

SENATE EXTENDS MORGAN PROBE AUTHORITY

STOCK DEALS TO CUT TAX DUE TO BE SCANNED

By Associated Press.
 WASHINGTON, June 8. — The Senate unanimously Thursday voted more power for its investigation of private banks and bankers, and soon thereafter O. P. Van Sweringen as a witness in the J. P. Morgan & Co. inquiry characterized such procedures as "terrifically destructive."

"All business is of a greater volume than a year ago," he had remarked, interrupting a long series of questions on involved financing of the extensive Van Sweringen railroad enterprises and the part taken by the Morgan bank.

Referring to rail operations, he added "that's all we need" in connection with expanding business. "Business needs encouragement and not frightening," he went on philosophically.

Morgan-Sits Smiling.
 "If I may speak frankly these investigations are terrifically destructive."

A moment later he said, "I should not have said that. I did not mean these investigations, but—" He never finished the sentence.

J. P. Morgan, chief object of the inquiry, sat back among waiting witnesses smiling.

As Thursday's hearing opened, the Senate meanwhile was putting through the resolution giving the committee power for examination of stock transactions by which partners of the Morgan firm reduced their income taxes. There was not a ripple of opposition.

Testifying for the fourth day, Van Sweringen recited his answers to Ferdinand Pecora—committee counsel—in a voice audible to few of the much-smaller-than-usual crowd that had gathered.

The attitude the Morgan partners will take as a result of the latest Senate move to uncover the income tax reducing transactions remains to be seen.

Their counsel, John W. Davis, refused to commit himself but did say that if the challenge of authority is carried further, the procedure will be for Thomas S. Lamont—a young partner—to refuse to answer questions.

"That will put it up to the Senate and will provide the means for a test," he told reporters.

\$100,000 Is Provided.
 In offering his resolution Wednesday, Fletcher assured the Senate it would provide ample authority for the committee to "get at the facts and those facts will enable the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Bureau to proceed as may be required."

Both of these agencies already are studying previous testimony in the Morgan inquiry, and it was disclosed Thursday the Justice Department has asked for original copies of some of the evidence.

The Senate also voted an additional \$100,000 to enable the investigation to proceed into other angles of private banking.

Dream Realized



Hearing that 81-year-old Mrs. Pattie Willis South of Nicholasville, Ky., had expressed a wish to sleep and eat in the White House before she died, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt played fairy godmother to the old lady and granted her wish. The First Lady is shown with Mrs. South at the door of the White House, after the aged woman had realized her great ambition.

Elliott Roosevelt Going to Reno to Permit Divorce

By Associated Press.
 LOS ANGELES, June 8.—After disclosing that her son, Elliott, would establish residence in Nevada to permit his wife to seek a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt left suddenly at 5:51 a. m. (Pacific standard time) Thursday for Washington, D. C.

Her unannounced departure by plane ended a stay of less than 36 hours in Los Angeles where she came to visit her son.

Young Roosevelt, who only a short time ago became general manager of a West Coast air line after leaving the East with the announced intention of obtaining a position which in nowise could be said to have political significance, told a newsman he would leave shortly for Reno.

The disclosure came as Mrs. Roosevelt left her hotel in company with Elliott en route to the United Airport at Burbank. Thirty minutes later the party, which included Mrs. Isabella Greenway, Democratic National Committeewoman for Arizona, left the United Airport for Saugus because

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CONFEREES AGREE ON MORTGAGE AID BILL

By Associated Press.
 WASHINGTON, June 8.—Senate and House conferees Thursday agreed on the Administration's \$2,000,000,000 home mortgage relief bill, one of the parts of President Roosevelt's recovery program.

As revised by the conferees the maximum value of a home on which a mortgage could be handled was placed at \$20,000, as compared with \$25,000 voted by the Senate and \$15,000 approved by the House.

The refinancing limit would be \$14,000, or 80 per cent, which ever was the lower figure.

Early action on the conference agreement will be sought in the House and Senate.

