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Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday.
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Temperature:
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Lowest this morning 50

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PAY KIDNAPED WOMAN'S RANSOM



By PAUL MALLON.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—Those in the know here think that President Roosevelt's promise of a reasonable increase in prices is the most important news that has come out of the White House in months.

The casual way in which it was made heightened the tremendous implications behind it. No one needed a glass to see that it meant the new dealers are resuming a technique they dropped last spring. Until then they had been predicting higher prices. It helped business. If consumers believe prices are going up they will buy. And when a president promises higher prices the consumers are very likely to take his word for it, especially when that president has all the powers Mr. Roosevelt now has to make his prophecy come true.

The truth and the price-boosting results of the NRA were supposed to have been the cause of Mr. Roosevelt putting the price question in the box six months ago.

What kind of land it will be is not hard to guess. It could be further gold devaluation or silver devaluation. Both have to come some time. The logical thing to do would be to devalue the silver dollar to the same extent that the gold dollar has been devalued. That would get the treasury a cool theoretical profit of \$1,000,000, aside from its hypodermic effect on business.

Then the president would be free to squeeze about 2 cents more out of both the gold and silver dollars at any later time when he may think it advisable to create a fresh inflationary psychology.

But those things are really not immediately important. The big thing is that the White House has revived the talk about such things. That will do more to stimulate buying than any subsequent monetary legislation.

The mere fact that the president lets it be known that he thinks prices should be higher will make prices higher. Indirectly it tells people to buy now and avoid higher prices later. It increases demand, and an increased demand will automatically increase prices, for, regardless of all you have heard from the theorists, the good old law of supply and demand is still in effect.

And don't think the White House did not know that when it let the price statement out.

Another hidden point in Mr. Roosevelt's strategy is that he selected the most opportune time of the year for the price war. This is buying season, not only for individuals, but for business houses.

But one thing should not be forgotten. It is that Mr. Roosevelt wants a reasonable advance within reasonable ground. If profiteers take advantage of the situation for gentle extortions, they will merely be killing their own game, because the president will undoubtedly then be compelled to put the price policy back in the cooler.

One of the foremost new dealers recently gave out advance copies of an important speech and then sent out word to eliminate a paragraph of it. This paragraph ridiculed the idea that the government could or would curtail expenses.

They say the elimination was not suggested by Mr. Roosevelt personally. Apparently, the president did not read the speech, but someone able to speak for him did, and advised the change. That is another indication that things are going to be different after election.

The new dealers who rule the securities exchanges chuckled with glee when a Boston public utility recently applied for a government O. K. on its financing. It was a case just exactly like that of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit in New York, but the Bostonians chose to submit rather than fight. The case involved \$20,000,000 of Edison Electric securities, all of which are owned by Bostonians. The company pointed out that it cost \$12,000 to prepare the application. The financing unquestionably will be approved within 30 days. The amusing point about it is that the Bostonians decided to pay the new deal price while the New Yorkers will spend many times \$12,000 fighting it. It is cheaper to submit than to protest.

Mr. Roosevelt's talk on prices certainly was a delicate advance warning to the American Builders' association.

FAMILY AWAITING FULFILLMENT OF PROMISED RETURN

Instructions Kidnapers Carefully Followed, Is Statement—Hint More Than One Involved in Case

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The ransom demanded for Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll has been paid and the family awaits the kidnaper's fulfillment of promises, was the announcement here today by Berry V. Stoll, husband of the young society woman who was slugged and forced from their home late Wednesday. The ransom note had named the demand as \$50,000 but the Stoll announcement did not mention the sum.

The formal statement said: "We have carefully followed instructions, met all ransom requirements, and are awaiting fulfillment of promises. The parties may act freely without fear or hindrance. "Berry V. Stoll."

Fate Rests on Promise
The statement that all ransom requirements had been met was taken to mean definitely that the money had been paid, and the fate of pretty Alice Stoll hung for the time being on whether the one who made the ransom demand would keep his promise.

