

### The Weather

Forecast: Unsettled with rain Sunday and Monday; not much change in temperature.  
Highest yesterday 47  
Lowest yesterday 32

Twenty-ninth Year



By Paul Mallon  
Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—If you were listening carefully you may have heard the dull thud when Mr. Hoover's money stabilization proposal hit Washington.

The most influential Republicans ducked in unison, declining public comment. What they said to their friends was that they did not intend to get themselves tangled up publicly with any specific money plan now. What they meant also was that they did not want to be tails on Mr. Hoover's kite. Most Republican congressmen and national committee officials did not doubt his non-political sincerity in offering the plan. But they suspected people would misinterpret it as a Hoover bid for renomination. They want no parts of this.

The New Dealers likewise dropped few comments out loud, but boldly grasped their noses between their thumbs and first fingers in private. (At least, one cabinet officer actually did.)

The reaction proved one significant thing—the stabilization drive lacks inner force. It is weaker now than a year ago. So is the inflation drive. The New Dealers are quite content with de facto stabilization and will not attempt de jure stabilization until Britain and probably France are ready. That may be months or years.

This apocryphal story is going the inner rounds of New Deal officials. A teacher asked one of her pupils: "Who is the Almighty?" Little Johnny, the same old little Johnny, replied: "Roosevelt."

"No," said the teacher. "Next." "Franklin Roosevelt?" was the uncertain guess.

"No," said the teacher. "Next." "The first two pined on the third boy, saying: "You Black Republican."

The straw which broke Victor Christgau's connection with the AAA as an administrator is supposed to have been the fact that he attended a private meeting of New Deal liberals. The purpose of the gathering was the discussion of the farm labor problem. Sharecroppers are losing ground in the existing arrangements, or at least the liberals contend they are. Christgau was asked about this meeting later by an AAA superior. Tempers became disgraced and the resignation of Christgau followed.

The administrator is one who opposed Agriculture Secretary Wallace's recent interpretation of Section 7 of the AAA act. Wallace wanted to range the matter so that farmers need not keep the same help all the time, but the liberals contended it be reduced in the discharge of help and its replacement with cheaper labor.

Farm labor policies have always been a constant source of irritation inside the AAA.

An unreported section of a recent speech by Assistant Commerce Secretary Dickinson contained the following:

On Sunday last one of the chief of these my own name into his appeal to the public. I feel honored by abuse from such a source, but I cite it here merely as a significant illustration of the type of reckless misinformation and carelessness for truth which characterizes these efforts to mislead the American people.

As Father Coughlin had mentioned Dickinson, the speech is being handed around here as the first attack by any New Dealer on the radio point. Some believe it may constitute evidence of a break between the administration and Father Coughlin. There have been indications that they are not working as close together this year as last.

## GILL REPLIES TO MARTIN'S ATTACK ON GRANGE LOBBY

### Governor Says They Should Be Plowing Instead of Pestering Solons—School Unit Defeat Brings Cautious Blast From Executive

SALEM, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Representatives of the Oregon State Grange today took issue with Governor Charles H. Martin, who late yesterday charged them with interfering into legislative matters with which they had no concern.

Martin's charge was made just prior to his first defeat of a major fight with the Oregon State legislature when the Senate failed to muster the constitutional 16 votes on the county unit system for public schools and the bill went down to defeat by the margin of a single vote.

The State Grange was known to have been active in fighting the bill which was one of Martin's original four administration measures, and Governor Martin, cognizant of that fact, declared:

"Self Appointed Leaders" "What business have these men to appear as the mentors of every bill which comes up. This self-appointed group of leaders should be out plowing in the fields. Instead they are up here pestering the legislature."

Ray Gill, master of the State Grange, and Morton Tompkins, were the two who were the subject of Martin's charge. Joined by V. E. Livesey, the third member of the legislative committee of the Grange, the organization's leaders issued the following statement today:

"For over thirty years the Oregon State Grange has maintained a legislative committee at all sessions of the legislature and this committee is provided for in the Grange by laws, so we are not self appointed."

"The governor states that this committee 'should be out ploughing in the fields, where the birds are singing,' that is just a polished way of saying, 'Go home and stop the dogs.' The county unit bill only applies to rural sections and is of primary interest for farmers. Most every bill presented at the legislature affects farmers and we are therefore concerned."

