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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

The Inside Story From The Capital

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WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Roosevelt's build-up for his relief appropriation this year was what is known as the promotion trade as a "lalapalooza," meaning a thing of beauty and a work of art.

The grand scale on which it was managed would have made that old master of synthetic excitement, Mr. Tex Rickard, himself, go off and lie down, if he had not already done so in response to a greater summons years ago.

In his absence no one seems to have caught on to the perfect technique, although Mr. Roosevelt has worked it the last two years with only a slight variation this year.

FIRST PRESSURE
 Mr. Roosevelt asked congress for \$4,800,000,000 last year. You may recall that, just about that time, his good stooge, Mr. Harry Hopkins, began throwing fits daily in public because he had no relief money left. He actually curtailed and even threatened to stop relief for a while, although at that very time, Mr. Roosevelt was sitting upon hundreds of millions of unexpended balances, some of which he has not spent yet.

This year the gag was varied only slightly. While Mr. Roosevelt was slowly composing a request for another \$1,500,000,000, Harry began issuing orders proposing to cut, but not actually cutting, people off WPA rolls. For instance, the cut ordered in Illinois required curtailment of approximately 20 per cent by June 30.

This year and last, the effect was to bring democratic politicians down on congress from everywhere. They howled about what a bad thing it was to curtail, especially in this, an election year.

For the past two weeks they have fretted congressmen into a state of mind where the legislators would be glad to approve anything Mr. Roosevelt asked, without serious question.

Through it all, Mr. Hopkins maintained silence and a straight face.

CLUBBING
 A slightly new sideline frill was added this year. For example, the District of Columbia welfare board received private orders a week ago to cut the local relief rolls by two-thirds. This impossibility was suggested just a few days before Mr. Roosevelt's message went to congress.

It had an alarming effect on all the good budget-balancers hereabouts. They saw visions of disorders and riots. Not only that, but the relief money is sustaining many business lines whose leaders envisioned the possibility of this business being swept away.

The pressure they brought on congress was stronger than that of the soldiers' lobby for the bonus, although almost entirely under the surface. Thus, these advocates of a balanced budget were squeezed right out of their position. The demand for adequate relief became almost unanimous hereabouts. The economy psychology of the public was turned entirely around for the occasion.

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APPLES

These sawed inside maneuvers would be a minor phase of an important matter if anyone hereabouts really thought that a substantial curtailment of relief is seriously intended. No one does.

The politicians will tell you flatly there cannot be a curtailment before election. In fact, they expect an acceleration of relief ex-

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"You kids must learn to pay some attention to your father when he speaks to you."

penditures before November. Some new dealers readily confess that they would not be astonished if such a thing happened. To show you how it can be done, Mr. Roosevelt's \$2,500,000,000 additional appropriation is being requested for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It will be augmented by an untold amount of appropriations left over from this fiscal year. This combined unknown amount is far more than enough to carry on for seven months at a rate of expenditure much higher than the existing rate. By that time the election will be over, congress will be back, it will be February again, and any deficiency for the remainder of the fiscal year can easily be obtained.

It is like the old apple example which the teachers used. Mr. Roosevelt has an unknown quantity of relief apples in his pocket. He is asking congress for 1 1/2 billion more. No one can possibly answer how many apples that is, but everyone knows it is enough. Any pupil will be correct who says no voter will be permitted to go hungry.

THOUGHTS
 Those who read between the lines of Mr. Roosevelt's message saw an answer to three republican presidential possibilities. The dig at Governor Landon of Kansas was barely concealed in a gener-

ally about the "few states" which relief responsibilities. But the president disclosed more indirectly what was on his mind about Senator Borah's anti-trust issue by promising enforcement. In a way, also, he said what he thought about Mr. Hoover's pet issue of local relief. He devoted some attention to other Hoover beliefs.

The references seemed to confirm the story current in congressional cloakrooms that Mr. Roosevelt expects his opponent to be one of those three men.

GUESSING
 When Mr. Roosevelt was preparing his relief message, he called upon three different government bureaus to submit confidential estimates of unemployment. They did, and thereby caused a presidential headache. The three guesses were so far apart as to illustrate nothing except lack of knowledge about that subject.

The figures finally used by the president are supposed to have been an average of the three bad guesses.

To S'N Doughnuts—Klamath Falls Campfire Girls will conduct their annual doughnut sale Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will go toward next summer's camp fund. The Campfire girls always hold their doughnut sale during the birthday week of the organization.

Single pieces of mining equipment weighing in excess of two tons have been shipped by air in South America.

Fellowship of Prayer

FRIDAY, March 20: "Members of one of another."

There is much in our civilization which is unscientific and which therefore must go. It is unscientific for men whose welfare makes them dependent upon each other to engage in industrial strife. A social order in which a few are unreasonably rich and many are condemned to starved and thwarted lives is unscientific. It is unscientific for nations that are dependent upon each other to engage in international war. Civilization is the attempt to live by the power of ideas. Nothing marks the path from savagery to civilization so clearly as the ability and the willingness to substitute for the use of physical forces the appeal to reason and good will. Greed, malice and superstition are utterly unscientific. So is falsehood. There is no more important battle for a man to fight than the battle against falsehood. There is scarcely a greater moral victory than for a man to gain the courage and the wisdom and the patience to become true in word, act, thought and feeling.

