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### The WEEK

BY FORREST ALLEN

WISCONSIN incomes, if and when, will be saddled with yet another \$10,000,000 tax burden if the temper of the senate during the past week is any accurate indication of what it means to do to the taxpayer's pocketbook before adjourning. Rejection of an amendment which would greatly reduce its scope, was taken to mean that the Fens bill, increasing income taxes by one-third for unemployment aid, will be pushed through the upper chamber. If it is expected to raise more than \$5,000,000, The Groves income tax bill, originally designed to raise \$800,000 by a small increase on incomes over \$3,000, was amended to provide a surtax raising an additional \$3,500,000. Said Senator Fens in opposing the Fens measure: "If we adopt this, we'll never stop adding further burdens. The officers of the state and local units will spend every cent they can get. This is exactly opposite of the economy pledges made last fall." Said stalwart Senator Goodland: "The present situation is dangerous. . . . I become indignant at the sight of wealthy men sitting idly by at this time and doing nothing to help. This is a legitimate, Christian proposition."

Chain store legislation possibilities were given new life with the United States supreme court decision on the Indiana law. Now declared constitutional, the law will levy a tax on stores graduated upward according to the number of stores in the chain. At Madison chain store phobias were common. The finance committee recommended for passage the Gettelman bill which requires a graduated tax running from \$1 for one to \$1,000 each for each store in excess of 20. The deputy attorney general advised the assembly later that the tax would be valid, citing eight points to support his opinion. But, he said in one of his points, such taxes cannot be so high as to be prohibitive. He did not say whether the legislature, the attorney general, the supreme court or the stores themselves were to decide what was prohibitive.

With remarkably little show of concerted opposition and splitting party lines wide open, the bill creating a central state board of education was advanced towards final passage, 12-11. Abolishing the university board of regents and board of normal regents along with most of the rest of existing administrative bodies for educational institutions, the bill will set up a new central board of 15 members, appointed by the governor for six years. Superintendent of Public Instruction Callahan will be the commissioner of education until he is replaced by the new board.

The impoverished business man, distressed farmer, and jobless citizen figured in speeches during the week. At Washington, demanding an extra session of congress, Senator Follette said: "The federal government alone can meet the widespread distress. . . . President Hoover must act soon if the dire consequences of a third winter of unemployment for many millions of our citizens is to be avoided. A special session of congress should be called immediately." At Madison B. M. Squires, Illinois state employment chairman, said: "The bitterness of unemployment and the humility of forced recourse to charity are breeders of anarchy. . . . Governmental optimists are Coue choruses. . . . The same judgment, foresight, and research that are used in utilization of raw materials and capital should be applied to labor."

Said Dr. David Friday, also at Madison: "We have accomplished wonders in the present decade in spite of the depression. . . . When we get the revival in August or September we should not lose sight of the fact that even today probably 40 per cent of the entire population is making a living either on the farm, raising agricultural products, or in country villages and towns whose sole usefulness is to serve the farm."

Of the farmer's work day, the university department of agricultural economics announced that the average Wisconsin farmer works 67 hours a week in summer and 62 hours a week in the winter.

Notes on marriage, home, and family. At Nice, France, Mrs. Nixon-Nirdlinger, St. Louis prize beauty, was acquitted by a French jury which heard her trial for the murder of her husband, whom she shot in a quarrel. Defense was self-defense. Said the acquitted: "I will never go back to the scene of the shooting, where the martyrdom of my marriage was finished." . . . In his New York penthouse apartment, police found the body of Ralph Barton, a victim of his own weapon. Famed caricaturist, humorist, and satirist, Barton was shot.

# LUTHERANS OPEN SESSION HERE TUESDAY

## Mellon Urges Tax Revision

### BLACK HAWK BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION

New \$75,000 Structure, Connecting Iowa With Wisconsin, to Be Dedicated Soon

### GAP WILL BE CLOSED EARLY PART OF WEEK

Interesting Description of How Construction Work is Done

By ALBERT S. TOUSLEY  
(Special Correspondent of The Tribune)

LANSING, Iowa.—Ratatat, rattat, rattat, rattat-tat-tat. Hour after hour, and day after day, the riveting goes on, sounding like a giant woodpecker digging into a metallic tree.

The Black Hawk bridge, dream of Lansing for a generation, the new \$750,000 span across the Father of Waters that will link northeastern Iowa and southwestern Wisconsin, is nearing completion. Dates for the dedication celebration have been set for June 17 to 20.

