

CONFERENCE STRIVES TO END RAIL DISPUTE

Oakland Bank Robbery Case Jury Disagrees

Dismissal Comes After Failure to Reach Verdict On Scribner in 25 Hours

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—The federal jury trying Sam Scribner, 30, Bakersfield, Calif., on a bank robbery charge, was dismissed yesterday when it reported a hopeless deadlock after 25 hours of deliberation.

Scribner—who was his own attorney—smiled and told reporters, "It could have been worse." When the jury reported to Judge McCulloch, E. C. Laws, the foreman, asked if it would be possible to get additional testimony from four witnesses. The judge said that would amount to a re-trial, and Laws then said it appeared agreement was impossible.

No date for a new trial has been set. Scribner was charged with being one of two men who robbed the E. G. Young and Company Bank at Oakland, Ore., of \$31,431 a year ago this month. Henry Clay Tollett of Bakersfield pleaded guilty earlier. From the stand he denied Scribner was his accomplice.

Joe Berry Bishop, who has pleaded guilty to receiving part of the loot, testified Scribner and Tollett were the men he met after the robbery and took to near San Francisco.

It was reported in the Oregonian that the jury was hung by one man, but whether this vote was for guilt or acquittal was not divulged.

New Trial Hinted
The government has the option of trying the case again, or dropping it.

The U. S. district attorney's staff made no positive statement but indicated that it is possible that Scribner will have to face another trial.

Tollett, 57, Bakersfield, indicted.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STASSEN didn't do too well in Ohio.

He predicted (perhaps unwisely) that he would take 12 delegates in Taft's home state—which is also a pretty conservative state.

As this is written, he has four delegates nailed down and may get five more.

Most of the political experts had agreed that if he got ten his venture in Ohio would be profitable. If he gets the nine, it will at least be very close to profitable.

THIS fact must be kept clearly in mind:

What Stassen is doing is making a reputation for himself as the people's choice. These presidential preference primaries we're reading about are only glorified straw votes. We haven't a true presidential primary system. The final choice of candidates—both Republican and Democratic—will be made by the delegates when they assemble in their conventions.

Admittedly Stassen won't stand much chance in the Republican convention that will assemble in Philadelphia next month unless he can make it apparent between now and June 21 that he has a

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Coming Public Events Here Embrace Six Weeks' Period

Many civic activities are crowding Roseburg's calendar in the coming two months. Starting with the open house at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital Sunday in observance of National Hospital Day, events scheduled include the Southern Oregon Invitational Golf Tournament, the State Elks Convention, and the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo. The events follow:

May 9, Roseburg Veterans Hospital Open House—The public is invited to visit the buildings and grounds at the hospital at open house scheduled in observance of National Hospital Day, which comes May 12.

May 12, Mercy Hospital Open House—Plans are to be announced for an open house at Mercy Hospital in observance of National Hospital Day. It was stated by Sister Mary Austin, superintendent.

May 18, County Budget Hearing—A hearing is scheduled at 10 a. m. at the courthouse by the county budget committee on the proposed \$1,700,000 outlay for the coming fiscal year.

May 18, Harold E. Stassen to Speak—Presidential Candidate Harold E. Stassen will deliver a speech in Roseburg in the Armory at 8 p. m.

May 21, Primary Election—The election assumes importance this year because of the Republican presidential contest between Harold E. Stassen and Thomas E. Dewey. City budget election will

The Weather

Partly cloudy with scattered showers, becoming fair tomorrow.

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Create New Europe, Plea Of Churchill

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, May 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill urged today immediate formation of a European assembly as the first step toward a council of Europe free of the jealousies and rivalries of the past.

Churchill asked members of a 22-nation forum to plead with their governments to "create a new Europe" whose united voice can be continuously heard.

The new council of Europe should be a subordinate but necessary part of the world organization, Churchill said in his prepared text. The world organization of the future, he said, should have three "august but subordinate" regional councils:

1. The Soviet Union.
2. The Council of Europe, including Great Britain, joined with her empire and commonwealth.
3. The Western Hemisphere.

Britain's wartime leader said that the West is grieved and perplexed by the attitude of the Soviet Union, "without whose active aid the world organization cannot function, nor the shadow of war be lifted from the hearts and minds of men and nations."

Embraces All Europe
"We seek nothing less than all Europe," Churchill declared. "Distinguished exiles from Czechoslovakia and almost all the eastern European nations and also from Spain are present among us."

"We aim at the eventual participation of all the peoples throughout the continent whose society and way of life are not in discord with the charter of human rights and the sincere expression of free democracy. We welcome any country where the people own the government, and not the government the people."

Delegates from all the 16 European nations participating in the Marshall plan are attending the sessions, being held under the title of "The Congress of Europe." In addition, exiled leaders are present from Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Finland, and delegates are here from the Saar Valley, the French occupation zone of Germany and from Spain.

The forum, opposed by Britain's ruling labor party, has no government sponsorship. However, several labor members of the British Parliament arranged to attend.

