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THE HOUSE OF MORGAN AND THE PUBLIC

The investigation into the affairs of J. P. Morgan & Co. is important, not so much because of sensational disclosures which may be made as because it provides the general public with a free look into what is, in the last analysis, the public's business.

Recognition of that simple fact is one of the most wholesome developments that have come out of the new deal at Washington. The boundary lines between private business and public business are hazy and ill-defined at all times.

The conditions under which all of us live and work and play are determined partly by what our elected representatives do at Washington and partly by obscure economic forces which we do not wholly understand and which we have never yet had much luck in controlling.

Under our present system, these men are responsible to no one. In the general run of cases there is no appeal from the decisions they make. Much of the time the ordinary citizen does not even know what their decisions are; sometimes, indeed, their connections with his place in society is so involved that he doesn't even realize that the decisions they have taken will affect him.

Nevertheless, the kind of job he is able to get, the amount of money he is able to make, the prices he will have to pay for what he buys, the amount of security he is able to have in his own niche—any or all of these things can be influenced

profoundly by the things that such men do. that the public has full information about the things that go on in offices like those of Morgan & Co. In putting these kings of finance on the witness stand and scrutinizing their books the government is not stepping into a field which is properly closed to it.

Democracy can be nothing more than a sham if some form of social control cannot be made effective over the men whose day-by-day decisions affect the lives of innumerable citizens.

A HAPPY EX-KING EX-KING FERDINAND of Bulgaria, who lost his throne because he got his country into the World War on the wrong side, is living in Nairobi, East Africa, these days, and is enjoying life hugely. From childhood he had read books about African explorers, and he always wanted to go where they had gone and see the things they had seen; but being a king never left him time for such fruitless pursuits.

Now, as an ex-king, he is doing just what he always wanted to do. He recently finished a 3000-mile trip through the interior; presently he will start out on another one. He probably wouldn't go back to the royal palace if all of Europe begged him to.

Being a king, evidently, isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Ferdinand apparently blesses the day that deprived him of his crown. A PROPHECY OF DOOM It is a little reassuring, somehow, to read that a London business man is going about the British Isles trying to convince people that the world is going to come to an end on June 12. These dire prophecies of doom always appear in troublous times; to hear this one is to realize that our present difficulties will eventually get solved, just as past ones were.

This Londoner is said to be spending \$5000 a week on his self-appointed mission—he is, it should be added, a wealthy chap. He has made hundreds of converts, many of whom are rapidly giving away all they own in order to be ready for the great day. It might be possible, of course, to read an unpleasant omen into the fact that the date this man has chosen for the end of all things is also the date on which the world economic conference is to convene. If that conference falls, the prophecy might come uncomfortably close to fulfillment.

Earlier Days From the Files of the Klamath Republican, June, 1909. Boatmen on Upper Klamath lake have had high winds to contend with during the past few days, but no casualties reported. The chamber of commerce has received a telegram from Snow's Dog and Pony show, which is at Red Bluff, in reference to showing here on Railroad Day. The show has two cars, with 50 people and a band. The circus would be a great attraction, and would be a great addition to the parade.

SIDE GLANCES — by George Clark



"Oh, Jenkins, I'm afraid you'll have to make another trip. We forgot the paprika."

Editorials on the Day's News

(Continued from Page One) stable receipts from the gasoline tax will begin to suffer. The point is this: When a good thing is overdone, it ceases to be a good thing. The gasoline tax has been a mighty good thing so far, raising a lot of badly needed money without really hurting anybody.

ON THE other side of the picture, we read that postage stamps are COMING DOWN. Postmaster General Farley, in a speech in Pennsylvania, says the cost of sending a letter will be back to two cents "within the next few weeks."

HE IS lucky—not unlucky. If he had gambled and got away with it, at his age, he would probably have been ruined for life, for the easy money habit, once it is formed, is harder to get rid of than the liquor habit—and equally destructive of morale.

