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Is Big Business Better?

The Van Sweringens have asked the Interstate Commerce commission for approval of their proposed merger of the Erie & Pere Marquette railroads into the Chesapeake & Ohio.

In October, hearings will be held in Milwaukee on the proposed merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Spokane, Portland & Seattle under the Hill interests, which now control the Burlington system.

Even before these two great merger applications, there have been the Lorée application for a merger of southwestern roads, the New York Central application to lease the Michigan Central and the Big Four systems, the Lorée application to lease roads that would create a fifth trunk line in the east.

Industrially, there is a rumor of a merger of interests between the Du Pont, United States Steel, and General Motors interests. The Fisher Body Corporation, a subsidiary of General Motors, is buying into Baldwin Locomotive. There are reports that Baldwin Locomotive is seeking control of Lima Locomotive.

The so-called "chain store" movement has swept the country.

The chain idea has also spread to the amusement field, and moving picture producers, moving picture distributors, vaudeville circuits, and theater owners are now merging into several big strings which may in time dominate entertainment.

All these consolidations—proposed, rejected and completed—show in unmistakable manner that business is feeling its way towards the elimination of wastefulness through costly competition. With prosperity at a high level, public fear of the trust and the giant corporation—fear that resulted in the old dissolution of the Standard Oil and the International Harvester combines—is beginning to fade.

Is that banished fear justified?

The I. C. C. refused several of the railroad merger proposals on the ground that they were not compatible with public interest. The Federal Trade Commission has taken a look into the theater and movie combines, and will investigate the steel-motors-du Pont alliance.

The main question to be determined is whether or not the super-big business can behave. It may be organized now with the best of intentions, but, drunk with the power of monopoly, it may fall from grace.

Corporations, like governments, are human. No organization can be better than the human beings who direct it. As the super-human seems a somewhat remote possibility, it is only sound precaution to go slowly before creating any combinations that shall be more powerful than the forces at hand to keep them in the paths of righteousness.

Editorial Opinion From Over Nation

A SADDENED MERRY-MAKER in spots. Drunkenness in Italy is increasing. And the effects are beginning to show, as Mussolini's order will indicate. In Italy statistics show that only 1,315 deaths from alcoholism occurred in 1925, while in 1922 the figure was less than half that number.

The chief difficulty that faces the Fascist government is that, although the export trade in Italian wines is small compared to that of France, there is one-third as much again more land devoted to the cultivation of grapes for wines in Italy than in France or Spain. Wine is abundant and cheap, and the economic prosperity of the country has led to excessive drinking, and drunkenness in the streets of the large towns is now a common sight, whereas it was extremely rare fifteen years ago. Signor Mussolini called the attention of the country to these facts in a recent speech. He made it plain, at the same time, that he is not in favor of abstinence.

SCHOLARS IN POLITICS.

Providence Bulletin: Former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels says that the most vital need of politics today is the scholar "who adds to the knowledge of history and economics and states that the human qualities of sympathy and understanding."

If Mr. Daniels means that men in positions of authority in the political life of the country should approach problems of national and international significance with scholarly logic and

BRIEF NEWS —OF— KLAMATH

Returned To Berkeley.—Mrs. D. W. Clark of Berkeley, California, has returned home after a fortnight's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Wilson are sisters. A number of enjoyable outings were planned for Mrs. Clark during her stay here.

Kerns To Portland.—J. W. Kerns has left for Portland, where he will spend several days on a combined business and pleasure trip. Mr. Kerns was accompanied by Mrs. Kerns.

Enjoying Trip South.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleet and children are enjoying a visit into southern California. They made the trip via motor.

Fresh From Portland.—C. G. Freshy of the Oregon and Washington division of the Travelers' Protective association visited in the city for a short time today, here on business.

New Member Named.—R. H. Bonnell has been announced as the latest member of the chamber of commerce by the membership committee.

human sympathy, one finds it easy to agree with him.

If he means, however, that the pure student of political affairs should be made into an administrator of political fortunes, he is talking piffle. Scholars are trained to treat problems objectively and quite often the needs of the political world require subjective treatment. Scholars too frequently are oversensitive to matters which the business man, the trained diplomat or the practical politician treats as simple problems of human conduct. Sympathy and understanding, moreover, are as frequently the attributes of the trained leader in public life as they are of the scholar or student of public affairs.

