

'FREE GAS' IS ONE FORECAST IN PRICE WAR

Firm Suggests It Will Ask Only Payment of Tax On Motor Fuel

Some Motorists Storing It In Bathtubs; Warning As to Law Given

GAS PRICE RANGES

(By The Associated Press)

Gasoline price ranges as posted Thursday in Pacific coast cities included:

Los Angeles, 8 1/2 to 11 cents; Fresno, 7 to 9 cents; Oakland, 11 to 15 cents; San Francisco, 8 to 14 cents; Portland, 9 to 10 1/2 cents; Seattle, 9 1/2 to 11 cents; Spokane, 11 cents.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10. — (AP)—Motorists in Pacific coast cities joined gasoline station owners in running around from station to station reading the signs as gas prices dropped lower and lower today.

While the lowest "official" price shown in the Associated Press survey was seven cents, in Fresno, there were reports of sales there at five cents including the three cent California state tax, and in other cities systems of free oil and service shaded the posted prices as much as five cents a gallon.

Captain Theodore Trivett, head of the fire prevention bureau here, took note of stories of motorists buying extra gasoline and storing it, even in their bathtubs.

"A bathtub is all right for storing it, but not for storing gasoline," he continued, in citing the state law providing not more than five gallons of gasoline could be stored above ground except in an "approved container."

State Foreboding To Intervene, Claim

Gov. C. C. Young said he believed any intervention in the "war" by the state would conflict with the supreme court decision holding the effect gasoline was a public utility.

Oil debates appeared today in variety.

Some dealers in San Francisco offered gasoline at 7 cents compared to 8 to 14 cents at most stations, if the motorist would change his oil.

One dealer in Oakland, selling at the inside price there of 11 cents, offered a quart of 25 cent oil with each five gallons of gasoline, making the net cost six cents a gallon.

One major oil company was said to be preparing to sell gasoline for nothing, merely asking the consumer to pay the three cent state tax.

The independent dealers in San Francisco prepared to telegraph Attorney General Mitchell in Washington, stating the governmental investigation of price juggling started last year, and blaming the laxity of the administration for the present "war."

HOOPER TO ATTEND

(AP)—Following a call by Commander O. L. Bodenhamer of the American Legion at the White House today, Legion headquarters announced that President Hoover would attend the opening of its annual convention in Boston, October 6.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

ASTORIA, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Justice of the Peace J. L. Toulma, who has held office in Astoria precinct for the past ten years, was behind the bars in the county jail today on charges of embezzlement of public funds.

Toulma failed to provide \$5000 bail required by Justice of the Peace R. O. Balastrin, Seaside.

An investigation of Toulma's office records has revealed a shortage of about \$12,000. Auditor Zelger said, but he is specifically charged with embezzlement of \$1,500 deposited by county officials.

AID IN FIRE FIGHTING

MEDFORD, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—V. F. Horton, Portland, assistant regional forester, is directing experiments in Crater national forest to test the feasibility of using radio sending and receiving sets to supplement the telephone system in the forest service. The radio sets weigh about 60 pounds and can be transported by packhorse.

CHURCHES MAY MERGE

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—The United Presbyterian synod of Columbia today sent Dr. D. W. McQuiston, Spokane, retiring moderator, to Aberdeen to confer with the northern Presbyterian synod regarding the merger of two Presbyterian denominations.

FISH BEING CAUGHT

THE DALLES, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Indian fishermen today reported many fish are being caught below Celilo, the Columbia river, indicating the beginning of the summer run.

Hoover May Hold Up Notes On Treaty He Deems Confidential

Loses Fight on Treaty Papers

McKellar Resolution Is Adopted With Amendment

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, July 10. — (AP)—After three days spirited debate, the senate today adopted a modified McKellar resolution requesting President Hoover to transmit to the senate all correspondence bearing on the London naval treaty exchange between the powers prior to its negotiation. The vote was 53 to 4.

As finally passed, the resolution would make the action of the president subject to whether he felt it would be harmful to the public interest. This is the attitude assumed by Mr. Hoover, when he refused to transmit to the senate foreign relations committee all papers requested by it.

Opinion was divided on whether the executive would accede to the senate's request. Some senators believed he would stand by his original position. Others thought he would produce the documents with a request, they be held in confidence.

Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, a delegate to London and a Hoover supporter, said the resolution as amended was satisfactory to him.

