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The Gold Clause Ruling

THE essence of the long awaited gold clause decision, as we understand it, is that the power of congress to control and manage the currency of this country, is emphatically upheld.

When conditions, such as the recent world depression, bring about the devaluation of the dollar,—if this congressional action is technically contrary to the provisions of private contract, the latter falls before the former.

In other words, private persons, states, municipalities and their sub-divisions, have—and had—no power to ENTER INTO gold clause contracts, if and when such action, interferes with the power of congress to regulate the currency.

That is, the power of the people through their representatives in congress is supreme. In time of crisis, purely technical considerations must yield to the public welfare.

It is the old "rule of reason."

WHILE the New Deal invalidation of "gold clauses" is sustained in private contracts; it is not so sustained on government bonds.

The supreme court rules, that Uncle Sam must pay off his own bonds in gold or the equivalent in devalued currency. That is technically the holder of a \$1000 federal bond is entitled to \$1,690 in our present currency.

BUT, in the same decision the court holds that the court of claims has no jurisdiction over such cases, which appears to mean that it would be impossible for holders of government bonds to COLLECT on their old gold basis.

So while theoretically the government must pay gold on its own obligations—or the currency equivalent,—PRACTICALLY no owner or owners of such bonds can FORCE the government to do so, as the law now stands.

THE decision is very involved, and deals with matters which it is extremely difficult for the average layman to understand. Until the entire decision has been published, and experts have digested it, most of us will withhold final judgment, not only as to PRECISELY what the ruling means; but as to any moral considerations involved—if any.

But the main effect of this decision,—the most momentous action of the supreme court in many years,—is fairly clear.

On matters of this sort Wall Street is a pretty reliable interpreter. A few minutes after the announcement, stocks started to soar skyward, kept soaring for several hours and then quieted down, apparently also inclined to get the final low-down, before breaking its suspender buttons. But everyone including Wall Street agrees that the decision, as a whole, will make business better instead of the reverse.

And we remain essentially a business people. So the ruling will be generally welcomed, and may well mark, the real end of the depression and the actual return of something like NORMAL prosperity.

All needed for some time has been confidence. There appears good reason to believe that this clarification of the gold clause will bring it.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—In the manner of Arnold Bennett's journal: Surprises in the mail. A letter from Jim with one of his tramps lined on the envelope.

And a sheet of sketches of remote Spanish towns autographed from Vernon Howe Bailey. At breakfast someone told how Victor Herbert did his best work.

He liked to compose late at night clad only in long underwear and smoking thick, black cigars. Also palaver of that remarkable "Maurice Guest," by Henry Handel Richardson. The author, it astonishes us to learn, was a woman. Marshall Neilan thinks Rosa Lewis, of the Hotel Grandview, the greatest woman character actor.

A magazine editor steamed up Ted Cook two years ago to write some short stories. Everything was settled. The other day the editor wired to know how he was coming along. There came back this poet card reply: "Don't crowd me!" An F. P. A. contributor thought up calling Broadway rue de Vallee O. he did!

Near Sherry's a sly, scolding fellow with pendant cheeks said he used to play with me in Ohio. Refused his name. A romancer, I felt. But no matter, his hunger was astonishing. This month I have contributed steadily to the Cosmopolitan 14 years. Waspish weather.

The chauffeur John De Carlo veered into Avenue B last evening to point out a Three Cent Beer. Everything so priced. Even a hair brush. Near the docks huskies were slugging a rat as big as a griffin, I swear. Further along they were dressing for a suicide. In Dejaney street we niggled some salted orange seeds. They call them Ghetto beans. In England not long ago Karl Kitcher saw some fancy bags of his favorite nuts and inquired: "How much are those English walnuts?" The clerk: "O, you mean those sun-baked California nuts."