Visitors who expect to see the bridge before the gap between the two cantilevers is closed and the swinging or suspended span completed will have to do so today, for early this week it is expected the small opening still remaining will be closed.

For two years the work has been going on. In the erection of the structure, 50 cars of steel, 125 cars of stone and sand, 40 cars of cement, 50 cars of bridge timber, 25 cars of piling, and three cars of asphalt flooring have been employed.

But the epic quality of the story of this bridge is not in the financing or in the figures that tell what has been needed to build the structure, or even in the opening of new routes of travel across Iowa and Wisconsin. It is the human element, the triumph of men over weather, river, accidents and many unforeseen physical obstacles.

**Witness Construction**

Residents of southwestern Wisconsin and northeastern Iowa, who have had an opportunity to visit Lansing during the week and see the men at work, moving derricks, swinging huge pieces of steel weighing tons into place, walking with catlike agility along narrow beams, and weaving, realize that there is an epic of erection taking place in Allamakee county, Iowa. Within the lives of few in this section of the middle west will there be again another such opportunity to witness the construction of a span across the Father of Waters. The bridge at Lansing is not "just another bridge," but something different.

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## OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH TROOP WINS FIRST AT BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

(By Staff Writer)

SPARTA, Wis.—At four o'clock Saturday afternoon Boy Scouts from all corners of the Gateway Area began their return trips home from here, after spending Friday night under the clear sky, and all day Saturday participating in athletic events under a warm sun.

First place in the third annual jamboree went to Troop 13 of Our Savior's Lutheran church, La Crosse, which counted 27 points; troop 70 of Sparta was second with 19; and troop 19 of St. Mary's school, La Crosse, was third.

It was a happy-go-lucky bunch of scouts that invaded the local

tourist park for the affair, and such was the manner in which they carried out the well organized program. More than 500 scouts had arrived here by five o'clock Friday afternoon, and by parade time at noon Saturday, the number had swelled to the 700 mark.

Following the parade, which extended several blocks, the scouts assembled at the park for the presentation of the Eagle awards to two scouts.

**Businessmen Serve Dinner**

A barbeque dinner, served to all scouts, officials and members of bands participating, was then (Continued on Page six, Col. four)

## AUSTRO-GERMAN CUSTOM ACCORD GOES TO WORLD COURT

Problem Temporarily Disposed of After Week's Conference

GENEVA.—(P)—European statesmen Saturday concluded a week of conferences which produced measures looking toward economic relief and sent the difficult Austro-German custom accord problem to the world court.

The council of the League of Nations adjourned Saturday while the Pan-American commission, which sought to work out the dream of foreign Minister Briand for a European union, adjourned Thursday. Leading European statesmen attended both sessions.

The council's most critical act was to refer the proposed Austro-German customs accord to the world court for an advisory opinion as to its legality. The European commission whose sessions were attended by 23 foreign ministers, laid out the plans for a practical program to relieve the economic crisis.

It launched its first relief scheme in a convention providing for the organization of an International Agricultural Mortgage Credit company.

In acting upon the Austro-German pact the council took a hand in the dispute which has torn Europe for two months, and brought France and Germany face to face in the most dangerous controversy yet developed within the league.

The Hague court is likely to hear the case this summer so that the council will have its opinion in time for the September meeting.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILLING TO FOREGO INCREASES IN PAY

Sentiment Revealed at Meeting of Hoover and Postmaster General

ORANGE, Va.—(P)—Preliminary conferences at President Hoover's camp between the chief executive and heads of the post office department revealed Saturday that many representative employees had indicated their willingness to forego pay increases for the time being.

The meeting between Mr. Hoover, Postmaster General Brown and four assistant postmasters general continued throughout the afternoon and was scheduled to go into the night.

The afternoon session, it was said at the camp, was devoted to consideration of methods of reducing expenditures below congressional appropriations. The results of last year's drive to reduce postal expenditures were reviewed.

The president and the postmaster general saw great difficulty ahead in reducing expenses without discharging employees.

The employees who have indicated to the postmaster general that they would be willing to defer salary increases coming to them automatically through the operation of civil service laws said they felt in doing so they were performing a real and patriotic service.

No reductions in pay are contemplated, it was said, nor are any reductions in the number of employees, under consideration except through death, resignations, or changes.

