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Drivers Are Safer

LOCAL surveys of the past year, for the most part, have made encouraging reading. But there can be no bragging about the automobile accident record. It was bad. It showed 659 accidents inside the city as compared to 464 the year before. That's the answer to all the talk and campaigning for safe driving. A sort of statistical bronx cheer.

In the county as a whole, 15 persons were killed by automobiles. That's better than the year before, when 20 fatalities occurred. But it's an unpleasant record.

City accident fatalities numbered three, the others occurring in the outside districts. That checks with the theory that the most serious accidents occur on the open road, where speeds run high.

The fellow at the wheel is responsible for the speed. But, according to the records of Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, drivers fared better than other occupants of automobiles. Of the 15 persons killed in motor accidents, five were pedestrians, nine were non-driving occupants of automobiles, and ONLY ONE was a driver.

It is generally agreed that in a vast majority of accidents, the human factor is responsible, rather than some mechanical failing. It's the driver who must be depended upon to pilot a car safely.

All of this boils down to this conclusion: Drivers cause most accidents, but they have the best chance of getting out of them alive. When they take chances, they are taking them with the lives of OTHER PEOPLE to a greater degree than with their own. Give that a thought when you sit at the wheel of a car, and you will help make the 1936 accident record an improvement over 1935's unhappy statistics.

Back to 1930 Level

THE revival of the heavy industries seems at last to be getting under way. The monthly business index of the Annalist for December shows that business activity now stands at the highest level since August, 1930, surpassing even the brief speculative boom peak of July, 1933.

This index now stands at 90 per cent of normal—a rise of nearly seven points since October, and a rise of 32 points from the depression low.

Most encouraging of all, as The Annalist points out, is the fact that this revival seems to be based on a slow but solid pick-up of the heavy industries.

If that pick-up continues, the business indicator will continue to rise; and, which is even better, we shall have substantial reason for hoping that the rise will continue until we reach wholly normal conditions once more.

Philosophical Walter

(Salem Statesman)
CONGRESSMAN WALTER PIERCE is a student of history and literature. Recently he has been priming his mind on De Tocqueville whose book "Democracy in America" has long been a classic in studies of political science. As Walter has been reading the work of the observations made by this critic of American democracy in its early stages. One passage in particular set Oregon's lone democratic congressman to speculating. It was the one in which De Tocqueville said that the real test of democracy would come when four out of five persons paid no taxes and, being in the majority, could impose all sorts of taxes on the fifth. De Tocqueville predicted that ten would appear the demagogue who would promise the four-fifths anything; and a statesman who would try to solve the situation. The test is on the question whether the four-fifths who pay no taxes will swallow the promises of the demagogue or follow the wisdom of the statesman.

That moment has in some respects arrived. There is the strident demand for shifting of taxation to the wealthy few. There is growing demand on government for direct bounties from the treasury whether by artificial employment, by doles or by pensions or by subsidies. There is the scorn of the statesman who warns of danger ahead. "Bread and circuses," the bounties of the Roman rival political factions are being repeated in these days of the American democracy. They lead to the same result—the end of the republic?

It is a hopeful sign that Congressman Pierce is thus philosophizing out loud, for he is one who has uniformly taken his stand with the demagogues, who has done what he could to make the one-fifth sustain the government (or is the mythical two per cent of the people who own 80 per cent of wealth?), and then the government sustain the four-fifths. However all of this he has previously known from his extensive reading of history; and it is probably too much to expect that he will lend support to an unpopular "statesman."

MALIN ITEMS

MALIN, Ore.—Miss Norma Storil, Portland, is the guest of her sister, Miss Lida Ann Storil of the high school faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Van Meter, accompanied by Robert Wilson, are spending an indefinite time in Portland.

R. B. Calhaver, Klamath Falls, is substituting as station agent for Mr. Thompson, who had a two days' leave of absence this week. Mrs. Thompson is expected to return this week from Seattle, where she has spent the past three weeks with a sister, who has been critically ill.

Walter Eschebeck will return to school this week after spending the holidays here with his father, Gus Eschebeck, and sister, Miss Elsie Eschebeck.

WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
The Inside Story From The Capital
By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The president has been tipped that he cannot get the broad discretionary neutrality powers he wanted out of the congress which opens Friday. His legislative leaders brought the bad news long before he finished writing his message. They did not have to make a thorough canvass of both houses to find out that the capitol hill-billies are set in their neutrality ways.

The result is the promised war over peace between the White House and congress is likely to be more far than fatal. President Roosevelt is making arrangements to that end. The world court setback at the opening of the last session is still a tart memory. It was misjudged because the president did not know the strength of the opposition. The neutrality issue will not be.