That silly undergraduate talking around has become a plague. Like, "how you around tonight?" "Where you I pick you up about eight-ish?" A group of them at No. 21 today. George and Diana Fitzmaurice spent a recent week-end at a picturesque old castle in Wales. They had 36 bathrooms to themselves. That's my notion of real hospitality. I saw William Lyon Phelps with his umbrella padding to a machine. He's the only professional critic to review afternoon. Phil Baker reviewed his "fojot," a short-lived opus with "Nathan" worked out between the first syllable.

Major Raymond DeKorn's splendid barrer of hot snappers-suspiring sausage has arrived. With corn cakes

and black-strap sorghum it's a memorable meal. M. told me of meeting the Gene Crawleys' two cubs on way to a church with their nurse. "Do you like Sunday school?" she asked. The elder: "Yes, indeed. You can hardly wait." And they fairly danced away. I had a letter from Hollywood about Colleen Moore's doll house. Some years ago she got Tarkington, Julian Street, Wells and others to autograph miniature books, especially made for her. The house is now valued at \$73,000 by collectors.

A curious twist. Expensive night clubs and restaurants are in a whirlwind boom. But so-called middle class places are locking up. Our home town editor, Col. Whitman G. Sibley, has written his last line. In a small Ohio river community, after the fashion of Ed Howe, William Allen, White and Robert Willard, he attracted country-wide recognition. An achievement that far greater than winning notice writing for powerful newspapers and syndicates. Hundreds of the letter but only a handful of Sibleys. A pair of proud Percherons with white manes and brass-bossed collars drawing a brewer's cart up the avenue turned every eye. I thought of the first auto on Broadway. Diligam, with a lady, drove it. In front of the old Cadillac hotel it bucked and took blaze. They got out and scurried away—red to the ears!

I worked on magazine proofs an hour before dinner. Remarkable how an article can be tickled up. David Phillips said his finest work was done in revision. Booked tentatively, no relation, on his ship, Hualalai voyaging from Honolulu to outlying islands, I'm clutched by a dread. In case of disaster, passengers might mistake the McIntyre and club me out of the first life-boat. M. and I agreed in a contentful talk we had never so longed to see Paris. We reveled in a sun-down walk by the river in the Belle toward St. Cloud. A chocolate cloud in front of Fouquet's. A spin up the grand boulevard to the Place Bastille. And back along the quay.

WILLAMETTE ONIONS HIGHEST OF SEASON

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Willamette valley onions went to a new high price for the season today when buyers quoted \$3.00 a hundred pounds net to grower.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to discuss diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

NUTRITION MEANS MORE THAN DIGESTION To those whose interest is limited to headlines and funnies, nutrition is a fancy term for vitamins or "extra."

With increasing knowledge of the chemistry and the physiology of plant and animal life the word nutrition has come to denote more and more in the field of science. Indeed it has now come to such a pass that when a group of scientific experts discuss their observations and researches they speak in a strange language which we ordinary folk can hardly understand.

By your leave I propose to sit for a while on this step half way up and smoke this new pipe presented by an old fan (believe it or not) while I listen to the jargon of the savants up above and translate it into words of no over so syllable for you dumb as the wrong sort of teaching by and for new construction or reproduction. Successive stages of metabolism are commonly known as digestion, absorption, assimilation and excretion or elimination. Excretion or elimination is effected thru defecation, urination, sweating, expiration or exhalation.

All this and more is comprised in nutrition. Excretion or elimination is the least important part of the entire process of nutrition and is perfectly automatic or self-regulating if not unwisely tampered with—but most of you dumb laymen are introspective and even morbid about this, having had the wrong sort of teaching by the quacks and nostrum mongers all your life and so you've tossed so many monkeywrenches into the works that

you're all out of kilter now, and maybe you had better not throw away your pills or potions, trick emmas and imported bird seed until you have studied my treatise, "The Constipation Habit," and conned it several times. There's only one way you can get a copy of this treatise: send ten cents in coin not (stamps) and a three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for the treatise. Correspondents who do not comply with my terms may squawk and yell and cancel subscription or even pull their ads—they won't get anywhere with me.

