

TORNADO IN SOUTH KILLS 23

RELIEF WAGES, WATER DISPUTE AROUSE NEEEDY

Strike is Proposed for \$2 Cash Wage on County's Relief Projects

Police Escort Water Firm's Men Cutting off Supply Where Bill Unpaid

Growing discontent among local unemployed persons burst out publicly yesterday in two forms: Demands that water supplies be left turned on where unemployed families are unable to pay their bills, and protest that the grocery-wage plan of relief was "forced labor" and would not long be tolerated.

Talk of a strike for full cash wages on relief projects was heard last night at a meeting of the Salem unemployed council, attended by well over 150 persons at the Workers' center, Court and Commercial streets. The water question was not mentioned.

A petition being circulated yesterday called for \$2 daily cash wages instead of \$1 in groceries and 50 cents cash, as recently established.

Food Cheaper, Assert Delegates at the meeting declared that they had a right to purchase their own food and that they could do so more economically than the county relief organization, basing their estimates on the way their grocery wages were being figured upon requisitions at relief headquarters.

Proceeding wage discussion, Harry Correll of the Newberg unemployed council, who was elected chairman of the meeting, declared against inflation of the national currency, going off the gold standard, and local scrip issues, and ended with a vigorous denunciation of "forced labor."

"Patriotism and loyalty to your country will be measured by your resistance to financial pirates and social climbers in charity work," he charged the gathering.

Ferrar "Organizing" on Relief Projects Max Ferrar, recently released on bail pending trial for alleged assault against S. E. Purvine, arose to state that he had gone to work on county roads to organize the workers and advised them, "If we don't like our foremen, we can quit."

Legal business was transacted yesterday at the courthouse for the first time since March 1, the last day for court business before Governor Julius L. Meier called his first legal holiday. Ten legal holidays were declared in total.

No business in open court was done in either department or circuit court, Judge L. G. Lovell being in Albany and Judge L. H. McMahan confining his work to office orders.

Pair Escape Eugene Jail; Slug Keeper

EUGENE, March 14—(AP)—Two prisoners, who broke out of their cell and slugged the jailer, escaped from the Lane county jail tonight. The prisoners were Frank Fallon, being held to the grand jury, and Milton Morgan, being held for trial on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Floyd Hunter, jailer, was not seriously injured, the men striking him on the back of the head with a piece of stove wood.

The prisoners apparently managed to obtain a key to their cell and unlocked the door, sneaking up on the unsuspecting jailer and knocking him unconscious. They then took his keys and fled.

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FINAL WORD ON BANKS AWAITS OPENING HOUR

Operation on Normal Basis To be Resumed Today By Sound Ones

Final Determination Rushed By State Officials but Statement Lacking

Not until 10 o'clock this morning will the final word on bank reopenings be given by federal and state bank officials for institutions throughout the state of Oregon.

Examiners at the capitol were busy checking late last night to see which of the 80 state banks in Oregon, not opened yesterday, could resume business without restrictions, other than those imposed by federal order against all banking.

Federal reserve officials in Portland were also going over their lists for final determination of the status of a number of federal banks in the state.

Licenses to reopen will be sent directly to the banks and no press statement will be offered until after 10 a. m. today.

Reopened banks will be solvent, without any impairment of capital. Banks not reopened today may be reopened shortly or may be reorganized.

In the reopening Tuesday in Portland all national banks resumed a national business and all but two state banks opened for business as usual.

The Montavilla and the Sellwood banks opened on a restricted basis. Both are state institutions.

Salem's three banks were all open yesterday, restricting, however, their withdrawals to the basis followed for more than a week.

Business to Resume C. H. Carey, state corporation commissioner, yesterday issued an order authorizing 26 building and loan associations in Oregon to resume business today subject to the president's restrictions on the payment of gold and the withdrawal of savings accounts without.

Colorful Pelicans Back Again To Try for State Hoop Crown



Representing the wide open spaces and thriving communities of Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties—an area extending more than two-thirds of the way across mid-Oregon from north to south, the Klamath Falls Pelicans are back in Salem for their second successive try for state basketball honors.

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Eastern Oregon's Teams All Strong The little bit of eastern Oregon's prospects, and in view (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

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There were four federal reserve member banks in the district that failed to open today. Some of these, federal reserve officials said, had not yet received final attention and their positions would be clarified later.

It was pointed out the treasury secretary had specifically warned that failure of a bank to reopen at a given time was not to be construed as an unfavorable indication of its condition.

STATE TOURNEY TEAMS ON PAR; NO SOFT SPOTS

Eastern Oregon's Threat Rumbles Like Quake; Favorites to Fall

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Hundreds are Injured By Twister; Nashville And Other Cities Hit

Gold Mine Gift For Auto Ride; It May be Real

Property Losses Near Million; Casualty List may Grow

Several States Feel Breath of Fierce March Gale

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 14—(AP)—A tornado swept the Tennessee-Kentucky border tonight from the Mississippi river to the Cumberland mountains, killed at least 23 persons, injured more than 200 and did damage estimated conservatively at a million dollars.

