

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted
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Washington.—Congress has been doing a deal of talking about helping business to get on its feet, but it has not yet accomplished much. The house ways and means committee, it is true, is making some headway and a number of senators, including the powerful Senator Harrison of Mississippi, are asserting the necessity for a reversal of federal policy. But, again, there is much more talk than action, and in the meantime the country's business is sliding lower and lower.

The difficulty in the present situation and the thing that probably has been more responsible for the business slump than anything else is that business heretofore has been unable to tell what the federal government is going to do. It has become evident already that with a somewhat changed atmosphere in congress, there are many business men who are more hopeful than a month ago. Business men, big and little, are quick to note that there are senators and representatives who think the time has arrived for business to receive some consideration. And it ought to be added that unless business does get some consideration, this current depression is going to be as bad as the last one. The federal government must give attention to the agricultural problem and it must fit that job into some consideration of the other half of American life, namely, the commerce and industry outside of agricultural life.

It will be recalled that during the first two years of President Roosevelt's administration there was a flock of laws passed that were of great value to the country. Many of them were of a temporary character and were enacted on that basis. That would have been fine if the administration had stopped there. But it did not. The roaming herd of so-called thinkers who were scattered far and wide in federal jobs had to have their innings. At least they thought they had to have a turn at bat. All of their pet theories had to be tried out. The result: many laws that were purely experimental, dangerous, damaging and a burden to business.

With many millions of others, I expected at that time to see these queer looking laws shaken down, corrected, or repealed where it was found necessary. That has not happened. Again, the result: the country's business from the smallest general store at a cross roads or a garage or a gasoline station to the greatest corporation, like General Motors or Pennsylvania railroad, has had to suffer under the heavy heel of the national government. The reason that congress is showing signs of a movement that will revise the tax structure is because these smaller businesses out through the country have now got their fill of government red tape, complex reports, visits of investigators, new tax forms and levies, or what have you. Those people are making themselves heard here in Washington.

So if congress takes some action looking to a fair deal for business, just as it is quite determined to do something for agriculture, I entertain no doubt about the response it will get from the business interests. As far as business has made itself felt, it is apparently asking only to be treated equitably with labor. Every one knows that the last three or four sessions of congress have been frightened to death every time a labor leader showed up on capitol hill. The reward given congress was the C. I. O. sitdown strikes, violence and a general mess. The condition has left a goodly number of senators and representatives a bad taste in their mouths.

There is plenty of dirty linen in the business closet. It has a hard wash day ahead to restore it to the respect of the bulk of the people. Business has been smug. It has thought too little, in many instances, of its obligations to the public at large. But surely there is a point beyond which federal punishment ought not go since there is a responsibility also in the other direction. Unless business gets a reasonable chance to stand on its own feet, how is it going to re-employ workers and reduce the relief rolls?

Every individual wants to earn some money. He wants a return for his labor. He dreams some day of a retirement, a lay off when he can watch the world go by. I can see no reason why the federal government should not encourage, rather than discourage, such a thing. It is the conviction of a very great many, an increasing number of people that the federal government is messing too much into business.

But aside from that phase, there are a number of things happening that are difficult to understand. At a time when business is sliding off like a snowball going down hill, the President steps out and orders an

investigation by the federal trade commission into "high prices." The inquiry, of course, is directed at monopoly. I have no doubt at all that there will be a blast from some government official pretty soon in which "big business" again will be told it is crushing the "little fellow" and that the public is suffering from the high prices maintained by a "trust." There may be even a fireside chat because a President's voice penetrates everywhere.

At a time, too, when the prices of bonds and shares of corporation stock are sinking like they have double pneumonia, out bursts Chairman Douglas of the securities and exchange commission with a small cargo of dynamite about crooked dealings underneath the stock exchanges of the country. Fortunately for the hundreds of thousands of small investors, the stock exchange quotations did not fall much further as a result of Mr. Douglas' learned remarks. The prices already had fallen below the knees. But the Douglas statement certainly gave no confidence to those who were beginning to believe that congress would try to undo some of the wrongs previously done.

Just about the same time and during frequent appeals from the senators and representatives that the tax laws had to be overhauled, the President sent a report to congress. It was a report by the New York Power authority, charging the power interests with some weird misdoings. I happen to know some of the folks on the staff of the power authority and I feel that they know just about as much about the power problem as I do—which is to say they are pretty dumb about the situation. Of course, those alleged economists have brilliant ideas about reforming America, and I am dumb about that, too.

Further: While this power authority report was being emblazoned upon the front pages of newspapers, President Roosevelt was holding long conferences with Wendell Wilkie and Fred Carlisle, who personate the "power trust," if there be a power trust. Mr. Roosevelt was talking with those men in an effort to get the large power interests to go ahead with construction and expansion programs to provide work for unemployed.