Whether Stoll's announcement meant the money actually had been paid the man who kidnaped Mrs. Stoll or had been given to persons designated by him, remained unexplained, as there was no comment when the formal statement was given to newspapers in Stoll's behalf. The reference to "parties" was the first intimation that more than one person had been involved in the kidnaping of the former Bryn Mawr student and Junior League member, daughter of William S. Speed, retired capitalist.

Home Isolated
The Stoll family obtained a complete isolation of Berry Stoll's 16-acre estate yesterday after a day of futile waiting for a contact by the kidnappers. Through last night they waited for news, the place standing almost deserted, with extra telephone lines installed.

This morning Berry Stoll, hatless and apparently greatly excited, roared out of the driveway in a roadster. Another man was with him. The car swung down Lame Kiln road, which borders the estate and headed south into Kentucky. The emissaries took the narrow, winding, irregular trail at high speed, not slowing up for turns or the frequent hills.

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The relief administrator told reporters that preliminary reports from 110 cities during September showed the number of families in their relief rolls had remained almost stationary since August, and that relief outlays in these cities dropped to \$45,276,000 during September, compared to \$49,308,000 in August.

TELLS OF HAUPTMANN PARTIES



Anita Lutzenberg (center), 25-year-old vivacious blonde friend of Bruno Hauptmann, suspect in the Lindbergh case, is shown as she left the district attorney's office in the Bronx, New York, after being quizzed all day concerning beach parties at which she and Hauptmann were present in the summer of 1932. (Associated Press Photo)

NO GREAT CHANGE IN NRA POLICY IS REASSURING WORD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Business was told emphatically today by Clay Williams, NRA chairman, that the new governing board would not make "any sweeping, broad changes" in price fixing policies.

As in the case of production control, the work week and the position of small industries under NRA, Williams said these issues were problems listed for consideration and will be "worked out by a specific proposition in specific industries as they arise."

Williams met reporters formally for the first time since taking office shortly after a White House conference had decided to drop suggestions for creating a separate judicial branch of NRA in favor of a cooperative working agreement between the Blue Eagle organization, the justice department and federal trade commission.

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By A. H. Willett

A county warrant, issued September 6, 1868, in the sum of \$3.00, and never paid—was found this week by A. H. Willett of Talent, in his watermelon patch. It was laying, in a good state of preservation, by a watermelon vine. All the writing on the paper was legible, save the number, in the right-hand corner.

The warrant was made out by Max Muller as county clerk, and countersigned by R. H. Moore, now county treasurer. Muller figured the interest at 14 cents, and it had been added to the principal.

The warrant was issued in payment of freight from St. Louis on a deed record book.

How the warrant happened to be in the Willett watermelon patch is a mystery, but it is supposed it was blown there by the wind, and lodged against the vine. It showed no signs of being buried in the earth.

The warrant has been turned over to County Assessor J. B. Coleman.

PORTLAND HOLDS RECALL FORGER

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Charles A. Goodwin, 22, was under arrest today as the admitted forger of 20 fictitious names and addresses on a Mayor Joseph Carson recall petition.

Officers said Goodwin made a written confession. He was charged with violation of the corrupt practice act and bail of \$5000 was set.

Goodwin admitted he signed the names when backers of the recall movement refused to pay him for a partly-filled sheet. A notary public's name appears on the sheet, but Goodwin denied swearing the names were genuine.

He said he was paid \$1.51 on turning in a complete petition of 100 signatures and expected 5 cents a name when the list had been checked.

BROUS FUNERAL HERE SATURDAY

E. W. (Tobe) Brous, who was superintendent of the prison farm at Salem, and was formerly a resident of Medford, passed away Wednesday night at the Deaconess hospital in Portland, following a short illness.

A native of Iowa, where he was born September 18, 1890, he came to Oregon with his family as a boy. He was reared in Medford, where he made his home for many years.

Funeral services are to be conducted at the Per Funeral Home in Medford at 10 a. m. Saturday, with Reverend E. S. Bartlam of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery here.

Mr. Brous is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. O. Goble of Yreka, Cal., and Mrs. E. D. Weston of Portland.

