

LUMBER OPERATORS HIT BACK AT OPA SUIT

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The Weather

Partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Friday.

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Bowles Tries to Resign Because Of Restrictions on OPA Powers

Persuasion by Truman Stays Retirement

Extension Bill Lingers In Senate Under Threat Of O'Daniel Filibuster

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—President Truman told his news conference today he is trying to persuade Chester Bowles to remain at his post as economic stabilizer.

Bowles' retirement as a result of restrictions on OPA powers contemplated in pending extension legislation has long been talked. He has been trying to quit ever since he took office.

Mr. Truman declined to discuss the watered-down price extension bill now before the senate, other than to say it was unfortunate that it has been debated so long. He said he would decide after the measure reaches him whether to make a radio address outlining his position on it.

This was his reply when asked whether he would speak to the people in connection with signing or vetoing of the bill.

Filibuster Attempted

On Capitol Hill, Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) sought to get and hold the Senate floor for a chance to talk OPA to death.

If he could talk steadily until Sunday midnight, or call up vocal reinforcements, he could succeed in theory at least. The present OPA law expires June 30. However, there is no present

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AFTER weeks of shadow boxing, the senate and the house of representatives, working through what is known as the conference committee, got down to brass tacks on OPA.

The result is a bill neither as "anti" as the foes of OPA have professed to want nor as "pro" as the OPA crowd has been demanding. Chairman Spence (Democrat, from Kentucky), who has favored continued teeth for OPA, says he thinks President Truman will sign the compromise. If it goes through substantially as worked out.

He adds that in his opinion the compromise bill is "workable."

If we are to get anything like an unprejudiced picture, we must keep clear in our minds how our legislative system works.

SEPARATE bills are introduced in each house. These bills are of course subject to amendment.

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Longer Runway, Reduction Of Hill Needed by Roseburg Airport for Feeder Service

Extension of the runway 600 feet south would make the Roseburg Airport suitable for commercial feeder line service, George Felt, airport manager, was told by an engineer of the state board of aeronautics, who made inspection of the local air field this week.

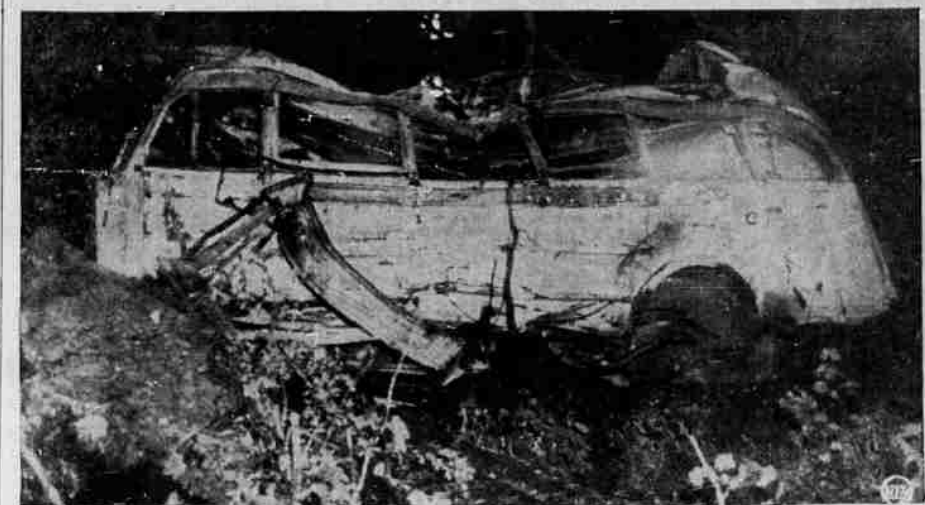
No extension would be necessary to the north, but lowering the top of a hill at the north end of the field would be necessary to give a clear approach for planes, Felt said.

Felt and the state engineer also inspected the proposed air field site on the South Umpqua River, a few miles west of Roseburg. Almost a million dollars would be required to make the proposed site usable, Felt reported the engineer as saying.