It would be possible to name dozens of scholars who were not highly successful in politics.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT KLAMATH

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The guests will be in Portland on Wednesday only. Original plans had called for a two-day stay in Portland, but shifting of the arrangements cut short the Portland visit. Seventeen representatives had been in the party, but it is understood several have left for Washington with only 11 scheduled for the Oregon trip.

Thursday morning the party will drive up the Columbia highway, with a short stop at Celilo falls. To the Dalles, where a luncheon will be enjoyed and discussion of the Unatilla rapids project will be had. Representative Sinnott of The Dalles has been asked to preside, and Marshall N. Dana will be the principal speaker. In the afternoon a trip will be made in the Deschutes project at Madras, with dinner that night at Bend.

Friday the party will leave Bend for Crater Lake and will have dinner at Klamath Falls. The party is scheduled to leave for California Saturday. Several Portland men are expected to accompany the party to Klamath Falls.

Following is a list of the original members of the congressional party:

Addison T. Smith, chairman, Idaho, and Mrs. Smith; Charles E. Winter, Wyoming, and Mrs. Winter; Phillip D. Swing, California; Samuel S. Arentz, Nevada; John C. Allen, Illinois, and Mrs. Allen; W. C. Lankford, Georgia, and son and grand-father; J. B. Reed, Arkansas; Miles C. Allgood, Alabama; John W. Summers, Washington; W. M. Whittington, Mississippi; Stewart W. Appleby, New Jersey; Albert Johnson, Washington; Mrs. Claffin, secretary of party; Mr. Johnson's chauffeur.

Cost of Paving Too High, Claim

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This week an attempt to reach some agreement. Replacement of a "goose neck" hydrant on Eleventh and High streets with a modern hydrant was suggested by Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose. The council approved the suggestion and authorized the fire chief to instruct the California-Oregon Power company to install a new hydrant.

Angelo Doversa was given permission to blast on Sixth street between Pine and High streets. Flora Berry petitioned to operate the Imperial rooms. The petition was referred to the police committee.

Petition to construct two signs, one by the Tomplar Motor Car company at 211 south Eleventh street and another by R. E. Stinson at 323 Main street, were referred to A. L. Rice, city building inspector.

10,000 Protest Execution



THEY SHALL NOT DIE—Ten thousand upraised hands protest the Sacco-Vanzetti death decision as an orator fires fellow sympathizers at a monster mass meeting in Union Square, New York. When those attending the meeting attempted to parade, they were dispersed by the police.

FOUR AVIATORS READY TO HOP

New Globe Encircling Record Sought By Detroit Business Man

CURTIS FIELD, NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (AP)—Groomed for overseas flights, four airplanes, in one of which its bakers hope to lower the record for encircling the globe, today stood in various stages of preparation on the Long Island flying field.

The newest arrival to the gathering galaxy of seekers after flying honors is the Stinson-Detroit monoplane, Pride of Detroit, in which Edward F. Schlee, Detroit business man and Wm. Brock, pilot, expect to hop off tomorrow for Harbor Grace, N. F., on the first leg of their journey around the world.

Schlee and Brock flew the plane here yesterday for a check-up of its instruments before making a hop for Harbor Grace, where they will await favorable weather for a take-off for London, their first scheduled stop.

The present globe-circling record is 29 days and 14 hours and 30 minutes and was established last year by Edward S. Evans, another Detroit business man and Lincolnton Wells, newspaper correspondent who used airplanes, railroads and steamships.

Adjustment of instruments on the Stinson-Detroit, Sir John Carling, in which Captain Terence Tully and Lieutenant Jas. Medcalf will attempt to hop from London, Ont., to London, England, was expected to be completed today. They also plan to start at dawn tomorrow for Ontario, stopping at Detroit for a final check-up of their plane.

Meanwhile, unfavorable winds again prevented a take-off of the Fokker monoplane, Old Glory, which Lloyd W. Bertrand and James D. Hill plan to fly to Rome.

The fourth plane is that of Captain Rene Fonck who expects to hop to Europe next month. His plane is a Sikorsky twin-

NO OPPOSITION TO RAIL MERGER

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Washington notified the commission that it would not request a hearing, but wished to reserve the privilege of being heard if future developments should prompt the state to make some representation.

Montana and Idaho did not reply to the commission's notice.

North Dakota has requested a hearing, the board of railroad commissioners advised the Telegram, stating that "formal petition of intervention is being prepared."

Minnesota likewise has filed petition to intervene. North Dakota was said to be friendly to the unification proposal, but the board felt that the state should become a party to the proceedings in order that North Dakota's interests might be properly represented.

