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TEMPERATURE
Highest yesterday 45
Lowest this morning 38

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PAY JACKSON CO. BANK DIVIDEND



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, April 3.—On the surface, this congress is the most peaceful ever assembled. The usual bickering with the president has been almost entirely missing from the news accounts. Members occasionally call each other fools or jackasses, then subsides.

The surface illusion, however, is being maintained by the house leadership each day with increasing difficulty. For instance, if you want to see Speaker Byrns jump three feet, just slip up behind him and say: "Let's have a Democratic caucus." Nothing terrorizes the master of the house as much as the suggestion that his peaceful family may some day be assembled together in a closed room. He knows the roof would be immediately removed by the concussion. No party caucus has been held this session and none will be.

The reason is that a series of unpublicized revolts have been going on within the happy Democratic family, and more are threatened. There is widespread dissatisfaction among the rank and file with the house leadership program.

Mr. Byrns is in somewhat the same predicament as the old woman in the dock, except that so far he has known what to do. He and his lieutenants (O'Connor, Boland, et al.) have been constantly hammering, threatening and trading backstages to keep the boys, particularly the liberals, from ganging up.

For instance, Mr. White of Idaho circulated a petition some time back for a caucus on the Freiler-Lemke bill. For some reason, this petition mysteriously disappeared. It has never been presented. More recently, Mr. Nichols of Oklahoma got 225 names on a petition for a caucus against CCC curtailments. Everyone knows what happened to that one. Congressional leaders flew to the White House and induced the president to abandon his curtailment, rather than have a party caucus.

The motives behind the unusual state of legislative affairs is obvious. The leadership is determined to suffer no public defeats in a campaign year. They want to avoid floor fighting even at heavy costs. The members have found out about that and are pressing to get all the hush money they can in the form of personal bills, patronage and preferences for their districts. Whether or not it will lead to an open break before the end of the session is indeterminate now. It probably will not, because all the 319 Democrats in the house are running on the same ticket with President Roosevelt in November. They will naturally seek to prevent existing friction from becoming a matter of public record.

Outlook for pending legislation: The current house form of the tax bill will be radically altered by the senate. A moderate corporation tax scheme vaguely along presidential lines will be finally adopted, carrying sufficient loopholes for accumulation.

15 P. C. PAYMENT READY FOR MAIL; TOTAL IS \$38,000

Nearly 1400 Eligible As Waiver Holders to Participate — Further Distributions Are Foreseen

Preparations were being made this afternoon for the immediate payment of a 15 per cent dividend to eligible depositors of the Jackson County bank who signed waivers at the time the institution was closed for voluntary liquidation in March, 1935. Kenneth G. Denman, liquidator, said he was making every effort to place the dividend checks in the mail tonight, though he added mailing might not be possible until tomorrow. The aggregate dividend slightly exceeds \$38,000, Mr. Denman stated. It is being paid to nearly 1400 eligible waiver holders.

Addresses Needed Many dividend checks are being withheld because of the lack of an address, Mr. Denman related. He asked that depositors eligible for the dividend notify him if they do not receive their checks within a few days. He asserted that considerable difficulty has been encountered in finding addresses for many of the depositors.

This is the first dividend to be declared, Mr. Denman emphasized, adding that it is being distributed pro rata in accordance with the deposit. At the time the bank closed, Mr. Denman explained, most of the depositors waived their right to 50 per cent of their deposits. A contract was then negotiated whereby the First National bank took over the assets, paying an immediate 50 per cent of deposits to waiver holders who desired payment.

Additional Payments Coming For two years the First National liquidated the assets. Since March 21, 1934, the board of directors of the Jackson County bank has been liquidating the assets rejected and unliquidated by the First National, the work being done through liquidating agents, Mr. Denman related. "Further dividends are to be declared as the assets are liquidated and funds are available for a substantial payment," Mr. Denman said. "We can't say when the next dividend will be paid or how much it will be."

Many Assets Held "Business conditions have governed the liquidation of assets and they will continue to be the major influence. As business improves, we hope to realize on many of the assets that are now frozen. "We hold quite a lot of notes, stocks and bonds, contracts and parcels of real property and we hope that many of these assets will eventually be liquidated."