Normal, perfect, ideal nutrition, metabolism, growth or health is eutrophy. Deficient nutrition is variously known as atrophy, inanition, malnutrition, marasmus, emaciation, withering, constitutional weakness, frailty, underweight, dystrophy. We might get by without some of these big words, but in a conference like this I find a judicious introduction of a few big words keeps the laymen guessing; if one excludes all impressive words some laymen will think they know about as much as the doctor does, and then one can't teach them anything.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Young man has peculiar habit of constantly blinking his eyes. Will children be likely to inherit this? Is there any cure for it? (B. C. S.)

Answer.—Habit spasm or tic is not heritable, but a child might acquire the same habit from imitation. Tick-tock, tick-tock, papa to baby. The habit is curable by a faithfully followed series of exercises, including inhibition exercises.

Quack starves 'em to Death Had Bright's Em. The doctor kept him on an orange juice fast for four months. I have seen him cry from hunger pains. Finally the doctor said he was all well and said he could eat anything. (Mrs. M. B. L.)

Ans.—The quack, you mean, not the doctor. Please give a list of foods one should avoid when there is too much acid. (W. W.)

Ans.—Send stamped addressed envelope and 10 cents for booklet, "Guide to Right Eating." (Copyright, 1935, John F. Dille Co.)

Ed Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS IN THESE days when many strange theories are abroad, this theory is being urged upon us:

That by penonating a considerable part of the population, we can create vast new prosperity for all the population.

Many honest people believe this to be true. IN ORDER to get a better understanding of this theory, let's cut it down to a size we can understand.

Suppose, for example, that you and five other people are working a farm in the way our great-great-grandfathers worked it—getting your food by growing it out of the soil, your clothing by shearing your sheep and carding, spinning and weaving the wool; your soap by mixing fat with potash; your shoes by tanning hides and sewing the leather, and your shelter by cutting down trees and building cabins.

In such a case, these things would constitute your WEALTH, and each of you would contribute his share toward the production of this wealth.

NOTE this, for it is important: There would be only as much wealth as you actually PRODUCED.

NOW let us suppose that four of you got together and said: "Let us PENNION the other two. That is to say, let us GIVE to them, without their having to work for it, a share of everything we produce."

WOULD that create any new wealth? Would it result in the production of any more food, of any more clothing, of any more shoes, of any more soap, of any more houses? The answer is perfectly plain—it would NOT.

IT MIGHT be the perfectly fair and decent thing for the four of you to do.

The two who were pennioned might be older and weaker. They might be past their fully productive years. They might have done their full share in the past and so be entitled to rest and freedom and leisure.

But the four of you who went on working wouldn't PRODUCE MORE food and clothing and shoes and soap and houses than the six of you had produced before.

THIS is the point: It isn't SPENDING that creates wealth. It is PRODUCING. No more wealth can be consumed—

TIMBER PROGRAM OF BASIC IMPORT TO THIS COUNTY

3,100 Persons Directly Dependent Upon Forests—Industry Promises Growth—Must Sustain Yield.

"What do the people of Jackson County do for a living?" is one of the questions asked in a population survey just being made by the forest service in connection with the sustained timber yield program proposed for Oregon and Washington.

The answer to this question, forestry officials say, shows that forest land and timber crops already play an important part in the life of Jackson county. In this county it is found that of a total population of 32,918 in 1930, roughly 3,100 persons, were directly dependent on the timber industry for a livelihood. It is found also that a population at least as great is indirectly dependent on the industry. Furthermore, since the total timber stand in this county represents nearly 20 billion board feet, it is pointed out that lumber manufacture is destined to play a much more important part than it has yet played in the life of the county.

Must Sustain Yield In 1929 there were 21 sawmills in the county which cut 111,851,000 board feet of lumber, although in 1933 the mills had decreased to 12 in number, cutting 43,957,000 board feet. With the return of normal conditions a strong "come-back" in the industry may be expected, it is said.

