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'F. R.' URGES MORTGAGE AID FOR FARMERS

Message to Congress Asks Legislation That Will Ease Burden.

HOME HELP PLEDGED

Senate Committee Ends Agriculture Bill Study; Wants Passage.

BY FREDERICK A. STORM

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Roosevelt asked congress today to include in its farm relief program specific measures for dealing with the nation's crushing burden of farm mortgage indebtedness.

The President's farm mortgage program was introduced in the senate immediately after reading of Mr. Roosevelt's special message stressing the need for refinancing the farm debt.

The credit measure, referred to the banking and currency committee, provides for refinancing mortgages by reducing interest rates and through a temporary readjustment of amortization. It would operate through a \$2,000,000,000 federal land bank bond issue.

After committee action the farm mortgage bill is to be reported in an omnibus measure with the Roosevelt farm bill, which would give Agriculture Secretary Wallace wide authority to raise commodity prices through curbed production and processing taxes.

Commodity Bill Approved

The senate agriculture committee today completed action on the commodity bill in substantially the form approved by the house. It will meet Tuesday to act on bill.

Mr. Roosevelt's special message—it was the eighth he has sent to congress in less than a month—declared the farm mortgage situation must be dealt with in order to "end the forced liquidation of property, to increase purchasing power and to broaden the credit structure for the benefit of both the producing and consuming elements in our population."

Other rehabilitation steps to follow, Mr. Roosevelt said, would be "measures of relief for the small home owner and legislation to break through trade barriers in order to re-establish foreign markets for farm and industrial products."

A summary of the farm mortgage legislation showed that it proposed the land bank bond issue would be at 4 per cent, with the bonds issued for two purposes:

1. Making new loans.
2. Exchange of outstanding mortgages.

4 1/2 Per Cent Maximum Rate

The land banks would be authorized to purchase first mortgages on farm lands within their districts, or to exchange bonds for them. The mortgagee would be entitled to have his indebtedness refinanced for the amount paid by the bank for his mortgage.

The maximum rate of interest on loans on mortgages outstanding would not exceed 4 1/2 per cent. In his message Mr. Roosevelt said that present interest rates in many cases were "unconscionably high."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be directed to make available \$100,000,000 for loans to joint stock land banks at 4 per cent in providing collateral for these loans the bill makes possible a complete revaluation of the lands under mortgage, the borrowing capacity to be limited to 60 per cent of the land's appraised value.

The borrowing land bank must agree to reduce to 5 per cent the rate of interest carried in its mortgages pledged as collateral and to refrain from foreclosure during a 2-year period.

Mr. Roosevelt said that legislation relating to farm mortgages should be "an integral part of the broad plan to end the forced liquidation of property, to increase purchasing power and to broaden the credit structure for the benefit of both the producing and consuming elements in our population."

"I seek," the President said, "an end to the threatened loss of homes and productive capacity now faced by hundreds of thousands of American farm families."

DR. FISHBEIN TO TALK

Famed Medical Writer to Be Speaker Here Tuesday Night.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Chicago, and Times special writer, will be the guest speaker at 8:15 Tuesday at the meeting of the Indianapolis Medical Society at the Athenaeum.

Dr. Fishbein will speak on "State Medicine and Contract Practice" and an open forum will be conducted.

FREE RENTAL GUIDE

The Times Spring Rental Guide is out today. It contains a choice selection of the available vacancies of the most desirable houses, apartments and rooms.

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Pastor Trial at Muncie Is Near Close

Final Arguments Being Heard on Charge of Attempted Assault.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., April 3.—The Rev. G. Lemuel Conway, suspended Methodist minister, was likened to a Dr. Jeckill by Prosecutor Paul Lefler today in closing arguments of the clergyman's trial on charges of attempting to attack Miss Helen Huffman, 18-year-old Sunday school teacher.

Lefler talked for forty-five minutes, condemning Conway and attacking the testimony of nine alibi witnesses presented by the defense. Rollin Lenington, an this son Paul, attorneys for Conway, occupied their allotted two hours and bitterly assailed Dr. Frank Dougherty, Muncie district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was one of the state's star witnesses.

They charged that Miss Huffman's story of the alleged attack was the outgrowth of a plot by Dr. Dougherty, Harley Carmichael, the girl's sweetheart, and a man named Kabrick.

The younger Lenington pointed to Dr. Dougherty and shouted: "There sits the most dangerous citizen in America."

He said the charges were a cowardly attempt to discredit Conway and obtain his dismissal from the ministry.

He pointed out that if Helen told the truth on the witness stand, she knew what to expect when Conway invited her to ride downtown.

