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CAPITALIST EFFICIENCY

THE PRESIDENT of the largest bank in Chicago and the fourth largest in the United States was mildly shocked a few days ago when one of his trusted department managers confessed that he embezzled about \$2,000,000 worth of bonds entrusted to his care in the past ten years.

The trusted department head was a man well thought of in his community, a pillar of the church and his vices were confined to a taste for gardening and an occasional orgy of bridge. He did not drink liquor; neither did he frequent the night clubs, those gaudy marts of sin where crime is always on a bull market. The embezzler was the pride of his block.

The method used by the embezzler was not novel. It has been used before and no doubt will be used again. It was his custom to accept bonds from a customer, give a receipt for them, place them in the vault and then destroy all records of the transaction. Then he would take the bonds to a broker and deposit them in lieu of cash for his stock gambling activities on margin. He usually lost.

It is reported that a broker, for some reason or other—not ethical very likely—became suspicious and called the attention of a bank official to the manager's gambling activities. The rest is confession.

How is it that those wise heads could have something like this going on for 10 years without being aware of it? Where is that omniscience that bankers above all human beings are supposed to possess?

The rest of us mortals have been led to believe for decades that the cause of our poverty was our stupidity; that bankers and other lords of society rose to eminence and wealth because of superior intelligence. This theory is pretty well dynamited today. It has come to pass that an open and solvent bank is one of the wonders of modern society and that a banker who is not under suspicion of being a crook or a dolt is looked upon with the reverence that the yokelry of Japan bestow on their elder statesmen.

HEADED EAST

THROUGH Plentywood and moving in an easterly direction came the other day a truck loaded down with a lot of old furniture. On one side of the truck was written with chalk in big letters:

"Montana is for irrigation, North Dakota is for starvation. To hell with Hoover's administration, I'm going to Minnesota and live with my relation."

GEORGE, REX AND PRINCE O' WALES DESIRE TO HAVE SALARIES BOBBED

London, Sept. 8.—King George announced tonight in a letter to Prime Minister MacDonald that he wanted a reduction of 50,000 pounds, about \$250,000, in his civil list, which is the annual income paid by the government to the crown.

The Prince of Wales also informed the prime minister that he intended to contribute \$50,000 to national funds. The king said all other members of the royal family who receive in their incomes. It is their contribution to Great Britain in the nation's time of financial emergency. The king's voluntary reduction is to continue for the duration of the period of stress.

Differences in the wording of the letters to the prime minister from the king and the Prince of Wales reflected differences in the manner in which they draw their revenues.

The king has a civil list totaling about \$2,350,000 annually. This is theoretically granted by parliament each year, but in practice the figure has remained the same for many years.

From his income the king has to support all the pomp and panoply of the crown—state ceremonies, palaces, pensions, servants, charities. The upkeep of the queen's court also comes from the same source, since there is no special provision for it in the civil list.

MORATORIUM

By Hans Rasmussen

IN ALMOST EVERY paper you pick up you can read something about a moratorium. To me a moratorium is when we ask somebody for something we know we are not going to get. But so long as we feel we must be doing something we might as well ask for it—asking for a moratorium does no harm. To me a moratorium is something I would like to have very much—the more I could have of it the better I would like it. If it was given to me for one year or five years I know that I would insist on it being given to me the rest of my life.

Moratoriums are not all alike but they all insist on something being forgiven and forgotten. Sometimes it is interest, sometimes taxes and then again it might even go so far as to ask for farm mortgages to be wiped off the slate.

In some states leading papers come out and tell their governor to call a special session of the legislature and give to the people some kind of moratorium. In Valley county several hundred farmers signed a petition respectfully asking the machine firms kindly to give them a moratorium in the form of a two year interest cancellation. The machine companies did not even take the trouble of showing up at the meeting called for the purpose of talking the proposition over.

The old Jews had a moratorium of their own on a kind of large scale. They called it a jubilee year, where they handed back what they had stolen from one another the last fifty years, and great prosperity prevailed in the country for a while.

