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Wagner Act Decision Affects Court Status

Flood Control Here Favored By Committee

Two Millions Now, Huge Sum Later Favored in Report to Chief

Disposal Plan Upon List But Mayor Kuhn Avers It Is Dead Issue

Washington, April 12—(AP)—The National Resources committee placed a \$520,868,000 Pacific northwest development program before President Roosevelt today.

The listing included 190 general and local projects, over a long period. A particular rate of public expenditure was not suggested.

Chairman Abel Wolman of the Water Resources committee said the committee was not necessarily recommending expenditure of federal funds on all the local projects included, those listed being believed to fit into an integrated drainage program.

The committee approved 113 projects in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, with a total cost for construction or completion of \$189,984,000.

Over Two Million For Valley Project

An additional \$5,650,000 for completion of the Bonneville project was recommended. A \$2,430,000 flood channel and bank protection project on the Willamette river, and \$800,000 for the next two years and then \$300,000 additional to complete the Owyhee project in Malheur county.

The committee listed 55 projects, to cost \$219,374,000 for second time, or deferred construction, and 22 projects totalling \$111,510,000 in a third group to follow the second line projects.

The third group included the \$55,000,000 Willamette Valley Development program, which involves construction of seven reservoirs for flood control.

Project Here Gets Special Mention

The committee told the President the Willamette "affords an excellent opportunity for comprehensive planning in the use of water resources."

"Navigation will be improved, the degree of pollution decreased and power production increased. A suggested \$551,000 for a city water system at Dallas, Ore., is on the deferred construction list."

The lower Columbia-Willamette project list includes: For immediate investigation or construction, stream pollution study, \$50,000; fishing survey and spawning areas, \$17,000; Salem, Ore., intercepting sewer and primary sewage treatment plant, \$360,000; Oregon City, intercepting sewer and sewage disposal plant, \$106,000; Beaverton, outfall sewer and sewage treatment plant, \$79,000; Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City and West Linn, sewer system extensions, \$430,000; Gladstone, Ore., intercepting sewer and sewage treatment plant, \$35,000.

Construction time indeterminate—Canby, irrigation project, \$200,000; Eugene, sewage treatment plant, \$156,000; Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge and City of Sandy, waterworks extensions, \$68,000; Clackamas county, drain—(Turn to Page 2, Col. 7.)

McNary Declares Outlook Good for Aid on Building

Senator McNary telegraphed the state board of control Monday from Washington that the prospects of obtaining a \$450,000 federal grant to assist in the state's building program appeared brighter.

The last legislature appropriated \$850,000 for the purchase of additional land and construction of a new building or buildings.

Of this amount, \$300,000 was earmarked for the purchase of land to the north of the capitol, which is now being appraised.

Textbook Plea Response Good

Good response has been received from the special appeal for textbooks for use of the WPA adult education classes according to Earl L. Wilmer, county supervisor.

High school texts are most in demand. Contributions can be left either at the Statesman office or at L. L. Wilmer's office in the school administration building, 434 North High.

Lumber Workers Vote To Reject Wage Offer And Gram-Marsh Act

Result Leaves Situation Clouded With Control of Hiring Hall Main Issue; Outcome of Strike of 200 at Tillamook Is Settled

Candidate Talked For School Board

PORTLAND, April 12—(AP)—Thirteen thousand lumber workers in the Columbia river district voted 3751 to 1470 not to continue the Gram-Marsh agreement individually with their respective employers, tabulation of a 10-day referendum revealed here.

Thirty-two unions are involved in the dispute. The referendum resulted in a dissolution of the Columbia river district council of lumber and sawmill workers' unions, so far as negotiations are concerned.

The result of the balloting gave 26 major logging companies their answer—a decisive no—to the question whether an offer of 10 per cent increase in wages, with a minimum of 7 1/2 cents an hour, and continuation of the Gram-Marsh agreement was acceptable to 6000 loggers.

The proposal was a compromise offer on the part of employers to a demand of the district council of lumber workers for a 16-cent an-hour horizontal wage increase, and elimination of two sections of the Gram-Marsh pact—one providing for arbitration and the other creating a neutral hiring hall for loggers.

The result of the balloting left an atmosphere of doubt. Loy Mills, president of the Columbia Basin Loggers' association, employer group, said "in view of the vote there isn't much we can do. There can be no wage increases until we know just what kind of offer the board is side was uncertain."

Chairman Neer declared last night he had decided definitely not to seek reelection. "I am finishing my fourth term," Neer explained. "I think that is long enough."

During his 12 years on the board Neer has twice served as chairman.

Losses Are Heavy In Seattle Blaze

SEATTLE, April 12—(AP)—Loss estimates ranged from \$150,000 to \$200,000 tonight in the eight-hour fire that swept the nation's largest red cedar lumber mill here. Six firemen were injured by smoke or falls and a dozen others overcome by smoke before the blaze was controlled.