Empire Child Drowns In Cranberry Bog

EMPIRE, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Despite efforts of his 3-year-old son to save him, 5-year-old Kenneth Green drowned in a cranberry bog excavation near here Wednesday.

Kenneth was walking on a board thrown across the bog by children using the route to a school bus. His sister, Marilyn, was with him. He fell from the board, and clothing caught on it. His face was submerged, and the nail held him fast. Marilyn attempted to release him, then ran for help.

Their father, Roy, ran back with her. He applied artificial respiration, and when Kenneth had not responded he took him to North Bend hospital. The child apparently died in the water.

Drinking Mothers Urged To Sign Dry Pledge

EVANSTON, Ill., May 7.—(AP)—Drinking mothers were urged today to observe Mother's Day by taking a pledge of total abstinence from liquor.

The appeal came from Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who called drinking "the enemy to a happy home life." She added:

"The mother is the traditional conservator of the home. Taking the pledge on the day set aside for her by the family would be a tremendous example in training her sons and daughters for temperance."

Girl Drowns in Ocean Off Wecoma Beach

WECOMA, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Geraldine Bales, 14, a student at Sacred Heart High School in Salem, drowned in the Pacific Ocean off Wecoma Beach yesterday.

The girl, whose home was in Swegle, was here on a school picnic.

With five others, she went into the water on an outgoing tide. Mary Tempels, Route 1, Woodburn, and Frank Fritzie, Salem, said they saw the girl go under.

Fritzie said he tried to get her to safety, but was thrown back by the surf.

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APPROVED — Five-year-old Jayne Saunders in court at Los Angeles gets approval of a seven-year movie contract which gives her a starting salary of \$125 a week. Her first role will be that of Miss Marker in "Sorrowful Jones," a re-make of Little Miss Marker which starred Shirley Temple some years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

School Boy Kills Couple to Obtain Auto for Dance

BRYAN, O., May 7.—(AP)—A 14-year-old junior high school athlete signed a statement last night admitting he shot and killed a 57-year-old couple because he wanted their automobile for a dance. Sheriff Norman A. Barnes reported.

The sheriff identified the boy as Ervin Arthur Ingle, who played both football and basketball on Bryan Junior High School teams.

The youth was held without charge today in jail.

Sheriff Barnes said Ervin sobbed out the details of how he shot John Gabriel, a railway mail clerk, and his wife, Pearl, drove their automobile to a boy friend's house and hid the slaying weapon, a pistol, in his own home.

Here's how Sheriff Barnes related the story:

Ervin and another junior high student wanted to go to a dance to be held tonight. Ervin promised his friend he would "get a car for the dance."

He went to the Gabriels' home Wednesday night, entered, shot Gabriel with the pistol, pushed him down the basement stairs and forced Mrs. Gabriel to drive him to the cemetery.

At the cemetery, he said, he told Mrs. Gabriel to stop the machine and get out. She stopped, handed young Ingle the keys and stepped to the ground.

Barnes said the youth then said he shot the woman through the head and drove away. He left the automobile at the friend's house, about three miles out of Bryan, and returned home.

His father, Keith F. Ingle, an employee of a milk company in Bryan, sat by his side throughout the lengthy recital, his face twitching with emotion.

Pardoned Girl Hits Claim of Attorney

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—(AP)—An Oregon State senator who sued Sally Stanford for \$12,000 for legal services isn't going to collect if she can help it, the San Francisco night life figure said today.

Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland attorney and legislator, sued in Federal Court here yesterday. He said he obtained a pardon for Sally for an offense committed 21 years ago in Oregon.

"I never hired him. He did nothing for me, and I'll pay him nothing," she protested.

"Two other senators up there did a lot more than he did, but it was Governor Snell (killed in an Oregon plane crash Oct. 29) himself who gave me that pardon. He airmailed it directly to me."

"I was 17 when I made the mistake and was sent to prison. That was 27 years ago and it has been thrown up to me ever since."

She said the offense was obtaining goods under false pretenses and involved her purchase of an electric iron with a \$10 check given her by an admirer in Medford, Ore. The check proved worthless. She said she pleaded guilty and served 10 months of a two-year sentence.

Miss Stanford recalled she was introduced to Mahoney in Portland in 1946 by Jack Esterbrook, whom she described as a Portland Teamsters Union official.

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Air Force Of 70 Groups Gets Senate's Okay

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The air force readied buying orders for 2,727 new warplanes today, awaiting only President Truman's signal to start building a 70-group peacetime armada.

Shortly after the Senate gave a 74-to-2 vote of approval yesterday to a \$3,233,200,000 airpower expansion fund, Air Force officials announced they were warming up their purchasing machinery.

A Senate-House Conference Committee was expected to act swiftly to compromise minor differences in the bill previously passed by a 343-to-3 vote in the House. The measure then will go to the White House where favorable action seems likely despite the \$322,000,000 added to Mr. Truman's original request.

This money was tacked on to assure a start toward the 70-group air force rather than the 55 groups first planned or the 66-group compromise put forward by Secretary of Defense Forrestal in his plea for a "balanced" military expansion.

While most of the debate centered on the theme that air power is the best defense against attack, a number of lawmakers left no doubt they would like to avoid an election year vote on reviving the draft and setting up universal military training.

