

The Weather

Forecast: Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday.

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HOME REPAIR LOANS MADE EASY



News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—

Near Leon Henderson received off-stage raspberries from his ex-colleagues in business when he said recently that a marked fall improvement was a good "gamble."

Mr. Henderson was suspected of whistling while passing graveyards. Also, there were many chuckles over the uncertainty implied in the use of that word "gamble."

Yet a check of the confidential estimates being made by the best business authorities indicate, Mr. Henderson knew what he was talking about. The sources of these estimates cannot be disclosed publicly, but you may rest assured they are not graveyard whistlers for the new deal.

They have confidential data showing the scope of the government's spending plans. Solely on these figures, they judge that the fall rise (September and October) will be more than seasonal, possibly 7 per cent more.

Exact figures on spending cannot be published. All that can be said now is that the money will be pushed out in increasing quantities through the AAA, PWA, and "other agencies."

As an instance of what can be done: The CWA method of direct hand-outs is now being abolished.

It was proposed to have been abolished last spring, but right now the FERA is pressing out money under different guises to a substantial portion of the people who were living off the CWA. There are unconfident indications that as many as 3,000,000 persons are now being cared for, or will shortly be cared for, through this device.

Farm purchasing power can be maintained at a much stronger level than the drought would suggest. Farmers who have any crops will get real prices for them. Those in the drought areas will be supplied money by the government.

This money flow from Washington will certainly be accelerated until after the November elections. Then winter relief arrangements will be ready.

There is much more underlying bitterness against President Roosevelt among big business men than has been publicly expressed. For instance, the most popular book in financial New York is one entitled "Franklin in Blunderland." It was written anonymously but is published by a reputable firm, appropriately with a red paper cover.

Also, the financial air is filled with smoldering room jokes about the new deal, some of which are printable. Apropos of the federal deposit insurance and the popular song, "Oh There I Sing, Baby," it is related that Mr. Roosevelt is cracking the bankers with a ferule and requiring them to yodel: "F. D. I Sing, Bebebe."

Much of this sarcasm comes under the head of good fun, even if it is not always clean, and you find some financiers taking a sympathetic attitude toward the government. One financial wizard whose judgment is as good as any, has this very interesting view:

"I don't mind when the new deal says there are to be no profits for a few years. I am not troubled when it tells the fat fellows they will have to live off their fat for a while. I do not get aroused when it decides to make those who have money pay half of it to the government in taxes. I think all those are probably good things."

"But I do believe the time has come for a change of tactics on the part of the administration. I think its attitude is all wrong."

"The time has come to end uncertainty as much as possible and encourage business to go ahead. For instance, all the cards in social insurance legislation next session should be laid on the table. Business should be permitted to know how much its costs are going to be raised by such legislation. It also should be permitted to know the extent to which it is going to be affected by tariff policy."

"I do not ask that Mr. Roosevelt change his new deal. All I say is, let us have it and get it over with. Business can readjust itself to what is demanded of it and then get started on something like a permanent basis."

"Until that is done, I cannot see any end to uncertainty or any chance for substantial progress."

The opinion is general in the best silver circles that the new silver policy will hasten the collapse of Europe's gold bloc. The retirement of France from gold leadership has been expected as long, and is yet considered as certain, as General Johnson's retirement from the NRA.

Chairman Kennedy of the securities commission has had some private

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LENDING AGENCIES IN EVERY TOWN BY END CURRENT WEEK

Treasury Comptroller Approves Plan for National Banks to Purchase Participating Interest in Loans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, today approved a plan designed to facilitate the making of government-issued loans to property owners for alterations, repairs and improvements.

In an interview regarding his department's attitude toward the loans now being made under the federal housing administration, O'Connor said:

"Banks May Buy Interest

"There has been approved a plan whereby national banks may purchase participating interest in loans representing advances to property owners for the purpose of making alterations, repairs and improvements to real property, which loans are insured under title I of the national housing act."

The comptroller's statement coincided with an announcement by the housing administration that it expected to have lending facilities available by the end of the week in every community of the nation. Financial institutions with assets of almost \$5,000,000,000 have been authorized thus far to extend credit for home modernization.

