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Sen. George's Reconversion Bill Passes

Administration Given Setback on Its Benefit Plan for War Workers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Reeling under a crushing senate defeat of the Murray-Kilgore Reconversion plan, administration Democrats today moved hopefully toward an attempt to revive in the house their program for higher federal benefits for war workers.

Their chances of success looked slim. Several members of the house ways and means committee, which will start hearings Tuesday, made it clear they lean strongly toward the "state's rights" bill of Senator George (D-Ga.) which Republicans and southern Democrats pushed to open passage last night, 55 to 19.

Rep. Carlson (R-Kan.) predicted that the ways and means committee, which includes a number of states' rights advocates, would also approve "the George bill or something close to it."

Senate Majority Leader Barkley swung to the Murray-Kilgore side in the closing senate debate, and later made it clear the fight for federal fixed insurance payments to displaced workers had not ended.

He termed "inadequate" the state unemployment systems carrying payments of \$13 to \$22 weekly for temporarily idle workers.

What Bill Provides

As passed by the senate, the George measure sets up an office of war mobilization and reconversion headed by a presidentially appointed director to handle demobilization planning.

It also brings an estimated 3,500,000 federal employees under state unemployment insurance

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Battleship Beats Planes in Combat

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The battleship South Dakota, in the opinion of Rear Admiral Thomas Leigh Gatch, removed "any dispute over the relative merits of battleships and air power" the day the vessel shot down 32 Japanese bombers attacking her during the battle of Santa Cruz.

Admiral Gatch, commander of the South Dakota during the engagement said it was "the first time that it was demonstrated that a properly armed modern battleship can stop a determined air attack."

Struck in the neck by a bomb fragment that severed two nerves during the engagement, Admiral Gatch has since been serving as judge advocate general in the navy. He was born in Salem, Ore., and is in Seattle visiting his cousin, Stephen F. Chadwick, Seattle attorney.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a strong note of mystery in the news from France as this is written. The dispatches are full of words such as "maybe," "perhaps" and "believed to be."

Reading them, in a conscientious effort to find out JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING, is something like trying to count sheep in a heavy fog.

ABOUT the nearest approach to a flat statement this writer can find this morning is the assertion that American armored forces are BELIEVED to be driving into the last 50-mile defense zone of Paris. Somebody says cryptically that we may be sure they aren't "just camping out" at Le Mans, the last definite point at which they were reported.

There is a rumor to the effect that Americans are within 40 miles of the French capital. The Germans speak frankly of the "battle for Paris."

THAT is to say, censorship has been clamped on tightly. When the censorship closes down hard, experienced students of the war news feel in their bones that something big is in the wind.

THIS feeling of suppressed excitement is heightened by the mysterious announcement that

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SOUTH PACIFIC ACE—Leading American air ace now fighting in the Southwest Pacific theater is Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., above, of "Ridge-wood, N. J. The 23-year-old fighter pilot shot down his 21st Jap plane in the recent heavy raid on Halmahera. Maj. Richard Bong, whose tally is 27 Jap planes, is now in the U. S.

Absentee Vote Not For War Prisoner

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—King County Auditor Robert A. Morris said today an absentee ballot mailed from King county to an American prisoner of war held by Japan has been returned by the office of censorship with the explanation that to let such ballots go through might reveal information of use to the enemy.

Stating the ballot was being returned at the request of the War Department, the notation read "If certain military information required in this ballot were furnished by the prisoner, it would disclose the movements of our troops overseas, and aid the enemy." * * * and thus prejudice military security. The transmission of "this ballot" is not at this time practical or compatible with military operations.

The ballot had been intended for Frank L. Knowles, Seattle, assistant engineer aboard the President Harrison. He was captured the day following Pearl Harbor when his ship put in at Shanghai to take out a detachment of marines.

Northwest Governors Mull Highway Program

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A regional highway program, to dovetail with the inter-regional highway plan proposed by the president's committee to congress, is favored by the five Pacific northwest governors who began this second day's conference today.

