

Bargain Period

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EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Danger Past, Rehabilitation Starts in Coos

Delay Unlikely In Waterfront Tie-Up Threats

Shippers Loath to Grant Extension Till Unions Agree to Arbitrate

Workers Reiterate Their Willingness to Wait 15 Days or Month

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Coast maritime employers tonight expressed themselves as "loath" to extend rapidly expiring working agreements unless marine unions will agree to submit unsettled issues to arbitration and discontinue alleged violation of present contracts.

The employers' announcement, telegraphed to the newly created United States maritime commission, followed shortly after unions reiterated willingness to extend present agreements 15 to 30 days beyond the expiration date of midnight tomorrow.

The maritime commission sought a 60-day extension for time to investigate renewal controversies, threatening another major coast shipping tie-up and strike or lockout of 37,000 marine workers.

"It is not possible for your commission," the employers asked, "to secure agreements to arbitrate and assurances that service will not be interrupted by violations of agreements."

Slow Strangulation of Commerce Charged

Accusing marine unions of repeated violations, tie-ups and delays under awards following the 1934 strike, the employers declared "slow strangulation" of marine commerce is in progress.

"The situation is so critical that employers cannot, with due consideration to their obligations consent to a continuance of these intolerable conditions for any period beyond absolute necessity, nor to any period whatever without assurances that a permanent and definite settlement will result," their message declared.

"A temporary truce would not permit restoration of services on a satisfactory basis.

"We feel that any extension should be accompanied by agreement of all to submit all disputes not settled by agreement to arbitration, and by assurance that job action and other violations of the awards will be discontinued."

Unions so far have refused to arbitrate what they described as fundamental issues involving recognition and the right to bargain collectively.

The union proposal was similar to one they had made four days previously only to be rejected by the organized waterfront employers.

Five-Hour Parley Precedes Decision

Union representatives reached their decision in a five-hour closed meeting which produced loud noises indicating internal differences of opinion.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady, government spokesman in the negotiations, had called upon the union conferees to "cooperate with the president and the government to avert a serious maritime crisis."

Union representatives telegraphed the maritime commission in Washington that they were making the extension offer to demonstrate their willingness to "prevent a lockout by employers."

At 6 o'clock tonight, with the deadline only 30 hours away, San Francisco port activity reflected the apprehension over the outlook.

Only 17 ships are scheduled to move in and out of San Francisco tomorrow against a daily average of 50. Only one ship is scheduled to sail and two to arrive on October 1. The October 2 schedule calls for no sailings and four arrivals.

Four Passengers Of Plane Burned

NAPERVILLE, Ill., Sept. 29.—(AP)—An airplane carrying photographers to take pictures of a streamline train plunged beside the railroad tracks tonight and burned 407 persons to death.

The dead: Oscar Hanold, 28, Chicago, the pilot of the ship.

Wilma Schluesser, a young girl passenger, Chicago.

Howard Adams, film director of a Chicago commercial picture-taking firm.

Ralph Biddy, of Chicago, cameraman for the same firm.

County Refuses to Pay Board of Convicts Who Are Returned by State

Sheriff Instructed to Inquire of Control Board Whether It Intends to Defray Cost; Men are State Charges, View of Court Members

SHERIFF A. C. BURK yesterday received written notice from the county court to determine whether the state board of control intended to pay for the care of eight prisoners whose sentences were recently commuted from the penitentiary to the county jail. The court in a letter directed to Sheriff Burk said that "in our opinion, the prisoners when confined in the Oregon state penitentiary are state prisoners and the obligation of maintaining them thereafter is a state obligation."

Roosevelt Denies Support of Reds

Communism Is False Issue Says President; Points To His Past Record

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Contending that his record showed "consistent adherence" to the letter and spirit of "the American form of government," President Roosevelt tonight opened the campaign for his reelection with a repudiation of "the support of any advocate of communism."

Calling communism a "false issue" in the campaign, the president told the New York state democratic convention assembled here in a state armory that "the previous national administration" had "encouraged" conditions that fostered communism.

