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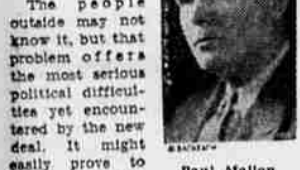
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News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON.
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Some formerly gay and cocksure new dealers are not getting their customary eight hours of rest these nights, worrying about the drought policy.



The people outside may not know it, but that problem offers the most serious political difficulty yet encountered by the new deal. It might easily prove to be a disastrous shoal on which the whole Rooseveltian theory of farm relief could run aground.

This does not mean there is any real danger of famine, ruinous price gouging, or disastrously depleted farm purchasing power. Those things can and will be amply cared for. The danger lies in the means of taking care of them.

Right now, every insider believes President Roosevelt will have to impose some price-fixing restraints to keep profiteers and speculators from trying to run away with the show.

As soon as he does, he must reverse the economic and political theory on which the AAA has been running, or a least throw it out of gear. It was popular in the farm belt to pay out money for curtailed acreage, as long as it boosted prices up. It will be decidedly unpopular to stop the natural price rise and tell the farmers who have crops that they cannot get any more than a certain fixed price.

This basic difficulty is further emphasized by the fact that many farmers outside the drought areas are now spending their idle evenings figuring up what they would have made if they had planted all their acreage this year.

In view of this, there is considerable private discussion as to whether the administration can even attempt an acreage curtailment program next year. If the government tried to sign the farmers up for it today, you can well imagine how far it would get.

The technique of any price-fixing step involves extreme dangers. The new dealers have been called practically everything in the world, including communists and socialists, but even the most liberal of them are sincerely against price-fixing of any kind. The experience of the AAA (in milk, particularly) and the NRA (in the codes) proved that you might as well invite a hive of bees into your house as to try to fix prices. It is not only well impossible to arrive at a really fair price, but it is certainly impossible to enforce it after you arrive at it.

The AAAers and the NRAers have been stung every time they attempted it, and both will lament for President Roosevelt if he is forced into it.

To make the political angle even worse, the opposition is now setting up a hue and cry that it was wrong and unnatural to curtail the bounties of nature. At least one preacher emitted a sermon on that subject which reached the front pages.

Such things may or may not be true, but a lot of political hay can be made out of that field.

It explains quite adequately why the official announcements, statements and speeches recently have been confined to generalities about stopping profiteering and about guaranteeing that no one will want for food. Also, it is enough to keep a man up nights.

Fur Drovers' henchmen have been sounding us out secretly about getting government credits here. Apparently, the Germans believe they can arrange to get our surplus government cotton for a song, and all we will furnish the music, while all we get is the words.

Certain foreign trade enthusiasts, who are not very close to the top here, have given the Germans unofficial encouragement in response to their unofficial requests.

It is also known to be seeking credit in England, and is supposed to have met with more encouragement there than here.

The publicity men for our foreign trade enthusiasts will find it hard to make German credits popular in this country now.

DROUGHT BOOSTS LIVING COSTS IN MID-WEST CITIES

Higher Prices For Staples Already Evident, Survey Shows—President Eyes Profiteering—Bright Side Seen By Some Observers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation declaring an emergency and directing that important duties be suspended so farmers in drought-ridden areas may obtain enough feed to keep their livestock from starving. The proclamation, it was learned tonight, was signed on August 10—just after the president made his transcontinental trip through the drought belt.

Under the proclamation, treasury and agricultural officials are working on regulations specifying what commodities—probably hay and oats—may be imported into this country duty free. The regulations also would name the ports of entry and the countries from which the commodities could be imported.

As soon as the regulations are agreed upon, it was said, they will be made public, along with the text of the presidential proclamation. The proclamation does not design the feedstuffs that may be imported, but leaves that to the secretary of the treasury.

The proclamation ordering suspension of the duties uses authority granted by a little publicized section of the 1930 tariff act.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The drought has come to the city. The grocer and butcher are posting higher prices and predicting greater increases. Scared farmhands of the west, struck by the worst growing conditions in weather bureau annals, offer the reason.

A survey today disclosed the "materially higher" prices predicted for 1935 by Secretary Wallace already are evident in the areas that supply most of the nation's foodstuffs.

Staff writers of the Associated Press interviewed two local distributors, processors and retailers of many commodities sold at random in drought-stricken states. Many of the executives saw a bright side to the drought—the reduction of surpluses, as an example. Nearly all forecast higher prices in the staples they market.

Even where a blazing sun has burned away the farmers' profits, some of the business men said their sales were comparing favorably with 1933.

