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Unjust Levies Should Be Removed President's Word - Farm and Labor Legislation Also Advocated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt advocated tax revision and national cooperation to halt the economic "recession" today to congressmen already clamoring for a lessening of burdens on business.

The chief executive's message signalled the start of a special session seriously entangled over a four-point legislative program and resounding with demands for tax changes ahead of all else.

Clerks read to senators and representatives in their respective chambers—and to galleries crowded with spectators—Mr. Roosevelt's words which to many listeners overshadowed his request for "early action" on farm crop control, wage and hour, regional planning and executive reorganization legislation.

But the president refrained from earmarking taxes for special consideration at the extraordinary session despite a vigorous campaign among many of his strongest supporters for immediate modification of the capital gains and corporate undistributed profits taxes.

The usual back-slapping noisiness of a fresh session reigned on the senate and house floors. Vice President Garner banked his gavel to quiet the buzz of conversation for the opening prayer. Speaker Bank-

Marathon Jumper Bruised, Tired By 22 'Chute Leaps

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Faye Lucille Cox, 28, nursed a blackened eye and bruises today as she claimed a world's record for 22 consecutive parachute jumps in one day.

"I'm awfully tired," she said. She spent seven and one-half hours yesterday jumping from 2,000 feet.

Her regular parachute failed once and her auxiliary chute opened only 300 feet off the ground.

She bruised herself. In another jump a flapping belt buckle discolored her eye.

Ed Stark of Los Angeles, Calif., made 21 consecutive jumps in a day in 1935.

SURVIVORS TELL GRAPHIC TALE OF MEN AGAINST SEA

One Seaman Goes Mad On Raft, Bites Captain in Face - Shark Pulls Man Through Life Preserver

By Carter Lowance

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Fifteen disheveled survivors of the sinking Saturday of the Greek freighter Chandris arrived here today aboard the coastguard cutter Mendota and, through interpreters, told their graphic story of men against the sea.

The captain of the crew of 28, seven of whom lost their lives, bore a bright red scar across the bridge of his nose to witness his story of how one seaman on the raft with him went mad in the harrowing hours before the rescue, and bit his captain in the face before he died.

Couldn't Swim

An English seaman said he felt the heavily laden freighter give two lurches, and "walked off the deck into the water." He couldn't swim, but grabbed a piece of timber and kept afloat, fighting off sharks that nipped at his ankles.

"I was the last to leave the ship and the last to be picked up," said Joseph Corrie, 49, of White Hiben, England.

The captain, George Coufopandella, and the other fourteen survivors were taken to the marine hospital for treatment for exposure soon after the Mendota docked at 6 a. m., E.S.T. All were suffering from parched and swollen throats, but whether any were seriously ill could not be learned immediately.

Commander Henry Coyle of the Mendota said the rescue was "extremely difficult," as a heavy swell made it almost impossible to see the seamen floating on small pieces of wreckage.

Shark Gets One

Coyle said he was told the radio operator and another member of the crew jumped from the stricken ship without life preservers and drowned. A third was pulled through a life belt by a shark. A fourth, the one

Kidnap Victim Dies of Pneumonia

Due to Exposure in Unused Mine

TEN DAYS HARDSHIP TOO MUCH FOR AGED FORMER MISSIONARY

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Dr. James I. Seder, 79-year-old kidnap victim held 10 days in an abandoned coal mine in what federal agents declared was a futile \$80,000 extortion plot, died early today of pneumonia.

Dr. A. K. Kessler, who had attended the former state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, said "death was undoubtedly caused by exposure" during the 10 days his aged patient had been held captive.

Prosecutor E. E. Winiers, Jr., announced immediately he would confer later today with Judge H. Clay Warth on the impaneling of a special grand jury and that he would ask murder indictments against three suspects arrested by agents of the federal bureau of investigation.

Winiers said he would ask the death penalty.

Dr. J. I. Hirschman, another attending physician, said the churchman had "a slight paralysis of the left side which might have been the result of a blow on the head. His nose is fractured."

Lieutenant of Detectives Leslie J. Swann disclosed that 46-year-old Arnett A. Booth, one of the suspects, had been under suspicion from the day Dr. Seder disappeared.

This, Swann explained, was because it was learned that Dr. Seder and Booth had difficulties about a check Dr. Seder endorsed for Booth. The detective said the check had been returned.

Booth had rented an apartment.



CONFERENCE RAPS JAPANESE ACTION; ITALY VOTES 'NO'

Three Scandinavian Countries Abstain From Vote - Italian Delegate Says Complications Feared

BRUSSELS, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A declaration summarizing the peace conference and criticizing Japanese action was adopted today by the Brussels conference, with Italy voting "no," and three Scandinavian countries abstaining.

The Italian delegate, Count Luigi Aldrovandi-Marescotti, said he must vote against the summary because Italy believed it presages a course which can lead only to complications.

The conference voted against sending a copy of the declaration to the Japanese government, then adjourned until November 22.

The declaration was prepared by the United States, British and French delegates.

Asked what the conference would do at next Monday's session, Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Spaak said the chief was to be found in the last paragraph of the declaration.

It asserts that, while Japan will not maintain twice-folded refusal to attend the conference, the states represented must consider what is to be their common attitude in a situation where one party to an international treaty insists its action does not come within the scope of that treaty.