THEFT LAID TO ARMY OFFICER

Embezzlement Is Charged to Missing Disbursing Leader Here.

Charging embezzlement of government funds, a federal warrant was issued here today for the arrest of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert T. Young, 59, missing disbursing officer in the office of the adjutant-general, Indiana national guard.

The warrant was sworn to, after a conference with Alexander Cavins, deputy district attorney, by Ralph C. Hale and L. F. Woodside, examiners from the comptroller-general's office at Washington.

Colonel Young, a retired regular army officer with thirty years of service, had been an employee in the adjutant-general's office since 1926.

He was accustomed to handling from \$5,000 to \$15,000 a month and is reported to have left his office at the statehouse an hour after Hale and Woodside notified him they had come to Indianapolis for an audit of his accounts. This was on March 20.

Colonel Young's home was at 2815 Walker avenue. His wife asserts she has had no word from him since his disappearance.

Although federal officials would not announce the amount of the alleged shortage, it is reported to be between \$200 and \$300.

REPUBLICANS DELAY MORGAN QUIZ STEPS

Objections Block Consideration of Senate Resolution.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Republican objection today blocked senate consideration of a resolution extending authority to reveal secrets of its investment banking business.

The delay will be at least until Tuesday and for that time will prevent senate investigators from obtaining information from Morgan records in the hands of the bankers are reluctant to divulge.

Chairman Duncan V. Fletcher of the senate banking and currency committee in charge of the investigation, told the senate that the resolution was drafted to reach private bankers "who operate without any supervision."

Ambulance Chasing Fight Is Carried Into Court

From the witness stand in circuit court today, Chief Mike Morrissey continued his attack on attorneys he considers "ambulance chasers."

Morrissey was the first witness in a case in which Alfred S. Cantwell and Frank K. Miller, attorneys, seek a mandate to compel him to permit them to inspect reports of traffic accidents on file at police headquarters.

Miller, acting as counsel for the plaintiffs, established that Morrissey had refused permission to himself and Cantwell to look at reports of an accident in which Isaiah Ellis, Negro, 1101 North Senate avenue, was injured.

He drew from Morrissey an admission that other lawyers were given access to the reports, and asked what was the determining factor.

"We let legitimate attorneys, but not ambulance chasers, see the reports," Morrissey retorted.

"I suppose," Miller continued,

BRITISH BREAK WITH SOVIET THREATENED

MacDonald Urges Reprisals After Englishmen Are Held in Russia.

PLAN TOTAL EMBARGO

London's Wrath Aroused by Impending Trials on Sabotage Charge.

BY HERBERT MOORE

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, April 3.—Sweeping trade reprisals against Russia, including possibly a total embargo on imports into Britain, were proposed by Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald today.

After summoning the British ambassador home from Moscow for consultation, the government decided on this further drastic step in protest against the arrest and impending trial of six British subjects in Moscow on charges of sabotage.

In announcing his decision to the house of commons, MacDonald said that he would present an enabling act governing Soviet imports Tuesday and that it was proposed to rush the bill through all stages Wednesday.

Britain already has suspended negotiations for a new trade treaty when the present one expires Easter Monday, so that the prospects of any trade between the two powers after that day appeared remote, unless the Soviet should about-face and call off the dog.

Indicating his view of the gravity of the situation, MacDonald said of the proposed bill that the government would press for "passage into law at the earliest possible moment."

Regarding the charges against the arrested Britishers, employees of the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., MacDonald said it would not be in their best interests to make a statement at the moment.

An Anglo-Soviet trade war appeared inevitable after MacDonald's announcement.

Six Are Accused BY EUGENE LYONS

United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, April 3.—All six of the British representatives of Metropolitan-Vickers, Ltd., including two originally released from custody, will have to stand trial on charges of sabotage and espionage.

The two men released shortly after arrest were Allan Monkhouse, head of the Metropolitan-Vickers organization in Moscow, and Charles Nordwall, construction engineer.

Both, under the decision announced Sunday night by the Soviet authorities, must face trial, scheduled to be held in a week or ten days.

The six to face trial are British electrical representatives, held in prison in Moscow since their summary arrest the week-end of March 11 to 13, are: William Henry Thornton, assistant to Monkhouse; A. W. Gregory, construction engineer; William MacDonald, technical expert, and John Cushman, electrical engineer.

The Soviet court will hear charges against all six, which include such serious allegations as military and economic espionage and bribery as well as sabotage, they were informed.

A general charge of conspiracy has been laid against the six British subjects, under which the other criminal charges will be laid. An indictment under the criminal code has been demanded, and is expected to be handed down shortly.

Penalty Is Death

The penalty for espionage is death by shooting.