## BOYHOOD FRIEND IDENTIFIES PERRY HELD FOR MURDER

SAN FRANCISCO.—(P)—While Wisconsin officers prepared to come west to seek his extradition, a man known here as Frank J. Moran, agent of a local welfare organization, was positively identified Saturday by a boyhood friend as the George W. E. Perry, bigamist wanted for the murder of Cora Belle Hackett at Lac Du Flambeau, Wis., last July 6.

The identification was made by Harry D. Manger, Los Angeles insurance man and verified by Henry Manger, his father, a retired Milwaukee detective living in Hollywood. The Manglers viewed the suspect in the city prison where he has been held for several days.

Local police said the identification today was considered final so far as they were concerned.

## LOCAL ATTORNEYS ATTEND CALEDONIA DISTRICT MEETING

Five La Crosse attorneys were among the seventy-five lawyers from northern Iowa and southern Minnesota attending a district meeting at Caledonia Saturday afternoon and evening.

They were: O. M. Schlachach, J. E. Higbee, G. W. Bunney, A. H. Schubert, and A. A. Watson.

A feature of the meeting was an address by E. G. Doudna, Madison, executive secretary and educational director of the Wisconsin board of normal regents. He discussed "Trends in Education," pointing out the social responsibility resting on such groups as the bar in helping meet the present day problems.

## ANSWER TO SENATE PETITION IN SMITH MATTER IS FILED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(P)—The issue between the senate and President Hoover over the right of George Otis Smith to occupy the chairmanship of the federal power commission Saturday advanced another step in court.

George Wharton Pepper, counsel for Smith, filed answer to the senate petition drawn by John W. Davis, for ouster of the president's appointee.

## FOREIGN LOAN, SINKING FUNDS, TO PAY DEFICIT

Agricultural, Industrial Aid During Business Slump Swells Obligations for Uncle Sam

### COMPARATIVELY FEW PEOPLE PAY PRESENT INCOME TAXES

Congressional Building Plan for Federal Structures Takes Form

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(P)—Revision of the tax system to provide a regular flow of revenue was suggested Saturday night by Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury.

In a Washington, D. C., radio address, the secretary said under the present system income fluctuates with upward or downward swing of business.

Secretary Mellon said, in part: "Revenues have declined abruptly, and expenditures increased, owing largely to measures undertaken to alleviate depression in agriculture and industry."

"We shall close the current fiscal year with a large deficit. We face the prospect of a deficit next year."

**New Revenue Sources**

"In the future we must look mainly to two sources of debt retirement; the sinking fund and debt repayments."

"Surpluses of the past and deficit faced today are due to the fact that there is a difference of opinion as to the income tax, which depends principally on upward and downward swings of business."

"We depend today largely on two sources of revenue; internal revenue and customs duties."

"Customs duties are fairly stable. Taxes on tobacco also are very dependable government revenue."

**Income Tax Restricted**

"Individual income tax has become so restricted in application that it has become a class tax, with its incidence falling on a comparatively few taxpayers."

"Because of the handling of the public debt, reduced from \$25,235,000,000 to \$15,922,000,000 in 11 years, the country finds itself in a better position during depression than it would have been."

"On June 30, 1930, the total interest-bearing debt stood at \$15,922,000,000, showing a reduction during the period of more than \$9,313,000,000. Exactly \$1,132,000,000, was retired by the present administration."

**Building Program**

"Under the congressional program, \$135,245,000 will be expended during the coming fiscal year."

"One hundred forty-seven projects are under contract throughout the country. In the District of Columbia, long delayed plans for the city of Washington are taking form."

"During the present year the new building for the department of commerce in Washington will be completed. In the District of Columbia, long delayed plans for the city of Washington are taking form."

"The great Memorial bridge across the Potomac river, leading from the Lincoln memorial to Arlington, will be completed for celebration next February of the two hundredth birthday anniversary of George Washington."

## WILLIAM SULLIVAN, MILWAUKEE LAWYER, SHOT IN HIS HOME

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(P)—William Sullivan, counsel for the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company, and one of the city's leading attorneys, was shot to death in his home in White Fish Bay, a suburb, Saturday night. Police said William Reinke, a visitor, did the shooting. Reinke then committed suicide.

Police said the shooting occurred when Sullivan went to the servants' quarters to investigate when he heard a shot fired. Reinke had fired the shot, the police said they were informed, at a maid in the Sullivan home to whom he had been paying court.

Reinke fired upon the lawyer, police said, then turned the gun on himself.

## LA CROSSE YOUTH DISAPPEARS FROM GOPHER ACADEMY

OWATONNA, Minn.—(P)—Chester Berman, 16, La Crosse, and Robert Zobel, 13, Minneapolis, Pillsbury Academy students who disappeared from school Thursday, returned safely Saturday. The boys said they had been hitch-hiking.