We don't look for things to go to pieces as they did in the worst of the depression," a Cheyenne, Wyo. distributor commented, at the same time pointing out commodity prices had firmed.

While the department of agriculture has announced "there will be plenty of food," the executive council of the American Federation of Labor this week expressed itself as "gravely apprehensive" as to the effect of drought-influenced prices upon the urban working man.

President Roosevelt has made it plain he sees no reason for a sky-high increase in food prices. He intends to halt any profiteering.

"Meat prices, especially for quality cuts, are bound to go up," Robert M. Oathwaite, Topeka, Kans., manager of a packing company, asserted. G. A. Waldria, manager of a similar plant at Butte, Mont., said prices there had been "ruined" by the drought and relief donations by the government.

While farmers forced in many cases to haul water for their dairy herds, real milk prices have advanced as much as 3 cents a quart in some cities of the drought area. In addition, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has invoked higher milk prices in many communities to bring better returns to the producer.

Increased demand or higher prices for canned goods and cereals was shown in many states, Iowa's canning industry was reported in a "deplorable condition" by Garth Carrier, of Vinton, canning company president. Edward Lehman of Wichita, Kas., declared staple vegetables "probably will show an advance of about 3-1/2 per cent when the new crop has been canned." P. P. Whelstone, Oklahoma City wholesale dealer, reported a 15 per cent increase in canned goods prices. Sam Asher, Cheyenne, Wyo., noted "short deliveries" from canneries. W. K. Brown, Denver, said prices had risen 10 to 15 per cent in the last 30 days.

Grants Pass Man, 88, Dies at Start Of Wife's Funeral

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—As mourners gathered for the funeral of his wife, scheduled to begin in 10 minutes, Philip Kiphart, 87, died suddenly this afternoon. His wife, Sara, 88, died Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiphart are survived by a son, George, of Eugene, and a daughter who lives in California.

'KINGFISH' GIVEN DICTATORSHIP OF STATE BY SOLONS

Huey's Legislature Conveys Vast Powers—Much Talk But Little Action—Citizenry Just Looks On.

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Senator Huey P. Long today assumed the complete dictatorship of Louisiana.

The legislature, which concluded a five-day special session this morning, had made him: Commander of an army. Controller of elections. Referee in an investigation of the hostile New Orleans government. Overlord of taxes. Dispenser of reprieves. Suppressor of gambling. Prosecutor of crime and disarmer of enemy police.

The powers were legally vested in Governor O. K. Allen, but Senator Long need only say "frog," and the governor "hops."

An important minority did a lot of talking during the session of "armed revolution," "bloodshed," "anarchy," and of general chaos and demoralization, but supposedly irate farmers failed to arrive with pitchforks and shotguns "to set things right."

There was spluttering invective and high-sounding and dangerously worded assaults from opposing political camps—especially that of Mayor T. Semmes Walmsey, of New Orleans—but everyday citizens just sat back and looked on curiously.

There was a lot of excitement in the legislature, what with fist fights, slugging of newspaper photographers and exclusion of the press from proceedings, but none of these halted the swift approval of 27 bills which the senator personally shot through both houses.

Opponents were successful in doing only one thing, invoking a trick rule with 10 votes which barred Senator Long from coming on the floor of the house to direct his measures personally.

But this made slight impression on the Louisiana "Kingfish," who issued his instructions from outside just the same.

Behind the major thing was the opposition of Mayor Walmsey to Long's attempt to seize control of New Orleans.

On July 30, Long's National Guardsmen broke into the city registration office and took control. They were still there today to "protect" the list of voters.

Michael F. Shannon, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks' lodge, will be at the Medford airport this (Sunday) evening at 6:30. He will make an address to which the public is invited.

Mr. Shannon will arrive by plane, and at the field to greet him will be two planes carrying members of the Klamath Falls Elks' lodge, also large delegations arriving here by automobile from Klamath Falls, Ashland and Grants Pass. Many from Medford will be at the airport to hear Mr. Shannon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—"There is a very definite menace against our institutions in this country, and it is growing more dangerous every week," Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles attorney and grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, said on his arrival here today. Shannon is making an air tour of the nation talking against communism.

Oregon: Fair Sunday and Monday; low humidity, somewhat higher temperature; moderate northerly wind offshore.

DISCHARGED EMPLOYEE BATTLES NRA



John L. Donovan (right), head of an NRA employee union, is putting up a fight against his discharge from the Blue Eagle's payroll which he claims was due to his union activities. Donovan is shown conferring with Margaret Stabler, union secretary, while waiting to have his case heard by the labor relations board. Gen. Hugh S. Johnson said Donovan was "fired" for inefficiency. (Associated Press Photo)

TUMOR CURE SO POTENT, TOMCAT WILL GIVE MILK

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A notable tumor discovery, by which the recently found milk hormone, prolactin, was used without surgery to cause disappearance of a benign tumor in the breast of a male monkey, was reported in the American Journal of Cancer today by three Johns Hopkins scientists.