Their plan calls for a tie-in with the Alaska-Canadian highway.

Other points advocated by the governors included a public land policy to "halt the federal government's trend toward confiscation of public land; expansion of the agriculture and industry in the northwest; and a tourist promotion plan.

Lamb Rationing Question Posed by Wool Growers

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The National Woolgrowers association today called a meeting of members for Aug. 20-23 in Salt Lake City, preceding the annual national ram sale.

"One thing the woolgrowers will want to know," said Secretary J. Melvin Jones, "is why the OPA is continuing to ration better cuts of lamb in the face of the downward trend in prices paid for live lambs and the large surplus of spring lambs which will be moving to market in September and October."

"Playful" Rifle Threat Brings Death to Rancher

OKANOGAN, Wash., Aug. 12.—(AP)—A coroner's jury here today determined that the fatal shooting Wednesday evening of Otto Jess, Carlton ranch foreman was accidental.

When Jess refused a drink offered by J. Burlison, irrigation ditch-walker, Sheriff Art Hichel reported, Burlison playfully threatened to shoot Jess with a .22 rifle. As the men were talking, the jury was told, the gun suddenly fired, and Jess died within ten minutes with a bullet in his heart.

Govt. Seizes Strike-Bound Truck Lines

(By the Associated Press)

The path back to work apparently was cleared today for more than half of some 60,000 workers idle because of labor disputes.

Twenty-five thousand over-the-road truck drivers in eight midwest states were under both government and AFL-union instructions to return to work at once with Uncle Sam as their new boss.

Seven thousand CIO-United Auto Workers strikers at General Motors Chevrolet gear and axle division, Detroit, were advised by a mass meeting of their own union to go back to the job Monday.

President Roosevelt last night ordered seizure of 103 midwest trucking companies in eight states and the Office of Defense Transportation took over at 12:01 a. m. today. Minneapolis became headquarters for Ellis T. Longenecker, ODT highway transportation director, who will run the lines for Uncle Sam.

He will keep control until a dispute between the AFL-International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Midwest Operators association is settled. The drivers walked out a week ago after the employers refused to pay a seven-cent-an-hour wage increase ordered by the War Labor Board.

Under government operation the men will be paid the increase.

A mass meeting was planned in Detroit today in efforts to end a stoppage of 3,300 at the Briggs manufacturing Co.

Besides about 35,000 affected in these three major disputes, some 25,000 were idle in 29 other controversies, including 4,000 in the continuing Montreal, Que., tramway stoppage.

Hudson River Pier Destroyed by Fire

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Fire that followed a series of thunderous explosions left an 1,100-foot Hudson river pier in ruins today with damage estimated at \$4,000,000.

The flames ate through pier 4 and damaged two adjacent piers extensively. All three piers were used to load ships for the fighting fronts of this war.

Acting Fire Chief Andrew H. Keller said the fire was of undetermined origin and began on a barge which was transferring its cargo to a ship. Keller said there was no indication of sabotage.

Fourteen persons were taken to a hospital for treatment of burns and smoke poisoning, while more than 50 others, including firemen, were given first aid treatment at the scene. Keller said none was seriously injured.

Tire Committee Asks Inspection Privilege

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Permission to inspect tires on "idle trucks and in stockpiles at ordinance depots in the northwest" was asked of the army by the newly organized Oregon Emergency Truck Tire committee yesterday.

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Roosevelt Will Broadcast From Bremerton Tonight; Extends Trip to Aleutians

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight will give his first report to the nation since he accepted a fourth term nomination—climaxing a 15-day Pacific war tour which in his own words took him far away from politics.

The chief executive will speak by radio from the Bremerton navy yard near here at 5 p. m. Pacific wartime. The broadcast will be carried by the four major networks.

Mr. Roosevelt boarded a cruiser at San Diego, Calif., July 21—a day after he accepted a fourth term nomination—and arrived at Pearl Harbor July 26.