Authorities feared the death list would increase as news of the disaster trickled in from rural communities over wrecked communication lines.

The twister struck the cities of Nashville, Harrogate and Jellico, Tenn., and Caruthersville, Mo., as well as many villages, and left the blue grass region of middle Tennessee and the hill country to the east stunned by its fury.

Nashville Dwellings Are Struck Down In Nashville—capital of the state and a city of more than 150,000—the twister followed a fringe of hills and bore down on the eastern section of the city, where many dwellings were struck down.

The city was thrown in darkness. Ambulances shrieked through the debris strewn streets and more than 100 persons were taken to hospitals where physicians worked by improvised lights.

The historic capitol that sits on a hill overlooking the city and the Cumberland river was damaged. A legislative committee in session there hurriedly adjourned in darkness.

The wind struck first in north-east Arkansas and southeast Missouri. Extensive damage was reported at Caruthersville, the tornado headed due east then and dipped next into middle Tennessee.

Pruden, Mine Town, Suffers Extensively The little mining town of Pruden, Tenn., suffered extensively. Six persons were killed there and more than a score were injured.

REPEAL PETITIONS ARE PUSHED HERE

1200 Names Claimed; Short Time to get Prohi law Matter on Ballot

About 1200 signatures on petitions to amend the constitution to repeal the prohibition amendment on the ballot at the special election July 21, had been secured up to late yesterday afternoon, and only three outside districts had reported.

Hop growers in Polk and Marion counties have in the field about 200 petitions, and hope to get their quota of 8000 signers by Friday. Petitions must all be checked through the county clerk's office by next Tuesday, which gives sponsors just a week to put the petitions over.

Backers were pleased with the opening day response. In the Polk area out from Jefferson, 140 signers were reported at mid-afternoon yesterday. Mt. Angel reported 600 signatures and Dallas 400. Virtually every town and hamlet in the two counties has petition handlers.

Petitions being circulated downtown Tuesday. The local workers were sent by George Bylander, Portland man who is handling the circulation of petitions throughout the state.

One man had obtained 58 signatures at five cents each by noon Tuesday. He said he asked signers to repeat the 18th amendment but inspection of his petitions revealed that repeal of Sections 36 and 36a of the Oregon constitution was sought.

Signers of the petition must record the voting precinct in which they reside in Salem. Only registered voters can be counted when the petitions are checked by the county clerk.

Poland Agrees to Reduce Guard in Area Near Danzig

GENEVA, March 14—(AP)—Poland informed the League of Nations today of her willingness to reduce the guard around the Wester-Plate munitions plant, thereby relieving international tension that arose when the nearby free city of Danzig objected to armed forces.

HOP MART SPURRED BY BEER ACTIVITY

Congressional action on the beer matter has re-opened activity in hops here in the last few days, following the long lull since the unusually heavy flurry and movement about general election time.

The Wolf hop company of Portland has contracted for 600 bales for one, two and three years at 18 cents.

The A. J. Ray and Son company paid 22 cents a pound for 125 bales of the 1932 crop, and Ray has also contracted for 25,000 pounds at 20 cents per pound for two years. Three days ago Ray contracted for 25,000 pounds for three years at 18 cents.

Hop news from California, received by H. A. Cornoyer, secretary of the state hop growers association, also shows a new upward trend. One hundred bales of Sonoma hops have just been contracted for three years at 21 cents a pound, and growers are very firm, a telegram states.

No More Water Shutoffs is Unemployed Demand Here

A demonstration at the office of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company was staged yesterday afternoon by a crowd of members of the Workers Council of the unemployed, headed by Max Ferrar, who is out on bail on a charge of assault against S. E. Purvine, head of the Community Service. The delegation was orderly, and after a committee conferred with J. T. Delaney, water company manager, a march was made down Commercial street to the office of Community Service where assurances were received that the individual case would be attended to and water connected.

NATIONS MOVE FOR MUNITION EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, March 14—(AP)—The great nations of the world with the United States in the forefront were moving tonight toward concerted action to put teeth into the pact of Paris by agreeing to deny the implication of war to nations violating its solemn pledge against the use of force in settling international disputes.