Mr. Denman pointed out that the board of directors has been working constantly since 1932 without compensation. The board has employed several different liquidating agents, a position which Mr. Denman will hold, it is expected, until the task has been completed.

Dismiss Wife Murder Charge Against Lamson WARDEN PREPARES FOR EXECUTION

FIRES PENSION QUESTIONS



James Sullivan, Kansas City lawyer and investigator for the special house committee investigating the Townsend old age pension plan organization, in action as he fired away question after question at the hearings held at Washington, D. C. (Associated Press Photo)

GOSSLIN'S HELP FOR CANDIDATES TO GET SCRUTINY APRIL 14 IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR MAY PRIMARY

SALEM, April 3.—(AP)—W. H. Trindle, district attorney of Marion county, said today he would refer to the grand jury a letter of a Salem lawyer, Herman E. Lafke, asserting that W. L. Gosslin, private secretary to Gov. Martin, paid the filing fees of six candidates. Gosslin, answering the letter, said he had nothing to conceal relative to the action, saying "as the request of these six candidates, made with one exception by telegram, I filed their declarations with the secretary of state and advanced the filing fees."

The six candidates, Gosslin said, were Mrs. Harry Burke, Astoria; L. V. Broughton, The Dalles; C. W. E. Jennings, Valley Falls; R. Wayne Erwin and C. A. Moll, The Dalles, all for the Democratic nomination for representative, and D. C. Sloan, Democratic candidate for state senator. Persons who must register now to Tuesday, April 14, is the last day to register for participation in the primary election May 15, George E. Carter, county clerk, emphasized today in announcing a list of registrars.

The registrars this year will not make a house-to-house census to enroll voters, Mr. Carter said. Instead, citizens must go to the registrars. The new procedure has been adopted, Mr. Carter said, to avoid confusion and errors. "Past experience has proved that where registrars go from house to house registering voters a great many cards are sent in incomplete and many more show the voters in the wrong precinct," Mr. Carter said. "This makes a vast amount of trouble for the voters, the election boards and the county clerk's office."

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TOWNSEND PROBE RECEIVES 'HOT TIP'; HEARINGS HALTED

Hint Several State Area Headquarters Due for Investigation by Agents — Resume in 10 Days

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—An assertion that the political force of the Townsend old age pension plan appears to be dissipated was made today by Representative McGroarty (D-Cal.), author of legislation to put the program into effect. The Californian, who broke with Dr. F. E. Townsend in the midst of the present house investigation of the pension movement, added the inquiry may "shatter the idol that has been the good Dr. Townsend."

"If the investigation continues as disastrously as it has begun," he told newsmen, "it goes without saying the confidence of Townsend club members in their leadership will be shaken."

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—A "hot tip" on the Townsend old age pension movement led house investigators to adjourn public hearings suddenly and speed their agents into the field today. Chairman Bell (D. Mo.) of the house committee declined to discuss the nature of the "tip" but indicated hearings would not be resumed for ten days.

It was hinted that several regional and state area headquarters of Townsendism were the immediate objectives of committee investigators. Committee plans were upset as a result of testimony by John Bloodsworth, accountant, that books of the Townsend organization were "muddled and confused." The committee had hoped Bloodsworth's audit would provide them with detailed data on the financial structure of the Townsend organization.

Hint Money Held Out Jas. R. Sullivan, committee counsel, said he wanted to pursue further testimony of Robert E. Clements, resigned national secretary, that \$1700 was collected at a Townsend mass meeting in Los Angeles February 20, but was not turned over to Old Age Revolving Pension, Ltd. (The Townsend organization.)

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Superior Judge C. J. Lettrell ruled today that French Johnson of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Trule Lake, Calif., must face murder charges for the automobile death of Elmer Rock, a rancher.

The defense had asked dismissal of the charges, holding the motor vehicle code did not contain a provision for a murder accusation. After an hour and a half session, the court ruled Johnson must face the murder charge as the evidence seemed too strong for a manslaughter case.

The jury then returned to the box to hear the continuation of the trial. The state contends Johnson ran deliberately over Rock.

GOVERNOR SENT AS FATEFUL HOUR NEARS FOR BRUNO

Everything As Was. TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—(AP)—Warden Mark O. Kimberling, at 4:30 p. m. today said "it looks like we're going to do it."

