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Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS SENATOR CARTER GLASS, of Virginia, proclaims that the Roosevelt dollar devaluation bill is unconstitutional.

As to that, of course, the supreme court will decide, but the cynical reaction of a lot of people to Senator Glass' contention will be: "Well, what's the constitution among friends, if it prevents us from doing what at the moment we WANT to do?"

IN CASE you are interested in the opinion of this humble writer, who is all for giving an honest and unhampered trial to the new deal, here it is: If the members of the supreme court of the United States, who are able, honest, sincere and patriotic men, carrying upon their shoulders one of the greatest responsibilities in the world, decide after mature deliberation that the dollar devaluation bill, or any other phase of the new deal, is unconstitutional, we should accept their decision and say: "If it is against the constitution, we DON'T WANT IT."

Constitutions, at times, may prevent us from doing what at the moment we think we want to do, but they are mighty handy things to have around, just the same.

HERE IN OREGON, so far as practical results are concerned, we have no state constitution, for we amend it just as easily, just as quickly and with just as little thought as we pass a new law.

This situation is not one to be particularly proud of.

AL SMITH, we read, has lost favor with Tammany Hall. Mention of his name at the annual banquet of Tammany's speakers bureau the other night, New York dispatches tell us, brought boos and hisses, instead of the applause it formerly called forth.

If that is true, put another credit mark on Al's record.

CALIFORNIA newspaper publishers, assembled in annual convention in Santa Barbara, tell each other they think Hollywood is getting too big a play in the nation's news.

And Almee Semple McPherson and her singing husband, they add, all fired up with the fervor that grips newspaper men when they get together and tell each other what ought to be done about everything, are getting space that should go to happenings in the smaller towns of the state.

WELL, if that is true, why don't they throw Hollywood out of their papers and forget all about Almee and David and their carryings on?

They are the bogues. They can—and do, incidentally—print what they like. They are doing (Continued on Page Four)



BEVERLY HILLS, Jan. 20, (AP)—Editor The Evening Herald: I am still trying to stay off writing about the 50-cent dollar. It looks like the argument is pretty well taken care of without any expert aid from me. We got France scared, so the experiment has already paid for itself. Cuba kinder nosed in on the front page today, with a new President, but its getting so that's not news.

So about two more Presidents and they will be back with the want ads as news. Tammany Hall had the biggest quake its had in years. A Mr. Flynn, a very able man and friend of our President, who heretofore only had one district, has taken over the whole thing, Tammany deaths, however, are always temporary. Yours, Will Rogers.

BANKER REPORTED KILLED

RISING MARKET CHEERS KLAMATH POTATO PRODUCERS

PRICE MOVES UP TO \$1.50 PER HUNDRED

1800 Carloads Here Depend on Future Conditions.

CONTINUED RISE MAY BE RECORDED

Tendency of Growers To Hold Has Strengthening Effect.

Reports that \$1.50 a sack is being offered for potatoes here, after a rapid rise in the last few days, brought a flurry of optimistic interest in the potato market situation here Saturday.

With 1800 carloads still on hand and at stake on future market conditions, the Klamath country is vitally interested in the question whether the market will maintain its present show of strength and will continue to rise. Rise May Continue

Earlier in the week, it was reported the price generally offered here was \$1.25 and bags, which amount to about \$1.35. Friday, the price offered ran up to as high as \$1.50 for February delivery, with some sales. Spot market offers are at \$1.25 and \$1.30.

The tendency of growers not to sell on a rising market was having its effect, and there was considerable belief that prices will continue to strengthen. Two days ago at San Francisco the price quoted was \$1.60, and Saturday it was quoted at \$2.00 with no sales, indicative of an expectation of further rise.

Shipments Increase One buyer here offered the opinion that the price has reached a temporary level, and will stay at that point for some time, possibly weakening a little. He said February 1 will tell the story, when the estimate of supplies on hand in the country, as of January 1, is announced.

Factors which tend to indicate strength in the market include the report that in spite of the fact this year's crop is estimated at 40,000,000 bushels under last year, shipments to date are 20,000 cars more than last year. Added buying power with general improvement in economic conditions, and speculative buying induced by the president's money announcements, are other factors in the rising prices.