Presidents have ways of getting what they want out of congress without fighting.

SOFT-PEDALING

Mr. Roosevelt's first wise inside step has been to place the issue entirely in the hands of his congressional leaders. It was agreed the White House and state department (particularly the state department) will take a back seat and not try to do any driving.

There is something about the state department which makes congressmen madder than they normally are. The department thinks foreign affairs should be completely free of congressional log-rolling. The log-rollers think those pink-tea diplomats in the department are international fops.

Nearly all the inner crew agrees it was a tactical error for the department to have led the fight last session.

COMPROMISE

What Mr. Roosevelt's legislative leaders have in the back of their heads now is a compromise. Something like this: Let congress make it mandatory that the president apply embargoes against warring nations, but permit him full discretion as to when. Under the present neutrality act, he is compelled to impose arms embargoes against both sides when the war breaks out. Under the proposed compromise, he could hold off for a while.

For example, in case of war between Britain and Italy, we could then refrain from imposing an embargo. This would leave Britain free to buy here. The British fleet would see to it that Mussolini failed to receive whatever he bought. Mussolini would know that. It is the neutral theory that therefore he would hesitate to start a war. Also that our diplomatic offices could thus be better used to promote world peace.

You can bank on it that the ultimate compromise will be something along this line.

SOCIETY NOTE

Nary a ripple of excitement was created in Washington when the first lady turned columnist. Three years ago it would have been a social sensation. There are two reasons it was not. Mrs. R. has broken precedent so often that it is news only when she doesn't. Also the inner understanding is that she undertook the work in hope of promoting projects and ideals in which she is interested.

At the best bridge tables, even money is being wagered that Mrs. Roosevelt will tire of the daily stint before long.

The heart-rending thing about it is that the advertising for Mrs. R.'s column has completely snowed under the fact that Alice Roosevelt Longworth is also starting one January 6.

BARE BONES

Some well informed authorities have doubted that the securities and the Morgan business could be as bare as it is in a recent column. A further check at the registry office indicates that the name of the Morgan Stanley company (which is handling the security end of the old business) has appeared often than most firms on recent registration applications. But those highest in the trade know that these refunding issues are old bones bearing little meat. The only juicy morsel left is said, was that of a certain railroad which appears to have been grabbed by Mr. Jesse Jones' RFC. The truth still is that no one is making any real money in that business.

Note—To keep the record straight, the reason why the J. P. Morgan bank is so bare is because most of the clerks and some of the partners have departed with the securities end of the business.

TIMES CHANGE

More than one returning congressman has been grumbling about writing letters to regionally resettlement administrators and failing to get a response until weeks later. Then along come very nice replies and offers of cooperation.

One congressman decided to investigate. He was informed that Prof. Tugwell had ordered all regional administrators to send letters from senators to him here in Washington before replying.

Whether Tugwell wanted to satisfy them or check up on their political pressure, the congressmen do not know. However,

Today China-ware
China-ware Today
—On the Screen—
MYRNA LOY
"Rogue of the Rio Grande"
—Plus—
Color Cartoon

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"I told him if he ever kept me waiting again I'd do something horrible. What do you think it ought to be?"

News of Oregon

BEAVERTON, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—One unearthing by a WPA road crew near here assayed rich in gold and silver, Mayor A. E. Wilson said today.

The tract on which the ore was found is owned by Attorney Joe Woerdle of Portland, he said. The city's executive also said he had bought the ore ledge for four years since workmen digging the city's 700-foot well unearthed pay-dirt.

GRESHAM, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—Bids for the proposed Gresham-PWA sewer project, estimated to cost \$119,000, will be opened by the city council here tomorrow.

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—The Ashland city council gave City Recorder J. Q. Adams, a vote of confidence in acting on a complaint of inefficiency. The action followed the resignation of two councilmen—Gerald H. Wenner and Guy T. Applewhite. The mayor and three members of the governing body participated in the ballot.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—New Year's day was not Saturday but it was bath day for 15 members of the Oregon volunteer life saving corps. The 15, under the leadership of B. E. Hadley, participated in the group's annual New Year's swim in the Willamette river, while scores of spectators shivered on the bridge above them.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—Sixty-three men and women participated in the New Year's dinner at the city jail, the smallest number in recent years, Jailor Perkins reported.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—Six meetings to discuss municipal problems will be held this month, Herman Kehrli, executive

they are satisfied, which is more than they were a year ago with anything Prof. Tugwell did. It is additional proof that he is learning the ways of the Washington world.

