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## PROTEST MADE HERE ON RATE INCREASE PLAN

### Governor and Utility Chief Thomas act; Conference Called Here July 9

### Shippers of Oregon Invited To Gather; Concentrated Opposition Planned

Governor Julius L. Meier and Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, joined yesterday in a vigorous protest against requested increases of 15 per cent in freight rates asked by railroad companies throughout the nation. The protests were wired to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C. Oregon by this action joins other western states in opposing any railroad rate increases.

Two further steps were taken by the public utilities commissioner to support the state's protest. A. F. Harvey, chief of the transportation department of the commission, will attend the meeting of utility commissions of western states at Salt Lake City July 6 and 7; and a state-wide meeting of all shippers has been called for Salem on July 9.

The meeting at Salt Lake was arranged by commissions to cooperate in opposing the proposed rate increase. Thomas has written to represent the commission, as the case in the federal court in Portland on the Pacific Northwest Public Service company's protest on the streetcar fare reduction order necessitates the presence of Thomas at the court. The streetcar case was set for July 6.

Shippers' Meeting To Assemble Facts  
Thomas called the shippers' session so that all parties interested in freight rates in Oregon may concentrate on protesting rate increase at this time. A definite plan and method of procedure will be adopted at this meeting, which will guide the state at the time of the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on July 15.

Notices to attend this meeting were sent to grain shippers, livestock raisers, fruit growers, agricultural products. All chambers of commerce and other civic organizations have been invited to the mass session. The meeting was set for the afternoon of next Thursday.

In his message of protest Thomas stressed the point that a decision on the rate increase should not be permitted to delay decision on the northwest petition for lower rates on deciduous fruit. This petition, in which growers of Washington and Idaho, has been before the commission for more than two years, and requests a reduction ranging from 15 to 20 per cent in rates on all fruits in the northwest.

**Fruit Industry**  
Woods' Stand Baise  
The deciduous fruit industry in Oregon is in a serious economic condition and cannot survive without substantial relief in the form of permit free movement of fresh fruits to the middle west and eastern markets. Early fruits will begin moving next month, for which reason immediate decision in the case of the northwest petition is respectfully requested. Eastbound transcontinental fresh fruit rates are on extremely high level, having been subject to greater percentage of increases during the last several years than rates on most other commodities," Thomas wired.

Governor Meier joined in the protest against delay on the fruit case. "It is the duty of this district will not sustain the proposed increase," the governor stated. "Conditions are now so serious that reductions are imperative. Serious condition of fruit industry requires immediate action."

## Enthusiasm Growing For Big Celebration Scheduled by Legion

### Novelty Walkathon, Plane Squadron Stunts Among Highlights of Fourth of July Program at Fairgrounds Here

ENTHUSIASM for the Fourth of July celebration to which Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, is putting the final touches is strongly evident. It is no exaggeration that no Fourth event in the history of the city has seen such a variety of events assembled for amusement of the public.

### Here's Program of Events on 'Fourth' At the Fairgrounds

**MORNING**  
8:00—Gates opened.  
9:00—Flag-raising ceremony, Congressman W. C. Hawes, speaker.  
Bicycle parade for children, 10 to 14 years.  
10:00—Opening of three-hour sports program for grades, junior high and high school groups. Prizes.

**NOON**  
12:00—Jeannet's comedy walkathon begins. Carnival attractions open.  
**AFTERNOON**  
2:00—Eight heats of horse-racing at race track.  
3:00—Motorcycle races begin. Sprints between races.  
Arrival of Elks' caravan of 1000 cars and welcome by governor. Time unknown.  
3:30—Military planes from Pearson field in maneuvers.

**EVENING**  
8:00—Jitney dance over automobile building.  
9:00—Fireworks display. Boxing matches.  
**MIDNIGHT**  
12:00—Walkathon ends.

## BRITAIN PROPOSES DEBT PLAN PARLEY

LONDON, July 2—(AP)—The British government intervened tonight in discussions of President Hoover's moratorium plan by announcing its willingness to hold a conference of the powers concerned, if negotiations at Paris break down.

The Associated Press learned that Great Britain has advised France that the French proposal regarding the Hoover plan, which the Young plan in regard to the question of guarantees and it is understood that the proposals are unacceptable to Great Britain. Officials would not confirm this information.

British official anxiety concerning the moratorium plan, and its opinion that the matter is one of extreme urgency, are reflected in a brief communication which announced the government's decision.

"Should no early solution be found, the communique said, 'the government have expressed their willingness—in order that an agreement should be reached with a minimum of delay—to hold a meeting of the powers chiefly concerned at an early date.'"

**WOULD REOPEN CLUBS**  
VATICAN CITY, July 2—(AP)—The Vatican has taken the position Premier Mussolini must reopen the Catholic clubs he closed May 30 before "amicable discussions" to settle the controversy between the Holy See and the government can begin.