If the city purchases additional land at the present airport site, the federal government through the Civil Aeronautics Administration would finance the cost of work which would bring the airport up to CAA standards for commercial feeder line service, the engineer said.

At the proposed site, a considerable number of hills would have to be leveled in order to put in suitable air strips.

No other coastal city has an airport as close to the heart of



FLAMING WRECKAGE MARKS BASEBALL JUNKET TRAGEDY—A twisted steel skeleton, standing upright, is all that remains of the chartered bus which carried at least nine members of the Spokane Western International Baseball League Club to their death when it plunged through a guardrail and down a 300 to 500 foot embankment near Seattle, Wash. The driver and six other players were injured.

Bread Rationing Set For Great Britain

LONDON, June 27.—(AP)—Bread will be rationed throughout Great Britain beginning July 21. Food Minister John Strachey announced this in the House of Commons today.

The British did not ration bread in either of the last two wars.

Strachey said flour also would be rationed.

The basic bread ration will be nine ounces daily for adults. Manual workers will receive 15 ounces and expectant mothers will get 11.

Women engaged in manual labor also will receive 11 ounces a day, instead of 15 that male laborers were allotted.

Roseburg OPA Board Linked to Eugene Office

Roseburg's OPA price control board office has been combined with the Eugene OPA office, it was announced today by R. McElligott, chairman of the local board.

Although clerical work in the administering of local OPA matters will be handled at Eugene, the Roseburg price panel will continue to meet in Roseburg every other Wednesday, starting July 10, McElligott said.

The change in the price control office will not affect the rent control office, which will continue here.

Lumber Piler Killed By Live Wire Contact

ASHLAND, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Jonas Simeon Hogstrom, 45, lumber piler at the California Oregon lumber mill here, was electrocuted yesterday when a metal lumber piling machine he was controlling touched an 1,100-volt wire.

Hogstrom lived near Medford with his wife and family.

Douglas Payrolls Show Huge Boost

Oregon payrolls outside Multnomah county for the first quarter of 1946 gained more than \$5,000,000 over the same period a year ago, while Multnomah county's payrolls were down \$50,000,000, the state unemployment compensation commission reported.

Four counties, including Douglas, reported higher wage payments for the first three months of 1945 than for either of the entire years of 1938 or 1939. Four others came within 25 per cent of equalling their pre-war annual totals.

Reports from 12,000 employers subject to the state unemployment law show wage gains this year in 27 out of 36 counties, while in two others the loss was less than one per cent.

With the exception of agricultural, railroad, and public employment, most concerns with four or more workers and a quarterly payroll of \$500 are covered by the state unemployment commission.

Douglas county's payrolls for the first quarter of 1946 were \$3,094,558 against \$2,560,741 for the same period a year ago.

Missing Dad Sought in Killing of 2 Children

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(AP)—The shattered memory of a 21-year-old mother cloaked in mystery today the grim events which preceded discovery yesterday of the battered bodies of her two babies and the disappearance of her husband.

Found wandering alone barefooted, and with head wounds, Mrs. Lorraine Newton today was given "less than a 50-50 chance" to survive her injuries.

The young mother could remember only that she had been on an automobile ride with her husband and children.

Vorhas Newton, 24, San Francisco glazier, was hunted on charges of killing his daughters, Barbara Anne, almost two years old, and Caroline Lee, seven months old. Their bodies were found in a lonely canyon 25 miles south of here yesterday, their heads beaten in.

Anti-Trust Suit Filed Against Two Concerns

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(AP)—The federal grand jury yesterday returned a criminal indictment against the American Can Company, Inc., both of New York, and seven company officials, on charges of conspiracy to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

The indictment charges those named with fixing terms, conditions, and prices upon which tin cans were sold to packers.

