

TEXAS COMPANY IN CHALLENGE OVER OIL CODE

Head Says Company Will Refuse to Furnish Data Requested by Committee

Hope to end Feud Between Union and Non-Union Industries; Coal Code Slow

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(AP)—A direct challenge of the code for the petroleum industry was given today by the Texas Oil company concurrent with assurance from the highest quarters that President Roosevelt was pressing for greater speed in the entire recovery movement.

A lessening of the antagonism between capital and labor appeared with the disclosure that the industrial and labor advisory boards of the NRA had reached an accord on the inflammatory question of union organization under code.

W. S. Rogers, president of the Texas company, took the initiative in the oil dispute by giving notice his company would not furnish data requested by the committee which is supervising that industry.

Shortly before Rogers' refusal was received, Secretary Ickes had said at the White House that the entire code of the gasoline price war in California might compel utilization of the price fixing provisions to which the Texas company is opposed.

Rewriting of a bituminous coal code moved slowly ahead in the absence of Hugh S. Johnson, the administrator, while in the western Pennsylvania coal fields thousands of miners had taken a "holiday" pending adoption of the charter. Late in the day representatives of 30,000 mine workers voted unanimously to lay down their tools pending an agreement here among the operators.

Expected to end the star-shooting between non-union industries and organized labor which has become more and more acute recently to Johnson tomorrow upon his return from New York, President Roosevelt is expected to announce its contents.

Signing the statement were all members of both boards, including William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Robert L. Lund, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Henry I. Harriman, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

The latter two have led the demand of employers for a clause in codes to authorize hiring or discharging of employees on an efficiency basis without regard to union or non-union affiliation.

BELIEVE ALLEN SLAIN BY ROBBER

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—An inquest into the death of J. A. Allen, 53, Cove farmer whose body was found in his lonely farm house Sunday, was being held here tonight.

Allen, who officers believe was slain Friday night by a robber, had bruises on his head and marks on his throat indicating assault with a blunt weapon and strangulation.