The political strategy of blaming everything on "big business" worked well for a time, just as the old demagoguery about "Wall Street" used to inflame thousands when a politician orated and slapped his legs with widely swinging arms. But the picture is different now. The attack on business has become a mill stone on business and it has crushed little as well as big—and since there are so many more smaller ones than there are trusts and monopolies, members of congress are hearing about it from men whom they went to school with at home.

But what is to be done? Let congress repeal about five hundred laws that force business to pay more for the privilege of doing business than it gets out of its whole volume; reduce or revise the direct taxes and bring the thousand and one items of tax out in the open so the people can see and know what they are paying; cut out forty or fifty of the silly experiments that were worked up by the coterie of individuals who are constantly feeding Mr. Roosevelt half-baked and cockeyed schemes for spending money and thereby reduce the federal expenses—these and many more of honest purpose can be done. If they are done, business again can employ workers and as it employs workers, they come off the relief rolls, and as they get wages, they buy. This means profits and profits mean tax receipts by the treasuries of state and nation.

To show how some of these taxes come about, I am told that Herman Oliphant, general counsel to the secretary of the treasury, promoted the ridiculous tax on undistributed profits of corporations to declare dividends of all of their earnings and he was for it. It did just that. But when the corporations had distributed everything to their shareholders and their volume of business fell off, they had no money left to tide them over until business picked up again. Hence, some of them are on the verge of bankruptcy. I do not know where Mr. Oliphant got the idea, or how he sold it to Mr. Roosevelt. I do not know of any business connection that Mr. Oliphant ever had with any important corporation. It is important, however, to note that Mr. Oliphant has made no move whatsoever to defend this brain child that turned out to be such an unwanted baby. (And while writing about Mr. Oliphant, it may be noted that until Secretary Morgenthau came onto the scene, there was never any need for a general counsel to the secretary of the treasury.)

ARCADIA NEWS

Ed Pruyn of Nyssa and John Zittercob were hunting in the Jordan Valley country Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bohy and son Bennie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Splawn Sunday.

Pearl Marie Orris was an over night guest of Dona Matherly Monday night.

Louise Orris has been staying with her aunt Mrs. Otis Bullard for a few days.

Mrs. John Zittercob gave a wild goose dinner at her home for two mothers. Mrs. Ira Dail and Mrs. Charles Bullard. Members of both families were present to enjoy the dinner and wish the mothers well.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Orris were dinner guests at the Dick Smith home in Nyssa Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Lackey and children have been ill for the past week. Mrs. Ira Dail, mother of Mrs. Lackey, has been taking care of them.

Ellis Warner has drilled a well on his homestead to a depth of 515 feet.

Theo Matherly was more fortunate with his well than was Mr. Warner, having to drill only fifty one feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Splawn were in Vale Thursday on business. Yog Zittercob arrived from the coast Friday to visit at the home of his brother John Zittercob.

RICHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hanchot drove up from Redmond, Oregon, to spend Thanksgiving and a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett.

Bob DeGross returned last week after spending some time with relatives and friends at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pfeiler have returned to their ranch in southern California for the winter. They expect to return here next spring to resume operation on their ranch here.

Mr. R. Cornell is busy remodeling and rebuilding a new barn.

Mrs. Lloyd Adams has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Norris of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were visitors at the C. H. Bennett home Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Johnson was hostess to the Chatterbox club last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tanner went to Emmett Monday.

Mr. Harold Sisson spent Thanksgiving with his folks at Twin Falls.

WILSON RE-ELECTED TO FARM CREDIT BOARD

John A. Wilson of Stanford, Montana, has been elected director of the Farm Credit board of the Spokane district, it was announced by R. E. Brown, general agent of the Farm Credit administration of Spokane.

Mr. Wilson was nominated and unanimously elected by the northwest's 31 local cooperative Production Credit associations to succeed himself on the board, of which he has been a member since January 1936. His new term is for three years, beginning January 1.

Owner and operator of a large grain and live stock farm for many years, Mr. Wilson has gained wide-

spread recognition for his development of crested wheat grass as a dry land forage crop, being awarded the title "crested wheat grass king" at the International Hay and Grain exposition. He also has a broad background of business experience and has served as president and director of the Central Montana Production Credit association since 1934.

As a director of the Seven-man Farm Credit board, Mr. Wilson is director, ex officio, of the Federal Land bank, Federal Intermediate Credit bank, Production Credit corporation and bank for Cooperatives of Spokane—comprising a complete cooperative credit organization with approximately \$175,000,000 in loan volume and serving more than 50,000 northwest farmers.

Two other places on the district Farm Credit board are to be filled this year. National Farm Loan associations are now in the process of nominating one member. The governor of the Farm Credit administration will make one appointment from among the three nominees receiving the highest number of association votes and will appoint the other member outright.

As now constituted, the board is made up of four members chosen by local associations of farmer-borrowers and three appointed by the Farm Credit administration governor to represent the public interest. Terms are for three years.

OSC EXPERIMENT STATION TO DO FORAGE PLANT WORK

Oregon State college experiment station has been designated as the western plant propagation station of the U. S. department of agriculture, for the purpose of growing and distributing forage plants, according to H. A. Schoth, federal agronomist stationed at the college.