Today, if we mention the old Jewish custom, everybody agrees the jubilee year was a good thing—for the old Jews—that a moratorium like that could be applied to the present day to great advantage and without creating hardly any disturbance, does not enter anybody's mind. People advocating such a wild idea are looked upon as being crazy and unfair, although it would benefit almost every living soul. The old Jews were further advanced than we are but we hate to admit it.

It is no use fooling ourselves and thinking that moratoriums are going to be handed down to us by present governors, legislatures, congress or machine companies and the likes. There is not at the present time a legislature or congress in the whole United States that would pass a moratorium of any benefit to the farmers and producers.

Furthermore, if a law of that kind, in some mysterious way, should slip by one of the lawmaking bodies, every supreme court in the land would murder it by calling it unconstitutional.

The only way you are ever going to get a moratorium is by creating one yourself. That's what is being done here in Sheridan county. We intend to show you the way. We are organizing the United Farmers League—some call it communist, socialist and bolshevik—but we have got to a point where we do not care what they call it. We expect 90% of the farmers and workers to join—in some precincts we have that many now. We no longer pay any attention to tax deed and foreclosure. That we cannot prevent. But we do say: No more sheriff's sales; no more evictions; and when we add to that: No more taxes, then we have moratorium in its simplest form and fullest extent. Come on in, the water's fine!



of public buildings under the treasury department," the report said, "shows the following progress since the report of July 1."

First—A total of 115 buildings which have so far been specifically authorized and 164 firms of architects are engaged in plans and supervision.

The report summarized progress of the program as follows: First—A total of 115 buildings have been completed at a total cost of \$39,869,569. Three buildings have been completed during the past month.

Second—There are 229 buildings in construction at the first of September by contract, at an estimated cost of \$181,393,100. There have been 37 contracts let during the last month, of a total value in excess of \$25,000,000.

Third—There are 65 projects in

which sites have been arranged, drawings are completed, for which construction contracts have been invited, of a total estimated cost of \$19,316,600.

Fourth—There are 202 projects in which sites have been selected and on which plans are now under way of a total estimated cost of \$178,766,523.

Fifth—At the first of this month there were 199 projects in which the sites have been determined upon and are in process of being acquired. The estimated cost of the buildings thereon being \$49,545,000.

It is estimated that the number of men now directly and indirectly employed on this program is 39,000. It is estimated that the number that will be directly and indirectly employed on January 1 is 100,000.

CHINESE EXPELLED FROM MEXICO LEAVE U. S. FOR FORMER HOMES

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—A sorrowing band of 180 Chinese, enroute from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico to Canton, China, because of their eviction from the states of Sonora and Sinaloa, left here yesterday on the Dollar line resident Monroe.

The Chinese, who included 12 children and 15 women, was one consignment of the entire Chinese population of Mexico, about 30,000 which is expected to migrate from that settlement back to China within the next few weeks.

In making their hurried exit from Mexico the Chinese are tak-

ing with them only a few bags containing personal belongings. A number of the men have Mexican wives. These wives were told by their husbands they could remain in their native land if they desired, thinking they might not be happy in China. But they chose to go with their husbands.

Great losses in property have been sustained by the emigrants, they said. Chang Wo from Nogales, Sonora, is an example. He said he was forced to sacrifice a business valued at \$250,000 for \$30,000 in cash. "It was my fortune, made as a colonist in Mexico," he said.

DAKOTA "HOG" WINS CORN EATING TITLE: DEVOURS TOTAL OF 37 EARS

Ortonville, Min., Sept. 6.—Without troubling to unbutton his vest, Edward Kottwitz, 37, farmer from Grant county, Sotuh Dakota, won the world's championship sweet corn eating title today.

Kottwitz ate 37 ears in an hour and 45 minutes. His last rival, belt hanging loose from his pants, staggered from the platform after chewing the 32nd ear. Kottwitz leisurely continued to eat five more cobs and was awarded the championship.

He was presented with a 28-inch silver loving cup with a reminiscence engraving of an ear of Golden Bantam corn.

Kottwitz wiped the butter from his ears and said he guessed he would have to be getting home to

tend the 12 crows that were waiting to be milked.

"I probably could have eaten more if I had to," said the farmer, who left his chores to win a world title. "You see, I had some corn for dinner two hours before the contest."

