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Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is an interesting statement: For the first three months of 1934, Class 1 railroads of the United States showed a net operating income of \$112,276,896. In the first three months of 1933, their net operating income was \$34,551,646. Not so bad.

A hundred and twelve million dollars is a lot of money. When we look at that figure, our first thought is that the railroads have done very well indeed for themselves.

But when we read further that the sum of \$112,276,896 amounts to a return at an annual rate of only 2.23 per cent on the railroads' property investment we realize that it isn't so terribly good, after all.

The railroads, you see, have cost a lot of money.

HOPING, OF COURSE, won't do much good, but at least let's hope the railroads do even better—a great deal better, if they can—in the last nine months of 1934 than they did in the first three months.

If the railroads show good profits, they will be able to buy more lumber and other products of Oregon, and if the railroads are able to buy more of our products we shall show an increase of prosperity here in Oregon.

We are all interested in that.

DON'T GRUDGE fair profits to industry.

Industry must have fair profits if it is to pay fair wages to its labor and fair prices for its raw materials.

ANOTHER interesting figure: During the first four months of 1934, sales of state and municipal bonds in the United States amounted to \$321,235,815.

That is to say, the people of this country still have confidence enough in the solvency of its states and cities to invest approximately a third of a billion dollars in their securities.

That is rather encouraging.

IT IS QUITE a change, incidentally, from a year ago.

In the first four months of 1933, totals of state and municipal bonds amounted to only \$178,235,058.

People didn't have much confidence then.

ANOTHER SLANT:

In the month of January, 1934, as reported by the safety section of the American Railway Association, there were 360 accidents at railroad highway crossings. In January, 1933 there were only 275 such accidents.

Do people get more reckless as they grow more prosperous?

BUT LET'S GET BACK for a moment to the increased earnings shown by the country's Class 1 railroads.

These increased earnings are especially interesting, because they reflect increased movement of all the various commodities entering into trade and commerce.

An increase in the movement of commodities is the best possible indication that times are really getting better.

YOUNG STUDENT HELD IN MURDER

HARLINGEN, Tex., May 21, (AP)—William Osborne, 16-year-old Fremont high school student, was charged with murder and lodged in the Falfurrias jail without bond at a preliminary hearing today in connection with the slaying of J. M. "Jack" Brink, former member of the U. S. Olympic rowing team.

NRA CONDITIONS ATTACKED

Grasshoppers Swarm Over Drought Area

Gigantic Farm Losses Expected in Central Belt

Hundreds of Farmers in Middle States Pray for Relief.

PRODUCTION CUT ABOUT 85 PER CENT

Wheat, Hay, Small Grains Ravaged by Dry Spell and Pests.

(By The Associated Press) Drought, aided by grasshoppers and chinch bugs, spread further destruction through the grain belt today, increasing crop losses to as high as 85 per cent in some sections.

Many farmers prayed yesterday in churches for rain. Some rains came, but they were too light to bring much benefit. More local showers were forecast.

Huge Losses Reported

Even ideal weather, said agricultural experts, could not now afford any material relief in much of the midwest. Nebraska farmers reported all crops in the central part of the state, including oats, hay, and other small grains, have been cut 40 per cent. The strawberry crop has been severely damaged and chinch bug damage is the worst in the region's farming history.

Hay Crop Slashed

Indiana's hay crop is cut 50 per cent and wheat and oats are severely damaged. Corn is germinating slowly. Dust storms have blown a way large parts of the onion and mint crops. The fruit crop in the southwestern region is periled. Timber and grass is drying, and small insects and timber fires are adding to the damage.

With hay and pastures most afflicted, crops throughout Wisconsin are menaced. No spring planting has been done in several sections. Corn is suffering. Minnesota is suffering from an epidemic of grasshoppers. The yield of spring wheat will not reach 85 per cent of normal. Dust storms have blown away plants. Pasture lands are drying up, and oats and hay have been hurt.