"There are 55,000 farms of 3 acres or more in Oregon with real property valued at \$30 millions. There are 330 Granges in Oregon with 20,000 members. With the tremendous opposition to the county unit bill the wonder is that these senators did not get more communications than they did."

"Doing Their Duty" "We have no quarrel with the Governor. We are here to do our duty for the Grange, the largest farm organization in the state. We will carry forward their legislative program and no one can intimidate us."

The defeat of the county unit school bill on the 40th day of the session came only after a prolonged battle since the opening of the session, January 14. The measure would have

(Continued on Page Twelve)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The inquirer says four men, held at Bethlehem, Pa., in connection with two bank holdups up-state made a statement to police concerning a reported plot to kidnap Eugene Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel company.

The plot, the inquirer said, was followed by the roundup of the four, who were captured in Detroit. The conspiracy involved holding Grace for \$250,000 ransom. The inquirer adds, adding that one of the prisoners told authorities the game was planned by assistant Mayor Robert

## SISTERS DIE IN LEAP OFF PLANE



Grieving over the death of two royal corps flying officers, two sisters jumped from a London-Paris plane to their death over the British countryside, near Uppingham. They fell to their deaths a few minutes after taking off although their pilot, John Kirtan (second from right) didn't discover it until over the British channel. Elizabeth, 23, and Jane Du Bois, 21, formerly lived in California and their father, Couert Du Bois (inset) is U. S. consul at Naples and a colonel in the army during the World War when this picture was taken. (Associated Press Photos)

## BETTY GOW HIDES AFTER BLAST AT BRUNO'S COUNSEL

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—After one withering blast at Attorney Edward J. Reilly, Betty Gow went into hiding tonight.

A diligent search of London hotels failed to locate the pretty Scot girl who, as Baby Charles A. Lindbergh's nurse, was one of the star state witnesses in the Hauptmann murder trial at Flemington, N. J.

Miss Gow was believed to be with her mother, who met her at Southampton.

The Lindbergh baby nurse broke her customary silence to take bitter exception to what she termed "brutal and unjust" attacks upon her by Hauptmann's defense lawyers.

Reilly, she said, "went too far. About the tragedy that I made known to the court was most unjust. I am sure he would not have been allowed to do that in Britain. He should not be allowed to do it in America."

## AUSTRIAN WALTZ WEAPON OF REDS

VIENNA, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Vienna's newest political weapon—the waltz—today proved to be two edged.

## SIAM WAR CHIEF ASSASSIN TARGET

BANGKOK, Siam, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The first attempt at political assassination in 17 years of Siam's history was made here tonight when the brilliant young minister of defense, Liang Hupai Songgram, was

shot while he was leaving a football match and died two hours from a pistol wound, wounding the leader of Siam's modern, up-to-date war machine.

## BEER STAMP TAX AND HIGHER WINE CONTENT SOUGHT

### Legislature Resumes Knox Law Tinkering—Three Liquor Bills Proposed—Salary Scales for Officials Up This Week.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Major liquor issues were thrown into the Oregon legislature today when three measures, one providing pertinent changes in the Knox liquor law, another a stamp tax for cities to regulate their own beer sales systems and the third, a wine ad valorem tax, were introduced or prepared for introduction.

These issues appeared as the sixth week of the 38th regular session came to a close, and although it was past the regular 40-day period, the session was expected to continue for another two weeks. The most optimistic leaders believing, however, that it may end in another 10 days, or about March 6. Both houses were in session today, the lower branch continuing until night while the senate adjourned at noon.

The changes in the present liquor control law, on which the house alcoholic committee has agreed, were featured by raising the alcoholic content of wine which may be distributed by private firms under licenses issued by the state, and reduction of the alcoholic content in beer sold.

The present law provides that all wines containing 14 per cent alcohol by volume, or less, may be so dispensed. Should the amendments to the Knox law be supported, it would raise the content from that ratio to 17 per cent by weight, which has been declared equivalent to 21.6 by volume.

Another chief amendment to the law would limit the legal alcoholic content of beer to 3.6 per cent by weight. Many other changes are recommended, including reduction of hard liquor buying permits from \$1 to 50 cents a year.

All major controversies upon today's calendars were deferred until Monday, but both houses did clear their desks of scores of smaller issues. Next week will also see the bulk of the ways and means committee measures introduced, following a policy upon salary scales for state officials and employees.