## EUROPE TURNING EYES ON U. S. FOR LINE ON POLICY AT DISARMAMENT PARLEY

Indications are That Germany Expected Americans to Stand With Her, While Question of Reserves Brings Italy to France's Side

By WILLIAM BIRD

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GENEVA.—With the selection this week of Geneva as the meeting place and of Arthur Henderson, British foreign minister, as chairman, plans for the 1932 disarmament conference can now go forward. Though under the auspices of the League of Nations, the parley will embrace practically all nations, including such non-members as the United States and Soviet Russia.

It is expected that European diplomacy will turn toward Washington during the coming months in the hope of getting a line on the attitude America intends to pursue. Each nation also will endeavor to persuade the state department to adopt its particular thesis.

It will be remembered that a world disarmament conference was decided upon as the only means of preventing Germany from kicking over the traces and possibly quitting the League of Nations. Ever since she was admitted to the league, Germany has never ceased demanding that the clauses of the Versailles treaty binding the governments to universal arms reductions should be given practical effect.

## MAY CONDEMN LAND FOR OVERHEADS IF FOUND NECESSARY

Contracts, Including Green Acres Project, to Be Awarded May 28

MADISON, Wis.—(P)—The governor's unemployment commission will resort to condemnation proceedings, if necessary, to secure title to rights of way for railroad grade crossing separation projects, John T. Donaghey, chief engineer, announced Saturday.

Property owners in the Milwaukee-Racine area have been holding off prices, the commission has been informed.

"This is the section in which the most unemployment prevails and it is evident that the property owners think the state will pay fancy prices for right of way rather than delay the necessary employment of labor," Mr. Donaghey said.

"The unemployment commission will not permit further delay in securing the rights of way for the projects under contract. Men must be put to work at once and where there is a difference of opinion as to value, the courts can be depended upon to fix a price fair to both owner and the state."

**Railroads Contribute**

Railroads operating in Wisconsin will contribute \$1,420,000 to the grade separation program, the commission announced. Appropriation of the cost has been agreed upon between the commission and representatives of the railroad. Contracts for the construction of 13 overhead bridges have been approved by the governor, seven of which are being carried at. Bids will be received for the construction of the following overhead projects here May 28:

Welsh overhead—Walworth county, state highway 14 east of Darien.

Wisconsin Rapids overhead—Wood county, state highways 13 and 73 west of Wisconsin Rapids.

Fox Farm overhead—Shawano county, state highway 29 east of Shawano.

Drummond overhead—Bayfield county, state highway 24 at Drummond.

Powers overhead—Dodge county, U. S. highway 16, east of Columbus.

Royaton overhead—Wood county, state highway 64 east of Royaton.

Monroe overhead—Green county, state highway 33 at Monroe.

Green Acres overhead—La Crosse county, state highway 33 east of La Crosse.

## STEAL POISONED POTATOES; WARNED NOT TO EAT THEM

DULUTH, Minn.—(P)—Thieves who stole three bushels of potatoes from the parked truck of Claude Lathrop, nearby farmer, Saturday were warned not to eat them, they are poisoned.

## GETS PAUL BUNYON

MADISON, Wis.—(P)—Wisconsin doubts Michigan's claim that tales of Paul Bunyon, legendary woodsman, originated in the Wolverine woods. The doubt arose Saturday night when Bay City, announced Bunyon stories originated in the Saginaw valley of Michigan. The stories originated near Rhinelander, Wisconsin authorities say.

## AGAINST WAGE CUTS

WASHINGTON.—(P)—The leader of organized labor and the head of one of America's greatest industrial corporations Saturday stood alongside strikers who attempt wage reductions.

World war who are confined to the nation's hospitals," the Rev. Joseph Stimp, chairman of the drive, said Saturday night.

"Despite the existing conditions the contributions we received exceeded all expectations. An average of ten cents per flower is an exceptionally good return."

**List of Workers**

Among the south side workers were:

From Lincoln school: Rose Noel, Dorothy Noel, Kathryn Perkins, Ruth Miller, Genevieve Clerman, Ruth Larson, Mildred Baier, Ellen Nage, Phyllis Fischer, Louise Peterson, Marjory Garrow, Judith Seidner and Emily Leisgang.

