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## SHIPMERS JOIN IN FIGHT UPON RATE INCREASE

### Committee Organized for Collecting Data to As- sist Thomas

### Not Only Oppose Raise as Sought by Roads but Want Decrease

Shippers of the state Thursday organized to aid official Oregon in protesting the proposed increase of 15 per cent in freight rates asked by the railroads, and to urge immediate decision on the northwest's petition now before the Interstate Commerce commission for reduced rates on fruits. Thirteen counties were represented at the hearing called by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, delegated by as many different organizations interested in shipping matters.

Election of an executive committee of ten from various industries to aid the commissioner was the chief accomplishment of organization. Thomas was elected president of the state-wide protest movement, with A. F. Harvey, of the commission's staff elected secretary-treasurer. A resolution opposing the rate request and requesting a hearing in the west by the Interstate Commerce commission was unanimously passed.

### Executive Group To Complete Data

The executive committee, whose duties will be to compile data to aid Thomas in eliciting the increase before the commission, will consist of W. A. Curtin, Portland, representing business; H. J. Cox, Eugene, for the lumbermen; H. R. Richards, The Dalles, farm groups; H. M. Dexter, Hood River, fruit growers; M. J. Burns, Portland, cannery; S. R. Sorenson, Portland, grain trade; Warren B. Sluder, Lakeview, livestock; Carl Haberlach, Tillamook, dairy industry; A. C. Marsters, Roseburg, commercial interests, and A. R. Shumway, Milton, grain.

Delegates present voiced vigorous protest against the proposed increase in view of the general market and business conditions, speakers pointing out the high rate as compared to rates in other sections and stressing the need for a reduced rate on freight.

Commissioner Thomas, in opening the session, declared that immediate action was necessary in order to impress the Interstate Commerce commission with the facts against the proposed rate increase. He declared conditions at this time were different than ordinary in a rate case, that the railroads claim they are in distress as do the shippers. It is therefore necessary to present a formidable case for consideration.

Thomas further declared that it is necessary to impress the Interstate Commerce commission with the fact that "railroads have no right to charge more than the market will bear. The shipper's utilities have set aside the factor that they are performing a governmental function and cannot charge more than the service rates, but are adhering solely to the other factor that they are entitled to a return on their investment." Congressional action will also be sought in this campaign, he stated.

### Klamath Lumber Interests Hard Hit

Increase in rates as proposed will cost Klamath county lumbermen between a half million and three-quarters million dollars a year more, and the industry under the present condition cannot stand this burden, R. E. Bradbury of Klamath Falls stated. The increase will also mean an additional cost of \$30,000 on potatoes; \$18,000 on livestock and \$85,000 on grain shipped out of that county.

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## To the Victor Goes the Trophy



Scene following the close of the record "marathon" golf match in history of the United States national open tournament, with H. H. Ramsay, president of the national association, presenting the tournament trophy to Billie Burke, the new champion, with George Von Elm, runner-up, looking on. They were tied at the close of the regular rounds last Saturday, tied again in a 36-hole playoff match Sunday and Burke won by a single stroke over the same route Monday. Burke smokes cigars at all times while playing, and still has one in his hand in the picture, which was transmitted by Bell system telepho-

## EXPENDITURE UPON CHAMPOEG SOUGHT

### Appeal Will be Carried to Highway Commission; Board Convenes

Appeal for a \$3000 to \$4000 expenditure this winter for the improvement of Champeog park will be carried to the state highway commission here Thursday by the special Champeog committee appointed by Governor Meier. The committee in session here yesterday morning decided upon this action at the request of Senator Spaulding, one of its members, and a member of the state highway commission.

## RAILS COMMISSION OPPOSES INCREASE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—(AP)—The California state railroad commission in a telegraphic message to the Interstate Commerce commission today went on record formally as opposed to the 15 per cent freight rate increase asked by railroads of the country. Announcing the commission's stand, President Clyde L. Seavey declared Commissioner William J. Carr and Rate Expert W. P. Geary of the commission will leave Saturday for Washington to attend preliminary hearings of the federal commission.