Prolactin is a chemical secreted into the blood by the pituitary gland at the base of the brain. It is so potent in inducing breast milk that it makes even a tomcat give milk.

Benign tumors are non-cancerous growths. Their study is hoped to offer more light on the cause and relief of cancer. Some medical men believe benign tumors may be forerunners of cancer, while the majority doubt it.

HEIRESS TO CAST OFF TRUCKMAN TO MARRY SPANIARD

GROVE CITY, Pa., Aug. 18.—(AP)—The whirlwind romance of 17-year-old Collette Mulvihill, daughter of a wealthy Pittsburgh oil man, and Thomas Green, a broad-shouldered young truck driver, today appeared headed for the rocks—two days after their sunnier elopement and marriage.

While the \$125-a-month husband was away making deliveries, the vivacious blonde bride said: "It was all just a lark. The marriage is off. I'll get it annulled."

Meanwhile, on the high seas from the far-off Philippines Islands, dispatches reported Sidran Parades, a Manila engineer, was bound for San Francisco and Pittsburgh. Friends of the bride said she is engaged to Parades and that the ring used in the ceremony at 4 a. m. Thursday, with which she became Mrs. Green, was one given her by Parades.

Reached at a farm near Grove City where she is staying with friends, the young Mrs. Green herself professed her intention of marrying her "Spanish sweetheart."

"Sid is the one I'm in love with," she said.

After annulment of the marriage, Mrs. Green said she will marry Parades in St. Paul's cathedral in Pittsburgh.

YANKEE FASCISTS FOMENT STRIKES

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 18.—(AP)—George W. Christians, commander of the crusader white shirts, commonly called the "American Fascists" today said his organization started strikes in two southern textile centers "to get publicity."

"We started the strikes in Huntsville, Ala., and Columbus, Ga.," he said. "That's the only way we can get anybody to pay any attention to our plans for monetary reform."

RE-ORGANIZE AND HEAVY DIRECT CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Hugh S. Johnson will continue at NRA's helm for an indefinite period.

"The president asked me to go right on," Johnson said today after a conference with Mr. Roosevelt.

The presidential word was accepted as a command by the militant administrator who for more than a year has personified the Blue Eagle to American industry. Apparently the White House expression put a halt to Johnson's own desires for a quick return to private life.

But if Johnson was disappointed at the thought of a longer tenure directing industry, his smile on leaving the White House didn't show it. He said he was ready to go ahead and reorganize NRA in a way to "depersonalize" the government's industrial machinery.

"We are working out a reorganization plan," Johnson said today. "But now Johnson looks toward a vacation. He plans to leave next Wednesday with Mrs. Johnson for a nearby seaside resort and at President Roosevelt's direction—take a rest."

Board control of NRA is the reorganization plan being drafted by Johnson. He has announced his willingness, and today's White House meeting apparently confirmed it, to act as chairman of the board.

The board he has in mind probably will resemble the war industries board on which he once served. Each of its nine members were allotted a certain field of work and specialized in details of that field. But only the board as a whole could determine policies.

Some skeptical eyebrows were raised at NRA at the thought of Johnson's "depersonalizing" his Blue Eagle organization through a board of which he would head.

A lot of his co-workers couldn't quite conceive of Johnson serving as the board's chairman without completely dominating it with his forceful personality. This probably would be true if the board were composed of experienced NRA personnel.

22 FELONS HURT WHEN RIOT HITS PONTIAC PRISON

PONTIAC, Ill., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Twenty-two convicts were in the hospital tonight, three guards were less seriously injured, and the prison print shop lay in smoldering ruins as the aftermath of a riot which broke out today among the 2,400 inmates of the state reformatory.

For more than four hours the battle raged between guards and convicts, and only volleys from guards' rifles brought quiet to the prison yard.

Several inmates were in serious condition, prison officials said, and three guards were slightly injured. Damage to the print shop was estimated at \$25,000.

Peace was established in the prison, which houses youths and young men convicted of felonies, an hour after the rioting broke out. Tonight prisoners resumed their routine with little evidence of disturbance.

A squabble between two inmates precipitated the affray during the fourth inning of a baseball game between a prison team and the St. Nicholas hotel team from Springfield, Ill.

LIQUOR IMPORTS REACH NEW LOW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A continued increase of stock in storage cut down the imports of alcoholic beverages during July to the lowest figure since repeal.