From Central school: Eileen Scharpf, Hodson Beverly, Virginia Colby, Walda Stern, Gladys Hamm, Emma Hankland, Eileen Panke, Crella Griffen, Beatrice Hicke, Velma Gantenbein, Lillian Stanek, Helen (Continued on Page six, Col. three)

## PROMINENT MEN APPEAR ON PROGRAM

Eastern District of Norwegian Church Holds its Convention in Our Savior's Edifice

## MISSIONARY FEDERATION HOLDS TWO DAY MEETING

Delegates Numbering 750 Expected to Attend During the Week

A LACROSSE will be host to two religious conventions this week, the six-day convocation starting Tuesday and a two-day session beginning Friday.

Biennial convention of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, eastern district, will be in Our Savior's Lutheran church, Sixth and Division streets.

The two-day meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation is scheduled for St. Paul's Lutheran church, West Avenue and Division street.

Convention headquarters are to be the Stoddard hotel. The missionary convocation is expected to draw 150 delegates, and the biennial session, 500 persons.

A convention feature will be the Friday night concert by the Luther College chorus, directed by Theodore Nickel, in the State Teachers' college.

**Session Opens Tuesday**

A 10:30 a. m. communion service will open the biennial convocation. Olaf Borge, pastor First East Koskonong parish, will preach the first convention sermon. J. O. Tweten, De Forest, pastor Norway Grove and Sun Prairie churches, will talk on "The Call of the Ministry" at the afternoon session, starting at two. Reports by the general president and district president will be made.

"The Working Organization of the Local Church" is the topic of an address to be delivered Tuesday night by the Rev. Olaf Lynnes, Clinton, pastor of Jefferson Prairie church, Okauchee, Wis., and his chorists, La Crosse, will sing.

J. R. Jensen, Janesville, will discuss Christian stewardship following the secretary's report, and 9:30 a. m. Bible hour Wednesday.

"Elementary Christian education is to be the theme for the Wednesday afternoon meeting. The Rev. C. O. Solberg, Chicago, president of the Chicago Lutheran Bible school, will speak.

"Our Secondary Schools" is the Wednesday evening topic on which addresses will be given by the Rev. L. M. Gimmestad, Orfordville; the Rev. Elmer Larson, Janesville; the Rev. H. T. Haagenon, Ottawa, Ill., president of Pleasant View Lutheran college; the Rev. T. H. Mesor, Galesville, president of Gale college.

Benefits of baptism will be analyzed by the Rev. P. C. Danielson, Racine, pastor Bethesda church, Thursday morning. The Rev. G. A. Peterson, Milwaukee, pastor Our Savior's church, also will talk.

"Rettaerdigjorelsen" is the topic of the address to be delivered Thursday afternoon by the Rev. S. O. Rondestvedt, Westby, pastor Our Savior's and Immanuel churches.

Home missions are to be discussed by the Rev. C. M. Weswig, St. Paul, Minn., professor of Church History, Luther Theological Seminary, Thursday night. St. Paul's male chorus, La Crosse, will furnish music.

The Rev. W. A. Johnson, pastor Rosholt parish, is to be in charge of sanctification Friday morning. Brotherhood activities will be discussed in the afternoon by Herman L. Ekern, Madison. The Luther college chorus will give a concert in the evening.

Unfinished business is to be concluded at the Saturday morning session.

Memorial Day addresses will be delivered in the afternoon by the Rev. Louis M. Marwick, Toledo, O.; the Rev. A. A. Snesrud, Chicago; Colonel Trygve A. Sigeland, Chicago. The Rev. T. F. Gullixson, St. Paul, president Luther Theological seminary, talks also.

The Saturday night program will be given by the Women's Missionary Federation in the State Teachers' college.

English services are to be in the auditorium at the State Teachers' college, and in Norwegian in St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday morning. The ordination service features the afternoon program.

Mabel L. Thorstensen, Chicago, Lutheran deaconess home and hospital, will deliver an illustrated lecture Sunday night. Music will be offered by the Girls' Chorus of St. Paul's Lutheran church, La Crosse.

## WOMEN MEET THURSDAY

Music plays a prominent part in the two-day session of the Women's Missionary Federation. Registration of delegates Thursday night precedes the convention opening.

Reports of general president, district president, committees and secretaries are scheduled for Friday morning.

St. Olaf Borge, Rockdale, is to discuss "Baptism," and Miss Emma Larson, Chicago, Zion Society for Israel, will talk about "Confirmation" Friday afternoon. Mrs. (Continued on page six, Col. two)



**A Fascinating Romance of the Radio World Begins Today in The Tribune**