It sounds old-fashioned to say so, but it is nevertheless true that prosperity isn't going to be brought back by gambling on the stock market. It will take hard work and good brains to turn that trick. "GASOLINE Prices to Rise," a headline informs us. Not so good. We all have to BUY gasoline. It is the big shots who sell it. Gasoline isn't a little man's business.

HERE IN Oregon, we pay already a tax of five cents on each gallon of gasoline we buy—four cents state tax and one cent federal. In a few days more we will be paying six cents, for the legislature added another cent to the gas tax when it reduced automobile licenses.

IF THE tax gets much higher than that, bootlegging will become highly profitable, and it bootlegging becomes highly profitable

family recently returned to Bly after a short stay in Lakeview. James Waldeck motored to Tule City Thursday. Mrs. Penikese and children visited with her brother, Ray Ottenger Thursday evening, returning to Klamath Falls that night.

Klamath Agency

KLAMATH AGENCY, Ore. — Miss Helen Dickinson, of Bemidji, Minn., is making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Edward W. Neave. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Markell left Tuesday for Eugene where they expect to make their home. Mr. Markell has for a number of years been employed in Elliott's store.

Some People Say

I was a perfectly normal boy; I got just as damn dirty as the other boys—Vivian Burnett, the original "Little Lord Fauntleroy," whose mother, Mrs. Frances Hodson Burnett, wrote the book.

I am one of those radicals who believe that the right to work will be recognized as the right to live today; we are on that road.—Senator Wagner of New York.

The average executive of today finds himself hesitating to take many steps which he knows must ultimately be taken.—Phil H. Grennan, San Francisco manufacturer.

Forty per cent of adult Americans would not necessarily furnish enough impact to set it off, but you never can tell. You want to be mighty good to it.—W. H. Swartz, Oklahoma oil fields explosive expert.

Wise Cracks

J. P. Morgan reveals he paid no income tax in 1930, 1931 and 1932. And we always thought properly was just around the corner—of Broad and Wall streets.

Perhaps Mr. Morgan's idea of "the forgotten man" was the tax collector. Allegheny stock, then worth \$25, but sold to Morgan's "favorite customers" for \$20, is now quoted at \$2. Maybe some of the fellows who thought they were "getting in on the ground floor" found they got into the basement instead.

Navy's no-cussing order came as a big surprise to the fleet, says a dispatch. Well, probably it did leave a lot of the fellows speechless. Ever since the government removed the limits on liquor prescriptions we've noticed an increasing number of persons who are eager to sit up with a sick friend.

Presbyterian church has decided to omit "obey" from the marriage ceremony. Just as if it made any difference! A California scientist states that flames leap outwards from the surface of the sun at the rate of 20,000 miles a minute, and sometimes reach a height of half a million miles.

Gasoline consumption in the United States last year declined 7.5 per cent under 1931. COMING—"Be Mine Tonight."

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The National Whirligig Inside Story of Washington The News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

Nothing will be said openly about it for a while yet, but he will go suddenly in July if the situation over there demands his presence. That means if the conference bogs down and he sees a chance to save it by a personal appearance he will call for a cruiser and set sail.

The way things look now there is a good chance that he will make the trip. The conference is headed for a bog. That is not pessimism but realism. The nations are assembling with strong nationalistic fervor running high in all their home capitals. They are not in a conciliatory mood. Beyond that, they face more difficulties than any international conference of modern times.

The thing which might keep Mr. Roosevelt from going is the possibility that even he could not rescue the conference. The conference delegates did not take much with them when they left. They had no world-beating schemes for solution of international ills. The delegation was by no means unanimous on how it would proceed.

Senator Pittman indicated at every opportunity silver would be stabilized at 60 cents an ounce. Other delegates let it be known that figures represented Pittman's personal view. They indicated they would be satisfied with 50 cents. No inside figure has been agreed on.

The inside supposition is that the first three weeks of the conference will not amount to much. It will take that long for the boys to get down to business. Shortly thereafter Hull is slated to return to this country. Prof. Moley may then go abroad.