Carr will represent the Mountain Pacific utilities commission. He returned today from Salt Lake City where the commission took a stand similar to that of the state commission on the rate increase proposal. The California commission's opposition to the increase was based on the following points; that the increase is not justified by any emergency and would be "a sound" that even temporarily increased rates would have an "unfortunate effect on business by antagonizing shippers," and that the increase would diminish the volume in shipping many California products.

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## Gas in Well Causes Fall And Injuries

Overcome by gas while he was being pulled from a well he had been cleaning, C. P. Langdon of Sunnyside, on the Pacific highway five miles south of Salem, at 7 o'clock yesterday evening fell 26 feet to the solid bottom of the pit, receiving severe shock and possibly broken ankles.

He was immediately taken by ambulance to Salem General hospital. The attending physician reported late last night that while Langdon was suffering from shock of the fall, he was resting well. X-ray pictures will be taken this morning to determine whether bones in both of his ankles are broken, as was feared last night.

At time of the accident, Langdon had let himself by rope into the well at rear of the Crawford service station at Sunnyside, with the idea of cleaning it. He smelled the gas, however, started to climb to the surface, clinging to a rope pulled by assistants, but was overcome before he could get above ground.

One of the men helping him had to descend and tie a rope to the unconscious Langdon to lift him from the well. He had gained consciousness when he reached the hospital.

Langdon lives with a sister, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, on the C. H. Taylor place at Sunnyside.

## Rumbling Heard Of New Gas War At Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—(AP)—Rumbblings of another outbreak of the gas war in San Francisco were heard today when Joseph Devenenzi, president of the Retail Service Station Dealers' association, announced members were posting a price of 15 cents a gallon at their stations. Some independent dealers were selling at 14 cents, it was reported by Devenenzi, in comparison with the 16 1/2 cent retail price quoted by the major oil companies.

Officials of the major companies indicated they were not alarmed over the price cutting. They said they had no intention of cutting the tank wagon price of 13 1/2 cents a gallon.

## Lightning Cause Of Large Blaze Near Elk River

ELK RIVER, Idaho, July 9.—(AP)—A lightning set fire in cut-over forest land, fanned by a high wind, raged two miles south of here tonight. Thirty men were fighting it. Starting at noon, the blaze had covered 100 acres by 5 p. m., and residents of this town feared for their homes if the wind continued. Ashes were showered upon the town.

Lightning set another blaze on Hemlock butte, seven miles north of here at 7 p. m. It was reported to be in merchantable timber.

## KNOCKOUT EARLY

NEWARK, N. J., July 9.—(AP)—Baby Goldstein, New York welterweight, knocked out Danny Cooney, Trenton, N. J., in 44 seconds of the second round of their 14-round bout here tonight. Goldstein weighed 142, Cooney 144.

## PLAN OF HOSPITAL IS ALTERED AGAIN

### Unit System With Change of Site Proposed; Delay Final Settlement

Construction of a new \$90,000 state tuberculosis hospital unit was again delayed yesterday by the state board of control in order to permit a committee of experts to investigate the present structure, and to report whether the present site and the system of one central building was to be followed in the new structure. Governor Julius L. Meier indicated it might be found advisable to construct a unit system hospital and State Treasurer Holman said he felt it was an error to locate the new hospital on the west slope of ground used for the existing structure.

Last month orders had been (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

## OBLIGING CUSHION BREAKS BAD FALL

LAGUNA BEACH, Cal., July 9.—(AP)—Earl Roberts is a lucky man. If he wasn't he wouldn't be able to describe himself as such today.

Roberts, a San Diego real estate salesman, was driving his automobile on the coast highway this afternoon. He rounded a turn. A survey party was in the middle of the road just around the turn. Roberts swerved his machine and in so doing the automobile plunged over an eighty foot embankment. The salesman was thrown from the automobile, a touring motor, and landed on the rocks. But the rear seat cushion, also thrown from the car, had reached the rocks first—and Roberts landed on it. His only injuries were a fractured wrist and a lacerated leg.

