

Four Men, Woman Nabbed In Box Car Robbery Case

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STEEL STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS ASSURED

Both Sides Submit Case To Federal Arbitration Board.

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—Settlement of the threatened steel strike was announced today at this White House.

The agreement entered into with the government by representatives of the employers and the employees provides for appointment of a board of three to arbitrate differences.

Each side has agreed to accept jurisdiction of the board.

President Roosevelt named the following board: Judge Walter Stacey, of North Carolina; Rear Admiral Henry E. Wiley, retired, of New York; and James Mullenbach, of Chicago.

The agreement was negotiated by Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, who received approval of her plan today by the president.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Extension into the state of Washington of the organization of a group of longshoremen who are willing to return to work under proper police protection was announced here today by the Columbia River Longshoremen's association.

This group, numbering, its sponsors say, as many as 350 active longshoremen, was recently incorporated in Oregon. The Washington group, to be recognized as the "Washington Longshoremen's Protective Association," already is organized in five Washington ports, the Portland leaders said, and a charter is to be applied for at once in Olympia.

A statement by Edward J. Ellason, secretary of the Columbia River Longshoremen's association said the Washington group, like the local unit, "will work for a quick and honorable settlement of the disastrous waterfront strike on the Pacific coast."

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28 (AP)—A longshoremen's committee of ten today gave ground on the hotly contested question of control of hiring.

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Rules for Friday Morning Parade Are Announced

Rules and judging standards for floats in the Friday morning parade of the Semi-Centennial celebration, to be held July 20 were announced today by the parade committee.

Floats must be a decorated float or car. No cars with only signs on them will be permitted.

Judging is to be made on the basis of 100 points, distributed as follows: Uniqueness of idea, 50 points; harmony of color and balance, 25 points; perfection of detail, 10 points; and elaborateness, 15 points.

All floats must be registered at the chamber of commerce not later than Tuesday, July 17. No one will be admitted to the parade unless registered. Positions will be assigned to all those registering.

LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AMPLE FOR 3 MONTHS

The water problem so far as it affects La Grande is apparently solved at least for the next two or three months, City Manager Angus McAllister and Water Superintendent Horace Knapp returned early Wednesday from a nine-day trip to Beaver creek, where they made minor repairs to the city system and also thoroughly investigated the situation at the watershed.

McAllister reports the reservoir full to the brim and much more water flowing in Beaver creek than six weeks ago. Due to the heavy rains the last few days there is no danger of a water shortage this summer, he said.

Local Men Learn Of Brother's Death

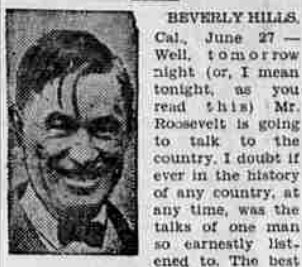
William Condit, and Lyle Condit, received a message today advising them of the death of their younger brother, Ralph Condit, whose home was in Chicago. Mr. Condit was ill over a long period of time, consequently the news of his passing was not altogether unexpected. The funeral service is being held this afternoon in the Eastern city. Besides the two brothers here, Mr. Condit is survived by a widow and three children.

Peare Is Re-Elected To Secretary Post

Dr. William Peare, who has served as secretary of the Oregon state ophthalmology board for several years, was re-elected to this office at a board meeting held in Portland Tuesday.

Dr. Peare returned Wednesday from a three-day trip to Western Oregon.

Rogers Likes Roosevelt's Talks



BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 27 — Well, tomorrow night (or, I mean tonight, as you read this) Mr. Roosevelt is going to talk to the country. I doubt if ever in the history of any country, at any time, was the talks of one man so earnestly listened to. The best example we have that he actually feels that we are headed out of the brush is that he is going on this trip to Honolulu. Firemen don't stop for a nap in the middle of a fire. If he feels like it's coming out all right, why the rest ought not to worry, for he has more invested in it than any man in it. Yours,

Will Rogers
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JUNE RAINS CUT DOWN ON CHERRY CROP IN COUNTY

Unusually heavy June rains are cutting down on the Union county cherry crop quite heavily, according to check-up made today. Rainfall during the first ten days of June is reported to result in damage ranging from 25 to 30 per cent, but the 2.46 inches of rain the last three days has brought the total loss possibly 50 per cent.

The last rain caused water to seep into the nearly ripened fruit as the stem, then causing cracking. Although the cherries thus affected are not marketable, several men have been peddling the fruit from door to door with many housewives buying either to can or for other purposes. This, however, does not compensate loss to the big cherry grower who is unable to resort to such means to get rid of damaged fruit.