**EUGENE WOMAN DIES**  
EUGENE, Ore., July 2—(AP)—Mrs. I. M. Francis, 73, of Eugene, died after an automobile accident on the North Pacific highway near Monroe today. Mrs. Francis was believed to have died of shock. No indications of injuries were found on her body.

The car in which Mrs. Francis and her husband were riding was said to have failed to take a short reverse curve at a bridge and overturned. Francis was injured slightly.

## LICENSE SALES PICK UP AFTER ONE SLACK DAY

### Hoss Explains Arrests are Technical, no Fines if Plates are Bought

Governor Obtains Opinion He can Pardon Traffic Law's Violators

The demand for new license plates was stimulated Thursday despite assurances given Governor Meier that he has the power to pardon and to remit fines for violations of the automobile license laws, as he has promised to do for any persons convicted this month of using last year's plates.

Technical arrests reported from many parts of the state may have had something to do with the renewed rush to comply with the law, although Secretary of State Hoss denied that anyone had been actually arrested, and explained that the persons given tags to report in court, will be freed on showing that they have purchased licenses for the current year.

Hoss announced that the license business was virtually back to normal conditions, and that after today most of the automobile population would be provided with licenses.

The controversy between the governor and state secretary has left the automobile public in somewhat of a "daze" as to what course to pursue, but the department announced, the "daze" was short lived, and renewed business activity Thursday was interpreted by Hoss as a desire on the part of motorists to get "safe" and not take the "great" for improper plates.

**Parliamentary**  
Parliamentary followed up his announcement of several days ago that because of the refusal of the secretary of state to order a respite of one month in enforcing the license law he would pardon any arrested during July, with the request Thursday of a legal opinion from the attorney-general as to the propriety of such a course.

**HEAT WAVE MOVES INTO APPALACHIANS**  
(By The Associated Press)  
The heat wave that scorched the middle west for more than a week moved eastward Thursday into the Appalachian region.

Western Pennsylvania, western New York and parts of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky felt the scourge of the pitiless sun, and the region states grew comfortable again under clouded skies and occasional showers. It was still hot in most of the southwest.

Thunderstorm conditions moving down the Atlantic seaboard gave some relief and threatened to break up the heat wave before it reached the coast.

"It will be hotter in the east," said Government Forecaster W. P. Day at Chicago, "but not nearly so hot as it was here."

Thermometers in the middle west that had held readings for a week fell to 70 and 80 Thursday and the sun-baked populace considered it cool.

**Fred W. German Jury Still Out In Death Case**  
PORTLAND, Ore., July 2—(AP)—A circuit court jury trying Fred W. German, chairman of the Multnomah county board of commissioners, charged with involuntary manslaughter, was locked up tonight after five hours of deliberation.

German was charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Louis Lampert, 78, here last February 16.

Lampert was struck by an automobile driven by German.

## AGREEMENT ON DEBT VACATION REACHED, WORD

### Not to be Announced Until Sometime Today, Says Rumor at Paris

France Reported as Giving In on Five Year Time To Refund Credit

PARIS, July 2—(AP)—Settlement on a very favorable basis of the Franco-American negotiations concerning the debt vacation was expected tonight.

Although no official announcement was likely before tomorrow, it was learned from reliable sources that an agreement was reached on certain of the outstanding issues on which the French and American viewpoints disagreed.

This information was that France has agreed to give Germany more than five years to refund a loan based on the unconditional reparations, and that 10 or more years probably would be granted.

France also was said to have reconsidered her suggestion that some of this money be loaned to Yugoslavia and other small European nations whose needs would be provided for other means.

France and Great Britain are approaching an agreement on the question of the guarantee fund under the Young plan. This was one of the points about which the French representatives in the negotiations was postponed so that Mr. Mellon and Ambassador Edge might confer with Washington on counter proposals submitted unofficially by the French government.

No Word Given as Conference Ends  
The Havas news agency said, however, that Mr. Mellon and (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

**SIX DIE OF HEAT; IT'S THE CLIMATE**  
LOS ANGELES, July 2—(AP)—Heat records of many years standing are being wiped out in southern California. The sixth death attributed to the heat wave was reported today.

In the Imperial valley, Niland reported a reading of 121 degrees, the hottest day in 15 years. An unidentified man walking a railway track near there collapsed and died.

Several points in the Brawley section reported temperatures of from 110 to 120 degrees in mid-afternoon. The official mark at noon in Brawley was 107 but this was exceeded later.

Two heat prostrations occurred in Los Angeles as the thermometer rose to a 92 degree maximum. For the last nine days here the maximum daily temperature has exceeded the average maximum for the last 50 years.

**Moral Charges Facing Pastor**  
ROSEBURG, Ore., July 2—(AP)—Alleging "moral delinquencies" on the part of the Rev. John B. Penhall, pastor of the Roseburg Methodist church South, the Rev. J. B. Needham, superintendent of Southern Oregon conference of the Methodist church, announced today he would demand Penhall's resignation and his withdrawal from the conference.