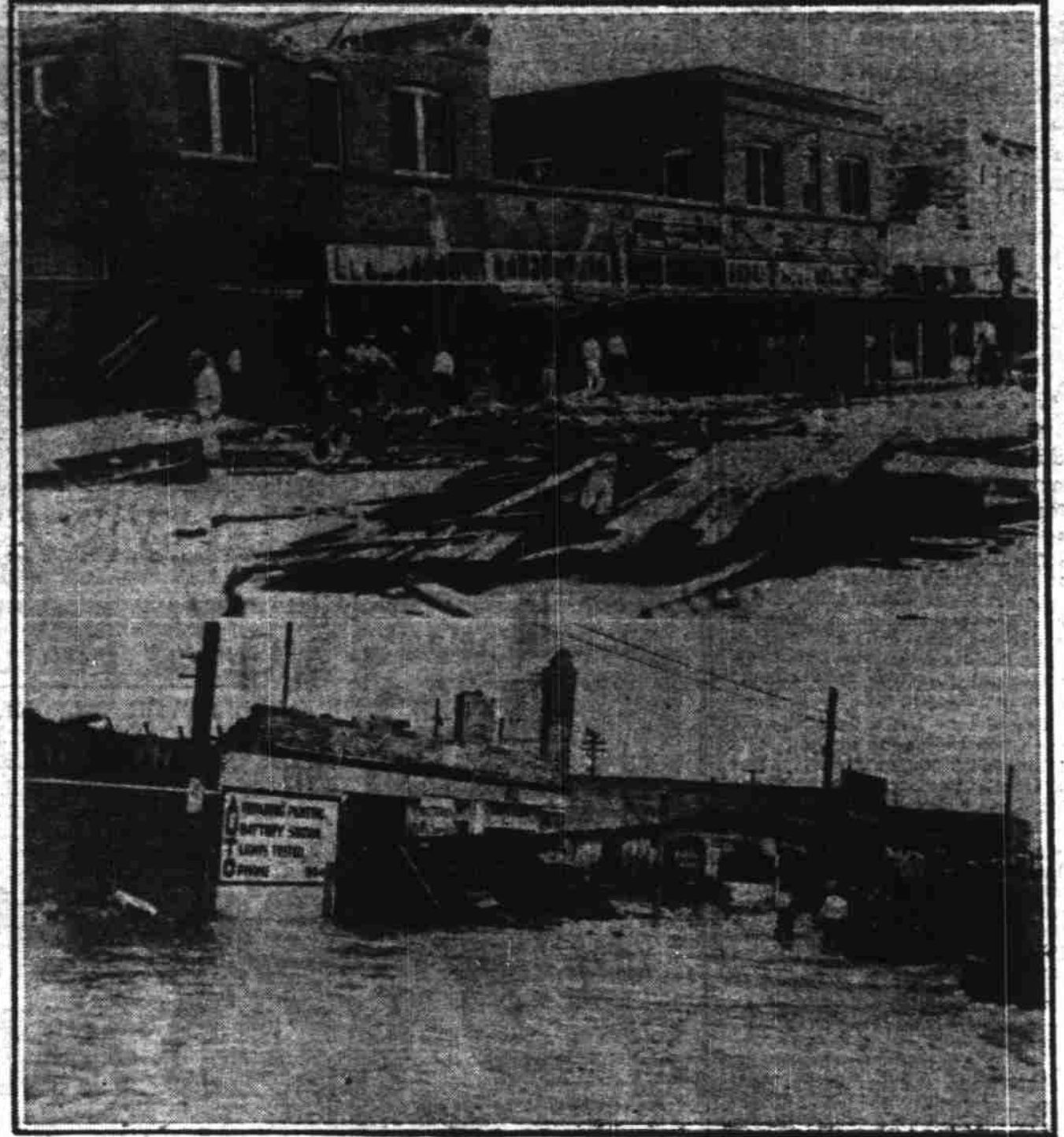
Lewis Stevenson, who worked near Union and Cove for the last month as a farm hand, is being held in the county jail after his arrest near Shaniko yesterday morning by Sheriff Jesse Breshers of Union county. District Attorney Carl Helm said today no charge would be placed against the young man before tomorrow. Helm also reported that attempts to question Stevenson met with no success.

Society Members Banned From Entering School

Salem's school directors last night decided on an attempt at keeping secret society members out of the high schools this year by ordering the principals to deny admission next week to all pupils the administrators believe with certainty to have such affiliations. They further provided that students admitted and later found to have connections with these orders banned by state law should be suspended.

This action was taken following an afternoon conference of directors, Superintendent George W. Hug, Principal Fred Wolf, Assistant Principal R. W. Tavener and Miss Mabel P. Robertson, dean of girls, at Salem high school. Before approving the order in resolution form, the directors at their special meeting last

HURRICANE MAKES SHAMBLES OF TOWN



These photos depict the havoc wrought in Harlingen, Tex., when a 100-mile an hour hurricane tore a scythe-like path across Texas. Upper photo shows damage done to the municipal power plant at Harlingen. Lower picture shows a section of the town where flood waters washed away portions of buildings and sent automobiles floating down the streets. International Illustrated News Photo.

PEACHES AND CREAM LEAVE BAD TASTE

Sec. Wallace Worried Over Marketing Troubles With Milk and Peaches

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The possibility that farm adjustment administration officials would ask injunctions to restrain violators of marketing agreements developed today as part of a general move to make the pacts more effective.

At the same time, Secretary Wallace ordered approximately 50 Chicago milk dealers to show why their licenses should not be revoked or suspended on charges they had violated the milk marketing agreement.

An acute situation growing out of the failure of certain firms to live up to the California milk pact agreement led to a parley between farm administration attorneys and the department of justice on whether to ask an injunction to make violators observe it.

The peach picking season in California will soon be over and it was feared that the customary legal procedure would not be effective in time.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Five hundred farmers dissatisfied with the federal milk code and prices it sanctions quit shipping (Turn to page 2, Col. 6)

Idaho Receives Beer Revenues

BOISE, Ida., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Idaho's beer tax enacted by the special session of the legislature a few months ago has brought \$24,878 in revenue, a report of the department of law enforcement said today.