Fireworks Ban Still In Effect in Roseburg

Display of any type of fireworks within the Roseburg city limits is in violation of a city ordinance passed six years ago, according to Recorder A. J. Geddes.

Parents especially are cautioned to see that their children resist their fireworks celebration during the Fourth of July to remote places outside the city.

Army's Dead in 2nd World War 308,978

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The Army today placed the human price it paid for World War II victory at 308,978 dead and missing.

This total meant a fatality rate of 2.98 per cent among the more than 10,000,000 men and women who saw Army service during the conflict.

The War Department released the figures in its first consolidated postwar casualty list, which covers the period from May 27, 1941—the date a national emergency was declared—through Jan. 31, 1946.

The roll carries 307,554 as killed in action, died of other causes or officially declared dead after having been missing a year. An additional 1,424 are still listed as missing, although scant hope now remains that they will be found alive.

Huge Irrigation Canal Jobs Let

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Contracts for construction of the largest irrigation canal ever built in the Pacific Northwest, to furnish water for the Columbia basin project in Washington, have been awarded by the Interior Department.

The department announced today that a tunnel through solid rock, nearly two miles long and 23 feet in diameter; a siphon, and 1,000 feet of the main canal of the project, will be constructed by T. E. Connolly, Inc., San Francisco. The firm was awarded the job on a bid of \$3,494,420. A second contract awarded to J. A. Terteling & Sons, Inc., of Boise, Idaho, calls for construction of 5.4 miles of the main canal for \$1,548,060.

The tunnel and canals will carry water stored by Grand Coulee dam to the 1,200,000-acre irrigation project of which the reclamation bureau hopes to have 7,000 acres irrigated by 1947.

The tunnel and canals will carry water from an equalizing reservoir created by constructing dams at both ends of a 27-mile gorge of the old Columbia River channel. The water will be pumped from Lake Roosevelt, formed by Grand Coulee dam. The main canal will extend to another reservoir to be created by Long Lake, where a canal now under construction will carry it to the land to be irrigated.

House Backs Contempt Move Against 'Commie'

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The House voted 240 to 85 yesterday to support its committee on un-American activities in contempt proceedings against Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., of New York.

The committee contended Lamont refused to supply requested information and records. The case now will be turned over to the federal attorney for the District of Columbia for further action.

During the debate, Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) told the House the un-American Activities Committee suspected Lamont's group of "being hands in glove" with Communist organizations "trying to steal atomic bomb secrets."

House Move Aims to Halt Aid to Soviet

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—A "no news-no cash" policy that would hit Russia mustered powerful House support today as an amendment to the proposed \$465,000,000 UNRRA appropriation.

Ostensibly directed at any nation imposing censorship on news dealing with the relief agency's activities, the amendment is aimed primarily at the existing situation in the Soviet Union, according to its supporters.

Sentiment behind the proposal gained strength after President Truman reported to Congress Tuesday that Moscow had refused to permit uncensored reports from American correspondents on UNRRA operations in the Soviet Republics of Ukraine and Byelorussia (White Russia).

Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) told reporters in advance of debate on the relief fund that he would offer the amendment to restrict the money to nations giving free access to visiting reporters seeking information on UNRRA activities.

Would Affect Others

If accepted, it would block UNRRA aid not only for the Ukrainian and Byelorussian Republics, Dirksen said, but also for Romania and possibly Northern Korea because of the difficulties that have been raised to unimpeded American press coverage of the latter two areas.

"In view of the President's re-

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Naughty Show Bids To Wrong Patron

NEW YORK, June 27.—(AP)—The bespectacled, youngish looking man stood in front of a Coney Island show as a perspiring barker droned:

"Come in and see them dance. The more you clap the more they take off. Come on in buddy, only 30 cents."

The man—License Commissioner Benjamin Fielding—went in.

Today the show, called the Palace of Wonders, and two others, Tirza's Wine Bath Revue and the Bowery Follies, are closed, their licenses suspended on the ground they staged indecent exhibitions.