The charges were made by operatives of the G. P. U., or Soviet secret police, the week-end of mid-March. Twenty-five Russian employees of Metropolitan-Vickers also were rounded up. The G. P. U. charged they all were implicated in a nation-wide plot to wreck electric power stations and destroy the country's growing power utilities.

The police ransacked the homes of the British representatives, as well as their offices, removing documents on which the charges, they say, are based. Efforts by the British ambassadors to ascertain the details of these documents, they charge, were rebuffed.

SENATE TAKES UP 5-DAY WEEK BILL

House Labor Committee Puts O. K. on Measure.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—On the motion of Senator Black (Dem., La.) the senate today began consideration of Black's bill designed to enforce the five-day, thirty-hour work week throughout the nation.

The house labor committee today reported out a thirty-hour-week labor bill almost identical to the measure before the senate.

The bill provides that no commodity from any factory where employees work longer than six hours a day or five days a week may be shipped in interstate commerce.

DELAY STEVENS CASE

Former Illinois Life Insurance Head Seriously Ill, Court Told.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Testimony of a physician that 80-year-old James W. Stevens, former chairman of the board of the failed Illinois Life Insurance Company, is suffering "a dementia" as a result of his troubles brought continuance of his case today until April 17.

Elkhart Wins State Debate

By United Press

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind., April 3.—Elkhart won the sixth annual Indiana high school debating tournament at Manchester college here Saturday night by defeating Hammond.

Bowers Gets Ambassador Appointment



Claude G. Bowers

Named Envoy to Spain by Roosevelt: Won Fame as Keynoter.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Roosevelt today appointed Claude G. Bowers, New York, as ambassador to Spain, subject to senate confirmation.

Claude G. Bowers for a number of years was editorial writer of the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette, Democratic morning paper, and left Indiana to join the editorial staff of the New York World. When it suspended publication, he became connected with the Hearst organization.

Bowers first attracted national attention politically when he gave the keynote address at the Democratic national convention at Houston, Tex. He is the author of three books which have been given wide acclaim. They are "Jefferson and Hamilton," "The Tragic Era," and "Beveridge and the Progressive Era."

FREES VICTIM OF INGRATITUDE

Knifed Man Is Vindicated; Paroled Murderer May Be Imprisoned.

By United Press

Harry Marsh, victim of ingratitude, was vindicated today by Charles J. Karabell, municipal judge pro tem, but wounds he received from a razor in the hands of a brother-in-law he befriended, remain.

The brother-in-law, William A. Spores, who is on parole from the state prison where he served twenty-five years of a life term for murder, was held to the grand jury on an assault and battery charge and police will make an investigation which may cause his return to prison.

An assault and battery charge against Marsh was dismissed, as was a drunkenness charge against his wife, Mrs. Della Marsh, sister of Spores, on the ground that she was not in a public place.

Marsh, 51, living at 1710 Orange street, explained to the court that Spores was paroled to him, and that on Saturday he had written a report to authorities stating Spores' behavior had been good. Sunday afternoon Spores attacked him.

Spores in court today did not deny the attack. He said he acted in self-defense, but Marsh asserted he was attacked while he lay in bed.

Spores was convicted in Scottsburg for the murder of Douglas Forbush.

Assets of the defunct Washington Bank and Trust Company were used without authority by Brandt C. Downey, former receiver, in affairs of the Capital Square Realty Company, in which he owned a majority of common stock. It was charged in circuit court Saturday.

During questioning by Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox of witnesses in a receivership case brought by the United Trust Company against the realty company, it was shown that approximately \$34,000 had been advanced from the bank's funds.

William G. Sparks, attorney, was appointed receiver of the realty company.

According to an audit ordered by Cox, the realty company owed approximately \$95,000 when Downey became receiver of the Washington bank, and the \$34,000 was advanced by Downey without court authority during a two-year period.

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Beer to Be Served at White House in Moderation, Says Mrs. Roosevelt

By Ruby A. Black

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Beer will be served at the White House in moderation when it's legalized in the District of Columbia, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, herself a teetotaler, said today after a conference with the President.

Mrs. Roosevelt explained that she drinks no alcoholic beverages, that no member of her family cares much about beer, but that she does not feel that she should deny a legal beverage to those who might like it.

The taps will not flow freely, however, Mrs. Roosevelt said, as she and the President are agreed

PEACE PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY FRANCE

Mussolini's 4-Power Pact Favored by Cabinet to Spur Disarming.

AGREE TO PRINCIPLE

Reservations to Protect Little Entente to Be Made.