The democratic party, he added, was "realistic enough" to face "this menace."

The president remarked at another point that there was no difference between the major parties as to what they think about communism, but there was a "very great difference" in what they do about it.

Asserts Confidence In Demo Victory

Scarcely had he sent his voice ringing through the packed hall and out over national radio networks than Mr. Roosevelt asserted a confidence in the outcome of the election.

"Tonight," he said, "you and I join forces for the 1936 campaign. We enter it with confidence."

Swinging over then to the question of communism, the president exclaimed:

"Here and now, once and for all, let us bury that red herring, and destroy the false issue."

"You are familiar with my background, you know my heritage, and you are familiar, especially in the state of New York, with my public service extending back over a quarter of a century."

"In the future of the national capital, you will find a simple, clear and consistent adherence not only to the letter but to the spirit of the American form of government."

"To that record, my future and the future of my administration will conform. I repudiate the support of any advocate of communism or of any other alienism which would by fair means or foul change our American democracy."

Laying of Pipe on Island Will Get Under Way Today

Already a busy place, Staxton island will hum with expanded activity today as laying of both wood and steel pipelines for Salem's new water supply gets under way.

The two Portland pipe firms which recently were awarded contracts to supply and lay 7800 feet of wood and steel water lines for the city informed Cuyler VanPatten, water department manager, yesterday that their crews would begin work today on and below Staxton island. VanPatten said all but jobs requiring special skills would be given to local workmen.

The largest crew will be required by the National Tank and Pipe company for the wood pipe job. Starting at a point about 200 feet above the North Santiam river, 4200 feet of crossrosted Douglas fir pipe will be laid along Staxton island to connect with open joint piping to be laid at a future date. Construction of the wood pipe in the trench will take about two weeks' time, the manager estimated.

Wood Pipe Will Be Underground, Word

Contrary to frequent rumors, the wood pipe section of the city's gravity line now under contract will not be laid above ground but in trenches which will be filled in before the job is done.

Another city crew has nearly finished laying the water main which will connect the new and old city reservoirs. Resort has been taken to light blasting to clear the trench of boulders at the north end of the old reservoir where work is now in progress.

Postoffice to Be of Lighter Stone, Decide

Local Interests Win Out in Effort to Obtain Suitable Material

Marble Difficult to Get But Federal Agency to Heed Request

Concerted efforts of Senator Charles L. McNary, Governor Charles H. Martin, Mayor V. E. Kuhn and the Salem chamber of commerce and others yesterday brought to the chamber of commerce a telegram from Washington, D. C., stating that white marble, Wilkestone sandstone or Bedford limestone will be used in construction of the new Salem postoffice.

This puts to an end fears that Tenino stone or Boise stone would be used in the new building. Until state and civic leaders became interested in this matter, the specifications for the postoffice here called for either of these stones. The objection to Tenino stone here is that it is not adapted to this climate and doesn't hold its color, the latter objection also holding for the dark Boise stone.

The letter to Sheriff Burk was signed by Judge J. C. Slegmund and said in part:

"I am directing this letter to you to request that you immediately communicate with the Board of Control of the State of Oregon and ascertain whether it is the purpose and intention of the State of Oregon, through the Board of Control, to pay for the board and maintenance of these prisoners so returned."

"It is our opinion that the private marble, Wilkestone sandstone or Bedford limestone, as mentioned in the telegram from J. C. Allen, assistant secretary to Senator McNary in Washington."

He added that white marble is exceedingly difficult to obtain. Leaders here are most anxious to see the postoffice construction of white marble, as this material will be used for the new state capitol.

Neither of the other stones at first inserted in the specifications would harmonize with the capitol building.

The three stones, white marble, light colored Wilkestone sandstone and Bedford limestone of light color were suggested in that order to the procurement department following a meeting here last week when the directors of the chamber of commerce, the Salem state capitol committee, the chamber of commerce postoffice committee and the building committee of the city council met to organize for action on the matter.