The conferees limited to 40 per cent of the value of the property involved amounts that could be loaned as direct cash advances to home owners and retained a Senate provision limiting interest to 6 per cent.

Provisions setting up a system of national and local conciliation boards to adjust mortgage debts between debtors and creditors were eliminated, along with a provision that state administrators should be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The conferees restored a House provision that repeals the section of the existing home loan banking law permitting direct loans to home owners.

The bill sets up a \$200,000,000 Home Loan Corporation to exchange its bonds for mortgages with authority to issue up to \$2,000,000,000 in loans.

It also provides for a Federal Savings and Loan Association system to co-operate with individuals about the country in investing funds for financing home purchases.

Phone Committee to Delay Action

The City Council's committee to investigate telephone rates and the practicability of a municipal light and power plant has decided to take no further action for the present, City Manager Fairtrace announced Thursday morning.

The committee, composed of Councilmen Monnig, Martin and Callaway, told Fairtrace not to make any arrangements for a conference with telephone authorities.

Fairtrace was informed in a letter received Wednesday from W. L. Prehn, Dallas, general manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, that earnings of the company here have averaged less than 3 per cent on the value of the utility's property. The letter also explained his inability to meet with the council committee and suggested that the committee arrange a meeting with M. P. Caldwell, manager of the company's property here and in West Texas.

Patrolman Suspended, Charged With Drinking

Patrolman Coleman Jordan was suspended indefinitely from the police department at 8 o'clock Thursday morning for "conduct unbecoming an officer" an hour after he got off duty.

Stripped of his badge, pistol and commission, Jordan was carried into the city jail.

Police Captain Dowell said he had put Jordan in jail because he had been drinking.

Jordan was suspended by Police Chief Lewis after a citizen had approached North Side Policemen Haire and Title and advised them to go to a filling station at Twenty-fifth and North Houston Streets, where a uniformed man was causing a disturbance.

Tom Thurston, Canton, Texas, told Captain Dowell he had met a man in uniform at Twenty-fifth and North Houston and walked a short distance with him to the Hart's Service Station at 112½ West Twenty-fifth Street. They entered the station through a rear door, said Thurston, and saw several men sitting on the

bumper of an automobile. The man in uniform suddenly started cursing and struck at the men, Thurston said.

A. S. King, an employe of the filling station, who was working on a car in front of the station, said that a uniformed man came to him, cursed and struck at him several times.

King said that a glancing blow hit his head and that the uniformed man, losing his balance, fell against a work bench and was knocked unconscious. King said that 12 or 14 men were in the station at the time.

Later in the day Jordan denied he had had trouble at the filling station, explaining that he went there to get his automobile and was informed the captain wanted to see him.

"I'm not a drinking man," he said. Jordan, who is 40, lives at 621 Porter Street. He joined the police department on Jan. 8, 1929. Chief Lewis said that in 1930 he suspended Jordan for five days for sleeping on duty. The chief, who was then a captain of police, said he found Jordan asleep in a rocking chair on the sidewalk at Second and Commerce Streets.

JAPAN TO BAN VIADUCT TO BE INDIAN COTTON OPENED FRIDAY

By Associated Press.
 OSAKA, Japan, June 8. — The prospect of a marked increase in Japanese purchases of American raw cotton is expected as a result of a decision of the Japan Cotton Spinners Federation to cease buying raw cotton from British India.

This decision, reached by the federation's emergency committee, is in retaliation for India's 50 per cent increase in duties on non-British cotton cloths announced June 6.

The Indian action was taken because of the depreciation in the yen and the pressure of Japanese competition.

Indorsement of the committee's stand is expected at a general meeting of the federation June 13.

In the last three months, Japan's purchases of raw cotton from India have considerably exceeded purchases from the United States.

Simla's tariff boost is interpreted as being designed to close one of the Japan cotton industry's richest markets and, combined with India's notification on April 10 abrogating an Indo-Japanese commercial treaty, arouse bitterness throughout industrial Japan.