Disposition of the resolution cleared the way for resumption of debate on the treaty, although Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, fired the first gun for the treaty opposition during the resolution debate today. He asserted the pact failed to relieve the tax burden or give parity to American and British fleets.

The amendment to the McKellar resolution giving the president the right to withhold documents he considered too confidential was offered by Senator Robinson, Arkansas, the minority leader and the other senatorial delegate to London. It was adopted 53 to 17. Most of the treaty opponents were recorded in the opposition on this vote.

RUMORS FLY THICK ON NEXT GAS MOVE

Forecasts Vary From Ending Of "War" to Further Reductions

Complete mystery surrounded the gasoline situation in Salem Thursday after dealers had reduced their price to 12 cents a gallon during the afternoon. Only tomorrow will tell whether the next move is to be up or down.

One dealer predicted a jump to 23 cents within the next 24 hours, but most of them frankly admit that the next move is a puzzle.

"We will only know a few minutes beforehand what the price will be," one dealer remarked.

Practically all oil companies are protecting their stations, but a number of the independent dealers are selling at a loss, and wondering how long they will be able to hold out.

Only one service station man among several questioned late Thursday night had noticed a material increase in sales since the "war" hit Salem.

The drop to 12 cents was made after a general conference of service station men and representatives of several oil companies after word reached here that stations along the West Side highway were selling for 12 and 13 cents. But most dealers conceded that the price has now reached its lowest point and look for an increase by the first of next week if not before.

The highest intensity of the war seems to be in California where rumor had it that a major company was preparing to give gasoline to dealers at the price of the state tax, three cents. No one questioned here last night believed that such a situation would be possible here or anywhere in the northwest.

Justice of Peace Jailed

Rangers May Carry Radio Northwest Is Prosperous Steelhead Run Is Started

MUCH INTEREST PAID

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Joel E. Ferris, president of the Ferris & Hargrave company of Spokane said here today Pacific northwest investors received \$16,000,000 in interest payments and bond coupons, July 1.

"Economic conditions in the northwest are better than in any other section of the United States," Ferris said.

DISCUSS PROJECT

PENDELTON, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Members of the executive committee of the Umatilla rapids association will go to Portland tomorrow to discuss with the chamber of commerce and other groups the various phases of the Umatilla project.

BIDS ARE OPENED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Bids for grading 4.93 miles of the Salmon river highway located in the Siuslaw national forest, Lincoln county, were opened today. The low bid of four submitted was that of Tunker-Wiese and company, Corvallis, for \$51,586.

FOR JULIUS MEIER

KLASCHKA FALLS, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Petitions asking the republican state central committee to nominate Julius Meier as candidate for governor of Oregon were being signed here today.

GIRL DROWNED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Lore Cummings, about 20, Portland, drowned in the Willamette river today when an outboard motorboat in which she was riding with two boys overturned. The body was not immediately recovered.

WHEAT DEBATE OVER ACREAGE GETS WARMER

Farm Board and Governor of Kansas Shift Scene Of Argument

No Disposition to Dictate To Grower, Chairman Legge Declares

DODGE CITY, Kan., July 10. — (AP)—The federal farm board's gospel of wheat acreage reduction today was formally presented to southwest Kansas for discussion.

Invading the heart of this hard winter wheat area, the federal spokesmen, Secretary Arthur M. Hyde, of the department of agriculture, and Alexander Legge, chairman of the farm board, and an opponent of the acreage reduction program, Gov. Clyde M. Reed, Kansas, renewed a debate begun yesterday in Hays, Kan. They addressed 1,500 business men and farmers.

Secretary Hyde, the opening speaker, said hot weather was the proper time to "evangelize." Advocating the voluntary withdrawal of acreage from wheat production, however, he asserted his hearers there was no disposition on the part of Chairman Legge or himself to "compel the Kansas farmer to do something he doesn't want to do."

Chairman Legge, answering a challenge by the Kansas governor that the board act to increase the level of wheat prices, said the board was spending \$1,000,000 a month to buy wheat, and the board would not buy more of the grain.

Improved Market Soon Predicted

Legge urged wheat farmers to sit tight, expressing the opinion it they would do so the market would improve 25 cents a bushel.

Hyde pointed out industrialization of agriculture had resulted in many new farm problems and urged the farmers to plan for profitable production.

"The question of wheat growing or potato growing, he said, is a subject which will find solution in economics, not politics."

"We would like to see American agriculture adopt a system which will make a profit for the producer."