There were 5,000 others who had corn for dinner, too. Farmers and townsfolk from miles around came to Ortonville for the two-day carnival of which the contest was the climax. All had free corn for dinner, although some of the 11 contestants for the championship refrained from eating. The ears were served from watering troughs heated by live steam from a large steam engine. A good time was had by all, despite a shortage of toothpicks.

COMMISSIONERS GO TO HELENA

LAST WEEK County Commissioners French and Hansen made a special trip to Helena for the purpose of representing Sheridan county in what Sen. John Schnitzler of Froid had led them to believe was going to be a joint meeting between county commissioners from eleven drought stricken counties and the state highway commission where the unemployment problem was going to be solved by giving some state highway work to the people of the drought stricken counties. The meeting was a flop and turned out to be a fizzle as far as bringing back any hope of work to the idle people of Sheridan county.

Out of the eleven counties, supposed to be lined up and demanding work, Sheridan county was the only one represented. It was first when a little meeting was called in Senator Schnitzler's room at the Plaza hotel that it dawned upon our commissioners that they had been lured to Helena for the purpose of helping John Schnitzler boost for a new bridge across the Missouri river at Culbertson.

It is understood the proposed new bridge has been spoken of favorably in Washington and that John also was able to interest the highway commission in the project. The bridge will give the traveling public a chance to get out of Roosevelt county just that much quicker and will do for the county what the highway is doing for the little towns like Reserve and Medicine Lake—help to kill it. The Senator must make a showing of some kind in order to hank on to his senatorial toga but it will take more than a bridge across the Missouri.

With Schnitzler the creating of road work for the idle and starving people became a secondary issue and was turned down flat by the highway commission. Looking to that body for any help is useless. The will to help the people is not there, otherwise they could find a way. Some day when we walk out of the county and state we might make short cut across the new bridge and will have that much to be thankful for anyway.

After all, the county commissioners had a glorious good time at the state capital. At the time they were there the state highway commission was letting a number of big road contracts. The Plaza hotel was swarming with road contractors and machine agents of all description—everybody treating everybody else—therefore they could spend the better they liked it—no sign of being dry or hard times—drink to your heart's content and come back for more. That's when the road contracts are let in Helena by the state highway commission.

TRANS-PACIFIC FLIERS OVERDUE FROM JAPAN: 40 HOURS' SILENCE

Seattle, Sept. 9.—Over forty hours of silence began today to engender anxiety over the fate of Don Moyle and C. A. Allen, as a crowd waiting at Boeing field for the arrival of their plane, City of Tacoma II, from Japan, swelled to several thousand.

Total absence of reports from Unalaska or Dutch Harbor, at the eastern end of the Aleutian islands was considered strange. Moyle and Allen had been expected to skirt the Aleutians to Unalaska, then turn eastward to cross the north Pacific. It was expected that their plane would be sighted or heard there.

Advice from Dutch Harbor that none had reported the plane led to a feeling of uncertainty, although it was generally admitted that the aviators might have swung south of the islands, not approaching within sight or sound of any radio station.

The plane carried enough gaso-

line to keep it aloft for 47 to 49 hours.

Provided the plane followed a more direct route across the Pacific and did not skirt the Aleutians lack of reports would not be considered unusual. Aviators believed Moyle and Allen could have spent 40 or more hours over open water before approaching the North American mainland in the vicinity of Prince Rupert, B. C. and that the flight from there would require only a few hours.

There also was the possibility that they deviated from their proposed route and followed the north Pacific shipping lane, which would bring them directly to Puget Sound and land them at Seattle almost before reports from nearby points could be received.

The fact that no ships reported sighting the plane did not create apprehension. Low-lying clouds might have forced the aviators to seek higher altitudes where they would be hidden from sight.

COOL YEGGS CALMLY "CLEAN OUT" BIG LOS ANGELES BANK IN 4 HOURS

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—Three robbers took over the affairs of a Security First National branch bank for four hours today, but they relinquished their job after K. I. Davis, bank manager, came down to work and opened the vaults. The robbers took \$52,000 and escaped.