However, in order to assure continued activity of this industry which supports so large a portion of the county's population, it is necessary that continuous production be maintained on the timberlands which supply present and future mills, according to the report. This is a major reason back of the urge for the so-called "sustained yield management" of our forests, and is a reason that should be fully understood by every citizen of the county, according to the report. Foresters state that the present "cut-out and get-out" policy of forest cutting will result in a brief period of industrial activity, followed by inevitable economic and social disaster.

Aids Many Industries The survey shows that Oregon's basic industries which could exist without dependence upon other industries are few in number. Of these basic industries, agriculture and timber comprise roughly 68 per cent. The timber industry alone comprises between 30 and 40 per cent, and much of the agricultural activity is closely related to the prosperity of the timber workers as a great home market. The state's economic structure and tax base, it is shown, depend upon timber in approximately the same proportion as its population.

It is pointed out that the adoption of a continuous production program for Oregon's forests and timber industries requires certain necessary measures. A full realization by the public of the present timber situation would undoubtedly make these measures effective.

Forests Richest Resource "The hopes of this state for obtaining new industries through cheap power development," say forest officials, "must not blind us to the fact that primarily most of our productive land is valuable only for growing timber. Whatever additional industries we gain should not prevent us from fully capitalizing our richest industrial asset—timber."

The survey indicates that, because of its virgin timber supply, Oregon is one of the few states in the union where a sustained timber yield program can be put into operation without curtailing industrial activity pending the time when new forest crops will be available for cutting. In fact it is shown that Oregon's lumber production can be substantially "stepped up" under careful sustained yield management without impairing the state's permanent economic structure.

When found, some senators have a sudden urge to talk indefinitely. Somehow or other they never get to a vote. The customary fate appears to await the current one.

It is sponsored by democrats, all right, and it will emerge from the senate judiciary committee soon and reach the senate calendar. There is no reason to believe it will advance much further.

For instance, one democratic senator from an illustrious southern state is telling his friends that he has been gradually expanding his natural loneliness by practicing in the attic at night. He is now fit, he says, to talk for at least two weeks continuously if that bill ever comes up. There are at least twenty other senators who would like to practice if they thought there was any need of it.

Controlling leaders are wholly out of sympathy with the legislation and may arrange less exhausting means for its demise.

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago).

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY February 18, 1925 (It Was Wednesday) Motorists who have not procured their 1925 auto plates, are given a final warning by state traffic department.

Chris Gottlieb defeats R. Maru, 250 to 225 in the city billiard title series, and Dan Watson and G. Pugh will play the other semi-final game tonight. Gottlieb is sure of a place in the finals. Watson has lost one game.

Receiver is named for the Grants Pass railroad.

E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools at Heppner, Ore., is named head of the Medford school system, beginning next fall. Prof. Hedrick is regarded as one of the ablest educators in the state.

Anti-cigarette bill is defeated in state senate.

John C. Mann is elected second vice president of the state merchants association, who pledge "opposition to government meddling in business."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 18, 1915 (It Was Thursday) Frank James, brother of Jesse James, notorious bandit, dies of apoplexy at Excelsior Springs, Mo., age 74 years. Frank James, after a vivid criminal career lived the life of a thrifter for 30 years.

Kaiser's submarine blockade of England in full force, and American ships warned to steer clear of straits. Lull comes to European battlefronts, preparatory to spring offensive.

Masonic lodge moves to new quarters in the M. F. & H. building.

Grand jury reports "the windows at the poor farm need washing, and the county jail is kept too warm."

President Wilson will press button opening Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco Saturday.

Bonds in the sum of \$2500 for release of Kyle Pugh from the county jail, pending appeal to the state supreme court, from his conviction and sentence of five years in state prison, for criminal syndicalism, have been approved by Judge H. D. Norton. The sureties were listed as two Portland residents.

Pugh has been in the county jail since last September when he was changed with the attempted escape, distribution and possession of communistic literature advocating the overthrow of the American form of government by "force, crime, and violence."

Derby DERBY, Feb. 18.—(Spl.)—Many of those attending the Community club program and dance Saturday night included people from neighboring communities.