From there he moved on into the Aleutians.

The announcement that he will speak tonight from Bremerton gave no indication of the president's immediate whereabouts. Neither did it discuss the nature of his address.

The fact that the president had gone from his three-day Hawaiian inspection on north to Alaska to look over the Aleutians became public last night with the release of delayed dispatches dated a week ago yesterday.

Vets Want Jobs Without Membership in Union

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Oregon American Legion called today for legislation to prevent returning veterans from being required to join a labor union in order to obtain or keep a job.

The state convention asked that all veterans' employment preference rights—such as those already existing under the civil service system—be guaranteed by law "without the necessity of having to join any organization or society."

The Legion also demanded penalties for anyone attempting to coerce veterans into membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

The Legion passed resolutions calling for:

Adoption of the Mott bill, now pending in congress, declaring all Japanese undesirable aliens.

Permission to use USO facilities after the war for veteran clubs.

Creation of a state department of veterans affairs.

Pay Hike Granted Workers of Fir-Tex Co.

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—In a decision involving 185 employees of the fir-tex Insulating Board company, St. Helens, Ore., the regional War Labor board today awarded a night shift premium of three and five cents per hour for the second and third shifts respectively. A general wage increase was denied. The third shift differential will apply, the order said, only as long as the shift remains eight hours long.

Dissent was entered by labor members on the wage denial and industry members were opposed to the night shift premium award.

New Grades Fixed For Filberts Now in Effect

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—New standards for filbert kernels or shells, adopted following a hearing held in July, are now effective, the state department of agriculture reported today.

The new order establishes two grades, Oregon No. 1 and Oregon No. 2. Four sizes, ranging from jumbo to small, are designated for Oregon No. 1. Shelled filberts but there are no size classifications for the other grade.

Mine Sinks Norse Ship STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The 3,000-ton Norwegian freighter Erling Lindoe, carrying iron pyrites, to Germany, was sunk off the Swedish coast last night. Twenty seamen were lost, five saved.

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Guam Hero Forced To Obey Club Rule

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—George Ray Tweed, navy radio man who played successful hide-and-seek for 31 months on Japanese-held Guam, was sent home early last night—and he doesn't like it.

The chief petty officer, entered a night club at 11:15 p. m., was warned by the cashier that a liquor commission rule, made at military behest, requires all uniformed men to be out by midnight.

"It's not fair," said Tweed, "I don't see why a man who has on a uniform, indicating he is willing to die if he has to should be made to leave public places two hours before civilians. If it is better for the health of servicemen, then it should work the same way with civilians."

The bush technique used by Tweed to elude the Japanese was called into play here yesterday when he dodged a small army of promoters, literary agents, publishers and movie producers.

He avoided all commitments although there was a young fortune awaiting him. He shook his head and read his navy orders—which are to report to Washington before telling any details of his 31 months on the enemy-held island.

Says Lumber Profit Hike Won't Increase Cutting

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—The chief of the U. S. forest service believes the postwar northwest will garner vastly expanded lumber profits without cutting a single additional stick of timber.

"Expansion of the lumber industry will not necessitate cutting larger numbers of trees," Lyle F. Watts, Washington, D. C., told interviewers. "It will be achieved by increasing the value of the product."

He cited alcohol-from-wood waste and the new process of converting soft wood into hardwood as examples of the predicted increase in timber values.

State's Right to Ignore OPA Order Sustained

TACOMA, Aug. 12.—(AP)—U. S. District Judge Charles H. Leavy upheld yesterday the right of the state of Washington to ignore an OPA ceiling for the sale of state timber.

Judge Leavy, a former democratic congressman, agreed with the state supreme court's ruling that the state's statutory requirement for sale by the commission of public lands to the highest bidder is the prevailing law. The supreme court's recent ruling was in a 5 to 4 decision.

Mishap Witness Unaware Her Daughter Victim

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A traffic accident halted the bus on which Mrs. George A. Bradley was riding. She watched from the window as the street was cleared, then continued home.