The Minnesota commission, in explaining its purpose in intervening, disclaimed any intent to take part in the conflict of interests between the Hill lines and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, which is opposing the Hill lines plan. Minnesota's attitude was described as "non-committal" and it was explained that the commission would be governed by the developments at the hearing.

It takes 15 pounds of soap to bathe an elephant. Many a small boy has had more soap than that applied to him at one scrubbing, and his ears aren't as big as elephants' either.

Ladies who have given up writing mash notes to the Prince of Wales because he's now too old might try their art on young King Michael.

The judges of Scotland gave 30 death sentences to convicted criminals last year. This is carrying frugality to extreme.

Out Our Way



SACCO, VANZETTI ARE EXECUTED

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tion room pale but apparently strong and vigorous, and quite alert and collected. He stepped to the chair and as he sat down shouted in a ringing voice: "Viva L'Anarchia."

"Farewell"
While the straps were being adjusted he spoke in English in a more moderate tone, "farewell my wife and child and all my friends." After a pause he looked around at the silent witnesses of the state and said, "Good evening, gentlemen." His final words, spoken as the head strap was tightened was "farewell mother." He had entered the chamber at 12:14:12 and was pronounced dead at 12:15:02.

Once more two guards left the chamber and returned with Vanzetti. He was the most collected of the three and seemed quite at ease as he entered. He shook hands just inside the door with a guard whom he recognized and then grasped the hands of others as he walked to the chair. Without a quiver he took his place and said "I wish to tell you I am innocent and never committed any crime but some times some sin. I thank you Mr. Warden for everything you have done for me. I am innocent of all crime, not only of this one but all. I am an innocent man."

Forgives All

As the final straps were being adjusted, he spoke a final message for forgiveness: "I wish to forgive some people for what they are now doing to me," he said simply. He entered at 12:20:58 and was dead at 12:25:55.

Inside and out of the prison walls stood a small army of police, armed with a variety of weapons, ready for possible demonstrations which did not materialize.

The authorities decided to turn the bodies over to the Sacco-Vanzetti defense committee. No announcement has yet been made of burial plans.

Through seven years of repeated efforts to save them, Sacco and Vanzetti protested their innocence, maintaining that it was their radical beliefs and activities which had brought upon them the "persecution" of the authorities.

BIRTHS DECLINING

LONDON, Aug. 23. (AP)—Official figures show a decline in the birth rate in England and Wales, also that women are more apt than men in dodging accidents, fewer dying in traffic accidents. The birth rate for 1926 was 17.8 per 1,000 population. The lowest since 1918.

There is a movement under way to revive the old songs under their original names instead of under new ones.



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GAME RESERVE BEING PROBED

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sonally, I am not sure in my own mind whether the re-flooding of lower Klamath lake is practical. Only investigation such as we are now doing can determine that. But in the meantime, for Heaven's sake, realize that the biological survey does not intend to damage the farmer. Let us go ahead and look into this matter of re-creating a bird reserve in lower Klamath lake. When we have arrived at a definite conclusion on whether or not it is a proper move, then will be the time to open it for public discussion."

Present plans for construction of a dike would be the erection of a rampart across Lower Klamath lake so that the proposed bird reserve would be located entirely in California. The dike would approximately parallel the state line. The bird reserve would include approximately 14,000 acres.

Many Problems.
"Mr. Jessup will remain here for about a month and will probably submit a report," the game warden commented. "The lower Klamath lake situation bristles with many problems, and it is yet an open question whether or not the subject can be froned out to the satisfaction of all concerned."

"However, I am sure of one thing; that however impractical this proposal may appear to be, that the time will come in this country of yours that you will bitterly regret ever having re-flooded lower Klamath lake, and that you will wish that your great game bird breeding ground was again a reality."

"More and more as time goes on, will your chamber of commerce realize the value of wild life to a community. It is becoming a reality."

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ing a scarce apple, and hence the demand is greater. Familiarity breeds contempt and hence I sometimes believe that the people of this country do not realize the asset they have at hand in their bird life."

Mr. Steele returned this morning to Portland.

FIATIN OPEN TO WOMEN

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (AP)—Mme. Phillips, who hopes to do a Lindbergh and fly the Atlantic alone, considers aviation a great field for women. She is ambitious to disprove a statement she read credited to a noted aviator's wife that women have not the brains or stability to become fliers.

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