Truman Scores One Idea
Mr. Truman, who asked for both of these, took scathing exception to a substitute manpower plan put forward by Rep. Leo Allen, chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Allen, whose committee has blocked action on UMT, suggested shelving the draft as well by offering bonuses up to \$1,500 to volunteers.

Mr. Truman told his news conference yesterday this was the most asinine proposition he has seen yet.

The air force said the new funds will provide 243 bombers, 1,575 jet fighters and 909 reconnaissance, transport, training, rescue and liaison aircraft by 1953.

Even more important, the air force statement said, is that the new appropriations will buy "that all-important time for which there is no substitute."

Cain Voices "Warning"
The negative vote cast by Sen. Cain.

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SALEM, May 7.—(AP)—Initiative measures to ban betting on dog races and to let any voting precinct ban the sale of alcoholic beverages were filed in the state department today.

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GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY
Presidential Aspirant Welcomed in Roseburg

Oregonians Shower Dewey With Gifts but Question Of Voter Gains Isn't Answered

COOS BAY, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Thomas E. Dewey moved into Southern Oregon today, 400 miles along in the campaign to win this state's Republican votes.

Behind him were four days on the road, in which, almost unflaggingly, he drew good-sized crowds at his way-point stops.

By nightfall he will have added—not counting the hamlets—six more towns and will have completed the Western Oregon leg of his tour.

Observers said it was too early to tell if his talks, greeted with apparent enthusiasm, were over-coming the effect of two previous Oregon visits by Harold E. Stassen.

The two are locked in a clear-cut campaign for the state's 12 Republican delegates on the May 21 primary ballot. It is a neutral testing ground—far from either's home state. No other Republican is in the campaign.

Dewey, who regards victory essential to counteract Stassen's victories in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Pennsylvania, will continue his campaign right up to voting time.

He will cross the Cascade mountains tomorrow to enter Eastern Oregon, stopping for the weekend at Bend to do some long-distance administering of affairs back in New York.

The decision to stop there caused him to postpone a scheduled weekend flight to Washington.

Showered With Gifts
Whether or not he manages to get Oregon's Republican presidential nod, Dewey seems in a fair way of getting a little of everything else representative of

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P. O. Dept. Shies at Plan To Take Losing Business

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The Post Office Department adopted an "oh, no" attitude today toward suggestions that it take over the losing "small package" business of the Railway Express Agency.

The trouble is the Post Office Department hasn't found the handling of small packages very profitable either.

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson noted that the cost of handling parcel post this year will run to about \$50,000,000 more than the parcel postage sold. He added to a reporter:

"We have already outgrown our pants in this department as a result of the diversion to parcel post following recent increases in railway express rates. We just don't have the facilities to handle all of the express company's business."

Third Eye Operation Faced by Bomb Victim

SUTHERLIN—Maurice Vogel, seriously injured last month when a riot gas bomb exploded in his face while he was attending a volunteer fire department meeting, was taken to Portland for observation. He has undergone two operations and a third has been scheduled. Whether he will permanently lose his eyesight has not been stated.

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Union Chiefs, Steelman Go Into Huddle

Lines, Expecting Strike, Plan Embargoes, Issue Warning to Travelers

(By the Associated Press)
The question of whether a nation-wide rail strike will start on schedule Tuesday harried travelers and shippers increasingly today.

A new round of conferences was begun by the government yesterday—this time in the White House with presidential assistant John P. Steelman seeking to compose differences between the railroads and three operating brotherhoods who have called the strike.

Today, presidents of the brotherhoods representing 150,000 engineers, firemen and switchmen were called in by Steelman to explain their demand for a 30 per cent wage hike and working rules concessions. The unions have rejected a 15 per cent hourly raise.

President Truman said yesterday that the government is doing all it can under the law to prevent the strike.

Embargoes Announced
If the strike starts Tuesday morning, a near complete tie-up of the nation's 225,000-mile railroad system appears likely. The railroads already have begun to prepare for a shut-down.

Embargoes on perishable freight shipments—largely foodstuffs—have been planned and notices to shippers have gone out. These embargoes already have been announced by 40 railroads.

Notices of possible layoffs have been sent to non-striking employees and travelers have been warned of possible risk that the carriers will not be able to transport them after May 10.

The Southern Pacific yesterday embargoed all carload and less-carload rail shipments of livestock, live poultry and perishable freight, effective at 12:01 a. m.

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Vet Accused Of Slaying Stepson

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Charles Wesley Miller, 23-year-old Navy veteran, is being held in the county jail on a second degree murder charge.

Miller, who stands six feet five inches and weighs 155 pounds, is alleged to have kicked his 10-month-old stepson in the head with a heavy logger's boot. A five-inch fracture at the back of his skull caused the child's death, the autopsy surgeon reported.

The child, Lewis, both as Charles Cox and Lloyd Dean Cox, was brought to Josephine General Hospital by the stepfather Tuesday night he was pronounced dead.

Death at first was presumed to have been from a broken neck sustained in a fall out of a