to him by strong ties of unalterable friendship, the American people join with me in sending to your royal highness our deep condolence."

By ALBERT W. WILSON  
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Belgium mourned today her hero-king and prepared for the coronation of his surviving son.

Albert I, king of the Belgians and the commander-in-chief of their army when, ragged, ill-fed and suffering, it stood off the forces of Kaiser Wilhelm during the World war, was killed late Saturday in a fall while mountain climbing.

It was his favorite sport, and he was an expert; but a bit of frost-bit rock broke in his hand, and he plunged 36 feet to death.

Found Ten Hours Later. They found him where he had fallen, ten hours later. Death must have been instantaneous. At all events the 58-year-old king did not suffer. His skull was fractured.

With all the pomp of royal ceremony the state funeral of Albert I. will be held Thursday. Within 24 hours of the obsequies, Crown Prince Leopold will become, at the age of 32, the fourth king of the Belgians—Leopold III.

Prince Leopold and the princesses were vacationing at Adelboden, Switzerland, when word of the king's death reached them. The prince, tired by a day of skiing, was sound asleep when he was found.

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## HUNT TO OPERATE HOLLY THEATRE

E. E. Marsh, manager of the Holly theatre, announced today at the meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Hotel Medford, that George Hunt, operator of the Craterian and Rialto theatres, had gained control of the Holly, which he will also operate in the future.

Among speakers at today's luncheon was Ted Gebauer, who told the members much about Medford's new beer and the history of Pilsener. Samples were placed at each member's plate.

A. H. Binwell, manager of the chamber of commerce, described the talks now going out from the chamber of commerce over radio station KMED. He also spoke on the airmail situation, assuring the Kiwanians early resumption of service here. He celebrated today his first anniversary in office. Olen Arnsperger described the irrigation situation, showing improvements to be realized through government loans.

## HALL WILL SEEK GOVERNORS CHAIR

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Charles Hall, who has twice previously sought the governorship of Oregon, has again entered the gubernatorial race.

He made his announcement during the week-end, stating he will seek the republican nomination for governor in the May primaries.

Opposition to the Oregon liquor control system will be one of the main issues in the campaign of the former senator from Coos and Curry counties, and he promised, also, to deal vigorously with that controversial question—higher education. Hall is opposed, he said, to unification of state institutions of higher learning. He will live in Salem, he said, if elected.

## Fall Fatal for Hero King



Albert, king of the Belgians, whose broken body was found Saturday night in a rocky ravine in the mountains south of Brussels where he had gone for a few hours mountain climbing, his favorite sport.

## ALL COUNTY CWA JOBS ASSURED TO COMING THURSDAY

Crews, hired under the Civil Works administration resumed work in Jackson county today in rural and city areas following a temporary layoff of last week, which will be made up in this week's schedule, it was announced at CWA headquarters this morning.

Instructions were received today from E. R. Goudy, administrator of the Federal Works administration in Oregon, calling for resumption of work until Thursday. The wire stated that additional information would be forthcoming and the local committee was awaiting definite word this afternoon from Portland.

With the resumption of work the same hours are being observed. On projects in the rural areas the men are working on a 15 hour basis and in the city areas on a 24 hour basis.

The same number of people have resumed work. February 15 marked the close of the first period under the CWA program and the workers are now employed in the second period. The work is being arranged to enable them to make up the hours lost last week.

## HIGHWAY REPAIR COSTS REDUCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Cost per mile of maintaining Oregon's highways dropped from \$796.43 in 1928 to \$399.85 in 1933, during a period in which the state highway system grew steadily and travel over highways increased tremendously. Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, pointed out last night in discussing figures released by the state highway department.

His tabulation showed that \$2,680,789.52 was spent to maintain 3366 miles of road in 1928—the most expensive year—while in 1933, 4214 miles of road were maintained at an expense of only \$1,684,976.34.

## GOPCO RATE QUIZ OPENING DELAYED

SALEM, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The continuation of the public utilities commissioner's hearing on rates and charges of the California-Oregon Power company, scheduled for February 20 at Klamath Falls will be postponed, Commissioner Charles M. Thomas said today.

Melvin Van Scoyoc, engineer for the commissioner, in charge of the investigation of the company at Medford for more than a year, was here today conferring with Thomas, and a date for the hearing will be announced later.