Of the money, \$18,673 was raised from the tax of five cents a gallon on beer, the total sold being 373,472 gallons. Criminal revenue included \$4600 for licensing wholesalers, \$1242 for retailers, \$150 from a brewery licensed in Boise and \$13 from miscellaneous receipts.

Recapture Trio Who Flee Prison

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Three state reformatory inmates, Ralph Rigler, Rod Roque and Frank Beeler, who crawled on hands and knees through a 700-foot tunnel and scaled a 12-foot wall early today, were recaptured a short time later, a short distance away. Theirs was the third from the institution in six days, with the men who got away last Friday and two trustees yesterday still remaining at large. The trio had been assigned to clean up a part of the central building, Supt. Joseph A. St. Peter said. In the basement they tore a lock from an iron door to the tunnel, using a heavy wrench, and climbed over water pipes and power wires to the reformatory power house, and then to freedom.

Sen. Ashurst Reneges on Round Robin

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Senator Ashurst (D-Ariz.) said in a statement today he had refused to sign a round robin being circulated among his senate colleagues protesting against the failure to receive patronage.

"It is true I was requested by two senators to sign the so-called 'Round Robin' but I declined to sign it," his statement said. "The 'Round Robin' but I declined to sign and it appears even more absurd now."

"The Roosevelt administration is making a tremendous effort toward bringing our country out of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla brought here to testify in a robbery trial, leaped from the witness stand today and assaulted J. R. Hill, of West Kelso, the state's principal witness.

He landed a heavy blow on Hill's temple, and the two went into a clinch on the floor. Sheriff's deputies took the outbreak as a signal for a general dash for freedom by Brown and the two defendants, James Mincey and Orville Chapman, but the plan did not materialize.

They were covered with guns, however, and Brown was pulled off his opponent and handcuffed at the order of the court. Brown pleaded guilty several months ago to the robbery of a store at Ostrander, Wash., and was given a 5 to 10 year sentence. Mincey and Chapman were on trial today, accused of being implicated in the robbery.

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12 AMERICANS ARE BESIEGED IN CUBAN MINE

Army Officers Still Defiant Over new Regime; Guard Is Removed

Havana Situation Unchanged; Tension Acute Elsewhere on Island

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HAVANA, Sept. 13.—The predicament of 12 Americans besieged in the offices of the Cuban Mining company at Cristo, Oriente Province, occupied the attention of American officials tonight as the political situation in this capital remained practically unchanged.

Surrounded by striking workmen, the Americans, employees of the American-owned manganese mines, were unable to leave the place, apparently fearing they would be attacked.

Elsewhere in the island there were reports of high tension and the situation of Americans at those places also was studied by American officials.

The 500 officers of the Carlos Manuel de Cespedes regime in the National hotel continued to defy the government of President Ramon Grau San Martin although the soldiers on guard were removed.

Col. Julio Agardunow, new secretary of war, explained that the administration had to desire to provoke a conflict and that the officers were free to return home. Grau San Martin busied himself with completion of the cabinet, the incomplete cabinet of eight men to chart the course of the new government. Two portfolios remain to be filled.

Captain Emilio Alvarez, auditor of the army, was shot and killed at Dragones barracks in Havana. He was reported to have committed suicide. He was a sergeant before the enlisted men's coup d'etat overthrew the de Cespedes regime last week.

Meanwhile training camps were set up for drill by students, many of them boys in their teens. The purpose of the movement was expressed by a spokesman in these words:

"We are going to train these students so that the things that happened to them under the Machado regime (President Gerardo Machado) cannot happen again. We want them to know military tactics and be trained to protect themselves."

The trainers, he added, are advocates of nationalism and have no tinge of nationalism or fascism. Although Sumner Welles, United States ambassador, moved out of the National hotel because of the suspension of services due to a strike of employees, a number of Americans remained there.

Reedsport Man Is Low Bidder On Bridge Work

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Bids on three forest highway projects in Oregon under the NRA construction program were received today at the Portland office of the bureau of public roads.