TELEPHONE RATE SLASH ORDERED BY COMMISSION

Eight Per Cent Reduction to Save Oregon Users \$360,000 Per Year Will Take Effect On November 1

No official notification of a change in rates for the Home Telephone & Telegraph Co. had been received here today, according to the telephone office. R. B. Hammond, manager, is out of town and is not expected to return until Monday.

SALEM, Oct. 12.—(AP)—An 8 per cent reduction in local service revenues of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, a saving of approximately \$360,000 a year to rate payers, was ordered by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles M. Thomas here last night, following an investigation of more than three years.

The reduction will become effective November 1 under the terms of the order, which is 78 pages in length, one of the most voluminous issued by the commissioner. Officials of the company were served with copies of the order in Portland.

Valuations Reduced.
The order, in addition to cutting the rate for telephone service, slashed the claimed valuation for rate-making purposes on the firm's exchange properties in Oregon from \$24,208,790 to \$18,800,000.

The commissioner's order refused to permit further payments of the \$98,644 annual fee to the American Telephone & Telegraph company for service charges and ruled that the holding company must present an itemized statement of the services rendered based on actual cost.

Other rulings made by the order: Increased the reported operating income from \$42,110 to \$1,115,719 by adjustments eliminating the "holding company fee, excessive depreciation charges, excessive charges to repairs and excessive administrative over-

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Thank You!

May we express our appreciation to the following firms and individuals whose co-operation made possible the success of the Mail Tribune's 1934 cooking school:

- The California Oregon Power Company.
- George Hunt and the Staff of the Craterian Theater.
- Medford firms that participated.
- National Food Organizations.
- Western Feature Enterprises, Mr. George Provine, San Francisco, and Miss Foster Heath.
- Medford Mail Tribune.

REDWOOD EMPIRE BOOSTERS MEET

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The 14th annual convention of the Redwood Empire association was formally opened here this noon with more than 200 delegates and distinguished visitors as guests of Josephine county at a general luncheon.

Most of the delegates arrived in a caravan of 50 cars, bearing members of the eight California counties north along the Redwood highway to its northern terminus here. They were greeted by Oregon Cavenem, furcial, club-wielding booster organization.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 12.—Saw a ball game in Detroit and was home for "early breakfast. Felt plum lost Wednesday without the Deans to watch. Every sport is looking for outstanding players with "color." Well, old "Diz" is a rainbow. "Rainbow" Deans. For brother Paul, while quiet and timid, is a great teammate for "Dizay," and ball players say there's darn little difference in their pitching. They both got the old, long, free arm Walter Johnson swing.

By the way, I saw Walter up there. Looks great, and Tris Speaker, the one man that has never been approached in his playing of center field, and "Rabbit," say "Rabbit." He looks great and says he will be in there next year.

With the Deans' success, and these little words fountain colleges bearing the big ones in football, it looks like a country boys' year.

Yours,
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INFLATION MOVE NOT IN PICTURE DECLARES LEWIS

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Frankly disturbed by widespread inflationary talk resulting from yesterday's White House conference, Lewis said Senator Bulkley (D. Ohio) had been misunderstood if he left the impression President Roosevelt favors a further devaluation of the dollar.

Bulkley told newspaper men as he left the White House yesterday after a conference with the chief executive that further devaluation of the dollar was not an "impossibility."

"I can assure the public nothing of such kind is under any contemplation," Lewis said in a statement telephoned to the Associated Press today.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS 1638 CARS NOW

Fruit shipments from the Rogue River valley to date, total 1638 cars, divided as follows: 921 cars packed pears, 650 canneries pears, 67 apples. According to Southern Pacific aides, the fruit is moving out at the rate of 35 to 40 cars per week. It is estimated there are 1000 to 1200 cars of pears in storage.

According to County Horticulturist Lyle P. Wilson, the apple crop will reach the estimated 400 cars, but will fall below that mark. Warm days in early September retarded the growth, and held down the output.

Movement of the pears to eastern markets has started. A shipment of 32,000 boxes is scheduled to sail from Portland Tuesday.

LIBERTY BONDS CALLED FOR PAYMENT APRIL 15

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The treasury today called \$1,870,000,000 of fourth 4 1/2 per cent Liberty bonds for payment next April 15.

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