## 'Don't Worry' is Longevity Rule Of Jacobs, 104

ALAMEDA, Calif., July 9.—(AP)—Nathan M. Jacobs, 104 years old tomorrow, has just four months he keeps on and these he bases his claims to longevity.

"Be moderate; be contented; keep a clear conscience and don't worry over trifles," he said. He doesn't believe in prohibition, is an inveterate smoker, plays bridge, whist and pinocchio, and with the aid of a magnifying glass reads the newspapers daily.

## Noisy Shaving Causes Police To Investigate

PORTLAND, Ore., July 9.—(AP)—Patrolman Bell today hurried to 384 East 59th street to investigate a report someone was making a terrific noise there. He found Owen Ticknor in the bathroom.

"Mr. Ticknor told me," the patrolman reported, "he had been shaving while shaving. He said he'd shave more quietly in the future."

## FASCISTS MUST NOT BELONG TO ACTION SOCIETY

### So Rules Mussolini in new Attack on Status of Catholic Group

### Vatican Calm, Considering Decision Will Clarify Involved Issues

ROME, July 9.—(AP)—The question of the stability of the concordat and the Lateran treaty with the Vatican was raised today when Premier Mussolini launched another attack upon the Catholic Action society for forbidding fascists to belong to its several organizations.

The duce himself initiated the instructions, which were issued to the approximately two million members of the fascist party, in which it was declared membership in the party and in the societies attached to the Catholic Action is incompatible. The premier's pronouncement was regarded here as his answer to the question raised by Pope Pius on the differences between fascism and loyal Catholicism.

The Vatican was regarding Mussolini's order with a degree of calm, Vatican circles saying that it served to clarify the question of membership in the fascist party and the Catholic Action which has been troubling both sides for more than a year. This question, the Vatican believes, is at the base of the present strained relations. The number belonging to both the fascist party and the Catholic Action is large, it was said in Vatican circles, and it was added that the large proportion of those who do are members of the university groups where 70 per cent of the membership of Catholic groups also belong to the fascist university organizations.

## POST AND GATTY TO TOUR COUNTRY

NEW YORK, July 9.—(AP)—After the last cheer has fallen to silence and the ultimate welkin has been rung in Oklahoma it'll be back to barnstorming for Wiley Post; but this is to be a sort of high art barnstorming that's a far cry from the ordinary cloud-clowning from which the world filer rose to fame.

Post and Harold Gatty will tour the country for about six weeks, visiting at least one and often two towns a day, and technicians they will be listed as "artists."

The world circling Winnie Mae will merely make a conventional landing and out will step Post and Gatty, artists, lecturers, young men intent on making a nation air conscious.

From a platform on the field or at some hall in town, according to local arrangements, the fliers will deliver addresses on aviation, telling of its advance to the date of their great world flight and predicting the further advances to come.

## Don Kay Bests Own Record For Speed on Water

GARDONE, Riviera, Italy, July 9.—(AP)—Kaye Don, British sportsman, broke his own world's speed boat record today by piloting the Miss England II, over a measured course at a rate of 110.223 miles an hour. Don set the previous record of 103.49 miles an hour in Argentina earlier this year.

Don made two runs over the Lake Garda course at speeds of 107.473 miles per hour and 112.569 to smash the record. Today's record-breaking run marked the end of nearly three months of effort here by the British sportsman.

## Film Education Tests Success, Savants Agree

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—Visiting educators, representing each of the states today passed a resolution saying:

"A notable contribution to the advancement of education has been made in the Hoover-sponsored visual education test. Forty-nine boys and forty-nine girls who are taking the tests joined with their chaperons in praising the experiment and expressing thanks to the federal office of education and other agencies making it possible.

VENDOR ON SPOT  
NEW YORK, July 9.—(AP)—Carmelo Leonci, said to have been an important figure in the bootleg alcohol business, was slain in a midtown hotel room today.