There, she found her eight-year-old daughter missing, called police. They informed her the child had suffered a broken leg and lacerations in a downtown traffic accident, the mishap Mrs. Bradley had viewed.

Cyclist Killed, 2 Hurt in Collision With Cattle

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—One person is dead and two others injured following a collision of a motorcycle with cattle on the highway near Lapine yesterday.

Rov C. Johnson, 34, flight instructor at Tulare, Calif., died after his motorcycle crashed into a herd of cattle. His wife and small son were slightly injured. They were en route to visit relatives in Washington.

Nazis Balkan Chief Said Wounded By Lieutenant

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A reliable report from Belgrade today said Marshal Maximilian von Weizsacker, German commander in chief in the Balkans, had been wounded by a young Nazi lieutenant in an assassination attempt.

Air Blows Hit Nippon Isles, Bases in China

(By the Associated Press)

Death-dealing U. S. Liberators have crowded closer to Japan than ever before, opening the enemy's Volcano Islands to their first heavy attack by land-based planes.

B-24s of the Seventh army air force sprayed Iwo, Iwo, 750 miles southeast of Tokyo, with 47 tons of bombs Wednesday.

The Seventh AAF recently established an advanced base around a Japanese built air-drome on Saipan island in the Marianas, 725 miles south of Iwo.

Other allied bombers from the New Guinea-Australia area sank four Japanese freighters, coastal vessels and a number of smaller craft at Halmahera island, between New Guinea and the Philippines, and damaged a 2,000-ton freighter near the Talaud islands, 200 miles south of Mindanao.

Reflecting Japanese uneasiness over the attacks and over recent B-29 raids upon Manchuria and Hainan, Tokyo radio said today that Japan had decided to set up a supervisory office to order emergency shifts in machine tool factories "to cope with the enemy air raids."

Superfortresses on Japan so far "are but attempts on the part of the enemy to gather experience for future raids on a major scale," a Berlin broadcast quoted Japanese newspapers as "warning the people today."

Barrage Deal in China

A Chinese-American wing of the 14th air force inflicted the heaviest Japanese loss in a single raid in China Thursday, destroying or damaging 50 planes, most of them on the ground, at Talyuan in Shansi province.

American fliers, making their second large-scale attack upon Chongchiao since the Human provincial capital fell to the Japanese in June, touched off a number of explosions and fires in the eastern section of that city Friday.

Chungking sources reported that the Japanese were shuffling their forces throughout the conquered areas to meet American attacks, pouring reinforcements into the Philippines and Formosa, and strengthening the entire Canton area.

The Chinese renewed their attacks upon the Japanese ring around Hengyang, in the capture

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SUCCEEDS MC NAIR — Lt. Gen. John L. De Witt, above, has been appointed to succeed the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair in a European command "of great importance." Former commander of the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command, with headquarters in San Francisco, for the past 13 months General De Witt has been commandant of the joint Army-Navy staff college in Washington.

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Allied Trap Narrowing in Paris Basin

Strategy Presages New Amphibious Lunge Into Under-Belly of Europe

(By the Associated Press)

Allied forces, possibly carrying out grand strategy presaging new amphibious operations, have staggered and baffled the Germans with land and aerial blows on a 2,000-mile front in western Europe, curving from Norway to Italy, it was disclosed today.

More than 750 bombers smashed at defenses on the Mediterranean coast of France and northern Italy today following through a tactical air assault yesterday, possibly preparatory to a new land blow against Europe's under-belly.

American armored forces swept from Brittany across the Loire river into southwestern France in greatly broadened offensive operations.

Above the Loire, wily Gen. Montgomery appeared to be leading the Germans up a Normandy garden path into a death trap as the Americans raced northward toward the Seine, cutting in behind large German forces tied down by the British and Canadians.

The Germans were so baffled by multiple American armored thrusts west of Paris that allied supreme headquarters said the enemy was in the dark and hence secrecy was of paramount importance.

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