## HOLTZ REFUSES TO BE 'GOAT' IN RUM PRICE ROW

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Oregon state liquor commission knew and approved of the published liquor price lists repudiated by Administrator George L. Sannis, Aaron Holtz, organizer for the liquor stores, charged last night.

The commission and the administrator knew ten days before the prices were ever published what they were going to be, Holtz said. "Mr. Sannis had one of the price booklets in his pocket a week ago Saturday. That was two days before the Oregonian printed them. Mr. Sannis made no objection at that time.

"The commission has always had the right to dictate prices. The first prices were approved and known before they ever went into book form or in the Oregonian."

The liquor price list was obtained and published a week ago today by the Portland Oregonian, three days before the four state stores opened here. After prospective purchasers had protested the schedule, Sannis stated the commission had not approved the list. Two days later the prices were reduced.

Holtz said he had "been here too long to let myself be made the goat." He called attention to the fact that price tags on the liquors in store sample cases the opening day tallied exactly with the published list.

SALEM, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Opening of the state liquor store at Salem was again deferred several days, it was announced today by the state liquor commission.

The opening had been set for last Saturday, then deferred until February 20.

## AIR MAIL FUNDS CUT IN NEW BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The senate today passed the \$820,000,000 treasury-postoffice appropriation bill and returned it to the house for action on senate amendments.

The measure carried \$12,000,000 for air mail, a reduction of \$2,000,000 under the house figure.

It was the third of the nine regular supply bills for the next fiscal year to pass the senate—the others being the naval and interior bills.

The measure was approved in less than ten minutes and without debate.

## FEHL'S WIFE FILES AS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Attempt To Revive Turmoil Seen On Anniversary Of Ballot Theft—New Evidence Uncovered, Claim.

Mrs. Electa A. Fehl, wife of Earl H. Fehl, who is serving four years in state prison for ballot theft, today filed with the county clerk her declaration of intentions to seek the Republican nomination for county judge at the May primary.

The filing came upon the first anniversary of the Jackson county ballot robbery. A year ago tonight, while those in attendance at a "Good Government Congress" meeting, cheered an applauded to drown the crash of breaking glass, the evidence showed, a courthouse vault was burglarized, and votes upon which a Schermerhorn recount had been ordered were stolen.

Out of the crime, grew murder by L. A. Banks, now serving a life sentence in the state prison. The filing is regarded as an attempt to revive the turmoil that wracked this county for months.

Mrs. Fehl, in her declaration, gives as her platform, "I will carry out the sacred promise of my husband, Earl H. Fehl, to the electorate of Jackson county," and announces as her slogan, "honor demands justice."

The filing was forwarded from Salem, where Mrs. Fehl has been residing to be near her mate in the penitentiary, and was accompanied by a personal check for \$20, the filing fee.

In an interview, granted to the up-state press, Mrs. Fehl is quoted as saying:

"Since the trial and conviction of Judge Earl H. Fehl and many other prominent citizens, new and unexpected evidence has been adduced voluntarily by eye witnesses to the actual conspiracy, which completely exonerates Judge Fehl as well as all others convicted."

She stated that affidavits to this effect had been presented to the governor.

Fehl was convicted by a Klamath county jury, on a charge of venue, the verdict being reached in twelve days.

## MOTT ORDERS TWO PICTURES OF LAKE

Two photographs of Crater Lake have been ordered by Congressman James W. Mott through the Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today. One will be hung in his office at Washington, D. C., and the other in the hearing room of the public lands office in Washington.

Both places are visited by many people, who will view the world wonder and who will become acquainted with Medford as the gateway to Crater Lake, as each photograph will carry with it a note, telling of Medford.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Feb. 17.—All this argument over who will carry the mail, and if you tore a sack open here is what you would find: Twenty per cent, would be chain letters, "mail this to 10 others, it will bring you good luck," and we spend a half billion a year on education! Forty per cent, will be asking somebody for an autograph. As I said before, we spend a half billion on education. Ten per cent, will be congressional records and there is not a house that can't pick up their own kindling! Ten per cent, is pamphlets of somebody's scheme of how to solve something. Ten per cent, is bills which won't be paid, so they just as well not send 'em. Ten per cent, is newspapers being sent to a place where there is a better paper printed, and that's what a boy risks his life with over the mountains every night.

## G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

ASTORIA, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The 53d annual encampment of the Oregon department of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held here June 19, 20, and 21. It has been announced by representatives of the department here. Associated organizations will hold joint sessions, and more than 900 delegates are expected.

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