The Japanese press Thursday characterized the contemplated boycott of Indian raw cotton as tantamount to severance of Indo-Japanese commercial relations.

Governor Signs Bill to Expedite Home Rule Law

By Associated Press.
 AUSTIN, June 8.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Thursday signed a bill that would make the proposed county home rule constitutional amendment effective immediately if adopted by the electorate. The proposed amendment will be submitted at a special election Aug. 26.

It would authorize counties having a population in excess of 62,000 to adopt a charter form of government.

The Governor also signed a bill to require precinct judges to file official returns of elections with the county judge within 72 hours and to require

The new Summit Avenue viaduct will be thrown open to traffic early Friday afternoon, City Engineer Lewis said Thursday.

The T. C. U. buses will begin using the new viaduct Sunday, traversing the old route on Summit Avenue instead of the present route through the Henderson Street underpass.

This also will do away with the Summit Avenue shuttle, which now ends at the north end of the viaduct.

The announcement was made by A. F. Townsend, receiver for the Northern Texas Traction Company, who reported Thursday that city street cars and buses had carried 10,854,184 passengers in 1932.

The report stated that the company operated daily a maximum of 78 street cars and 36 buses. On Dec. 31 it had 448 employes, of which 246 were home owners. The annual payroll is approximately \$600,000. In addition, said Townsend's report, the company spent \$260,000 in 1932 for maintenance, disbursing in Fort Worth that year a total of \$860,000.

AZANA'S GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN WALKS OUT

MADRID, June 8.—The government headed by Premier Manuel Azana resigned Thursday.

The resignation came after a cabinet session and resulted directly from the refusal of President Niceto Alcalá Zamora to make ministerial changes requested by Premier Azana. The premier had asked that a new treasury minister be appointed and that the ministry of agriculture be split into two parts.

When the president informed him he would be unable to do this without consulting Republican minority leaders, the premier declared Senor Alcalá Zamora no longer had confidence in the cabinet.

COMPANY SALES THIRD LARGEST IN HISTORY

DETROIT, June 8.—Sales by the Parker Rust-Proof Company during May were the third largest in the company's history, it is announced by G. E. Luke, sales manager. Increased demand is due in part, he said, to use of rust proofing for steel barrels used as beer containers.

COUNTY HANDED LOCAL AUDIT

Assertedly county's expenditures were made during Dec. 31, 1932, as a result of the resignation of the county auditor, J. P. Long, on Thursday.

Failure of 1932 to budget as to prevent left the general draft of \$150,000 year was held up.

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MAYOR OF JACKSBORO SENDS FT. WORTH CITIZENS GREETINGS

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glad such wholehearted co-operation is being shown."

1928 to 1932, bids were received for expenditures totaling \$219,231, while no evidence of competitive bids was found as a basis for purchases amounting to \$274,410.

Proof Held Lacking.

In few cases was it found that requisitions from the department head requiring the supplies, bearing the approval of the county judge as provided by law, preceded the purchase of supplies and materials. In many instances proof was lacking that the supplies had been delivered before the county auditor approved the claims for payment.

The condition criticized by the auditors was reflected particularly in the purchase of groceries for county institutions. Bids for monthly requirements were taken, but the auditors charged they were not examined carefully by the county auditor, and extra purchases often were included at a higher price.

The practice of buying "extras" was declared so prevalent that they formed 52 per cent of the groceries bought for the County Home in 1932 and 33 per cent of those for the Orphans Home.

The auditors said they were informed by two grocery firms that furnished most of the groceries for the County Home and the Orphans Home that the county auditor never had required them to exhibit signed delivery receipts before receiving pay.

"Wide-Open" System.

"The system in force," said the auditors, "was wide open for shortages or nondelivery of groceries for which the county had paid."

A groceryman who has done a large volume of business with the county told the auditors he had seen quantities of groceries far beyond requirements delivered to the County Home. He said, the auditors continued, that the groceries were stacked in a storeroom until rats and general deterioration made them unfit for use, and then were hauled away and dumped.