Asserting wheat acreage in the world since the last war had increased 40,000,000 acres, including 14,000,000 acres in the United States, the secretary said that was one cause of prevailing surpluses and low prices.

He said other commodities also were depressed and that "we are in the grip of a world wide situation which the American farmer could well take into consideration."

He denied he and Legge "preached the gospel of despair" as charged by Gov. Reed at Hays. He urged the farmers to follow labor in organizing.

VICTORIOUS REBELS CONTINUE ADVANCE

SHANGHAI, July 10. — (AP)—Brushing off government troops, victorious rebels today continued their advance southward through Shantung province.

A sudden thrust by 50,000 men carried them twenty-five miles south of Tsinan, the Shantung capital recently overrun by northern troops seeking to place their leaders, Generals Yen Hsi-Shan and Feng Yu-Hsiang, at the head of the Chinese government.

The surprise attack anticipated the general offensive being prepared by President Chiang Kai-shek to retake Shantung. For days he had been withdrawing troops from the main front in northern Honan, he was said today to be planning a counter offensive.

Meanwhile, except for a national push toward Kaifeng, 300,000 government soldiers and 200,000 insurgents rested, gathering strength to resume their long struggle along the Hsichon-Tungkuang railway—a struggle that may end in the rebels being driven into the Yellow river or their break through to Nanking, to set up another government.

Krause Guilty On Bribe Count

LOS ANGELES, July 10. — (AP)—Louis Krause, a private detective was convicted by a jury tonight on bribing jurors for Jacob and Louis Berman, defendants in the 1928 Julian petroleum corporation fraud trial.

Krause faces sentence of from one to 15 years in the penitentiary. Sentence will be pronounced Monday.

Electric Storms Set Nine Fires

COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, July 10. — (AP)—Nine fires were set by electric storms in the Couer d'Alene national forest last night, it was reported today by Supervisor C. E. McFarlane.

A heavy shower helped to control the fires.

Fruit Picker Taken for Flock Of Pigeons, Shot

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—John Maddox, 55, Melrose farmer, was in a hospital today suffering from shot wounds because he was mistaken for a whole flock of wild pigeons.

Gov. Koken, neighboring farmer, employed Maddox to pick cherries. Koken, with a shot gun, was hunting wild pigeons destroying his fruit. He saw three branches moving and fired.

Maddox, with wounds in his arm, chest and head, scrambled from the tree and collapsed.

Physicians said he would recover.

HUSTON LIKELY TO QUIT AFTER SENATE LEAVES

That Interpretation Put on Promises of Announcement Later

No Promise Made at Meeting With Officers of the G. O. P. Committee

By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON, July 10. — (AP)—Clausius Huston faced the first officers of the republican national committee today and held off their threatened demands for his resignation as a national chairman with a statement he would discuss this "after the adjournment of the senate."

The statement was immediately subjected to the interpretation in political circles that Huston then would announce his resignation but the fighting chairman told newspapermen after the all day conference with his officers that "I made no promise."

The belligerent officers who went to the party conference today determined to tell Huston that all his promises were at an end; left the room saying they were satisfied with his statement.

Conferees Indicate They Are Satisfied

Three of these officers who have been demanding Huston quit—Daniel E. Fomeroy of New Jersey, a vice chairman; Joseph R. Nutt, of Ohio, the treasurer; and James Francis Burke, the counsel—conferred with President Hoover before the meeting and again at the noon recess. It was after this last, White House conference that the belligerency of the Huston foes faded noticeably.

Huston said he had received no word from Mr. Hoover, directly or indirectly. He said he had not talked with the president since last Sunday night when Mr. Hoover told Huston of the opposition to him. It was then the stories started Huston would resign at today's meeting.

A solemn agreement was entered at the party conference today that all talking about the party's troubles would be ended. It was agreed Huston should make any statements that were made. He asked for an opportunity to be freed from the constant round of speculation about him, resulting from the gossip within the party.

The St. Louis area reported two more deaths and a dozen or more prostrations. A street worker in Council Bluffs Iowa, collapsed while at work and died later.

The wave stretched as far north as Montana where Miles City reported 108 and as far southwest as Arizona. It was 95 or near it in most of Ohio and Indiana and sections of Tennessee and Kentucky reported 100 or worse.

MERGER WILL STOP GAS WAR, HE SAYS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—H. F. Warner, Seattle, vice president of the Sunset Petroleum oil company, announced here tonight his company and the Seaboard Oil and Refining company, Ltd., would be merged at midnight.