Kansas Wheat Down

Some unofficial estimates were that the wheat crop yield in Kansas will exceed 50 per cent. Corn planting will be deferred in several parts of the state. The apple crop area is hard hit.

In several sections of the grain belt Sunday church services were devoted to prayer for rain, by (Continued on Page Three)

RELIEF PROGRAM WILL BE REDUCED

Close restrictions on public relief for the remainder of the spring and summer were indicated at the county relief office Monday.

"The relief funds have been drastically reduced by the government," said Miss Phyllis Hartson, relief director. "People must rely on themselves as much as possible."

"The government feels that all people on relief should be hunting jobs. This office hopes that employers who have work to get out will notify us so we can help these people to the place where they will support themselves."

The relief director indicated that relief for single men will probably receive the most drastic cut.

Plan Advertising Airmail Started

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—The postoffice department is going to start an intensive advertising campaign to boom use of the airmail.

STOCKYARDS AT CHICAGO HIT BY FIRE

Material Damage Is Estimated at More Than \$8,000,000.

TWO MEN DIE IN BIG BLAZE

Hundreds of Fighters Are Injured in Terrific Holocaust.

CHICAGO, May 21, (AP)—The charred body of a man was found in the ruins of Chicago's stockyards today as crews of workmen groped through the debris of Saturday's \$8,000,000 fire preparing the way for rebuilders.

Through acres of hot ashes, into heaps of bricks, skeletons of old landmarks and twisted steel girders the explorers dug, hunting valued documents and property that might have survived the holocaust, and hoping the loss of human life would not grow.

MINNEAPOLIS RIOT BREAKS OUT ANEW

Eight Officers and Ten Strikers Injured in Fighting.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 21, (AP)—Riots broke out again early today in the market district and eight policemen and ten strikers fell as 300 pickets and nearly 100 special policemen clashed over the movement of trucks.

Strikers were at the scene at dawn, as several produce firms began moving out trucks with vegetables, berries, and other perishables. Police were already on hand. The majority of the strikers were armed with clubs, bats and poles. Many carried stones.

SCHOLARS TAKEN FOR DISTURBANCE

Students of Klamath Union high school and of the city schools started Monday on the last lap of their work for the year, when final examinations got under way.

All examinations will be completed Wednesday, and lists of graduates from the various schools compiled when grades are learned.

Commencement exercises for Klamath Union high school will be held Friday afternoon at the Pollock theatre, and the various elementary schools of the city will hold their exercises on Thursday and Friday.

At a special assembly to be held at the high school Tuesday morning various honor awards will be made.

Pins will be given to the seniors having perfect records of attendance, to those who are entitled to permanent membership in the honor society and to members (Continued on Page Three)

SENATE DEFEATS NORRIS PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—The senate refused today to submit the Norris constitutional amendment to the states, and thereupon returned to its reciprocal tariff jousting.

Nebraska's veteran independent won 42 votes for his proposal to abolish the electoral college and elect presidents directly. Opposed were 24, meaning that he barely fell short of the two-thirds vote required.

Senators McNary and Steiwer of Oregon voted against the measure.

Logging Work Starts Monday

ROCK CREEK, Ore.—Louis Robbins, with a crew of 25 men began operations this week in the yellow pine timber near the head of Rock Creek, owned by the late Pete Back, well known lumberman of Klamath county, who died in 1932. Robbins expects to cut four million feet of pine from the district for the Klamath Lumber and Box company. One million feet of sugar pine on the land will not be cut. Logs will be loaded at Home-steader's Landing.

Weekend Air Deaths Many

THIRTEEN FLIERS KILLED IN ACCIDENTS OVER UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press Thirteen persons fell to their deaths in airplanes over the week end.