COVE SELLS CHERRIES

COVE (Special) — At a meeting held this morning the Co-operative Fruit Growers sold their crop of cherries to a Salem cannery for 5 1/2 cents, f.o.b. Cove. This is a lower price than the growers had hoped to receive for their crop before the rains of Monday and Tuesday. The great loss sustained at that time, however, made shipping of the major part of the crop impossible and the offer of the Salem cannery was accepted.

The deal was made only with the co-operative and it is not known yet, locally, what Karl Stackland plans to do.

Hudspeth Heads Restaurant Men Of Union County

Union county restaurant men and women have organized to administer the state marketing agreement for all places serving food stuffs. It was announced today. Organization was perfected at a meeting here with Grover Rebenstien.

A county board was elected with Dal Hudspeth, of the Green Parrot and Stein Club, as chairman, and other members are: Conar Ayres, Herman's Lunch; Marcus Roesch, Sacajawes Inn; Jud Smith, The Nook, and Mrs. Rosewall, of Union, the Union hotel.

The marketing agreement was approved by Max Gehlhar director of agriculture in Oregon, at the request of restaurants of the state. Its purpose is to eliminate unfair and chiseling practices to the end that restaurants may be able to have sufficient gross receipts with which to pay a fair price to employees, for agricultural products, etc., and still operate efficiently with a profit.

Mars Celebrates 50th Anniversary Of Residence Here

John Mars, local contractor, today celebrates the 50th anniversary of his coming to La Grande.

Mr. Mars came here from Portland June 28, 1884. At the time he was a carpenter, and was employed here by Mr. Ramsey during the year of 1884.

In August of that year he bought lot 3, block 197, and the following spring, in 1885, built an eight room apartment house. Since that time he has been more or less in the renting business continuously. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1834.

WOMAN FACES CHAIR TODAY

OSHSING, N. Y., June 28 — This is Anna Antonia's day to die for the slaying of her husband.

Only the governor can stay her execution, and there was no sign that he intended to intervene.

Readers for the life of the 28-year-old woman recognized that there were circumstances which made gubernatorial action unlikely, despite the woman's plea that her husband had beaten her beyond endurance.

BUILDING COST IS REDUCED AS RECOVERY AID

President Signs Housing Bill And Retailers Cut Lumber Price

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP) — A federal program for accelerating home construction and repair was instituted today to the accompaniment of a ten per cent cut in the price of building materials. President Roosevelt today signed into law the housing bill intended to aid in reviving industry by increasing the building of new homes and the modernization of old ones.

Simultaneously, the slash in cost of lumber and housing materials was announced by the National Retail Lumber Dealers association as an aid to the administration's housing program. It was estimated the reduction will mean a saving of at least \$60,000,000 to home owners who repair and build new homes in the next 12 months.

Spencer D. Baldwin, president of the Retail Lumber association, said he expected a "revival of business by fall. The executives of the National Retail Lumber Dealers association," he said, "expect an immediate and sensational surge of building as soon as the machinery of administering the housing act gets in operation. They are already marshalling their field forces to take advantage of the revival without a day's delay."

Dodge reports have repeatedly declared that there are a million and a half of potential builders of homes ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000 each. Estimates of the labor bureau have the number at close to 2,000,000. When everything is ready, the plan will work about like this:

A man has a \$10,000 home. He is good credit, and a bank holds an \$8,000 mortgage against that home. Because of uncertain conditions, how-

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DILLINGER DEAD, SAYS HENCHMAN

ST. PAUL, June 28 (AP)—John Dillinger, long hunted outlaw, is dead, Albert "Pat" Relly, held on charges of harboring the fugitive here this spring, told federal investigators today.

Relly told questioners that Tommy Carroll, during a conversation in Minneapolis with the former baseball club mascot before Carroll was slain at Waterloo, Iowa, June 7, had confided to him the desperado was dead.

The statement regarding Dillinger's death came during the questioning of Relly which began immediately after his capture in a Minneapolis apartment and continued unabated today.

While Relly was making this disclosure Chicago authorities heard Dillinger attended a ball game between the Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers in the Illinois city two days ago.

Strikers Clash With Law in Seattle Strike



There were a few sore heads in the ranks of Seattle, Wash., dock strikers after an unsuccessful attempt to blockade a ship terminal switch track used in moving cargo. Mounted police swung clubs to disperse the pickets, who had gathered the piles of junk in the foreground for use in blocking the tracks.

GOVT. TAKES REGULATION OF GRAZING

"Great Forward Step" Says Roosevelt In Signing Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the Taylor bill to give the secretary of interior control over the public domain in an effort to conserve grazing lands. The measure, which creates grazing districts within an aggregate area of 80,000,000 acres, was approved by the president after a careful study of its constitutionality.

In signing the bill, Mr. Roosevelt issued the following statement: "The passage of this act marks the culmination of years of efforts to obtain from congress express authority for federal regulation of grazing on the public domain in the interest of national conservation and of the livestock industry. It authorizes the secretary of the interior to provide for the protection, orderly use and regulations of the public ranges, and to create grazing districts with an aggregate area of not more than 80,000,000 acres."