Asserting the shows were "a disgrace to America's playground," Fielding said:

"I told Tirza last May she would have to wear a bathing suit for that wine show. Yet, when I went down there the other night she stepped down to a net braziere and a pair of net panties. I don't like that."

The license commissioner added:

"It was worse than the worst burlesque."

Tirza had some terse comment:

"Why ain't I got brains?"

Truman Undecided on Anti-Racketeering Bill

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The Hobbs anti-racketeering bill hasn't actually reached President Truman's desk, he said today, adding that he won't decide whether to veto or sign it until it does come to him.

Right now, he told his news conference, various government agencies are being polled for their opinions on the measure which the Senate passed and sent to the White House Saturday.

The Hobbs bill, banning union interference with the movement of farm produce in interstate commerce, previously was given to the President as a section of the Case labor disputes bill. He vetoed that legislation.

Aside from the Hobbs measure, congressional advocates of labor-regulating legislation abandoned hope today of passing any new measures.

Matsuoka, U. of O. Graduate, Who Took Japan Into Axis, Dies in Dirty Tokyo Hospital

TOKYO, June 27.—(AP)—Yosuke Matsuoka, the one-time foreign minister who formally linked Japan with the Axis, died today with "great regrets" that he could not defend himself in the international war crimes court.

The disease-wasted University of Oregon graduate realized for days that death was near, and frequently told his eldest son, Kenjiro, that he had many things to say to the court—a defense that probably never will be told in full. War crimes charged against him were officially withdrawn after his death.

Tuberculosis, which brought his death at 66 in unkempt, odorous Tokyo Imperial University Hospital, first afflicted him in 1941 upon his return from Europe with a Soviet neutrality pact. German Gestapo Chief Alfred Meisinger said Matsuoka obtained the treaty by revealing to Stalin Nazi plans for attacking Russia.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—A grave headstone dedicated in 1933 by Former Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka to the American woman who once sheltered him is a reminder here of the years Matsuoka lived as a Portlander.

Matsuoka came to Portland as a 13-year-old Japanese "mission boy" in 1893 and soon was taken into the home of Mrs. Isabelle Dunbar Beveridge, now deceased, while he attended grammar school.

Yosuke earned part of his keep delivering coffee to city restaurants while he learned his ABC's. He completed high school at Oakland, Calif., but returned to Portland to enroll in the University of Oregon Law School here and at the Eugene campus, and was graduated in 1900.

Classmates recall his passion for stud poker and his excellent law school honors. When he entered Japanese diplomatic service in 1904 his rapid rise was watched closely—and with pride—by Portland friends.

When he returned to Portland in 1933, his last visit, he already was world famous. That same

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Retail Coffee Prices Slated for Increase

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The government yesterday announced a forthcoming coffee price increase of 3 to 4 cents a pound for the retail buyer.

It also announced an immediate increase of 2.075 cents a pound in the importers' ceiling price on green coffee.

The actual amount of increase in retail prices for roasted coffee—as well as the changes in importers', roasters' and wholesaler's prices—will be announced within a week by OPA.

Until the retail price increase is ordered by formal announcement, no change in present store prices for coffee is authorized.

Arkansas Court Upholds Voting Ban on Negroes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 27.—(AP)—The Arkansas Supreme Court upheld today a legislative act designed to ban Negroes from voting for state officials in Democratic primaries.

The act, passed last year, sets up separate primaries for state and federal offices. Negroes can vote in the primaries to nominate federal officials.

Angered Bull Gores Rancher in Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Dave Liskey was recruited here today in a hospital after an angered bull trampled and gored him at the Liskey ranch.

Liskey's brother, Dan, and a ranch hand, Oswald Brown, bull-dozed the animal before the cattleman was critically hurt.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



IN NEW RESIDENCE DISTRICT—Pictured above is the new home of Dr. Fred Fields in Garden Homes, new residential area under development by Whipple and Oerding on the Calkins Road. Interesting feature is the retention by the latter of a strip paralleling the road for use by "neighborhood" caterers, who may desire later to serve the many residents of that vicinity.