SURVEY INDICATES
Industry Holding To NRA Policies
(Copyright 1935 by United Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, GP.—American industrialists generally did not hurt NRA reforms out of the window with a joyous whoop when the supreme court killed the Blue Eagle, a nationwide survey ordered by President Roosevelt disclosed Wednesday.

Full data outlining the reaction of the nation's manufacturers to the passing of the giant recovery agency is expected to be placed in Mr. Roosevelt's hands within a week or 10 days.

The report is still in the process of preparation, Captain W. P. Robert, survey chairman, told the United Press. From other sources, however, it was learned that sufficient data has been assembled already to show that, after the court decision, these things happened:

Some employers cut wages; some lengthened hours of work thus reducing working forces; some abandoned payment for overtime work; some slipped back to the same cut throat competition that the NRA sought to abolish.

On the other hand, the report will show that:

A vast section of industry today is maintaining the same if not higher wages than were authorized under NRA codes; fair trade practice provisions are being scrupulously adhered to and hours have not been increased.

There are agencies enough to make evil attractive. War is dressed in gorgeous uniforms and the glamor of an exalted patriotism, drunkenness... in gale, and sensuality is disguised in people who rationalize it as self-expression.—The Rev. Dr. Harry Fosdick, New York.

Auto Tag Business Still Heavy Here

The sheriff's office auto license department was still doing big business Thursday.

Scores of motorists were on hand to get temporary stickers, having failed to send for their 1936 plates before January 1.

On Tuesday, December 31, the office had one of the biggest days in years. A total of 643 temporary licenses were issued.

State police have orders to make arrests when autos are found on the roads without 1936 licenses. No arrests had been made by Thursday noon.

Trust your husband until you're sure he's unworthy. Reach for the skill instead of the can opener. Be too big to put.—Judge Joseph Sabath, Chicago.

LAST TIMES TODAY

Final Grand SPASM
TOMORROW and SATURDAY!
TWO MORE GLORIOUS DAYS . . . THEN GONE FOREVER!
A FIGHT-TO-FINISH COCKTAIL OF ROMANCE AND ROCK THROWING
SHOWS DAILY 2, 7 and 9

Believe it or not...IT'S LOVE!
A gorgeous spiffy wife who wants to own you!
CLAUDETTE COLBERT
'THE BRIDE COMES HOME'
FRED MacMURRAY Robert Young
PELICAN
RAINBOW
NOW PLAYING
'A DOG OF FLANDERS'
Also Sport and Cartoon
ANY TIME 15¢

Ten Years Ago

In Klamath
Farmers of the Tulelake irrigation district have won out in their determined fight for a reduction of construction charges on their irrigation project. It was revealed in a telegram received from United States Senator McNary by J. H. Carnahan, local attorney today.

A cut from \$90 to \$37.50 per acre was announced.

Seating 12 passengers in a luxuriously upholstered glass-enclosed cabin, the fastest vehicle in Klamath county today took to the water, or rather to the ice. The vehicle in question is the ice-boat built by Telford & Sons for Douglas Puckett and Harry Telford. The boat is to be used for commercial hauling on the Upper lake and for modern sleighriding parties at night. It will travel at a speed of 90 miles per hour.

TULELAKE REPORT

NEARLY COMPLETE

TULELAKE, Calif.—Walter L. Chandler, attorney, spent Tuesday in Yreka in the interest of the proposed Tulelake townsite incorporation. It was stated here Tuesday by Earl Ager, president of the Tulelake Community club who expects to have a complete report on residents' requirements for signing of petitions to be presented to county supervisors for approval at the next meeting of the club, January 6.

Incorporation is now of paramount importance here as no further move can be made by the Tulelake water commission of which Fred McMurphy is president until some action is taken. The present situation demands either incorporation of the town or incorporation of the water commission to make valid, handling of public funds. In event no move is immediately made it will be necessary to refund money now on hand, much of which was obtained in a public drive for placement of a deep well here.

In event incorporation is completed, Tulelake will be entered on state records as a sixth class town. Qualifications in this class calls for a population of 500, all of whom have been county residents for a period of 60 days and townsite residents for 30 days.

Petitions for incorporation must be signed by 25 percent of the owners. It is understood by the investigating committee, these residents to own 25 per cent of property as designated in the last tax reports, covering the proposed incorporation site.

The accepted petition must be followed by a general election at which time residents will vote on incorporation proceedings and city officials. Failure of the incorporation to carry automatically discharges the newly-elected officials.