"The federal government, by enacting this law, has taken a great forward step in the interest of conservation; which will prove of benefit not only to those engaged in the livestock industry but also to the nation as a whole."

Chief of Police Finds Mysterious Bike on Lawn

Usually the policeman's main trouble is to find who stole something. Once in a while, however, comes the exception that proves the rule.

Tuesday Police Chief Jim Steffen found a boy's bicycle parked on his lawn. A day passed and no owner arrived to claim the bike, and no report came to the police station of anyone losing a bike. So this morning Jim is asking that all bicycle owners check over their property and see if any of the two-wheeled vehicles fall to answer the roll call.

LOCAL MAN IN CLOSE ESCAPE FROM BLAST

Audmer Playle Was At Scene of Olympia Disaster Few Moments Before

Charles Playle received word this morning from his son, Audmer, that he left the Denn Powder company, eight miles north-east of Olympia, Wash., just 15 minutes before the tragic explosion yesterday that killed 10 and injured several. Playle had been to the powder company on a business visit, and had he tarried a little longer, might have been killed or injured.

Playle made his home here until a few years ago and was associated with his father as Texas Co. distributors here. He then transferred to Chehalis, Wash., and is now affiliated with the Texas Co. in Tacoma, Wash. Playle, well known throughout this district, was at the scene of the disaster on business dealings for his company and was talking with persons killed, according to reports received here.

SIXTEEN DEAD IN THREE SCATTERED BLAST TRAGEDIES

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 28 (AP)—Literally hurled to the sky in the explosion of a powder plant which left a scene of warlike devastation and rocked and resounded over the countryside for miles, 16 persons were dead today, victims of a ghastly disaster. One of them was a woman.

An investigation of the causes of the fire and blasts will be undertaken immediately, Smith Troy, deputy Thurston county prosecutor, said today.

"It will be difficult to determine the causes," Troy said. "No story can be told out of the scene of the disaster. It was all obliterated. About all we can do is to question the survivors."

The perils of a fire following the terrific blast, which occurred late

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk today, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 72 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Rapid climbing took the corn market upward more than 3 cents a bushel today and wheat and oats up more than 2 cents.

Intense heat and urgent need of rain went hand in hand with notable increase of buying, especially in the corn market. Corn values reached the highest level since June 1.

Corn closed strong at the day's top, a maximum net gain of 4c in some cases. The market as a whole finished 3 1/2 to 4c higher than 24 hours previous, September 62 1/2 to 63c, wheat showing a 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c gain, September 62 1/2 to 63c, oats 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c advanced, and provisions varying from 16c off to 10c up.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

P. W. A. WORK ALLOTTED SUSPECT FOUL PLAY "SCOTTSBORO BOYS" TO DIE DON MORE LEADS

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—The public works administration today allotted \$33,311,000 for construction of 225 projects in 24 cities, Hawaii and Alaska. Officials estimated the projects would provide the equivalent of a month's work for 197,681 men on construction sites and twice that amount of employment indirectly in industries producing and transporting materials.

HANFORD, Cal., June 28 (AP)—Five persons were burned to death when flames destroyed A. Kolet's ranch house on the edge of Hanford early this morning. Firemen, attempting to retrieve the bodies from the burning embers, said there was possibly a sixth victim. The position of the bodies led Coroner O. D. Strong and Fire Chief W. D. Cackler to suggest there may have been foul play.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 28 (AP)—The supreme court today upheld the death sentences of Clarence Norris and Heyward Patterson, negro defendants in the Scottsboro case, and set their date of execution for Friday, August 31.

SPOKANE COUNTRY CLUB, Spokane, Wash., June 28 (AP)—Spokane had all but clinched one semi-final match while Don Moe, Portland, and Bud Ward, Olympia, were out in front for the places in the other battle tomorrow as the eight competitors in the Pacific northwest amateur golf tournament reached the halfway point in their 96-hole contest today.

BRITISH TROOPS, JAPANESE CLASH

SHANGHAI, June 28 (AP)—Street rioting in which Japanese attacked British troops threatened another ugly international incident today on a far eastern scene.

Shanghai's international settlement, virtually a war zone, was a center of the controversy. Japanese objected angrily when British troops attempted to arrest two Japanese sailors in the territory. Missiles—bricks, bottles and clubs—began to fly.

Only after several hours were British and Japanese forces able to prevent what threatened to become an armed clash.

Unusual vigilance was exercised in the settlement, with further outbreaks feared.

Traffic, Parking Problems Laid At Meet Wednesday

Tentative plans for handling all traffic and parking during the semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration here on July 19, 20 and 21, were made at a meeting of celebration chairman and city, county and state officers last night. Later on more detailed announcements will be made as final plans are made.