January thus far has seen some of the heaviest shipping in the history of the potato industry here. County Agent C. A. Henderson said that in the first 15 days of the month, shipments totaled 22 carloads a day, including Sundays. One day the shipments ran to 32 carloads. On (Continued on Page Three)

DREADED DISEASE FOUND IN CANADA

PORT ALBERNI, B. C., Jan. 20, (AP)—Authorities said today they feared the dreaded Oriental disease, Berli-Beri, scourge of the rice-eaters of China, had broken out among Chinese at Canoe Camp near here, as nine men fought for life in a hospital here, suffering from a mysterious malady that already has caused two deaths.

Driver Arrested, Fined For Hitting Highway Marker

Vernie P. Miller of Lakeview has learned that damaging a highway sign post can prove serious. Miller was arrested by state police, charged with mutilating highway property, and taken before Justice Duke at Lakeview. The officers said he ran over a sign post, and failed to report. Judge Duke assessed no fine, and said he would hold the case open until Miller can show a receipt for repairing the damages. The motorist paid a \$2.50 cost bill in court.

BACK TO PRISON



"The most-hunted woman in the country," Mrs. Irene McCann, weary of dodging the law, is pictured after she walked into a Chicago police station and gave up, asking to be sent back to Missouri state prison, from where she escaped the second time in Dec. 1932. Mrs. McCann was given 10 years in 1931 for aiding her husband in murder of a Joplin, Mo., jailer.

HEAVY RAINFALL DRENCHES CITY

More Settled Conditions Expected Here With Lower Mercury.

Predictions of more settled weather conditions with lower temperatures were issued by the local weatherman as a result of steady barometric pressure. Friday's rainfall up until 5:00 o'clock netted the city .18 of an inch of moisture, bringing the total precipitation to date up to 4.91 inches, less than an inch below normal, and nearly double the amount registered at the same time last year.

Streets Slippery A falling mercury late Friday evening changed rain to sleet and snow, and turned pavements to slippery glares of ice. Driving was dangerous until mild morning temperatures melted the ice. The forecast for the coming week for far western states has been issued as follows: "Normal temperature and considerable cloudiness with frequent rains over Oregon and Washington in the latter part of the week over northern California and light rain or snow in the northern plateau region."

RAINFALL HEAVY

SEATTLE, Jan. 20, (AP)—Weather bureau forecasts today of continued heavy rains tonight and Sunday brought further danger of damaging earth slides in the Pacific northwest. The bureau said no relief from the abnormal rains as yet in sight.

Between 5 p. m. Thursday and 5 a. m. today the bureau reported 1.79 inches of rain fell here, bringing January's total rainfall to 4.81 inches compared with a normal of 3.40 inches.

However, rivers in the area started to fall, alleviating fears of new floods. Snow was forecast for the Cascades. Two families were driven from their homes on the brink of a hill last night when slides threatened to carry the structures down.

ROOSEVELT RULES ON NRA HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, (AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered the federal trade commission to serve as judge in cases of complaint by small merchants of monopolistic practices under the national recovery act. The Roosevelt order provides that when a complainant is dissatisfied with the disposition of his case by any agency of the government, except the department of justice, he may press his case before the trade commission.

50 Per Cent Cost Reduction Shown In Highway Work

Report of Engineer Reveals Economies Since 1925.

HIGH STANDARDS WELL MAINTAINED

Retrenchments, New Type Of Road Responsible For Savings.

SALEM, Jan. 20, (AP)—Oregon in 1933 maintained 4,214 miles of state highways for less money than was required to keep 2574 miles in condition during 1925, the annual report of maintenance operations issued today by R. H. Ballock, chief engineer, showed. Among other features disclosed in the report were: That the per mile cost of maintenance was reduced from \$794.43 in 1928 to \$399.85 in 1933, a reduction of nearly 50 percent, while at the same time standards of maintenance were drastically increased.

Millions Saved That a total saving of \$5,300,000 was accomplished in maintenance expenditures in the five-year period from 1928 to 1933, inclusive, without taking into consideration the economies affected by largely eliminating the excessive cost of renewing gravel surfacing on heavily travelled roads.