**Heavyweight Title Fight Holds Spotlight Tonight**  
By EDWARD J. NEIL  
CLEVELAND, July 2—(AP)—The fighting clans moved in on Cleveland today, through the air, over the highways, by train, as a blazing sun poured down on the approaching climax of another world heavyweight championship picture.

Tomorrow night, Max Schmeling, the black-browed, plunging German, will defend his title against Young Bill Stribling, the slim, handsome youngster from Macon, Ga.

Cleveland's new municipal stadium and to the old timer the scenes shifted back east to another big day in Ohio's fistie history.

Almost to the day, on July 4, 1919, Jack Dempsey, then the young man mauler, hammered down the great bulk of Jess Willard at Toledo, about 120 miles from here, in the same kind of killing heat that has been blasting down on the mid-west for the past two weeks.

## Post and Gatty Get Riotous Welcome in Parade at New York

### Winnie Mae Now Winnie Did Says Gotham's Mayor

NEW YORK, July 2—(AP)—Mayor James J. Walker, who pinned medals on the world fliers at the city hall and Harold Gatty, who got one of them, bore off the day's honor for wise cracks at today's reception.

The mayor told the voyagers: "When your ship left Roosevelt field it was the 'Winnie Mae'. I have a name that over Russia and the far north you decided it was the 'Winnie Must'. Last night back at Roosevelt field it became the 'Winnie Did'."

Gatty, asked if he and Post had any trouble with foreign languages abroad, replied: "No, you see, I speak Australian and Wiley speaks Oklahoma."

**MRS. FOWLER FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED**  
Embezzlement of \$108,925 Proven; Fine Must be Twice That Amount

BAKER, Ore., July 2—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Fowler, former La Grande city treasurer, was convicted by a circuit court jury tonight of embezzling \$108,925.13 of La Grande city funds. The jury deliberated an hour and a half.

Mrs. Fowler faces a prison sentence of from one to 15 years and a fine of twice the amount embezzled. The fine is mandatory.

Circuit Judge Hall S. Lusk, presiding, fixed 1:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon as the hour for passing sentence.

Unofficial reports said only two ballots were taken by the jurors and that the first stood 10 to 2 for conviction.

The jury found that Mrs. Fowler at La Grande city treasurer, failed to pay over and converted to her own use the full sum charged in the information.

The convicted woman showed no signs of emotion as the jury's verdict was read.

Mrs. Fowler left her office at 10:30 o'clock today. (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

**BANKRUPTCY ASKED IN GUARDIAN CASE**  
PORTLAND, Ore., July 2—(AP)—Involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed against the Guardian Building and Loan association, Western Savings and Loan association, and the Dime and Dollar Building and Loan association in federal district court here today.

The petition against the Guardian company was filed by the Cutter Bindery company, A. E. Kern and company, and Harry J. De Franco; that against the Western association was lodged by the Guardian General company, the Sunday Mercury and the Cutter Bindery.

Claims against the Guardian company totaled \$2219.56, those against the Western association \$182.95 and those against the Dime and Dollar company, \$542.71.

**JONES REELECTED ELKS' SECRETARY**  
ASHLAND, Ore., July 2—(AP)—E. H. Jones, of Baker, was elected president of the Oregon Elks' association at the concluding business session of the 14th annual convention here today.

The fire was believed to have originated from an oil burner brooder in the barn.

## Oregon Briefs

**RUNS PAPER ONE DAY**  
MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 2—(AP)—H. J. Saunders, 57, who came to Port Orford, Curry county, yesterday to assume editorship of a weekly paper there, dropped dead in the street there today shortly after luncheon. He came from Colton, Ore., where he was engaged in newspaper work several years. His son, H. J. Saunders, Jr., came to Port Orford with him.

**WOUND IS NOTED**  
EUGENE, Ore., July 2—(AP)—C. B. Noble was under arrest here today charged with assault with intent to rob in connection with the shooting of Emmett Sharp at his store at Latham last Saturday night. Noble was arrested last night on Row river, 18 miles from Cottage Grove.

Sharp was wounded when a masked man attempted to rob his store. Sharp fired at the man.

**New Editor Drops Dead**  
Bandit Suspect is Held  
Gun's Discharge Wounds  
Auto Accident is Fatal

**BOATING ACCIDENT**  
ROSEBURG, Ore., July 2—(AP)—Edward Neff, 15, of Eden Bower, was wounded in the arm today when a small calibre rifle was discharged accidentally. The accident happened when a group of swimmers attempted to board a boat in which Neff and other boys were rowing.

**Verdict Lacking In Linden Trial**  
SEATTLE, July 2—(AP)—More than 24 hours after it began deliberations, a superior court jury trying Adolph Linden, former president of the First Sound Savings and Loan association on four counts of grand larceny, was still deadlocked here tonight. The case went to the jury at 5:08 p. m. yesterday.

**FIGHT RETURNS**  
Round-by-round returns on the Schmeling-Stribling world championship fight at Cleveland will be received by The Statesman from Associated Press wires tonight and will be broadcast in front of the office on South Commercial street. It is expected that the main event will get under way about 7 p. m. Pacific time.