The auditors found where 400 pounds of macaroni were delivered to the County Home in April, 1931, and 150 pounds the following month. They said two former cooks at the home told them it would have been impossible to use more than 150 pounds a month.

Rolled oats may have been an important part of the diet of inmates of the home, but the auditors found nearly 2,000 boxes of that cereal were delivered in 1931 and 1932 in excess of what they might reasonably have been expected to consume.

County Auditor Blamed.

"Responsibility for the conditions as we found them," declared the auditors, "must be placed upon the county auditor. He should have required that signed delivery tickets be attached by the groceryman to his claim. Claims should not have been approved by the auditor in the incomplete and inconclusive condition in which we found them."

The law requires that the county take sealed bids every two years for blank books, legal blanks, stationery and printing, after each newspaper and job printing plant in the county has been notified. From the period from Jan. 1, 1928, to Oct. 30, 1930, however, the only contract for such work in force was one dating from Dec. 1, 1928. The contract was renewed by Commissioners Court without competitive bidding on Oct. 30, 1930. New bids were not taken until Oct. 27, 1932. No bond was given by the printing firm as required by law.

Total purchases from that firm were \$76,374, while \$50,028 worth of other printing was purchased without bids during the same time.

The report of the auditors stated that County Auditor Yancy informed them that as purchasing agent during the period he obtained prices by telephone from various firms before placing orders.

The auditors termed the failure to obtain competitive bids on more than 32 per cent of the printing purchases,

from its stockholdings as provided in corporate charters," Van Sweringen replied. "Management control comes from the directors."

"You don't deny you control the Missouri Pacific through your chairmanship?"

"That might be so."

"And you are president of the Alleghany?"

"Yes."

"Then you are established in the position of controlling policies or of having a strong influence on roads not only in the West and Southwest but also in the East?"

"I can agree partly to that. At least I hope it's so."

Though it was bought in at 1929 prices, the operator said he doubted "we paid more for the Missouri Pacific than it is worth; we were not blind to the fact that the Missouri Pacific had a topheavy financial structure."

"We intended to cure that. We in-

indicated an attitude of cooperation with the United States is ready to take with respect to legitimate preoccupations of Europe on disarmament and the consequent economic readjustments."

and permitting the 1927 contract to continue longer than two years, in violation of the statutes, and declared it was the duty of the county auditor to seek to strict enforcement of the law.

Each lunacy patient sent by the county to an institution is furnished with three complete outfits of clothing. During the five-year period of the audit, \$16,839 was spent for this purpose. All the amount except \$260 was spent with one local merchant, and no record of competitive bids was found.

Until July 1, 1932, the cost of the clothing was \$87.40 for men and \$42 for women, continuing at the same price despite reductions in clothing prices during the last three years. When the purchasing agent questioned the prices in July of last year, other quotations were received and the price was reduced to \$55.95 and \$28.85.

"Luxuries" on Lists.

Many of the charity grocery orders issued by the county were found to contain such items as snuff, chewing tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, doughnuts, honey, mustard, pickled peppers and catsup. One charity ward was found to have bought eight bottles of catsup in one month.

In 1928 the Commissioners Court ordered allowances to charity subjects discontinued if such unnecessary items were purchased. The order, the auditors said, was not enforced, and the buying of luxuries with charity grocery orders continued during the period of the audit. They recommended closer supervision over the purchase of charity groceries, and the issuance of instructions to merchants to deliver only staple foods upon the county orders.

It was found that duplicate payments aggregating \$108.29 had been made on insurance policy premiums. Except for \$30.75, the amount was returned by the insurance agencies when their attention was called to it.

Beginning July 1, 1931, and continuing through 1931 and 1932, a warrant for \$17 was drawn each month in favor of Sam Webb for janitor service at the County Home. The payments totaled \$323. No authorization by Commissioners Court for employment of a janitor at the institution was found.

Continued on Pay Roll.