The transaction, Warner said, involves all of the equipment, refineries and distributing outlets of the Seaboard Oil company at a figure in excess of \$1,000,000.

Warner expressed the belief his announcement would be followed within a few days by a return to former gasoline prices. He said he chose Portland as a place to make the announcement because he considered this territory the hottest of the gas war.

J. Turner Blanks Sacs and Helps Out at Bat Too

SACRAMENTO, July 10. — (AP)—Jimmy Turner, right handed Hollywood pitcher, was the whole show here tonight when he not only pitched a five hit victory for the Athletics, 3 to 0, but drove in one run and scored another. Turner waged a pitcher's battle with Fay Thomas, Sacramento speedball artist, who gave out six hits himself and struck out eight men.

Glenn Curtiss Seriously Ill

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 10. — (AP)—Glenn H. Curtiss, aviation pioneer who was taken to the Buffalo general hospital today after suffering from a heart ailment at Hammondsport, will be operated on tomorrow, his physician, Dr. Thew Wright, announced tonight. The attack had left Curtiss in no immediate danger, Dr. Wright said.

Madison Breaks Another Record

SEATTLE, July 10. — (AP)—Helene Madison, Seattle swimmer, broke the world's 150 yard free style swimming record for women here tonight, making the distance, 1:15.8. The established record of 1:18.6 for the distance was made by Ethel Lackie of the Illinois athletic club.

BETTER STILL

Gasoline is only 12c now in Salem. That means lots of miles at a very little cost. Turn to page nine and look over the list of good used cars offered. A car purchased from one of these reliable dealers will give you excellent service.

Borrowed Platforms Not For Kay; Favors Power Development

Points to Former Aid Given Umatilla Rapids Plan

Declines to Follow Blindly Path of Late Nominee

Thomas B. Kay, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, declared Thursday that if he was to receive the nomination he would follow "my usual policy of running on a platform formulated by myself."

"With all due respect to the late George W. Joseph, who was a close personal friend of mine, and to his supporters who advocate the adoption without change of his platform, I have only to state that I would run on a platform formulated by myself," Mr. Kay said in an interview, brought forth by the declaration in various newspapers that the nominee should be compelled to adopt the Joseph platform without qualification.

Asked to declare himself on the public utility question as well as hydro-electric development in Oregon, State Treasurer Kay outlined four points in his platform regarding these public policies. He said:

Power Development

By U. S. Favored

"I favor development of power resources of navigable streams in Oregon and in the northwest by the federal government. I particularly favor federal development of the Umatilla Rapids project for power, irrigation, and navigation purposes."

"As a member of the 1923 legislature, I voted in favor of the passage of House Bill No. 366 (Chapter 118, Laws of 1923) appropriating \$10,000 for cooperation with the department of the interior in the making of preliminary examinations, investigations and surveys for the development of hydroelectric and reclamation projects in Oregon."

"This appropriation, together with \$50,000 appropriated by the federal government, was expended (Turn to page 2, col. 4.)"

FEAGLE EXECUTED AS STAY IS DENIED

CANON CITY, Colo., July 10. — (AP)—Ralph Feagle was hanged tonight at 9:03 p. m. He was pronounced dead at 9:12 p. m. with a broken neck.

The band maintained his calm and nerve until the end.

Even while the black cap was adjusted over his head and the noose tightened around his neck Feagle betrayed no signs of faltering.

Child of Three Is Late Victim Of Spanish War

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, July 10. — (AP)—John Hackney, 3, was killed at Burley yesterday by the explosion of a torpedo-bomb, relic of Spanish-American wars.

The bomb, from which the powder had been removed, was used as a door stop for years and was playing on the ground. The explosive cap hit a rock and a fragment of the shell hit the child in the head.

Lion Hunter Would Open New Industry for Salem

Cravey enclosed in his letter of press dispatch from Salem stating: "Why go to Africa when there is plenty of good game at home?" in the body of the article is a statement that a price of \$500 for each cougar was to be offered by the state game commission, instead of the former bounty of \$25. The article declared that sheep and deer were killed by the mountain lions more rapidly than they were propagated.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10. — (AP)—Stanley G. Jewett, head of the Portland office of the predatory animal control division of the Biological survey, said today that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, federal game hunters in Oregon have turned in the skins of 2894 Coyotes, 419 bobcats, 17 cougars, and 48 skinned beavers.

In addition to this number, Jewett said, Oregon stockmen have taken 515 Coyotes.

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