Tenino and Boise stones were proposed as building material for the postoffice construction in Coos and Curry counties. He said the Red Cross, as an organization, had contributed \$25,000.

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Dee Farmer Kills Wife and Himself

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—A bitter quarrel over minor damage to the family car in a collision, brought death to a rancher and his wife in the Hood River county today.

David R. Strachan, 51, shot and killed his wife, Lillian, 40, and then took his own life. Mrs. Strachan was a school teacher at Mosier.

The sheriff's office said Mrs. Strachan was killed by a discharge from a 12 gauge shotgun.

Following the killing, Strachan ordered his terrified daughter, Betty, 15, to drive to Mosier to tell J. R. Wilcox of the act. The girl said her father told her he planned to take his own life.

Wilcox informed Sheriff William Edick and Coroner C. C. Anderson. When they arrived at the ranch they found Strachan had committed suicide with the same weapon which killed his wife.

George Edwards as chief of the American Legion emergency committee requested last night that thanks be extended to Salem citizens for their contributions of clothing and food to the committee's Bandon fire relief undertaking. In addition to supplies, \$26 was donated, he said.

Supplies Sent, Cash Aid Lags

Red Cross Has Small Portion Of Fund Quota

Organizations Lining Up to Boost Total Here; Relief is Speeded

Legion Sends Two Truck Loads, Will Receive Goods Up to Noon

Salem responded generously yesterday to requests for food and clothing for Bandon's homeless residents but lagged in its contributions to the Red Cross relief fund. Marion county had raised but \$70 of its \$1000 quota last night.

Governor Charles H. Martin and Judge George Rossman of the supreme court, Red Cross chairman here, both issued pleas for the raising of relief funds, which will be used to aid the fire-stricken southern Oregon communities during the reconstruction period.

The American Legion emergency committee sent two truckloads of clothing and food supplies yesterday afternoon and decided to continue collections of supplies at the courthouse grounds until 1 p. m. today.

Red Cross Sets Up Two Relief Centers

Advices received by Mrs. Olive Deak Bynon, in charge of the Red Cross work in Marion county, from the San Francisco office are to the effect that the Red Cross has established relief headquarters in Bandon and at Coquille at the community building.

The local office has been asked to locate relatives and friends of Salem people who reside there and a night letter was sent last night to the Red Cross relief officials for a report on their situation.

Workers of the local chapter conferred Tuesday on plans to raise badly needed cash for relief. While generous contributions of supplies are being sent, real cash is needed for immediate needs. Mr. Bynon urges members of the Red Cross board in communities over the county to push the subscriptions there and report to the local headquarters.

Campaign is Backed By Governor Martin

Governor Martin issued a statement Tuesday urging immediate response to the appeal of the Red Cross for \$130,000 with which to carry on relief operations in Coos and Curry counties. He said the Red Cross, as an organization, had contributed \$25,000.

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Bandon Ruins Blasted for Safety As Rehabilitation Work Started



Removal of ruined buildings is the first step in rehabilitation of fire-damaged Bandon. Dynamite tears down what is left of the Ellington drug store to prevent its possible collapse on innocent bystanders.—Cut courtesy The Oregonian.

Devaluation Bill Passed in France

Different Proposal of Radical Socialists

PARIS, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies passed Premier Leon Blum's measure devaluing the franc today, but the legislation was snagged by a new devaluation bill drawn by the senate's finance committee.

The text of the senate bill, composed on the insistence of the powerful radical socialist group, authorizes the government to fix prices only through measures approved by parliament.

Under the terms of the measures passed by the house, prices could have been fixed by Blum's cabinet against increased costs of living caused by devaluation of the currency.

The senate finance committee's revised bill will be submitted to the upper chamber Wednesday and if as predicted, the measure is passed, it will have to go back to the chamber of deputies before devaluation of the franc becomes law.

Sources close to Blum said the cabinet would make no immediate attempt to fix the exact value of the cheapened franc, but that it would be pared between 24 and 33 per cent.