The auditors said they were informed by the superintendent of the home that the proceeds of the warrants were delivered to him, and the money paid to various inmates for extra work. Although Sam Webb left the home, his name continued on the pay roll for several months, with his pay delivered to the superintendent of the home.

"It may be true that this money was disbursed for services rendered by the inmates of the home," the auditors said. "However, there is no receipt record showing that various inmates actually received the proceeds of the warrants. The records of the county are misleading, since they indicate that a party named Sam Webb was paid these amounts for janitor service."

The auditors declared the practice is subject to the "most severe and unfavorable criticism."

The auditors noted that the county has been receiving no rental on the cigar and cold drink stands in the courthouse and Criminal Courts Building or on advertising signs erected on a county-owned vacant lot at the northeast corner of Bluff and North Main Streets.

Expenses Charged Back.

In accordance with a legal opinion that county officials have no right to use bond money or public funds for expenses in attending conventions, \$778.95 in traveling expenses were charged back to former County Judge Shannon, former County Commissioners H. E. Wright, Joe F. Schooler, Dick Boaz and County Auditor Yancy.

Shannon's asserted liability was \$225 for expenses to the County Judges and Commissioners Convention in Houston in 1929 and at El Paso in 1930.

The alleged liability of Wright was \$300 for expenses to the American Hospital Association Convention at New Orleans in 1930 and at Toronto, Canada, in 1931. Against Schooler a liability of \$89.47 was set up for expenses to the County Judges and Commissioners Convention in Dallas in 1928 and at Houston in 1930.

For expenses to conventions of the same organization in Dallas in 1929, Boaz was charged with \$89.48. The claim against Yancy was for \$75 in expenses to the State Auditors Convention in Houston in 1928.

Several other traveling expense claims, supposedly for missions on county business, were questioned because officials failed to file an

plied briefly. The Ambassador presented the full embassy staff. The reception was terminated by a chat of a few minutes in which both men spoke French.

President's Son Will Establish Reno Residence

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fog made a takeoff at Burbank hazardous. At Saugus a special ship awaited.

At the hotel entrance Mrs. Roosevelt said in reply to a question that the divorce was in prospect and then Elliott, at her elbow, confirmed his mother's statement.

Beyond the bare announcement that the divorce action was to be instituted in Nevada, neither Elliott nor his mother cared to comment much.

Elliott did add, however, that the divorce will be sought by his wife, the former Elizabeth Donner, daughter of William H. Donner of Philadelphia, industrialist, on grounds of incompatibility.

The couple have been separated since last year. An agreement is understood to have been reached as to the custody of their child, William Donner Roosevelt, born last November. They were married Jan. 16, 1932.

When Elliott came to the West Coast his wife and baby did not accompany him.

Mrs. Roosevelt was accompanied on the plane, which will make an initial stop at Tucson, Ariz., by C. R. Smith, general manager of the air line; Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Greenway.

Her pilot was J. William Martin Jr., brother of Eddie Martin, who piloted Mrs. Roosevelt into Los Angeles Monday.

WIFE OF YOUNG ROOSEVELT MAINTAINS SILENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8.—Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, whose marital trouble was disclosed publicly Thursday by her husband's mother, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, is maintaining a strict silence.

Neither she nor her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Donner of Villanova, near here, would make any statement.

Donner, millionaire former steel man, said if and when he had any statement to make he would see that the public got it.

News that the wedded life of the 21-year-old heiress and the 22-year-old second son of President Roosevelt was not running smoothly did not come as a surprise to society in and about Philadelphia, but not one word of the difficulty had been authorized for publication.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who was Elizabeth Browning Donner before her marriage, has been staying at the Donner estate, "Camp Woods," at Villanova, since the inauguration of the President. She has been much entertained by society.

Two weeks after the inauguration she visited the White House. Several weeks ago, Mrs. James Roosevelt of New York, mother of the President, was a visitor at the Donner home.

The young son of the Elliott Roosevelts, William Donner Roosevelt, is with his mother.