That the percentage of gravel roads in the state highway system has been reduced from 65 percent in 1925 to 25 percent in 1933, while the mileage of oiled operation has increased from 5 percent to 47 percent in the same period.

Costs Reduced The savings listed represent only the retrenchment in expenditures for maintenance made from license fees, gasoline taxes and other revenues collected by the state directly from the operators of private and commercial motor vehicles. They take into consideration none of the economies incident to cheaper automobile operation over smoother, dustless roads—savings in gasoline, oil, tires and general depreciation due to wear and tear.

While important economies have been effected in the cost of maintenance through reductions in salaries and personnel, shop retrenchment, standardization of equipment and the lengthening of patrol districts, development of more efficient types of oiled macadam surfaces and the greatly extended use of this type is chief.

LONG BEACH FEELS STRONG TREMBLOR

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 20, (AP)—A moderately strong earthquake, the second heaviest here since the March 10 disasterous shock, was felt here at 1:18 p. m. today. The movement was east-west and it appeared to last 10 seconds.

WEATHER

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registered a rapid rise in barometric pressure Friday night and Saturday morning, and more settled weather with lower temperatures is the outlook for the immediate future. Squalls and brisk winds are probable. The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures Saturday as follows: High, 33; Low, 27. Forecast for next 24 hours: Generally fair and cool. The United States weather bureau reports .18 of precipitation for the 24 hours ending Friday at 5 p. m.; 4.91 for the season to date; 5.79 normal; 2.95 last year.

U. S. CONTROL OF RAILROADS NOT ADVISED

Federal Coordinator Delivers Report To Congress.

EVENTUAL PUBLIC OWNERSHIP URGED

Cost of Change Regarded Too Great For Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, (AP)—Answering the first of a series of questions asked him by congress, Joseph B. Eastman—federal coordinator of transportation—held today the time was not ripe for either nationwide consolidation of railroads or government ownership. His answer to the query "Is there need for a radical or major change in the organization, conduct, and regulation of the railroad industry which can be accomplished by federal legislation?" was transmitted to President Roosevelt and the house and senate by the interstate commerce commission, which the law requires to study and comment on his findings.

No Action Taken The commission submitted the report with a synopsis of Eastman's studies, but called attention to the fact that it neither approved nor disapproved the findings. Eastman concluded: "The ultimate solution of the railroad problem is public ownership and operation. The country is not now in a condition to stand the financial strain of acquisition of these great properties. A grand consolidation plan is impractical at this time because the country is not in a condition to stand a forced consolidation."

He reported that legal strictures placed on the coordinator of transportation forbidding reduction of employment through coordinator orders "have prevented much actual accomplishment in the elimination of waste."

Savings Doubtful He suggested continuation for another year by executive order of the office of the coordinator and the possibility that later it be made a permanent establishment with a small and flexible staff. He submitted a tentative plan for public operation which he said "is intended only as a suggestion of some of the possibilities."

He found that the Prince plan (Continued on Page Three)

PHYSICIAN SLAIN IN CUBAN STRIKE

HAVANA, Jan. 20, (AP)—A physician was killed and a pharmacist wounded in medical strike disorders today. The strike itself, which began in a controversy between Cuban and Spanish medical factions, was in process of arbitration under the specific watch of President Carlos Mendiesta.

EARTHQUAKE TOLL FIFTEEN THOUSAND

CALCUTTA, Jan. 20, (AP)—Unofficial estimates of the death toll of last Monday's earthquake were raised to 15,000 today. Workers are laboring day and night at the task of gathering the bodies of the dead and dumping them into the Ganges river. Bihar Province was hardest hit, the damage there being estimated at \$40,000,000. Many buildings in Musafarpur sank five feet into the ground in the course of the tremors.

7 Criminals Elude Police

KANSAS STATE CONVICTS FREE TEACHER TAKEN AS HOSTAGE

LANSING, Kas., Jan. 20, (AP)—Officers widened their search today for the seven convicts who broke out of the Kansas state prison yesterday as Lewis Dresser, rural school teacher abducted by two of them, was released unharmed at Pawhuska, Okla. Dresser was freed after Jim Clark and another convict believed to be Bob Brady, leaders of the break, made a successful dash in the teacher's car to reach an outlaw hideout in the hills of northern Oklahoma.