Hillsboro Youth Killed in Mishap

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 2, GP.—Kenneth McDonald, 16, was killed Wednesday when an automobile on the running board of which he was riding collided with another car. William Scott, driver, and Earl Pedigo, both employees of a roadhouse, were injured. Marshall Melver, who was riding on the opposite running board from McDonald, was unhurt. The other car was driven by George Baldwin, of Forest Grove. The sheriff was investigating.

FINANCIAL CHECK

NEW YORK, Jan. 2, GP.—Favorable dividend changes during December totaled 325 against 212 in November, and 225 in December, 1934, the Standard Statistics company reported today. For the entire year the favorable changes amounted to 1,549 against 1,447 in 1934. December's unfavorable actions totaled 15, against 10 in November, and for the year 245, compared with 377 in 1934.

THE CRUELEST CAPTAIN IN THE HISTORY OF THE SEA...

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY
Charles LAUGHTON
Clark GABLE
Franchot TONE
COLOR CARTOON, "Monkey Love" — LATEST NEWS
PINE TREE
SHOWS DAILY 2, 7 and 9

OREGON INSURANCE PLAN IN EFFECT

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2, (UP)—Oregon's unemployment insurance law, jammed through the special session of the legislature two months ago in the closing minutes in such form as to make its constitutionality questionable, went into effect with the dawn of the new year.

Already the state unemployment compensation commission, which will administer the law, has registered employers of four or more persons who will benefit if jobs in 1938 from the federal payroll tax soon to be collected.

The federal levy on payrolls will be one percent this year, two per cent in 1937 and three in 1938 and each year thereafter. Under its cooperating state law, Oregon will retain 90 per cent of the taxes, but no payments to unemployed persons will be made until 1938. Then a jobless worker will get only between \$7 and \$15 a week for 15 weeks after first idling away three weeks.

When the first payroll tax is collected, some employer may protest and have the courts rule on the validity of the unemployment insurance act.

Attorney-General Van Winkle has already held invalid a section of the state law requiring employers to pay taxes on their earnings. Records of the legislature showed that provision was struck out, but after adjournment it still appeared in the act.

At the state capitol, the new law will mean organization of a department employing scores of clerks and needing hundreds of square feet of office space in which to keep files of payrolls.

Employers will not be required to keep uniform payroll records, but what they do have must be complete for every worker, the commission has decreed. When ever an employee is discharged or is otherwise separated from his job, word will be given the commission on a standard form.

Not all persons who lose their jobs two years from now will benefit under the new law, however. Agricultural workers, domestics in private homes, sailors on navigable waters of the United States, minors employed by their parents, federal and state government hirings and employees of non-profit corporations or institutions are outside the law.

The state unemployment compensation commission—Albert R. Hunter, Otto R. Hartwig and T. Morris Dunne—who also serve as the state industrial accident commission, will soon confer with representatives of employers to formulate rules and regulations covering payroll contributions.

Since no benefits will be paid for two years, though, rules governing claims will wait until then.

Adolph's Observations

A NICE little boy came up to me this morning in the 10 cent store and asked if I would help him pick out a birthday present for his mother. He had 50 cents saved up and he figured that would get something pretty nice.

I got a great kick out of helping him. We went all through the store, and fingered everything and finally we decided on a small flashlight. The little shaver sold me the idea that mother could use that in finding things in the pantry and it would make her very happy to have one.

His mother, when you get this you should be thankful for two reasons. Some mothers don't get any birthday gifts from their kids and secondly you came darn near getting an airplane instead of a flashlight.

MORE ACRES UNDER WHEAT PRODUCTION

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2, (UP)—Oregon wheat growers seeded 113,000 more acres this winter than a year ago, the United States department of agriculture reported.

Total planting was 869,900 acres. In the Pacific northwest—Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana—3,677,000 acres of winter wheat were seeded in the fall of 1935, an increase of about seven per cent over 1934. A compensating decrease in spring wheat planting is expected.

Condition of winter wheat on December 1 was far below average in each of the four states, federal agricultural statisticians said. Dry soil conditions and freezing weather have seriously retarded the growth of plants, and it may be necessary to reseed much of the acreage next spring, it was forecast.

ENDS TODAY

GEORGE O'BRIEN
Whispering Smith Smith
All new show TOMORROW
Here he comes, folks... that shootin' son of a saddle...!
CLARENCE E. MURFORD'S
HOP-A-LONG CASSIDY
A Paramount Release with WILLIAM BOYD JIMMY ELLISON PAULA STONE
ADDED
TRAVELOGUE
EASY ACES ACT
Shows Daily 2, 7 and 9
NOVELTY NEWS
V25X
KIDDIES 10¢
SHOWS DAILY 2, 7 and 9