The President, while Governor of New York, visited the Donner home twice. The first time was shortly after the engagement of the young couple was announced on Oct. 30, 1931, and the second time at the wedding, Jan. 16, last year.

After the wedding, which was an outstanding event in social circles here, the Roosevelts took up their residence in New York, where the young husband was in business.

EITHER PARTY MAY FILE SUIT IN NEVADA.

RENO, Nev., June 8.—Nevada's divorce laws permit either party to file suit, regardless of which has established residence.

Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt would be permitted to file suit here immediately her husband has lived in Nevada six weeks.

This procedure has been followed many times, notably in the divorce a year ago of Ann Harding, movie actress, and Harry Bannister.

also be outside the scope of the conference," Hull continued, "for that is a matter which concerns Mr. Davis (Norman H. Davis, American representative at Geneva) and officials at Washington."

The tender Sir John Hawkins met the President Roosevelt two miles out of Plymouth Roads, and the American delegation was landed at Mill Bay Dock.

In the brilliant sunshine of a heat wave, which is setting a record for a century, the delegation made the last leg of the journey to England close to the green hills of Plymouth's landlocked harbor. A special train took the Americans to London, where they were due late in the afternoon.

BRITISH ENVOY TO SEE ROOSEVELT ABOUT DEBTS.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The controversial war debt payment due June 15 received the attention Thursday of President Roosevelt as he made an engagement with Ambassador Lindsay of Great Britain for late this afternoon.

The British ambassador has been making overtures informally to learn the American attitude on the debts. This is the first time he has come directly to the President, who is personally handling the war debts question.

The British cabinet meets in special session Friday to consider the \$75,000,000 payment owed by the government on its installment due next week.

DALADIER MAY BRING DEBT BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

PARIS, June 8.—The possibility that Premier Daladier will bring before Parliament the problem of the French war debt installment to the United States due next Friday was seen Thursday, but he is expected merely to outline the situation.

Governmental circles deemed it unlikely that he will alter the attitude that the cabinet must have some gesture from Washington to justify taking the initiative toward asking parliamentary permission to pay the \$40,000,000 installment June 15.

BRITAIN MAY OFFER U. S. PAYMENT IN SILVER.

LONDON, June 8.—Rumors were current Thursday in London financial quarters that Great Britain may proffer the mid-June payment to America in silver instead of gold but it was authoritatively stated that no decision of any sort regarding the debt will be taken until Friday's cabinet session.

One version of the rumored story is that a part—perhaps a large part—of the payment will be in silver.

It was pointed out that with the passage of the Roosevelt gold suspension bill the American President will have authority to accept in payment any coinage generally acceptable as money in the United States.

RETRACTION MADE AND SLANDER SUIT DROPPED

HARTFORD, Conn., June 8.—Mrs. Ethel Berkowitz of Hartford, who filed suit for \$10,000 damages for slander against M. Hardy, Inc., and Frederick G. Hardy of Hartford, as the result of a letter mailed to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, withdrew her action Wednesday.

The move was made after the Hardy corporation made retractions in which they denied they had authorized anyone to write the letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, which Mrs. Berkowitz said contained reflections on her character. The letter was sent to Mrs. Berkowitz by Mrs. Roosevelt as she thanked her for a gift of two dolls.

Auditor to Report Wednesday. City Auditor Michael will have his monthly report for May ready to submit to the City Council Wednesday. This will include a report on the financial condition of all departments.

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a few minutes and then went back to the plane.

"They have been awfully good to me, giving me hot drinks and food, but I can't keep any of it down. As soon as I get these fumes out of my system I'll be all right."

Mattern's landing place was five kilometers (about three miles) from the little industrial settlement of Belovo, where miners of the surrounding Kuznetz coal basin have their homes.

To get him on the telephone it was necessary to communicate first with the manager of the Belovo telegraph station, in which is the town's only telephone line to the outside world, and to prevail upon the manager to send an automobile to get the flier. Some three hours elapsed between the time request was made to the manager and the time the aviator's voice came over the telephone into the Associated Press bureau in Moscow.

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