Racketeering Charge Draws 'Politics' Cry

Government Seeking to Collect \$9,043,530 From 40 Western Companies

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(AP)—Pacific coast lumbermen lashed back today at Office of Price Administration officials who pressed forward a move to smash what they called increasing "rackets" that have caused "artificial lumber shortages" all over the country.

The OPA yesterday filed suit against 40 lumber companies in federal courts of California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona, seeking to collect a total of \$9,043,530 in treble damages. The alleged violations involved some 65,649,123 board feet of lumber.

At Aberdeen, Wash., Henry W. Anderson, president of the Twin Harbors Lumber Co., called the suits a "political move."

"I think it a crime that the OPA should pick out the northwest operator while southern operators are running rampant on the black market," he declared. The Twin Harbors Lumber Company was named defendant in a suit seeking an estimated \$325,000 in damages, estimated by the OPA regional office to involve 10,000,000 board feet of lumber.

Action Branded "Shame"

"These suits are based on differences of opinion in interpreting OPA ceilings," R. G. Robbins, Lumber Co. of Portland, said. He declared that in his opinion it was "a shame" that the OPA should bring suit against the northwest lumber industries that have produced lumber "so admirably under handicaps."

OPA asks \$372,194.37 in treble damages from the Robbins firm in the sale of 12,000,000 board feet of fractional-size lumber in a suit filed in Multnomah District Court, one of the major damage claims asked in some 40 suits filed against West Coast lumber firms.

Donald D. Baldwin, secretary-treasurer of the Mauk Seattle Lumber Co., said the suits were "unfair and without legal basis."

"We have been selling fractional lumber," he said, "but we contend the buyer had the choice of whether to buy it or not. There certainly was no violation of the OPA regulations prohibiting 'making the buyer take something he does not want to get something he does want.'"

The Mauk Lumber Co. was sued for \$180,000; the Stimson Mill Co., of Seattle, for \$186,000; the Eclipse Mill Co., of Everett, for \$273,000; the Olympic Hardwood Corp., of Raymond, \$303,000; the Raymond Lumber Co. of South Bend, \$150,000, and the Barbee Mills of Kennewick, \$84,000.

The main charge against all firms accused was "fractional dimension" sales. The OPA explained it is the practice under which "lumber is deliberately cut one-fourth inch larger than standard dimension so as to obtain the price for the next larger standard size; for example, cutting a 2 x 4 rather than the standard

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Two Held in Roseburg On Auto Theft Charges

Two persons are in the Douglas county jail today on auto theft charges. Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police said.

Grover Eugene Dumont, 16, held here as an escapee of the state industrial school at Miles City, Mont., will be turned over to federal authorities on an auto theft charge, Sgt. Morgan said.

Montana state authorities refused to accept Dumont's return because he was held to be incorrigible.

U. S. Restores Credit of \$50 Million to Poland

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—The State Department announced yesterday restoration of a \$50,000,000 credit to Poland. It had been suspended since mid-May because of alleged failure of the Polish government to meet political and economic requirements of the credit agreement.

The action presumably will help clear the way also for final signing of a contract between Poland and the Export-Import Bank for an additional \$40,000,000 loan which has been held up, but this was not specifically stated in the announcement.

Youth's Arrest Also Halts 2 Delinquents

Gerald Roberts Hamilton, 18, California youth, was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail on the charge of failure to stop at a through highway by Justice of the Peace Hartfield yesterday, pending investigation of ownership of the automobile he was driving.

Hamilton was accompanied by two runaway juvenile delinquents, aged 13, who will be returned to California authorities, Hartfield said.

It seems that a night club is about the only place where one can obtain a steak. Some clubs are also good places where one can lose a stake.

Levy Fast Rent
By L. P. Rasmussen