"Everything is as was," he added when he was asked as to news of a reprieve for Bruno Richard Hauptmann. Kimberling was asked about reports that he had resigned. He replied "No." He added that he had no intention of doing so.

TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz was called suddenly into conference with Gov. Harold G. Hoffman late today while Mrs. Bruno Richard Hauptmann was swearing out a complaint at Flemington charging another man with the Lindbergh kidnaping, for which her husband was to die tonight.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Hauptmann today swore to a complaint before a justice of the peace charging Paul A. Wendel with kidnaping Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. Her husband is scheduled to die for the crime tonight.

She swore the complaint before Justice of the Peace George Webster, who issued a warrant of arrest which was given to Constable William Saunders to serve on Wendel.

TRENTON, N. J., April 3.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz ruled today that if Governor Harold G. Hoffman issued a reprieve for Bruno Richard Hauptmann, sentenced to die at 8 o'clock tonight for the Lindbergh baby murder, the prison warden was bound to obey.

Addressing Col. Mark O. Kimberling, prison warden, the attorney general said: "If a reprieve by Governor Hoffman is served upon you, it is not your duty to question its validity, but to obey it."

This meant that if the governor, who has said he would "gladly" reprieve Hauptmann a second time if he were shown he had the authority.

EVERETT, Wash., April 3.—(AP)—H. Chandler Egan spent a "fair" night again Thursday, according to reports from the General Hospital, where he is suffering from lobar pneumonia. The former national amateur golf champion still is in a serious condition, but pulled through a critical period late yesterday when a blood transfusion was necessary.

Greatest Moment



"This is the greatest moment in my life," said David A. Lamson as he smilingly left the court room at San Jose, Calif., after hearing the wife-murder charges against him dismissed. Lamson had been tried three times. (P. A. Photo.)

40 DEAD COUNTED IN STORM'S PATH OVER SOUTHLAND

By the Associated Press. Torrid winds cutting across five southern states left at least 40 dead today.

It was feared the death list would lengthen as wreckage was searched for additional victims. Hundreds were injured, many seriously. Hundreds of others were homeless.

Property damage in the storms that struck in the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Florida yesterday and last night ran into the millions. Greatest destruction was wrought at Cordele, Ga., and Greenboro, N. C. Cordele reported 18 fatalities, nearly 800 injuries and \$1,250,000 in property loss. Greenboro counted 11 dead, more than 100 injured and damages of more than \$1,000,000.

There were three dead at Tignall, Ga., and one each at Gasser, Leesburg, Bald Springs and Danburg-Florence, Ga., Gordo, Ala., Apalachicola, Fla., and Hampton, S. C. Vidalia, Washington and Lincolnton, Ga., Hampton, S. C., and Beamer and Concord, N. C., were also swept by heavy winds.

Unseasonal cold spread over the middlewest in the wake of snow. Crop damage was reported in the south and southwest. Low lands in the lower Ohio river valley and Tennessee, Alabama and northern Georgia were flooded.

Gus Newbury, attorney, was late yesterday awarded a verdict for \$1,331 by a circuit court jury in a damage suit against Mrs. Kate Wright and Marie Collins of the Central Point district. Newbury sought \$2,521. The verdict was returned after about two hours' deliberation.

The suit was based upon an auto accident on the Pacific highway north of Central Point, when an auto driven by Mrs. Wright and belonging to her daughter, Marie Collins, collided with Newbury's machine. Newbury was hurled against the steering wheel by the force of the impact and sustained chest and other injuries. Negligent and careless driving by the defendants was also alleged. A counter suit of the defendants was ordered dismissed. The defendants were represented by Attorneys George M. Roberts and William McAllister; the plaintiff by Attorney Joe F. Fliegel and Don R. Newbury.

PROSECUTOR ASKS SAN JOSE JUDGE TO FREE ACCUSED

Impossibility Getting Jury to Convict Is Acknowledged After Third Trial — Sister Near Tears

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 3.—(AP)—Wife-murder charges against David A. Lamson were dismissed today and he was ordered liberated immediately. District Attorney Fred Moore personally asked Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco to dismiss the charge against Lamson, who had faced three trials.

Moore said it was impossible to obtain a jury to convict the defendant. Lamson, former Stanford university press executive, was convicted at his first trial for slaying his young wife, Allene Thorne Lamson, and sentenced to hang. The state supreme court granted him a new trial and two other juries disagreed.