BY RALPH HEINZEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, April 3.—The French cabinet today announced its willingness to accept Premier Mussolini's four-power peace pact proposals as a basis for further discussions of European disarmament.

At the conclusion of its meeting at 1:15 p. m., the cabinet announced its intention of sending a memorandum to London, Berlin, and Rome, agreeing in principle to the Mussolini suggestions as the basis for a four-power discussion of present problems.

The cabinet agreed to make reservations protecting the Little Entente, whose representatives have made strenuous representations in the past few days against any agreement which did not include them—largely through fear that revision of the Versailles treaty might strip them of some of their territory and power they now enjoy.

Against Frontier Revision

The cabinet's memorandum will be submitted to the next council of ministers, over which President Lebrun will preside. The council meeting probably will be held Wednesday.

It is understood the French will maintain that the present frontiers of frontiers or treaties, and that Poland and the Little Entente must be included in any action by the four major western powers.

The French government will stress its willingness to accept any feasible scheme for progressive disarmament, so long as it gives France an opportunity to control German armament beyond the limits already set by treaty.

Britain Expresses Views

The cabinet's proposals will include a new plan, growing out of the British and French proposals, but based on principles of the League of Nations covenant whereby the small nations will be safeguarded.

The government also pointedly will ask Rome and London to enunciate their views on possible treaty revision.

LONDON, April 3.—Proposed British modifications of the Italian four-power plan were communicated to Paris and Rome on Saturday, it was said authoritatively today.

CASH SHIFT ATTACK MADE IN BANK CASE

Receiver Used Money Without Authority, Is Claim.

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CONFLICT OVER BEER SALE AROUSES FEARS OF WETS; VIEWED AS REPEAL PERIL

No Indiana Brew to Be Ready for 'Beer Eve' Celebration.

FLEETS TO RACE HERE

Price Will Be 20 Cents a Pint, Say Restaurant Operators.

Thirsty Indiana residents who plan on staging New Beer's Eve celebrations will have to confine their drinking to home brew or he more ardent prohibition spirits to which they have become accustomed.

It appeared today that none of the new legal beer will be available at midnight Friday, although it may be shortly thereafter.

Downtown restaurants plan on having the beer ready for Saturday lunch hour, but at 20 cents a pint it may not be so laugh-producing.

William E. Clauser, one of the two holders of importer permits for the Indianapolis district, announced that a fleet of trucks will leave St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Cincinnati at midnight Friday, to have the beer here for the Saturday trade.

No Indiana Brew Ready

There also may be Indiana brews ready, but none made in Indianapolis.

Leo McNamara, of the Indiana Breweries, Inc., said his beer will not be aged before June 1.

So it appeared likely that the 20-cent price may hold for some time, when competition will bring it down to 15 cents a pint with meals, it was predicted.

Meals may mean a single sandwich, Paul Fry, state excise director, has ruled.

Another ruling is that tourist camps with twenty-five beds are hotels and can obtain beer permits.

All the old-time nationally famous beers are expected to be on sale here including the various brands which made St. Louis and Milwaukee famous.

Permits Given Importers

Ninth of the ten beer importer permits was to be issued today to the Southern Indiana Beverage Company at Evansville. In line with the administration's "deserving Democrats" attitude, the Evansville firm, which will import for the Tenth beer district, is composed of William, Minnie and Charles E. Habbe.

William Habbe, a Democratic supporter, formerly was sheriff of Vanderburgh county.

Although McNutt has announced that political patronage would not determine selection of all importers, the only remaining district in which nonpartisan selection could be carried out is in the First beer area. This embraces Lake and Parker counties, heavy Republican strongholds.

Rushville Firs Gets Plum

Fry earlier announced another monopolistic importer's permit to the Handy Beverage Company, Inc., Rushville, of which state Senator Russell R. Handy is president.

Handy helped pass the beer control law and other McNutt legislation during the 1933 legislative session.

With bottled beer in the offing, whisky now is available if the doctor feels you need it. More whisky permits are being procured daily by drug stores and the new federal ruling does not limit the dosage to a single pint.

'BUZZIE' AND 'SISTIE' SHOP IN FIVE-AND-TEN

Roosevelt Grandchildren Pick Toys in True American Fashion.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Two women stopped at the counter of a 5-and-10-cent store. With them were a flaxen-haired girl in a blue coat and a little boy.

"What do you want, Buzzie?" the boy asked.

He pointed to a gay blue and red ball.

"And what are you going to take?" the girl was asked. She wrapped her hand around the handle of a brilliant red wheelbarrow.

Thus the grand children of President Roosevelt do their shopping.

R. F. C. OFFICER QUILTS

Gardner Cowles Resigns as Director of Federal Board.

By United Press