Seven bids were offered for the 4.5 miles of the Weston-Elgin highway in Union county. George F. Price of Dayton, Wash., was low with a bid of \$46,868. S. H. Newell of Portland was second with \$59,216, and Clifton and Applegate of Spokane third with \$59,517.

Charles Young of Oakland, Calif., was low of 16 bidders on the grading of 1.7 miles on the Tiller-Trail highway in Douglas county. F. C. Dillard of Medford was second low with \$74,974 and Earl L. McNitt of Eugene was third, with \$77,974.

Offer Johnson Dem. Nomination In California

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Union will say tomorrow that Senator Hiram Johnson has been asked to leave the republican party and accept the democratic nomination for reelection next year.

The "silver platter" offer of nomination and unlimited support in the finals was made in recent correspondence with the senator the Union says a prominent California democrat disclosed. The same authority said that Senator William G. McAdoo has approved of the move and that Senator Johnson's reply was cordial but made no commitment.

Get Central Bank For Cooperatives

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Establishment of a central bank for cooperatives with an initial capital of \$50,000,000 was formally announced today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., governor of the farm credit administration. Headquarters will be in Washington. Its formation was outlined some time ago and directors were named.

Audit is Released; Copies are Mailed To Board Members

Charges Against College Building Superintendent Cover Term of Years; Employees Make Affidavits

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—The mystery of the special audit report to Secretary of State Hal Hoss which was the center of controversy at the recent meeting of the state board of higher education was a mystery no longer tonight as copies were released here on authority of Secretary Hoss given through Chancellor W. J. Kerr.

As soon as college officials were notified by Chancellor Kerr that permission for release had been obtained, work was started on duplicating the single copy in the files here and as soon as the work was completed, copies were handed to press representatives and mailed to each member of the board of higher education and to any other requesting them.

The report contains grave charges against the official conduct of E. P. Jackson, superintendent of buildings here for more than 20 years. The now famous special report is dated February 9 and is directed to Secretary Hoss as "special comments in connection with the annual audit of the Oregon state board of higher education," respecting "findings at the Oregon State Agricultural college in the department of superintendent of buildings."

Buell Makes Audit
The report was submitted by Otto F. Kubin for the departmental auditing division who stated that the information it contained was secured through the efforts of S. D. Buell, auditor from that division.

The first charge contained in the report dates back to 1921, when it is said the superintendent (Turn to page 2, Col. 1)

CALL FISHERMEN OFF OF COLUMBIA

Want Higher Prices on Chinooks and Steelheads Along Entire River

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Union fishermen, led by their leaders to number about 3000, were ordered off the Columbia river following a meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union here this afternoon, Charles Knapp, president of the union, announced.

Explaining the order, Knapp said that the fishermen were ordered to cease fishing activities as the three-day agreement to fish for two cents a pound expired today and the packers' committee, in a meeting with members of the union, had announced that no new offer could be made until packers meet here Thursday morning.

Fishermen will stay off the river until the packers make a "satisfactory price offer." Knapp said, after the fishermen in session had adopted a motion asking their price committee to demand five cents per pound for chinooks and steelheads and four cents a pound for silversides. "The entire river had cleared up," the president said, adding that the price asked was a reasonable one.

The demand called for the same price along the entire river, while packers demanded that in a meeting with the union's price committee today indicated a desire to fix a higher price on the lower river until low grade salmon run out of the upper river, union officials said.

Girl Pays Fine So Wedding May Be Performed

SEATTLE, Sept. 13.—(AP)—A young woman hurried into police headquarters today.

"Here's the \$10 fine for Harold Montgomery," she said. "Please let him out of jail right away. We're supposed to be married at noon."

At 11:55 a. m., Montgomery, 21, and the girl, who refused to give her name, rushed out of the building.

Montgomery was fined for speeding. He couldn't pay and went to jail.

Lease Hotel Floor To Handle Loans Under Farm Act

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Its facilities swamped by an imposing of loan applications the Federal Land bank of Spokane today leased an entire floor of a hotel to provide new office space.

With 3000 applications for emergency loans on hand, larger office quarters were needed. The hotel is just across the street from the bank building.