The conference was called under the nine-power treaty, which pledges respect for the territorial integrity of China, in an effort to mediate the Chinese-Japanese conflict.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden abstained from today's vote. Their delegates expressed agreement in principle with terms of the declaration, but regretted that conciliation had failed; therefore, they could not vote on the summarization.

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Coroner L. L. Snodgrass, who was called to Kamela yesterday, reported that Harold Peterson, young La Grande man, fired the shot that hit Cullen, apparently mistaking him for an elk. He said Peterson and others joined in bringing Cullen—on an improvised stretcher—some ten miles through hilly country to the Union county first aid car which brought Cullen to La Grande. Two blood transfusions were given Cullen.

CHINESE DEFENSE WEST OF SHANGHAI PERILED BY DRIVE

SHANGHAI, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Japanese forces endangered China's whole "Hindenburg line" defenses today in a drive on Soochow.

The offensive westward from Shanghai Japanese officers said, was the opening of a campaign against Nanking, China's capital, 125 to 150 miles west of the "Hindenburg line."

Advices from Nanking said Soochow was deserted by more than 700 Japanese bombs dropped on it within 30 hours.

The central government was known to be resolved to defend Nanking. Knowledge of that determination and of Soochow's fate hastened a heavy civilian exodus from Nanking by river, canal and road. Government officials remained, however.

Another Chinese capital, meanwhile, appeared in imminent danger in north China. Swift Japanese columns were reported within 15 miles of Tainan, capital of wealthy Shantung province. Tainan is the only provincial capital of north China still unoccupied by the Japanese.

Japan's converging forces on the Shanghai-Soochow front now hold an almost straight line from Chaoou, on Hangchow bay, north to Palmoalou on the south bank of the Yangtze river.

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NORTHWEST HIT BY FIRST SNOW

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Sunna, Lynden and Nookack in the extreme northwest section of the state, resumed highway connections in some sections, starting Saturday morning. More than eight inches of snow fell in Bellingham, 15 inches in Port Angeles, two inches in Seattle and 56 inches in the Mount Baker national forest.

A coating of icy sleet on Seattle streets over the week-end caused 125 traffic accidents. No traffic deaths due to the weather were reported.

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MAILMEN TO LEAVE CARDS TUESDAY FOR UNEMPLOYED CENSUS

Unemployment census cards will be distributed throughout the Medford area tomorrow by city and rural mail carriers. The postoffice has on hand 4000 of the cards which Postmaster Frank DeSouza believes will be more than enough for this district.

The cards are to be filled out completely and accurately by all totally or partially unemployed men and women who are capable of working and want full-time employment, Mr. DeSouza emphasized. The cards must be returned not later than midnight Saturday.

Starting at noon tomorrow postal clerks may be found at a desk in the postoffice lobby to give help to those needing it in filling out the cards, Mr. DeSouza announced. Mrs. Vera Pymale is the clerk in charge of registration.

CORPORATION INCOMES MAY BE TAX FREE IF \$5000 NET, OR LESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A house tax sub-committee tentatively agreed today to exempt all corporations having \$5000 net income, or less, from the undistributed profits tax.

Chairman Vinson (D.) in announcing this step to meet growing demands for tax relief for business, said it would apply to two-thirds of the corporations which have a net income.

A loss of some \$7,000,000 in annual revenue will result, Vinson said.

"The committee," he added, "is still considering added relief provisions for corporations having net income of more than \$5000 and extending up to a bracket not yet tentatively agreed on. But the limit will be at least \$50,000 net income or more."

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TOWNSEND INITIATIVE GIVEN BALLOT TITLE

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle passed the way today for circulation of the Townsend initiative when he approved its ballot title.

The ballot title follows:

The initiative requires 20,050 signatures of registered voters to place it on the ballot next November.

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Population of Medford Now 12,000 Is Estimate

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Estimate of population in nearly 60 cities by R. L. Polk & Co., compilers of directories, indicated a population increase in urban districts of Oregon of 13.9 per cent since 1930.

The Polk figures totaled 611,519 compared to the 1930 census of 536,460 for the cities surveyed.

The estimates gave the largest increase to Seaside, which had a population of 1,565 in 1930 and 4,500 this year, or a gain of nearly 300 per cent.

The second largest increase was estimated in Newport, which had 1,330 in 1930 and 3,000 this year, a gain of nearly 100 per cent.

Whether the estimates were made in the past summer, when these two resort centers would have had their largest populations, was not indicated.

Estimates which rose sharply in other cities included Coquille, 2,732 in 1930 and 4,800 in 1937, a gain of

Pennies and Poem Pay For License

SALEM, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Five hundred pennies, accompanied by a poem from Wayne Edwards of Baker asking for automobile license No. 9, was received by the secretary of state today.

Drawing for the first 100 numbers will be held Friday.

Part of the poem follows:

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The students were thrown into panic when the locomotive and tender overturned and the baggage car and two of the four passenger coaches left the rails in suburban Morton Grove last night.

MORMONS WOULD BUILD HUGE RADIO STATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, asked the communications commission today for authority to build an international radio station. It would operate on five frequencies.

Charles D. Thompson Summoned by Death

Charles D. Thompson, well-known Medford man and former school teacher in the city, died at 3 a. m. today in a local hospital after a lingering illness. He resided at 1022 West Eleventh street.

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