The bills passed 350 to 221 by the house and 187 to 122 by the senate. (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Thrilling First-Hand Tales Of Holocaust Brought Here

Bandon's forest fire attacked with the vagaries of a tornado, razing row on row of buildings and then, here and there, leaving a tree, a house, or an automobile unscathed, Charles M. Charlton, 51, a fireman, reported early last night. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton drove to Bandon Sunday to look after Mrs. Charlton's parents.

"Their home was nothing but ashes but Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, my father and mother-in-law, were safe with relatives in Coquille when we finally located them about 2 o'clock Monday morning," Charlton said.

Mrs. Jarvis, however, walked limply as the result of an encounter with the flames at Bandon Saturday night. As she was standing guard on the Bandon bluff over belongings she had saved from their home, an unexpected swirl of fire burned her severely about the legs. Started, she jumped backward and fell down an embankment above the beach into a clump of brush. Red Cross officials took her to a North Bend hospital for treatment of burns and bruises.

Captain Christensen of the tug Kiliham and his assistant William Panter were standing in front of the bakery. The flames were some distance off, and Panter thought he had plenty of time to rescue the records from the Odd Fellows hall. He went to the building; only to be speedily entrapped. He was rescued with difficulty when a ladder was obtained. (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Yachats Blaze Menace Denied; Deaths Now 11

No Looting at Bandon as Vicinity Controlled by Rilea, Police

Incendiarism is Traced, Boy Held; Entire Area is Helped by Fogs

By WENDELL WEBB MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Deaths in the southwestern Oregon county went up to 11 tonight as relief supervisors assured worried and weary inhabitants the peak of the danger had passed. The unidentified remains of a woman and child were discovered this afternoon in the yard of a ruined home in Bandon. Although fire raged at various points through a 400,000-acre sector, Bandon was the only community to have been accounted for.

By the size of the bones, the two new victims were judged to be a woman and child. They lay near the Bob Randall home, but all members of the Randall family have been accounted for. Rilea Says Danger To Cities is Past

The cheerful word that the emergency was near its end came from Brigadier-General Thomas E. Rilea, placed in charge of the fire zones by Gov. Charles H. Martin.

"I consider the danger which threatened Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point definitely passed," the general said in a survey of conditions late this afternoon.

He stated that relief measures were progressing orderly and there was no actual suffering. He said rumors of lawlessness and looting in Bandon, resort city burned out Saturday and Sunday, were false.

At Bandon sightseers were turned back at Bullard's Ferry and officers continued to block unauthorized persons from entering the stricken area at all points.

Early estimates of property damage remained unchanged. Bandon alone counted damage at \$1,500,000. The losses for the entire southwestern region were tentatively placed in the vicinity of \$3,000,000.

Over 15,000 Acres Burning, Estimate

Keith Young, district fire warden, estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 acres were burning in Coos and Curry counties. About 5,000 acres, he declared, was virgin timber.

Fear of destruction by fire at Yachats on the central coast section north of here was eliminated when word came that early reports of a rapidly spreading fire were false. For a time it was believed Yachats was in direct path of a fire about half a mile from the town. The fire was under control and not as serious as first stated.

Forestry officials said Clark and Kitchell counties in southwestern Washington still were fighting fires but that the menace was reduced by the absence of wind. Northern California, too, breathed easier.

More rumors of incendiarism were brought to police at Coquille.

The Mark Shelley ranch-house east of Coquille was leveled and a boy is held in the county jail on suspicion of incendiarism. Two of his companions were detained as witnesses.

Person Seen Running From Building, Claim

While there is no certainty that the fire was set, Captain Lee Bown of the state police said he had been told a person was seen running from the building. (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Response Slow On Fire Relief County Quota

Out of the \$1000 assigned as a quota for Marion county by the Red Cross for the relief of sufferers from the Bandon fire only \$70 had been raised up to last night.

This is a pitiful showing for a city and county as prosperous as this is. These afflicted people are our own fellow citizens; many here have relatives who lost everything. Little children are homeless. Aged are barred out.

Swell today the relief fund of the Red Cross. Stop at a local bank and leave your contribution.