Parts of Adams avenue will be cleared and roped off for the pioneer parade, and on the second day of the celebration, all of Adams avenue in the business section will be cleared off and closed to motor vehicles for the parade that day.

Every La Grande driver is to be asked specifically to not park nearer than two blocks to the high school athletic field for the parade, or any other event at the field during the celebration. The blocks adjacent to the field will be used to handle traffic. Cars with passes will go up Fourth street and turn west on M street to unload their passengers at the field and then park at designated places. Cars without passes will unload on Fourth street in front of the L. H. B. building, and then be parked in designated places to the left of Fourth street. Officers and parkers will be in charge constantly to provide orderly parking and it will be possible for anyone to move out of it at anytime during whatever event is in progress.

Lieutenant Yancy, of the state police, promised the celebration committee all the policing power necessary to satisfactorily handle the traffic problem during the Jubilee.

LOSTINE BOY HURT IN QUEER ACCIDENT

LOSTINE (Special)—Monday when the Base family of Sunnyside, Wash., was enroute to Enterprise preparing to take part in the Fourth of July celebration races, one of the boys on their truck received very serious injuries. Several boys were riding in the rear of the truck and one of them standing near the side-railing. When the truck was passing the Floyd Hammack farm, a telephone wire caught the boy under the chin, tossed him in the air and in the fall suffered a broken leg. Men in the neighborhood witnessed the accident. The boy was taken to the hospital for treatment.

SUDDEN RAIDS PUT QUINTET BEHIND BARS

Case Turned Over to United States Department of Justice.

ALL ARRAIGNED BEFORE DENHAM

Stanley Nelson, Stanley Stiles, Gilbert Mason And Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marvin Accused.

What officers declare to be a well organized box car robbery ring was broken up here late Wednesday when they arrested four men and one woman and turned the cases over to the federal government for prosecution. Arraignment of all five was held before U. S. Commissioner L. Denham and today a United States marshal is to arrive here from Portland to take four of the five into custody.

The five arraigned and the charges against them, follow:

Stanley Nelson, 24, who served 31 months of a ten-year sentence in the state penitentiary—and then was paroled—on a charge of holding up Cy Williams of Ramo Flat about three years ago, is charged with breaking a seal, entering, stealing, concealing and possessing goods from a box car interstate transportation. His cash bond was placed at \$5,000 which he was unable to raise.

Gilbert Mason, 25, is charged with concealing and possessing goods from a box car in interstate transportation. Bond \$2,500, which he was unable to raise.

John Monroe Marvin, 43, known as "Jack" Marvin, charged with concealing and possessing goods from a box car in interstate transportation. Bond \$2,500, which he was unable to raise.

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Commission Does Not Plan Donation For Office Upkeep

The city commission's attitude on the question of contributing to the cost of keeping the federal re-employment office in La Grande was clarified in informal discussion with County Judge U. G. Couch and C. J. Shorb following last night's commission meeting.

In brief, the city does not propose to donate any actual money to the monthly cost, but they are agreeable to providing office space if possible. During the next few days they plan to determine whether there will be spare office space in the city building for this agency.

As to the proposed contribution in cash, President Victor Melville held, that such a payment would be double taxation to taxpayers in the city, since they also would be required to help pay for whatever contribution the county might make. "There is no reason why the city should contribute cash," Melville said. "This appears to me to be a county set-up entirely, since it is for the benefit of the entire county."

The county has been paying \$80, Wallowa county \$15, Umatilla county \$100, and Grant and Baker counties also have contributed, the money going to the central office at Pendleton where distribution has been made. At last night's informal meeting a suggestion was made that the county should ask Pendleton for an itemized accounting, since some of those present held the opinion that Union county actually was paying a larger sum than was necessary to continue the office here, which serves both Union and Wallowa counties.

GOLD RUSH AT BEND IS FIASCO

BEND, Ore., June 28 (AP)—There was an exodus today from the Hampton hills of Crook county where last week the cry of "gold" went up. Those returning from the hot, dry country, said the "rush" was "just a flop." Several hundred persons are believed to have staked out claims in the area after unconfirmed reports had been heard that rich strikes had been made in the region of the famous "lost river."

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE PHILADELPHIA, June 28 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics, aided by Bob Johnson's 23rd home run of the season and Jimmie Fox's 21st, today defeated the Boston Red Sox, 7 to 1, behind the fire-hit pitching of Bill Dietrich. The score: R. H. E. Boston..... 1 5 3 Philadelphia..... 7 1 1

Welsh, Penneck, Mulligan and H. Perrell; Dietrich and Berry.

JUST A LITTLE HOUSE UPON A HILL



Illustration showing a house on a hill, with the text 'BUILDING COSTS' written on the hillside.