Made to Group

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Bosses State Finance



A. E. Stockburger (above), city manager of Ventura, was appointed state finance director to succeed Roland Vandergriff by Acting Gov. F. F. Merriam. He has served as city manager of South Pasadena, Alhambra and Compton. (Associated Press Photo)

BONNEVILLE DAM CHANGES GIVEN DERN'S APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—

The war department announced today that Secretary Dern, upon recommendation of the chief of engineers, has approved changes in the plan for the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river to cost an additional \$1,200,000.

The modifications approved by Dern were:

An increase in the length of the lock at the dam from the 580 feet in the present plans of 500 feet, and in the depth over the sills, now 15 feet, to 27 feet at ordinary low water.

The present width of 76 feet will be retained to the end that this lock may be usable if at some future time a 30-foot channel is provided in the Columbia river below the dam.

Depth in excess of 30 feet will be available after the dam is constructed from the dam to The Dalles, a distance of 43 miles.

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GENERAL MARTIN STANDS READY TO HELP SO. OREGON

Democratic Candidate for Governor Impresses Supporters in Banquet Talk — Campaigning on New Deal

Smiling, and confident that he is to be Oregon's next governor, General Charles H. Martin, congressman from the third district, last evening spoke informally to over one hundred supporters who gathered at the Hotel Medford for a banquet honoring him and Mrs. Martin.

Relating what the new deal has done for southern Oregon, and impressing his listeners that he is running strictly on new deal principles, the candidate asked: "What can I do for you when elected governor—for I am going to be elected."

The general told of visiting Medford in 1910 when he brought his men from Vancouver Barracks to fight a forest fire that had gotten out of control in the Prospect area. Judge W. M. Colvig was mayor of Medford at the time, and Judge Will G. Steel was building bonfires on Mt. Hood.

Candidacy Urged.

"Attorney Evan Reams and Judge E. E. Kelly were among the first who wrote me to run for governor. I went to my good friend, Henry Ralner, speaker of the house, and asked him about it."

"Leave it alone," he said, "we need you here." So with no encouragement from the house leader, Martin told his supporters in Oregon he thought it best not to run.

"They insisted," he said last night, "so I told them 'you got me into this, now you've got to get me out. I thought I could just slide through in the primaries, but I see we had quite a battle. It cost you people in Oregon a little bit of money, too, and Mrs. Martin and I are on this trip to express our profound thanks."

"We started from Portland a week ago today, and have covered much of the state. I am more than ever reassured by the virtue of the people, and their respect for those in office. Your loyalty impresses me greatly. I am interested in preserving our instrument of government and hope we're going to win out."

"I am going to meet all the good

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BASEBALL

American.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The Detroit Tigers, blanked with one hit for five innings by Lefty Gomez, smashed their way through in the late innings to defeat the New York Yankees, 9 to 5, in the first game of today's doubleheader, played before a capacity crowd of 72,000, with another 25,000 turned away from the gates.

The victory was the Tigers' 13th straight triumph and increased their lead over the second place Yanks to five and one-half games.

First game: R. H. E. Detroit 9 12 0 New York 5 11 2

Crowder, Marberry and Hayworth; Gomez, Ashong, Allen, VanAlta and Dickey.

Score: R. H. E. St. Louis 5 5 1 Boston 7 9 1

Coffman and Hemaley; Grove and R. Farrell.

Score: R. H. E. Cleveland 5 10 3 Washington 1 4 0

Harder and Pyslak; Stewart, Russell, Burke and Bolton.

National.

New York 2 6 1 Pittsburgh 3 5 1

Hubbell and Danning; Grimes, Hoyt and Padden.

Score: R. H. E. Boston 9 7 1 Cincinnati 5 11 0

Benge and Lopez; Pray and Lombardi.

Score: R. H. E. Boston 15 27 0 Chicago 2 8 0

Brigid and Hogan; Bush, Tinning, Joiner, Root and O'Farrell.

SWIMMER STRANGLER BY FALSE CHEWERS

MILWAUKEE.—(UP)—It was announced when Reinhardt Polzin's body was taken from a lake that he had drowned. Examination disclosed, however, that what really killed him was that he swallowed his false teeth while swimming; the teeth stuck in his throat, and he strangled.