## Hoover Names Gibson Official Observer at London Debt Parley

### Ambassador to Belgium had Part in Original Discussion of Moratorium Proposal; U. S. Influence to be Used

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—The full force of American diplomatic prestige today was thrown into the adjustment of unsettled details of the intergovernmental debt moratorium.

President Hoover selected his close friend and advisor, Hugh S. Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, to serve as official observer of the United States on the experts committee to which further negotiations have been assigned.

He will be assisted by Frederick Livezey, assistant economic advisor of the state department who is on his way to London where the experts will meet next week. Livezey is an authority on reparations and war debts. Until today, state department officials, including Acting Secretary Castle, had indicated American participation in the experts sessions would be perfunctory. At most, officials had said, treasury experts would participate.

In May and early June, Gibson was a house guest of President Hoover. He had many talks with the chief executive on the European situation. Speaking recently at Brussels, he said he participated in the development of Mr. Hoover's moratorium proposal.

Thursday's heat reached 85 degrees with a bit of urging and a large part of the populace were happy wearing coats. Monday most people dripped perspiration at the thought of a coat. It is said two thermometers on the wall of a downtown building recorded 103 and 110 degrees respectively, and inside of 48 hours the sky was cloudy and the air felt as though a January rain was in the offing.

For the change of cool for hot weather the owners of loganberries are offering thanks. Berries were getting so soft on the vines as not to be worth picking. But the farmers with hay and grain to get ready for fall are hoping for warm days. With them are joining confectioners, the owners of "stands" along the way of tourists, and beach resort owners.

No wonder the weather man sets into a jam. With so many varying demands to satisfy about all he can do is to give a sample of each to all. For today it is expected that low clouds will hang about until late morning and then sunshine as it was Thursday.

## STRINGER GUILTY; APPEAL PROPOSED

BAKER, Ore., July 9.—(AP)—Attorneys for Richard Stringer, convicted today of assault upon Robert N. Stanfield, former United States senator from Oregon, tonight were preparing to appeal to the state supreme court.

Following return of the verdict by a circuit court jury, Judge Hall S. Lusk sentenced Stringer to three months in the Baker county jail. When Stringer's attorneys filed notice of appeal, he suspended execution of the sentence and continued Stringer's \$1500 bond.

Stanfield was run down and seriously injured by Stringer's automobile last April after the two had quarreled about a fence.

## Watermelon is Cause of Death

MOSCOW, Idaho, July 9.—(AP)—Believed to have been poisoned by watermelon she ate July 4, Mrs. T. R. Warren, 34, wife of a University of Idaho faculty instructor, died at a hospital here today. Besides her husband, an 11-month-old daughter survives her.

## Milk Controversy Nears Settlement, is Report

The vexing problem of surplus distribution, but at the conference it was quite well agreed that hereafter the producers would supply distributors only with the milk necessary for their retail customers and would keep such surplus as there was for their own sale.

## FLIERS DECIDE TO TRY AGAIN; FORCED DOWN

### Weather Makes Ship Bait After Heavy Load of Gasoline Taken

### Larger Engine to be Placed in "Fort Worth" Before Second Attempt

NOME, Alaska, July 9.—(AP)—Plans for another attempted Seattle-Tokyo flight were announced tonight by Reg L. Robbins and Harold S. Jones, Texas aviators, less than 14 hours after they had been forced down on Solomon beach, 30 miles east of here, early today following a successful refueling flight from Seattle.

Arising at 5:30 p. m. (8:30 p. m. PST), after a long sleep, Robbins said a larger engine would be placed in the Fort Worth for the next attempt. At 3:50 a. m. (PST) today the two men had set the Fort Worth down at Solomon, 26 hours and 53 minutes after taking off from Seattle early yesterday.

The same refueling plane will be used, Robbins said. The two men had completed nearly half of their 5,000 mile proposed non-stop flight when heavy winds made the Fort Worth unworkable after a 600 gallon refueling, and the landing was necessary.