## 25-YEAR TERM TO OKLAHOMA YOUTH IN MURDER PLOT

PAWNEE, Okla., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Twenty five years in state penitentiary is the penalty 19 year old Phil Kenamer must pay for the slaying of John F. Gorrell, Jr., 23, in Tulsa last Thanksgiving night.

The well-knit, dark-haired son of Federal Judge Franklin E. Kannamer stood up in district court room here today and accepted the long term, without a change of expression. The state had asked 99 years.

The defense immediately announced intention to appeal. Judge Hurst granted four months for its preparation. Previously he had denied an eloquent appeal for a new trial.

## LABOR HEAD SAYS NO AUTO STRIKE

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—(AP)—William Green, American Federation of Labor president, claimed a "paid up" union membership of 20,000 in the automobile industry today and said no strike was planned.

"We are thinking in terms of peace—in terms of collective bargaining and independent workers," he said. He conferred here today with the national council of A. F. of L. automobile unions on a plan to weld auto-workers into one large union.

## Reported Held



Dale Myers, Tucson, Ariz., aviator, was reported being held in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico by authorities for investigation. His alleged activities in the Escobar revolt of 1929 were under scrutiny of Mexican officials. (Associated Press Photo)

## BUSINESS PAUSE VIEWED AS SIGN SENSATIONAL RISE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Dun & Bradstreet in its weekly business review declared that "business again is giving more convincing manifestations of pushing forward to new heights for the year."

"Any pause at this time," the review stated, "is viewed as a preparatory period for more sweeping advances, rather than marking the beginning of a reaction similar to that which followed the abortive recovery movement early in 1934."

"Regardless of the quickness of the pace which any recovery movement may assume, impatience always is conspicuously in evidence, but it now is being forced into the shadows as the light of advancement spreads more clearly in all directions."

The gold clause decision of the supreme court, the survey stated, "was followed by an immediate broadening of the buying in wholesale and commodity markets, but its greatest benefit was the complete dissolution of the uncertainty and fear which had restricted current action and postponed the release of future plans."

## RAIN, UNSETTLED, WEEK'S FORECAST

OREGON: Fair Sunday but becoming unsettled west portion; Monday unsettled with rains west portion; freezing temperature east portion at night; moderate changeable wind off the coast.

## ARMAMENTS RACE HIT BY L. GEORGE

MANCHESTER, Eng., Feb. 23.—(AP)—David Lloyd George, the wartime prime minister, whose attacks on the government have swung him back into the political limelight and possibly eliminated his chances for a new cabinet post, lashed out at the world's re-armament today.

"The process of re-armament has begun," he said. "It has begun in Europe, in Asia and America, and we are being forced into the same competitive race for armaments as brought the world to disaster before."

Lloyd George said the Washington arms conference in 1922 was "the only disarmament conference ever held that concluded in a large measure of disarmament."

## SENATE MONO POLY ANGLE OF NRA ORDERED

### Complaints by Small Business Brings Action—Johnson and Richberg to Be Called—Full Inquiry Before Vote on Continuance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Without waiting for funds, a senate judiciary subcommittee outlined today the course of an inquiry into whether the national recovery administration "has created and encouraged monopolistic tendencies."

The committee announced it would seek to find out who drafted the codes, whether they were connected with "big business," who set up the machinery for enforcement and whether the administrator or those who drafted the codes were "antagonistic to the spirit and the letter of the anti-trust laws."

This outline forecast the calling of Hugh S. Johnson, dynamic organizer and administrator of the recovery administration. There also were intimations the committee would call Donald Richberg, former general counsel of the NRA and now head of the national emergency council.

The subcommittee composed of Senators King (D., Utah), Borah (R., Idaho), and McGill (D., Kansas), mapped out its plans in an executive session today with Lowell Mason, whom it has chosen for counsel. Mason was formerly counsel for the Darrow review board.

After the meeting, King, in a formal statement, said that in view of the "numerous complaints which have been made as to the evil effects of the NRA, particularly upon smaller business," there should be a "searching investigation" before congress extends the life of the recovery unit.

"Certainly congress should be advised on all phases of governmental activities which have in the past, or may in the future, foster and encourage monopolistic practices," he said.

"In order that all information bearing on the subject of the resolution might be had, the committee must know whether the national industrial recovery act has created and encouraged monopolistic practices, and also, whether as interpreted and as applied by those who have controlled its administration, it has nullified or weakened the anti-trust laws."