The idea apparently is to let Hull start things and get everyone to put cards out on the table. The solution probably will be worked out here by Mr. Roosevelt, Moley, Douglas, et al. Then Moley will go over for the cleanup.

That also may turn out to be the time that Mr. Roosevelt chooses for the bold stroke he has in the back of his head. Davis You will notice shortly that Norman Davis is being eased out of the international picture.

His work is nearly done at Geneva. Afterward he will drift on home and they will decide they have nothing else for him to do. That is the same easy policy which the administration plans to follow with Treasury Secretary Woodin and others disclosed as being friendly to J. P. Morgan.

It will be followed out to the letter unless public clamor for their scalp gets too strong. Then swift action may be necessary. Investigation Some people seem to have doubts about Mr. Roosevelt's sincerity in opposing the Morgans. There is no doubt about it among those anywhere near the inside here.

On March 17 it was disclosed Mr. Roosevelt was out after the Morgans in the stock market investigation. He was the one who told Chairman Fletcher of the banking committee to drop what was being done and go after the big fish. The purpose was then also disclosed. It has been confirmed recently by legislation to make the Morgans get out of the commercial banking business.

The truth is that Mr. Roosevelt has been behind this thing from the start. It is he and not the senate investigators who deserve credit for whatever was done. Those nearest the president say his thoughts on this subject date back to the time when he was governor of New York. The Morgans fought his power policies with every conceivable force. He decided then that if he ever got into power something would be done about the Morgans.

Something was. Senator Glass really became aroused against Senator Couzens along toward the end. He indicated that he thought Couzens was needlessly rough with him for objecting to the Morgan investigation. He had sided with Couzens when the latter was fighting Moley some years back. He thought it was time for Couzens to reciprocate.

Once Glass went to a republican caucus near Couzens and talked loud enough for Couzens to hear. He said: "I don't like these millionaires getting into public life. They are too darned set in their opinions." Couzens did not let an eyelash. If there are two men in Washington independent of political and other pressure (they are Couzens and Glass. Both are set in their opinions on opposite sides of the fence. Both are honest and courageous.

The Morgan investigators decided to hold that secret session last Wednesday only as a courtesy to Glass. They merely let him in on what Prosecutor Pecora intended to prove. Public reaction to the Glass-Couzens row was so thunderous there was no danger Pecora would be required to soften his blows. Every senator's mailbox was filled for days with letters from citizens. They advocated hanging, drawing and quartering for the world's largest bankers. No one spoke a good word for the Morgans. It did not take the senators long to catch on as to how the wind was blowing.

political purposes these days is conceded to be a superior economist. The confidential American program calls for setting up a strong central bank to handle silver and international exchange stabilization as well as some public works financing. It does not mention the bank of international settlements but that setup probably will be accepted as the basis for the new agency. The reason so many republicans turned Mr. Roosevelt down on offers to go to London is that they do not want to be identified with something they think is certainly headed toward failure. The next treasury bond issue will be for around \$300,000,000.

NEW YORK By James McMullin Debts

New York's interest in the plan to permit our foreign debtors to make a small payment on June 15th and thus escape default pending further negotiations is far from academic. Local financiers are warmly concerned just now about the sanctity of contracts. Repudiation of the gold clause by law bothers them as a moral gesture, not for its practical effects. Wholesale European default would set a still worse example and jeopardize many millions of investments by inference. So they are extremely anxious to head off such action.

They also figure that official default would inflame public opinion to the point where international agreement on anything would be impossible. In spite of Neville Chamberlain there is a powerful faction in England anxious to escape the onus of repudiation and the part payment stunt would give them an acceptable out. Backstage teamwork between New York and London in paying the way for such a step has been excellent. If it comes off it will help to keep England and France from ganging up on us effectively.

Interested New Yorkers were too wise to approach the administration directly with the part-payment proposition. But the idea started here and underground wire-pulling seems to be bringing results. The debts will be officially kept off the economic conference round table but you can bet they will be a hot topic of private conversation among the delegates.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE



By Harold Gray



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