Prayer: Oh God, bless Thee for the kingdom of the common life. Teach us to go out among our fellows with kindly faces. May we be ever gladdened by goodness. Help us to control our tempers. Save us from the devastating influence of selfish pleasures, of idle curiosity, of unworthy ease. Teach us to live with other people so that we can find the best in each other. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read I Corinthians 2:10-28.

Editorials on News

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he had to wait the CENTURIES and CENTURIES that must elapse before the new ones came.

This writer, at a tender age, became likewise the possessor of a pair of copper-toed boots, but, alas! when they came one was a No. 2 and the other a No. 1, and the town was a long, long way off, and the roads were hub-deep in mud. We protested earnestly, even fervently, that a boot of one size for one foot and of another size for the other was the way we liked boots; that, in fact, we could hardly bear to think of having them any other way.

But parents were firm, and the boots had to go back, and the time intervening between when they were sent back and the new ones finally arrived can only be calculated in terms of geologic periods.

When a small boy is waiting for something he wants very badly indeed, time walks with leaden feet.

THE point to be made here is that the Brick Store took back the No. 2 boots and returned the No. 1's, copper toes and all, and happiness prevailed in Royston when the package arrived.

OBSERVING what goes on about us today, it's a little hard to realize that so short a time back as the late '90's a pair of copper-toed boots could bring so much joy. But they DID.

We hear a lot of talk about the world slipping backward toward the dark ages, instead of going forward steadily toward something better and constantly better,

but let us be as smart as we ought to be as we won't believe too much of it.

It has gone a long way since the '90's, and the little enough that ordinary people have now is BIG as compared with what they had then.

Ten Years Ago

In Klamath

SALEM, (AP)—An old age pension initiative bill providing for the care of certain married or single men or women after they reach the age of 65 years, was left with the secretary of state today and will be sent to

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Division shops of the Southern Pacific railroad will, in all probability, be located on S. P. property which from the Klamath Falls S. P. station parallels the main line for several thousand feet.

In the Chicago underworld, it seems to be the custom, on Valentine's Day, to send flowers.

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Part-time Farming

THIS writer for various reasons has driven frequently through the districts immediately south and west of Klamath Falls in the past two or three weeks. He has left the main highway and traveled the by-roads out there. And he has been impressed with the remarkably large number of little homes that have been established, apparently by persons who have some part-time employment and are rounding out a living by working small acreage. Many of the houses have just been built, their outer boards yet unpainted and yellow with newness.

An important and interesting development has been going on in these suburban areas near Klamath Falls. With our interest stimulated by our observations on these little trips, we recalled that a survey was made a short time ago seeking facts about this development. So we looked up the Oregon State experiment station agricultural bulletin that carried the report on that survey, which is entitled "Part-time Farming." If any one is interested in seeing the entire bulletin, it is number 340.

Here is an excerpt that applies directly to the local development:

The Klamath Falls development. According to the facts gathered in the Willamette Valley and Coast regions of Oregon the conclusion might be reached either that the part-time farming idea does not appeal to the younger persons or that they are not financially in a position to undertake the purchase of such property. The picture presented by the irrigated region, however, and Klamath County in particular, is quite different. Around Klamath Falls in recent years a veritable exodus has occurred of young and middle-aged people onto small garden tracts where many have even worked on "street improvement" in lieu of a down payment, acquired building materials cheaply from the sawmill which employed them, and then constructed their homes themselves during slack periods of the year.

As this large group of 180 families is typical of the most recent development among part-time farmers or decentralized industrial workers, averaging only 3 1/4 years on the present property, a resume of facts pertaining to this particular group is given here in the nature of a guide or standard of very recent accomplishment.

The average size of tracts acquired was 1.5 acres of which 1.2 acres was in cultivation. The value of this land when purchased was \$543, value of buildings was \$275, and cash spent subsequently on improvements amounted to \$543, or a total of \$1,361 cash investment in real estate. The down payment averaged \$205, and the indebtedness after 3 1/2 years of ownership is down to \$334 on a present valuation of \$1,569.

Of these 180 rural homes located an average distance of 3.4 miles from town and 4.6 miles from work, 163 had electricity, 134 had radios, 118 had running water, and 42 had bathroom facilities.

The livestock inventory amounted to \$65, and the farm tools were valued at only \$19. The total livestock found on these 180 part-time farms included 3 horses, 72 cows, 175 hogs, 5 goats, 5,066 hens, 37 other fowls, and 531 rabbits.

The average farm production was valued at \$218 for the year, \$147 of which was used at home and \$71 worth was sold. Garden, poultry, dairy, and swine contributed 99 per cent of the production. Cash expended for operation and maintenance of the place amounted to \$103.

Supplemental income of the family included \$756 earned by the operator from 33 weeks of employment, \$70 by other members of the family from 5 weeks of work, \$25 from 2 weeks of relief work, \$15 from investments, and \$4 worth of relief supplies. The balance left after deducting both the \$103 of cash farm expense and the \$54 of employment expense was \$924 in terms of money and produce used, in addition to the use of the house.

All but two of these 180 part-time farm owners were satisfied with their situation, enthusiastic about their economic status, and proud of their modest homes and their ability to produce a substantial part of the family living from the land they owned.

The government, in a number of its recent projects elsewhere, has undertaken to locate families on small acreage near part-time industrial employment. The significant thing about the Klamath Falls development is that scores of our own families, without government aid or suggestion, and in the depression period, have undertaken this method of working out their own economic problems, and have MADE A GO OF IT. It is an impressive demonstration of rugged resourcefulness.

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