"This is the greatest moment in my life," Lamson exclaimed as he led, smiling, from the courtroom. His sister, Dr. Margaret Lamson, who had stood by him during his three trials, groaned and appeared near the verge of tears.

"Insofar as the district attorney's office is concerned," said Thomas "this case has been approached during its entire pendency only and solely as a case where we honestly believed that a crime had been committed by the defendant and no infirmity or disability or performance of a public duty has been shown."

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TOWNSEND TURMOIL CAUSES CANDIDATE TO WITHDRAW NAME

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—(AP)—Turmoil within the ranks of Townsend and plan leaders in Oregon brought the unexpected withdrawal today of Dr. C. B. Caswell, Klamath Falls chiropractor, from the race for democratic national committee man.

Dr. Caswell's decision was regarded as particularly significant in view of the endorsement of his candidacy by the state area board. Clubs here and at Roseburg attacked the board for its endorsement of a slate of candidates for the May primaries.

While Dr. Caswell was repudiating the board's action, Charles L. Peine, state campaign manager, pushed ahead plans to organize a statewide machine for the primary election May 15. Peine said a crew of 62 men would be scattered through every precinct to seek support for the board-endorsed candidates.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 3.—(AP)—Striking WPA workers voted to return to work today at their previous salary scale of \$40 a month. Sixty of the 200 strikers capitulated earlier this week and rejoined other workers who had remained on their jobs. The strikers demanded \$60 a month. E. J. Griffith, works progress administrator for Oregon, said working conditions were set out by the government and jobs provided "to keep the workers from starving to death. If they want to work they can have it. If not, we'll shut down the project."

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

A. B. Guly standing in the middle of the intersection of Main and Front near his station, frantically waving down cars to let a fire truck pass, but having difficulty in stopping one driver—who turned out to be Herb Moore, dep. sheriff.

ANGRY HOGS KILL TOT IN REDDING

REDDING, Cal., April 3.—(AP)—David Duncan, 4, was gored to death by angry hogs, and his two-year-old brother James lay painfully injured on a hospital cot today.

STUDENTS SEEK VOTE ON MILITARY TRAINING

EUGENE, April 3.—(AP)—A group of Oregon university students organized a movement today to place the question of optional or compulsory military training on the November ballot.

WARMTH RELIEVES FEAR OF GROWERS

Rogue valley orchardists will have no bud-withering frost to worry about for at least 48 hours, the weather bureau indicated this afternoon in forecasting little change in temperature tonight and tomorrow.

BLONDE SLAYER'S FATE AWAITS JURY DECISION

NEW YORK, April 3.—(AP)—The first degree murder trial of Vera Stretz, who admitted slaying her lover in an early morning struggle, went to the jury this afternoon.

MURDER CHARGE MUST BE FACED

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INDICT WALP IN SALEM MURDER

SALEM, April 3.—(AP)—The Marion county grand jury late yesterday returned an indictment charging Harry Walp with the first degree murder of his former wife, Mrs. Martha Walp.

EGAN SURVIVES CRITICAL PERIOD

SALEM, April 3.—(AP)—Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle said today he had not yet named an assistant attorney general to succeed Miles H. McKey, who died Monday. The new assistant was expected to be assigned to the industrial accident commission, the position held by McKey.

AWARD NEWBURY CRASH DAMAGES

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WOUND FROM RIFLE ANNOYS FRUITMAN

WOOD RIVER, Ore., April 3.—(AP)—Rifles which discharge accidentally are annoying to Charles Evans, fruit-grower. He stumbled over one in his home and it fired, the bullet entering his thigh and coming out his groin without piercing vital organs, but not until he had walked on to the porch of his house, ejected the remaining shells and threw the rifle into the yard did he ask his wife to take him to a doctor. He will recover.

PORT ORFORD CITY HALL MAY BE MADE PWA JOB

PORT ORFORD, Ore., April 3.—(AP)—The proposed city hall will be sought as a PWA project, the Port Orford city council decided. Cost was estimated at \$16,001.

Income Shares

Maryland Funding, bid 19.99; asked 21.20. Quarterly Income, bid 1.61; asked 1.71.