Duties collected dropped below \$2,000,000 for the first time, standing at \$1,999,466 for the month. Distilled liquor imports were 539,429 gallons, compared with 517,709 in June. Warehouse stocks increased from 4,529,297 to 4,336,505 gallons.

Girl Confesses Slaying Father



In a dramatic climax at an inquest into the death of Robert Beauchamp, 65, of Gilroy, Cal., his daughter, Mrs. Bernice Pickrell, 19, testified she shot and killed him when he allegedly made improper advances toward her. The girl, pictured above, was held on a murder charge. (Associated Press Photo)

ORGANIZED LABOR MAPS PROGRAM TO THWART RADICALS

President Green Declares Soviet Active To Control Unions Since Recognition Of Russia—Under Moscow Orders.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 18.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor, charging communists believed control of the federation was a "primary requisite to world revolution," today opened a "war" to expel them from organized labor's ranks.

William Green, federation president, disclosed the reported activities of communists had been considered by the executive council in its ten day session here, and said a three-point program was mapped against "both the open and concealed attempts upon the working people of our nation."

"Reports show," Green said, "that the advocates of communism are complying with instructions of the Russian third red international to 'burst from within' the local and national organizations of labor. They came increasingly active immediately following the recognition of soviet Russia by the government of the United States."

ASHLAND COUPLE OUTWIT FATHER

Cupid chalked up another victory on paper in Ashland yesterday.

Bud Gales, 22, and Margaret Pennington, 18, decided to get married—sans father's blessing. "After discussing the plan and called half a dozen county seals to prevent the issuance of a marriage license. He also gave a description of the elopement case."

But once again papa was too late. Miss Pennington and Gales had already secured the license, and used it to get past the California line police checking station.

METHODISTS SAY DRUNKS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A 31.68 per cent increase in drunkenness arrests in 192 cities during the first three months of 1934 compared with the same period last year was reported today by the Methodist Episcopal Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

In states which control liquor sales, however, the board added, the increase was only 19.19.

SNAKE BITE CURE BY FAITH, REWARD

SYLVIA, N. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Albert Teaser, 39-year-old preacher, who let a rattlesnake bite him to prove the power of faith to his little mountain congregation, tonight looked upon the incident as a gateway to new worlds to conquer.

NAMES OF SCREEN STARS FOUND IN COMMUNIST DATA

Four Favorites Mentioned In Documents Seized In Raid—California Wars On Reds—Cagney Denies Finance Aid.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The names of four film favorites, Lupe Velez, Dolores Del Rio, Ramon Novarro and James Cagney, were said by District Attorney Neil McAllister today to have been found among communist documents seized in local police raids.

McAllister, who is pressing his drive against radicalism with indictments and injunctions, said that he will turn the names over to Los Angeles police, requesting that he be informed if there is evidence connecting them as advocates of radical elements.

Charges that certain Hollywood stars and directors have been contributing to communist funds were made recently by Captain William Hynes, head of the Los Angeles police red squad. Hynes at the time declined to mention names.

McAllister said that if Hynes will provide him with the names of those interested in radicalism he, McAllister, will include them in an injunction he plans to seek, making all communist activities insofar as they advocate overthrow of government, contempt of court.

The names of Lupe Velez, Dolores Del Rio and Ramon Novarro were on a slip of paper found among the effects of Miss Caroline Decker, indicted secretary of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union. The names of these three stars were merely listed with no comment regarding them. That of Cagney was found in letters sent Miss Decker.

Cagney denied in Los Angeles yesterday that he had the "slightest sympathy or connection with communists who are trying to tear down everything American for which I would fight."

He said he knew Ella Winter and Lincoln Steffens of Carmel, both liberal authors, but that if Ella Winter in letters to Caroline Decker referred to him as a financial supporter of the communist party "she had no right to do so."

Cagney likewise said it appeared to him that McAllister's actions "are a bid for personal publicity at the expense of my reputation."

ALLOT \$80,000 FOR CRATER RIM ROAD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The national park service was given an allotment of \$80,000 today by the public works administration for widening and completing the rim road in Crater Lake national park, Oregon.

Work on the highway was started with previous PWA allotments totaling \$580,000. The allocation made today is expected to complete the road between Diamond Lake Junction and Cloudecap at a 24 foot width.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

TOKYO, Aug. 17.—Well, Japan won't have her world supremacy in business long. I saw a lot of golf courses being put in. That's the beginning of a nation's commercial decline.

When we traded a spade for a putter, that's the way we started in the red.

What you guys doing with silver over there? You got these folks about nuts and I expect you got yourself the same way.

Will Rogers
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