QUINCY, Ill., Jan. 20, (AP)—Five Chicago youths, objects of an all-day southern and western Illinois hunt in which a posse of 250 men trapped them in a woods, were in jail at Carthage, Ill., today, and approximately \$3,460 of the money taken in a robbery of the State Bank of Girard, Ill., was recovered.

HOUSE APPROVES GOLD TRANSFERS

Action Pushed Through On Dollar Devaluation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, (AP)—The house late today approved, without amendment, the section of the president's dollar devaluation bill transferring to the government title to gold now held by federal reserve banks. It rejected an amendment to require that the treasury certificates to be issued to banks for the gold, bear on their faces a stipulation that they be redeemed in gold or a value equivalent. An amendment by Representative Patman (D-Tex.) to forbid the transfer of the nationalized gold to an international bank was defeated 170 to 133.

Meanwhile, the senate banking committee voted to close hearings on the money bill until Monday, despite the protests of republicans. Chairman Fletcher announced that among the witnesses Monday would be Owen D. Young of New York and George F. Warren, President Roosevelt's financial adviser.

PAYROLL FOR CWA TOTALS \$90,000

Civil works payrolls in Klamath county, excluding this week's figures, have thus far totaled \$74,077.57, and with another \$13,000 going out Saturday, the total will run close to \$90,000. These figures were obtained from Disburser Perry O. DeLap Saturday, as the local civil works authorities took stock of the situation in connection with instructions to curtail the program.

The figures quoted are for labor exclusively. Thousands of dollars have been spent for materials and supplies, which insofar as possible were purchased here. The CWA was going along on a readjusted basis Saturday. All projects were working, however, except that at Klamath Union high school.

LATE NEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 20, (AP)—Frank Shields of New York, today defeated George Lot, of Chicago, in straight sets in the all-American final of the Canadian national indoor tennis championships to retain the title he won last year for the first time. The scores were 6-2, 6-0, 9-7. ST. PAUL, Jan. 20, (AP)—Twenty employees of the Cudahy packing plant at Newport, near here, were injured, some seriously, today in a compressed gas explosion.

POLICE BRAND BREMER DEATH NOTE AS FAKE

Family Fearful Wealthy St. Paul Man Killed By Kidnapers.

STAINED AUTO BRINGS ALARM

Relatives Prepared To Pay \$200,000 For Return.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 20, (AP)—Branded by police as a fake, an anonymous note stating Edward G. Bremer, wealthy owner and president of a St. Paul bank, kidnaped for \$200,000, had been "bumped off" was received by W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis postmaster today. The authorities' statement, however, did not serve to allay fears of the Bremer family, who had fresh in their minds a threat of death and the blood stained automobile of the 37-year-old Commercial State Bank head. Received through the mail today by Robertson, the note was written in long hand by a good penman. It bore no postmark nor stamp and was addressed to the Minneapolis postoffice. The note said: "Very sorry but Edward Bremer is now resting in peace. Was by accident bumped off. Body near Anoka, Minn. Will not be found until after the snow goes. Contact all off. Please forgive us. All a mistake by one of our gang being drunk. Please tell Walter Magee, St. Paul. "One of the gang."

Chief of Police Thomas Dahill, Charles Tierney, inspector of detectives, and Werner Hanni, head of the St. Paul office, United States bureau of investigation, termed the missive the work of a crank and abandoned in Minneapolis their projected trip to Anoka. Brutality indicated Three days after the finding of the wealthy 37-year-old bank president and owner's blood stained automobile, caused a furor and heightened alarm the family and friends have felt for the safety of the son of Adolph Bremer, personal friend of President Roosevelt and principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company. Splotched with blood, evidence in the automobile indicted Bremer was brutally slugged over the head by his captors, dragged into the back seat, and spirited away. Police Confident Simultaneously, a report was spread that Bremer had been released near Lake Elmo, Minn., about 10 miles from here. This was promptly denied by Walter Magee, named in the note received by the Minneapolis postmaster, Magee, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, received a telephone call and a note from the kidnapers soon (Continued on Page Three)