Take Long Sleep, Then Talk Plans  
The four men, Robbins and Jones and the crew of the refueling ship, James Mattern and Nick Greener, flew here later in the trimotor refueler from Solomon, going to bed within a short time.

Later today the weather became worse here, with no flying possible between Nome and Fairbanks, traversed less than 24 hours ago by the two planes.

"We are sorry we were unable to continue the flight," Robbins said. "We tried as hard as we could but could not manage the plane after we had loaded 300 gallons of gasoline. It's tough, but we couldn't see any other way out and the weather was so bad and visibility nil we would have killed ourselves outright in attempting to get through. So we decided to land at Solomon."

The failure of the two men ended the fifth attempt to conquer the north Pacific by air in a single jump.

Four Successful Refuelings Made  
With successful refuelings made by James J. Mattern and Nick Greener, the crew of the refueling ship, over Fairbanks, twice on the route to Norton Sound and again over Solomon, the weather was blamed for the forced landing. However, a 300 gallon load of gas was taken aboard before hopping from Seattle.

The plane called for a capacity load, 425 gallons, to be taken aboard over Siberia. The plane was not flown in a test flight with a complete load at Seattle before the hopoff.

In their quest for a \$25,000 prize, the two men, who were expected to take from 51 to 55 hours, with the two attempting at the controls.

## DISARMAMENT AND PEACE ITALY AIMS

ROME, July 9.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini informed Secretary of State Stimson in an interview today that peace and disarmament have been chosen as the objectives of Italy.

"Here are two roads," the Duce declared after the two statesmen had conferred together for some time. "A road toward war and a road toward peace. I told Mr. Stimson today I have chosen the road toward peace."

Italy, he said, will go to the disarmament conference at Geneva next February "with a sincere desire for peace."

"The success of the disarmament conference," Mussolini said, "is indispensable so that peoples may have faith in their governments. The people must not be disillusioned. The date of the conference must not be postponed."

He and Secretary Stimson agreed, he said, that European tranquility would insure economic recovery. Secretary Stimson told him, he said, "and I agreed with him, that if Europe is tranquil, we are going ahead toward certain economic recovery."

## Luther Seeking Loan in France

PARIS, July 10.—(Friday)—(AP)—The Echo de Paris said this morning that Dr. Hans Luther, president of the German Reichsbank who arrived here last night from London, was seeking a loan of 12,000,000,000 francs (about \$480,000,000) from the reserve banks of France and England for Germany.

## Oregon Briefs

PENDLETON HOTTEST  
PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—Portland's maximum temperature today was only 77 degrees, 20 degrees less than that of Tuesday.

Pendleton reported a high temperature today of 102 degrees. Baker reported 94, Medford 94 and Roseburg 78.

## WOUNDS CRITICAL

KLAMATH FALLS, July 9.—(AP)—Cecil Beckley, 45, who shot and killed his wife and stepdaughter on their farm near Dixville last week, was in a critical condition here today from self-inflicted wounds.

Beckley apparently had been on the road to recovery but complications developed and hospital attendants said they held small hope for his recovery.

## ONE FRACTURES LEG

PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—Three women were injured and

## Weather is Moderating Slayer Expected to die Crash Injures 3 Women Carrot and Grass Fight

two automobiles were badly damaged in an accident here today. Mrs. Mildred Reese, 44, of Oakland, Cal., said to have been the driver of the car which collided with one driven by Mrs. Bessie Watts, Portland, suffered a broken right leg and possible internal injuries, hospital attendants reported. Mrs. Lulu Fagg and Mrs. A. W. Schlador, both of Portland, were riding with Mrs. Reese, were cut, bruised and shocked. Mrs. Watts was not injured.

## CLAIM SAME SOIL

PORTLAND, July 9.—(AP)—Evidence of a subterranean struggle between a carrot and a blade of grass was discovered today by Mrs. F. J. O'Leary when she pulled the carrot from her garden.

The carrot and the grass apparently had tried to grow in the same spot. Neither giving way, the grass blade had pierced the carrot horizontally and continued upward to sunlight. Both were thriving.