The increased volume of loan applications resulted from the merging of the special loan department with the land bank. Applications are received from Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

1200 HOP PICKERS ON STRIKE

Demand \$2.00 a Hundred For Picking at McLaughlin Yards, Near Independence

Lachmund Blames Communists for Stirring up Trouble; State Police are Called

INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 13.—(Special to the Statesman)—Twelve hundred hop pickers in the McLaughlin yard, two and one-half miles from here, walked out at 10 a. m. today, their leaders demanding payment at the rate of \$2 a hundred for hop picking instead of the prevailing rate of \$1. The strike, the only major walkout of this hop picking season, was accomplished in an orderly fashion. No picketing went on in the McLaughlin yards, owned and operated by Louis Lachmund of Salem, for the remainder of the day.

Operators of the yard declared late Wednesday that they were confident picking would be resumed Thursday morning. Thirteen sections of the yard were included in the strike and proprietors of the yard declared that all but two sections would return to work this morning.

Most of the charges contained in it, the college reply shows, go back six to 12 years into periods covered by many previous audits which have been made regularly, by private, state and federal officials ever since 1911, with several adverse findings other than suggestions for minor improvements at times.

Records of such audits were supplied today showing many expressions of approval of the business methods followed here throughout the period, made by William Whitfield, Portland; Page Gore and McLaren, Portland; C. L. Kelly for the secretary of state, and others, including various federal auditors.

The answer to the special auditor's condemnation contains many excerpts from that document, sets them against replies made by Superintendent Whitfield. (Turn to page 2, Col. 2)

PROMISES HELP FOR SALEM OFFICE

Announcement that Salem would be granted a reemployment office was made here yesterday by E. L. Mersereau, federal reemployment manager for Oregon, in a conference with members of a local committee previously selected, J. N. Chambers, head of the county relief committee, Mayor Douglas McKay, and the members of the Marion county court.

After conferring with D. Dotson, manager of the city-county office now being conducted here, and an inspection of the building in which it is housed on Court street, Mersereau returned to Portland. He indicated he would work out a tentative program for the operation of the office here.

Since the budget for reemployment offices in the state has been determined up to October 31, 1933, without provision for an office in Salem, Mersereau said he expected to arrange for the time being to share the services of a Linn county reemployment office worker with the Salem office.

Mersereau said he would seek a budget grant for the Salem office for the period beginning November 1.

Members of the county court and Mayor McKay agreed to continue the support of the county and city, respectively, to the reemployment office here. The county now contributes \$50 a month and the city \$25.

Information was not available here on the names of the leaders of this morning's uprising. It apparently was a well planned enterprise, agitators for a strike appearing with circulars in two sections early in the morning. When these two sections, involving at least 150 workers, agreed to walk out, nine other sections soon followed. Only two sections were left picking at noon and these suspended operations for the remainder of the day.

Operators of the McLaughlin yard for the strike declared that most pickers were anxious to work and adverse to continuing the strike. They declared that the bulk of the pickers had made oral promises to continue work Thursday morning.

Independence hop owners do (Turn to page 2, Col. 4)

Fire Destroys Barn on F. E. Halik Place, Bethel

BETHEL, Sept. 13.—The big barn on the F. E. Halik place burned to the ground late this afternoon. Two adjoining barns, a silo, 40 tons of fine hay and some threshed grain also went up in the conflagration.

Threshing was in progress, the Creech-Marshand outfit doing the work, and the straw was being blown into the barn. The doors of the barn were closed and it is thought that the draft caused spontaneous combustion, as the fire seemed to start all over the hay-mow at the same time.

The city voted dry, with 184 for repeal and 271 against. Yellow Medicine county, in which Granite Falls is located, reported a two-to-one majority for retention of prohibition on the basis of incomplete returns.

The big barn had just received a coat of liquid roofing and an unopened barrel of the fluid was in the barn ready to be put on later. This barrel exploded during the fire. The stacks of grain were being piled against the barn and the men carried as many as possible of these away from the fire. They also got all of the livestock out of the buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$5000 or more, partly covered by insurance.