Four were killed at Tulsa, Tex., airport when a plane piloted by Harry Lynch of Wink, Tex., crashed before a crowd witnessing a performance of the field. The victims were Lynch, two 12-year-old boys, Bruce Anderson and Bobby Seiler, both of Wink, and Willie Ravel, 25, of El Paso, Tex.

CITY VOTERS GIVE MARGIN TO SALES TAX

Farm Sections Succeed in Defeating Relief Levy Measure.

NEW CANDIDATES MAY COME OUT

Independent Job Seekers Likely to File by November.

By Malcolm Epley An analysis of the returns on the sales tax reveals that Klamath Falls proper voted in favor of the tax. Klamath county, outside the city, went against it sufficiently to offset the favorable vote in Klamath Falls, and to put Klamath county in line with most of the rest of the counties in defeating the tax.

Inside the city, according to an unofficial tabulation, the vote on the tax was: Yes 1714; No 1676. Outside, the vote was: Yes 867; No 1537. Total county vote: Yes 2581; No 3217.

LEGISLATIVE RACE CHANGES PICTURE

Three Competing Incumbents Lose Posts At Elections.

SALEM, May 21, (AP)—Only three incumbent members of the Oregon legislature who had filed for nomination were eliminated for membership in the 1935 session, while another who had not filed was nominated by the write-in method, a survey by the Associated Press revealed.

State Senator W. F. Woodward, veteran Multnomah county member was eliminated in the republican primaries by Roy K. Terry. Should Senator Jay Upton be elected for congress from the second district, his place would have to be filled in the upper house.

SCHOOLS CLOSE HERE THIS WEEK

Students of Klamath Union high school and of the city schools started Monday on the last lap of their work for the year, when final examinations got under way.

CHINESE RAIDERS KILL 11 JAPANESE

TOKYO, May 21, (AP)—Eleven Japanese, including five school boys were reported to have been killed, when 100 Chinese irregulars raided a model Japanese settlement in Manchukuo.

The report, contained in a dispatch from Hsinking (Changchun), capital of Manchukuo, to Rengo (Japanese news agency), said the attack took place at Lake Champo, northwest of Tunhua in eastern Kirin Province.

Troops were dispatched to the scene from Tonhua.

COASTAL BRIDGE PROGRAM DELAYED

SALEM, May 21, (AP)—With exception of the Alsea bay bridge at Waldport, on which construction is well under way and the first monthly estimate rendered for payment, there will be no work commenced on any of the other four coast highway bridges until all contracts have been finally approved in Washington and an additional allocation of PWA funds definitely made, it was announced here today by R. H. Baldoock, state highway engineer.

STRIKE FACTIONS NEAR AGREEMENT

PORTLAND, May 21, (AP)—R. J. Baskett, spokesman of employees in the general longshoremen's strike negotiations at San Francisco, was today advised by Portland waterfront employees that they have agreed to four major points in the attempts to settle the waterfront strike.

Balkan Bomb Hurts Worker

EXPLOSION OCCURS TODAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—A bomb which inspectors say was destined for the Balkans exploded in the postoffice dead letter office today, shattering a clerk's hand and slightly injuring a negro messenger.

It was concealed in a hallowed-out book, and went off when the volume was opened by Myrton L. Genung.

Genung was in too critical a condition after to tell what happened.

He specialized in improperly wrapped or addressed parcels addressed to foreign countries from Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

W. H. Jackson, the messenger, cut by flying glass from Genung's table top, said he was bending over another table when the explosion occurred. He looked up to see Genung, dazed, stumbling (Continued on Page Three)

TWO SERIOUSLY HURT IN CRASHES

J. A. Neal Loses Eye and Ralph Egger Crushes Arm in Accidents

Jay Rice, involved in an auto accident over the weekend, bringing serious injury to J. A. Neal, was fined \$50 in the justice of the peace court this afternoon on a charge of reckless driving.