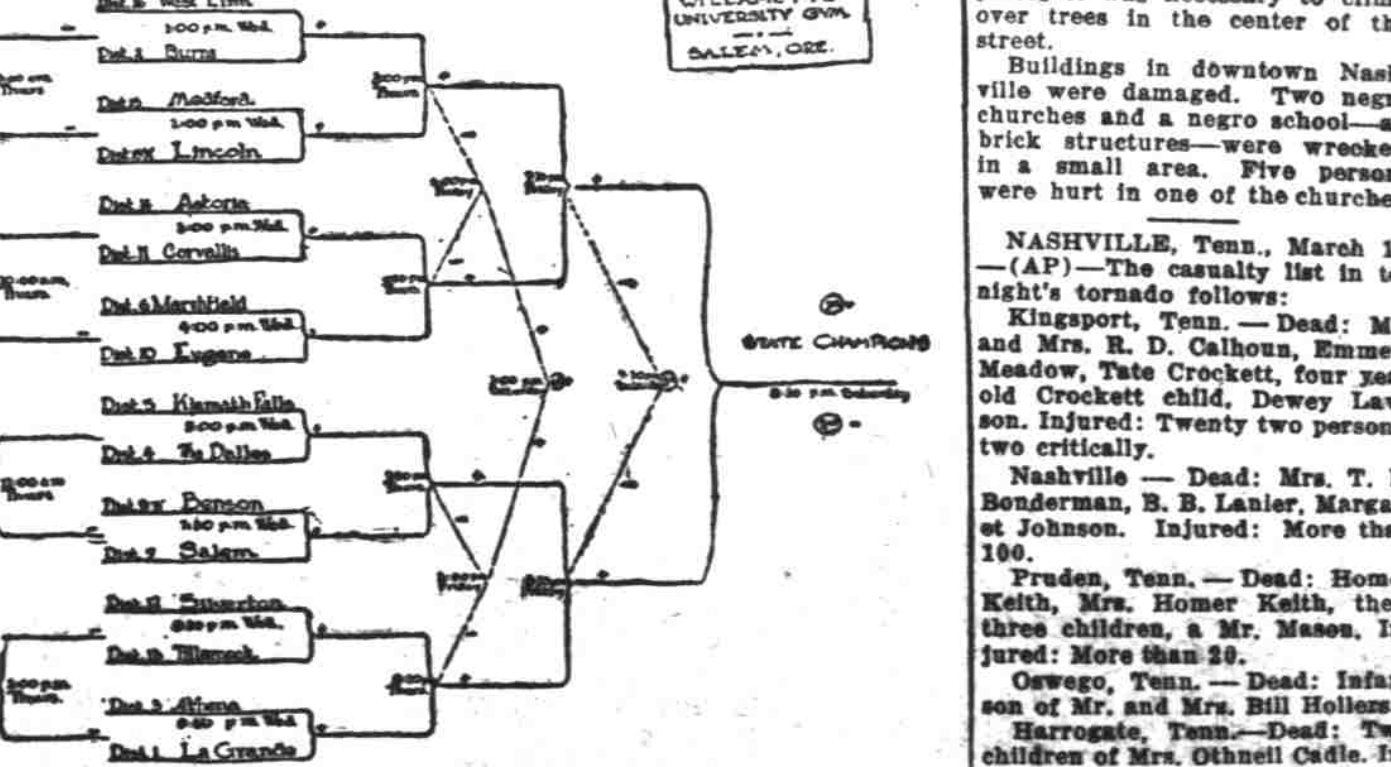
This broad and significant plan, which has direct bearing upon the peace of the world, was disclosed as the Roosevelt administration determined to ask the present session of congress to grant the president authority to forbid the shipments of arms or munitions to any nation on the globe.

It was learned that Great Britain, France and other influential members of the family of nations have sounded out the American government on its attitude toward using governmental control of the shipments of arms as a means of enforcing the pact of Paris.

Ruth Judd Seeks Pardon; April 14 Is Hanging Date

STATE PRISON, FLORENCE, Ariz., March 14—(AP)—Whitely Ruth Judd, displaying the nervousness that has characterized her previous efforts to escape the gallows for the slaying of Agnes Anne Lerol, sought today to gain a full pardon or a commutation of her sentence from the state board of pardons and paroles.

State Hoop Tournament Schedule



Above is the complete schedule of the state basketball tournament. First round winners today proceed toward the right on the bracket and along the solid lines if they continue to win, detouring to the dotted lines if they lose, dropping out if they lose twice. First round losers proceed to the left, but do not show that the loser of the 8 o'clock game ranks eighth, loser of the 8 o'clock game ranks seventh, loser of the 7:30 game ranks sixth. The basis for this ranking system is shown above at the left, plus signs standing for victories, minus signs for defeats.

The Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press) House passed 82 per cent beer bill 810 to 97 and senate approval was predicted.

Administration worked on plans for resumption of normal banking activities in all communities and senate passed bill authorizing federal reserve banks to make direct loans to state banks.

Senate held night session to speed passage of President Roosevelt's \$500,000,000 economy program.

President's intention to ask congress for authority to forbid shipment of arms or munitions to any nations was learned.

Ambassador Von Preussnitz of Germany resigned because of lack of sympathy with Hitler program.