The new work is being started on a comparatively small scale, but with provisions for ample expansion, Schoth says. Greenhouse space cold frames a lath house and other facilities are being arranged for use in carrying on the new project.

Foreign Plants

Plants to be introduced and increased through the station include many obtained by plant explorers in foreign countries, which will be entirely new to this region, as well as native species. It is planned that some 20,000 plants from about 100 species of grasses, legumes and miscellaneous forage plants will be produced the first year, Schoth says.

Both seed and vegetative methods of propagation will be used, and considerable investigational work will be done to determine the most satisfactory methods for the various species. Plants are expected to be ready for distribution by April 1.

Will Better Arrival Condition

All plant propagation work of the U. S. department of agriculture has previously been done in Washing-

ton, D. C. but difficulty was experienced in getting plants to distant destinations in good conditions. The new western propagation station is expected to relieve the situation.

"This work is in line with the expansion of forage crop investigation work in the western states," Schoth said, "and we are pleased that Oregon State college has been designated as headquarters."

LINCOLN NEWS

By MRS. ED DUPRE

The Lincoln school board has had the school building wired for electric lights and every one will appreciate and enjoy this much needed improvement.

The teachers and children are busy preparing a program for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tuttle have returned from working at the OK Dairy in Ontario to help his father on the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McNeil of Meridian, Idaho visited their son Mr. Ray McNeil and his family on Sunday.

Miss Mas Fenton of Ontario is staying at the DuPre home and attending school as her mother is quarantined for smallpox.

A group of Lincoln young people enjoyed a skating party in Payette on Saturday night.

Mrs. Ed DuPre and her son Frank were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison on Sunday.

Mr. George Markham has built a house and established his residence as required by law on his homestead south of Lincoln about one and a half miles.

Lyle Tuttle has left for Spanish Forks, Utah where he has been employed by the Gamble stores.

Mrs. Bill Leavitt and Miss Eleanor Leavitt are recovering from a seige of smallpox.

Mrs. Elmer Leavitt is caring for Grandma Leavitt at the present time.

Mrs. Bill Redsell and Mrs. Ruby Gardner were visitors of Grandma Leavitt.

Legal Advertising

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WADE A. HEADRICK, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That A. L. Fletcher, the Administrator, with the will annexed of the estate of Wade A. Headrick, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement and filed in said Court his first and final account of his administration of said estate, together with a petition for distribution in accordance with the pro-

visions of the last will and testament; and that Saturday the 8th day of January, 1938, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day, and the Court room in the City of Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, has been duly appointed by the Judge of said Court as the time and place for the settlement of said account and hearing of said petition, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file exception in writing to said account and contest the same.

A. L. FLETCHER, Administrator of the Estate of Wade A. Headrick, Deceased.

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NOTICE

LETTING CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Nyssa will receive proposals for an exclusive contract to collect and dispose of garbage in the City of Nyssa and to control the operation of the City Dump in accordance with the terms of Ordinance No. 233, for a period of two years; on Monday, December 20th, 1937, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M.

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M. T. SOLOMON Recorder

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COL. ANDREWS TALKING

I am locating at Nyssa from the dust bowl of Goodland, Kansas having been in the auction business in that one locality for 23 years. But owing to no crops and business in general going to pieces I have looked over Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Oregon and find the spirit here to be fine, have decided to locate here and will have my family of wife and six children here by January 1st. Read the following and come have a talk and let us get acquainted. Will have an extra good connection with all stock buyers as well as machinery, etc.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

IN GOODLAND Goodland, Kansas

March 29, 1937

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The holder of this letter, Col. Harry Andrews, has been known to the writer for over twenty (20) years. He has lived in our community practically all of his life.

Mr. Andrews is an auctioneer by profession and has cried most of the sales held in this locality for a number of years. Because of the change in conditions there will not be many sales here for sometime so it is necessary that he seek a new location.

We consider Mr. Andrews to be a very successful auctioneer and he is very conscientious in his work.

Yours very truly, L. N. SHAW, President.

THE GOODLAND STATE BANK

IN GOODLAND Goodland, Kansas

March 29, 1937

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer of this letter whose signature appears below has been a resident of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas for many years. He has been engaged very actively in the auction sales business. Practically every sale held in this territory has been under the direction of Mr. Andrews as auctioneer. He has been very successful in getting good prices and serving the farmers and citizens of this community in this capacity.

The past five years have been drouth years in this territory and most of the livestock has been shipped from this territory and the sale business has been practically eliminated. Mr. Andrews does not feel that there will be a great deal of sale business in the next two years to come in this territory and we concur with his opinion. Therefore he is looking for a new location. It is our opinion that you will find Mr. Andrews satisfactory in every way to serve your community in this capacity. He has transacted business with this bank for a number of years which has been satisfactory.

W. L. BUNTEN, Vice President.

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