J. A. Neal of the Altamont auto camp will lose an eye, and Ralph Egger of this city, may lose his left arm as a result of week end automobile accidents. Neal was injured in a crash on South Sixth street and Shasta way, shortly after midnight Saturday, and Egger was hurt Sunday night on The Dalles-California highway about three miles from the Diamond lake junction.

RECKLESSNESS CHARGED

Jay Rice of Klamath Falls is charged with reckless driving in connection with the Neal crash, and was cited to appear in justice court Monday afternoon. According to officers who investigated the wreck, Mr. and Mrs. Neal were driving toward town, and Rice was going out South Sixth street.

Rice turned out to pass a car traveling in the same direction and sideswiped the approaching car driven by Neal. The automobile was demolished, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal rushed to Klamath Valley hospital. Both sustained severe (Continued on Page Three)

ANNUAL CHAMBER MEET ANNOUNCED

The annual meeting of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, one of the year's biggest civic events, will be held Monday evening, May 28, at the Willard hotel, it was announced Monday.

Claude Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, will be the speaker. Ingalls is one of the state's best-known newspaper men, and is a vigorous writer and speaker.

T. W. Deitzell will be toastmaster. Other plans for entertainment features will be announced later.

The annual meeting will take the form of a banquet, starting at 6:30 p. m.

Catholic Churches Ordered to Close

NOGALES, Ariz., May 21, (AP)—All Catholic churches in the state of Sonora, Mexico, were closed today by order of Governor Rodolfo Elias Calles.

MONOPOLISTS, PROFITEERS HELD AT WORK

Darrow Review Board Delivers Blistering Criticism

BAD CONDITIONS TOLD IN REPORT

Johnson, Richberg Seek to Eliminate Authority of Probe.

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—The national recovery review board in a three-page statement today assailed the criticism on its report made by NRA officials, promised a second report before the end of the week and challenged NRA to answer that one.

The second report, the board headed by Clarence Darrow said, covered industries "in which conditions are even worse than in those that have severed Mr. Richberg's vision."

JOHNSON AGAINST BOARD

The reference was to Donald R. Richberg, general NRA counsel, who charged Darrow's unit with abuse of public confidence in having so conducted itself as to develop only evidence in support of already fixed views.

Meanwhile, it was indicated at the White House that President Roosevelt expected the Darrow board to wind up its work soon. Nothing was said as to how the president looked upon Hugh S. Johnson's recommendation that the board be abolished at once.

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT

There had been no hint of a supplemental statement such as given out by the Darrow board today.

It read in part: "The monopolists and profiteers that were uncovered by the review board's report had been making today and with their attorneys, paid and unpaid, filled the air with their clamors."

"Then they pause to take breath and reason has a chance to be heard, it may be well to remind the public of certain basic facts totally, and no doubt intentionally, disregarded in these infuriated clamors."

The board said here that by investigation it had concluded that monopolistic practices ex- (Continued on Page Three)

STATE OF OHIO LOSES LAWSUIT

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—The supreme court held today the state of Ohio, in exercising its monopoly in the sale of intoxicating liquor, is subject to federal taxes imposed on the wholesale and retail business.

OREGON RESIDENTS WANTED BY POLICE

LOS ANGELES, May 21, (AP)—Federal authorities were searching today for Col. Dan Morgan Smith, vice president of Corvallis, Ltd., a poultry concern located at Astoria, and J. L. Russell, president of Corvallis Poultry Co., Ltd., of Corvallis, Ore., in connection with an alleged \$188,000 swindle.

LATE NEWS

PORTLAND, May 21, (AP)—Mrs. U. F. Dittman, 68, mother of Urban Dittman Jr., flying Montana cowboy, who lost his life in an attempt to fly the Atlantic in 1929, died at her home here last night.

WASHINGTON, May 21, (AP)—Senate and house conferees virtually agreed today on the corporate bankruptcy bill substantially as it passed the senate. The measure would permit cities and towns to seal down their indebtedness through agreements with creditors.