During their four hour occupancy of the bank the janitress and her daughter swept the floors, the stenographers typed, the tellers sat in their cages and the institution functioned as though three armed men were no voicing commands. As employees arrived for work, one of the robbers met them and escorted them to their usual place of labor. Joseph Fisher, a laborer, surprised the robbers as they removed bars from a rear window through which they entered and was forced to precede them through the window.

Time Lock Set Davis arrived about 8 a. m., but couldn't unlock the vault for half an hour because the time lock was set for 8.30. The robbers, bank

SCOBEY WOMAN DIED HERE SUN.

One week ago Saturday, Mrs. Anna C. Lund, wife of Eddie Lund living 12 miles west of Scooby, was brought to the Memorial hospital suffering from a ruptured appendix. An operation was performed although there was not much hope of saving her life. Her folks were notified of her condition by telegraph and her parents, two sisters and one brother arrived here and were with her the last few days before she died which was Sunday night about 11:30.

Mrs. Lund was born in Hatton, North Dakota January 16, 1888. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grim Grimson still reside at Hatton. In 1913 she married Eddie Lund and moved to the Scooby country where they took up a homestead.

Besides her husband she leaves four children: Gilmer, 18; Theolyn, 16 and Arthur, 11.

The remains were shipped to Scooby Monday by Fulkerson & Nelson, morticians, and burial took place there Wednesday from the Lutheran church.

WILKINS' SUBMARINE SAFE IN PORT AGAIN

Spitzbergen, Sept. 9.—Sir Hubert Wilkins' arctic submarine Nautilus arrived today from the north bearing some dents and scars after her encounter with the polar ice but apparently without having suffered serious damage.

Members of the crew, bearded and dirty but smiling, headed immediately for steam baths. All of the men were thirsty because of the difficulty of securing a supply of water for drinking aboard the submarine, but otherwise they looked well.

They said that during the southward trip to Spitzbergen the vessel rolled more than at any time since they let the United States and that some of them were seasick. While the Nautilus was actually in the ice fields, they said, everything went well.

NORTH RAYMOND

LeRoy Homme was out fixing and repairing on phone line No. 4 Tuesday at the P. L. Collins home Tuesday.

W. G. McCrady was a business visitor to the city Tuesday. He was ill with asthma again Wednesday night. Mrs. Vold is doing much better now after having two serious operations.

Mrs. Lena Wilson left for Minneapolis Wednesday morning where she went to get her husband, Ed Lewis, who has been receiving treatment for his feet since last February. They returned to Raymond Wednesday night.

Mr. Frederickson, the grocerman of Redstone, and his family, were guests at the W. G. McCrady home Sunday. In the afternoon the two families motored to Minton, Sask.

A number from this vicinity attended the dance at Nickerson's barn Saturday night. The next dance will be August 19th.

RACINE VALLEY

Sunday the North Dagmar Club team played the reserve club team at John Anderson's place. Reserve won the game 17 to 12. Asheim pitched a good game for Reserve. Karl Paulsen and Arne Nielsen held down the mound for Dagmar. Magnus Asheim unpired.

Harry Robertson from Westby visited at Nels Samset's home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johansen and Mr. and Mrs. Jere Moller left last week on an automobile trip to Detroit and other eastern points. Johansen will attend the National convention of the Danish Brotherhood at Detroit as a delegate from Dagmar lodge. They will stop to visit with relatives in Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota.

Sunday the Dagmar Juniors played the Reserve Juniors a four-inning ball game. Dagmar won 14 to three. The Dagmar Juniors have some very promising material. The infield handled the ball like veterans. Rusty Andersen pitcher for Dagmar is said to have a good edge on his ball and plays like an old timer in the box.

The FAMILY next DOOR



UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF PROGRAM UTILIZING 39,000 MEN HOOVER SAYS

Washington, Sept. 6.—President Hoover estimated today that 100,000 men would be working on federal building projects by Jan. 1. "It is estimated that the number of men now directly and indirectly employed on this program is 39,000," says the report. "It is estimated that the number that will be directly and indirectly employed on January 1 is one hundred thousand."

Summarizing progress of the public buildings program, the pres-