Main feature in the home dramatics was the comic play put on in costume and directed by Mrs. Muri Deen, entitled "The Mock Wedding."

Wayne Whaley contributed a much enjoyed song as did the tiny granddaughter of Mrs. "Doc" Hamlin of Eagle Point, truly remarkable for one so young.

Mrs. Ed Eldred accompanied Percy O'Neil through two lovely violin pieces with the piano.

The program was followed by the usual dance, which being present. The music was furnished by Wayne and Bert Whaley and Lorine Smith.

Mrs. Frank Hill is convalescing nicely at her home after her serious illness and is able to be up and about the house for short intervals.

Muri Deen has been on the sick list this last week. His many friends extend wishes for a speedy recovery.

Miss William Simmonds on the Coker-Butte road spent the week end visiting among friends and relatives of Derby.

Quite the most enjoyable affair of the week was held at the school house on Thursday afternoon in the form of a Valentine's Day tea given by the teachers, the Misses Harriet Smith and Irwanda Bateman. The gathering was given the treat of hearing classical piano selections which included the beautiful "Impromptu" by Schubert and the "Nocturne" by Chopin rendered by Miss Charlotte Walters, of Ashland. James Stevens of Medford delighted old and young with several "darkey" songs. Mrs. Stevens accompanied on the piano.

Other guests included Mrs. C. C. Walters and Mrs. I. R. Bateman both of Ashland.

The tea table was covered with a lovely lace cloth. The centerpiece of sweetpeas and carnations, tall tapers and motifs carried out in red and white paid tribute to the day.

Tiny cookies and candies were passed by school girls while Mrs. C. E. Simmonds poured.

The school children also had their annual Valentine box followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the gym.

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Anderson, John A., Central Point, Rt. 1, farmer.

Bowman, Roy R., Jacksonville, carpenter.

Brayton, E. H., Medford, Jville Star Rt. orchardist.

Birdseye, Mrs. Effie, Rogue River, housewife.

Birdseye, Victor P., Gold Hill, farmer.

Beck, W. A., Rogue River, laborer.

Brenner, John, Central Point, Rt. 1, farmer.

Bellenger, Frank R., Medford, retired.

Brockway, A. E., Medford, Rt. 1, farmer.

Burns, A. F., Medford, Rt. 1, mechanic.

Bigham, Elbert, Eagle Point, farmer.

Burreson, Peter, Gold Hill, Star Rt., farmer.

Blackford, Oscar, Central Point, farmer.

Borg, C. G., Talent, miner.

Baughman, Rosa Lee, Talent, housewife.

Brower, Bertha D., Ashland, housewife.

Byrd, G. W., Ashland, farmer.

Brophy, Jack W., Eagle Point, farmer.

Blair, C. P., Central Point, Rt. 1, farmer.

Bossum, Charlie, Medford, mill man.

Brown, Elva, Medford, housewife.

Brown, J. E., Medford, Rt. 4, service station operator.

Bourne, Geo. A., Medford, Rt. 4, farmer.

Bishop, Guy, Medford, Rt. 4, farmer.

Byers, Jean, Ashland, farmer.

Bradshaw, Lee, Brownsboro, farmer.

Briscoe, Callie, Ashland, housekeeper.

Bowers, Milton D., Gold Hill, laborer.

Baughman, Verla, Ashland, housewife.

Biede, Gertrude, Ashland, housewife.

Wolow, Benj., Eagle Point, farmer.

Etz, Peter E., Eagle Point, farmer.

Bigham, Wm., Eagle Point, farmer.

Brwn, Chas. A., Ashland, Rt. 1, rancher.

Bolwert, Arnold, Central Point, R. F. D., farmer.

Brown, Austin B., Ashland, Rt. 1, farmer.

Boarman, Margaret, Prospect, housewife.

Barnesburg, Fred, Medford, Rt. 4, farmer.

Bell, Floyd, Phoenix, farmer.

Barkley, Wm. M., Phoenix, confectionery.