One Republican, who did not wish to be quoted, said the change in his correspondence had been one of the strangest political phenomena he had ever witnessed. He said the administration's social security program had proved a boomerang, because the great masses of the poor had expected a more liberal plan.

Another Republican, who has been friendly to the administration, said a year ago 80 per cent of his mail boosted President Roosevelt to the skies and told him to back the chief executive on everything, but today much of it is critical and 100 per cent endorsements of the president are few and far between.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23.—Well, I was trying to snooze on the ship coming into Albuquerque and what keeps me awake but some big guy snoring. I look and if it's not Wally Beery. He had climbed on somewhere during the night. He is a good pilot himself and generally flies his own plane. He wasn't so good to look at laying there snoring, but he is by far the most popular person, man or woman, on the screen.

Behind us was Jokey Meade flying from Florida to ride in the big race. We just now flew over the track and can look down and see 'em racing. Writing this just as we landed.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Switzerland began voting at 2 p. m. today to decide whether the compulsory military service of 24 citizens should be lengthened.

The referendum, requiring 24 hours, was forced by communists who obtained enough signatures to petition to bring to a vote a project which had passed the federal parliament.

## ROOSEVELT RULE OVER CONGRESS ON WANE, SIGNS SHOW

### Growing Opposition to Administration in Wide Contrast to Year Ago—'Social Security' Program a Boomerang.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Administration leaders stood face to face tonight with the realization that for the first time since President Roosevelt took office their control of congress is seriously threatened.

Joined by the sudden senate revolt on the \$4,800,000,000 work relief bill, the Democratic chieftains stopped to survey the situation. They found congress nearing the end of the second month of the session with hardly a single piece of major legislation out of the way.

This situation was nothing less than startling by comparison with the first session under President Roosevelt. Pennsylvania avenue was crowded then with messengers bearing grants of power to the White House.

An explanation of the change was quickly advanced by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which in its fortnightly review, said one of the chief causes was "growing resistance to the sweeping character of proposals advanced by the administration as well as to the determination of an important bloc to follow a more deliberate and independent course."

On Capitol Hill the conclusions varied. Democrats said there was little significance; that congress got started late due to the lame duck amendment; and that the first issues presented were more than normally controversial. Republicans agreed in part with the Chamber of Commerce, but contended also it was a sign of growing opposition to the administration.

The latter view was advanced by some Republicans who have supported President Roosevelt. They said their mail indicated sentiment was turning against the chief executive, and that senators were no longer compelled to follow the administration because of an overwhelming "pro-Roosevelt" feeling.

One Republican, who did not wish to be quoted, said the change in his correspondence had been one of the strangest political phenomena he had ever witnessed. He said the administration's social security program had proved a boomerang, because the great masses of the poor had expected a more liberal plan.

Another Republican, who has been friendly to the administration, said a year ago 80 per cent of his mail boosted President Roosevelt to the skies and told him to back the chief executive on everything, but today much of it is critical and 100 per cent endorsements of the president are few and far between.

## INFLATION UPRISE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—New congressional demands for after inflation legislation approached crystallization today, coupled with capital talk about the "revolt" potentialities by a secret organization of 100 Democratic house members.

Reports of a direct connection between the two movements were denied. But many agreed that the feet of both would be to be pushed through legislation not originally proposed by the administration.

Representative Dies (D., Tex.), making clear that he had no intention of upsetting administration plans, said he would call a meeting of silver advocates next week.

New Army Uniforms. Capt. Carl Y. Tugwell announced that a shipment of new regulation army uniforms has been received here, and will be issued this Sunday morning to Co. A, 196th Infantry, at drill. As the new uniforms are the recent U. S. army issue the company members are elated to receive them in time for federal inspection, which will be held Tuesday, March 5, with Major Pillsbury in charge.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:  
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23.—Well, I was trying to snooze on the ship coming into Albuquerque and what keeps me awake but some big guy snoring. I look and if it's not Wally Beery. He had climbed on somewhere during the night. He is a good pilot himself and generally flies his own plane. He wasn't so good to look at laying there snoring, but he is by far the most popular person, man or woman, on the screen. Behind us was Jokey Meade flying from Florida to ride in the big race. We just now flew over the track and can look down and see 'em racing. Writing this just as we landed.

Will Rogers.  
© 1934, McLaughlin Syndicate, Inc.