Cause of the blaze, which burned through eight dry kilns in the Seattle Cedar Lumber Manufacturing company's \$1,000,000 plant, was undetermined.

A company official said \$50,000 feet of choice cedar lumber was destroyed or damaged irreparably. Loss was covered by insurance.

Plans to replace the burned kilns immediately were announced.

Eighteen fire engines, five fire trucks and a fire boat were called out before the flames were brought under control about 10 p. m. Fire Chief Claude W. Corning called it Seattle's worst fire in 10 years.

McCullough Heads Blind Institution

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—(AP)—The Oregon blind commission today named Linden McCullough of Corvallis superintendent of the Oregon blind trades school, succeeding Orville V. Gamble, resigned.

McCullough has been associated with the educational profession for the past 25 years.

Orey Coffey Appeal Opposed In Answer Filed by R. Moody

Supreme court hearing of Former Police Sergeant Orey G. Coffey's appeal from his circuit court conviction on a charge of taking a bribe drew nearer yesterday as Special Prosecutor Ralph Moody filed his brief answering the six allegations of error on which the appeal is based. The hearing before the high court probably will go on its May calendar.

Paul Burris, Coffey's attorney, said he probably would exercise his privilege of submitting a brief to the court replying to Moody's arguments. He has 10 days in which to do so.

Coffey was found guilty by a circuit court jury last June 16 of accepting a bribe from Elwood Brown. It was contended Coffey received \$10 a month during time in which Brown was unlawfully engaged in gambling, a gambling statute and also that he allowed Brown to pay a \$13.33 bill he owed to a local furniture store.

The former officer subsequently was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary but was continued under a \$5000 bond pending disposition of his appeal. He was discharged from the Salem police force following his conviction.

All Error Claims Denied by Moody

Six errors on the part of the lower court are claimed by Burris in the appeal. He contends that the court should have granted a directed verdict, that objections to testimony by Curtis Ferguson in regard to statements made by Brown while Coffey was absent should have been sustained, that three instructions to the jury requested by the defense should have been presented and that the court should have admitted into evidence the circuit court judgment roll to show a ruling that an officer's right to confiscate slot machines does not exist.

Prosecutor Moody in his answering brief denies all of the defense contentions.

Britain Seeks To Avoid Row Over Shipping

Refuses to Lead Europe Over War Precipice, Is Word of Eden

Mola Forces Prevail in North, Madrid Fight Goes On Unabated

(By The Associated Press)
Great Britain scanned the turmoil of the Bay of Biscay yesterday and decided to do all she could to avoid an international "incident" despite Spanish insurgent threats to lead Europe.

"We refuse to lead Europe over the precipice," British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said, explaining his country's cautious middle-road policy in a Liverpool speech.

Labor members protested Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's statement of policy, in which he told the house of commons the government would protect the Union Jack up to the three-mile limit off northern Spain, but no further.

Largest Warship Off Basque Coast

The H. M. S. Hood, world's largest warship, joined an English naval force off the Basque coast, blockaded by Spanish insurgents to aid their lone campaign against Bilbao.

Baldwin said, however, they could afford no protection to vessels actually entering the port. General Emilio Mola, insurgent commander of the forces driving through the mountains to Bilbao, warned supporters of the Madrid government he would destroy the Basque capital unless the defenders surrendered unconditionally.

Loyalists Ignore Flag of Truce

On the Madrid front, government troops ignored a flag of truce displayed by insurgents isolated in University City because they feared a trap. Government artillery concentrated its fire to prevent insurgents in the Casa de Campo sector from reestablishing.

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Carlton Railroad Handed Extension

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission found today the Carlton and Coast Railroad company of Oregon, is not "at this time" in need of financial reorganization, and conditionally approved an extension until May 1, 1941, of the repayment date of \$490,297 in loans made the carrier by the reconstruction finance corporation.

The loans matured and are maturing on June 12, October 3, November 15 and December 22, 1936, and September 7 and October 23, 1937.

The extension is conditioned on the continuation of the sinking fund provisions of the carrier's mortgages so long as it is indebted to the RFC and on the approval by the RFC of the railroad's budget.

Mass Flight Over Ocean Is Started

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 12—(AP)—Pilots of 12 San Diego-built air cruisers lifted their heavily-laden craft from the waters of San Diego bay at 9:00-second intervals, starting at 2:30 p. m. today, and an hour later, in formation were winging their way across the Pacific to Honolulu.

They are expected to eight Diamond Head, 2270 miles from Point Loma, in 20 hours. Weather conditions over the ocean airway were reported ideal.

Eighty men and officers are making the journey, the navy's second mass flight to Honolulu this year.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—(AP)—Sailor Morris El Paso, Texas, middleweight, scored twice with a body press to win from Tommy Tassas of Chicago here tonight. Tassas took the odd fall with a flying body scissor.

Harry Elliott of Portland got a fall on a foul and another with a double stopper toe hold from Fritz Ludwig, Germany, in the semi-windup. They were middleweights.

EUGENE, April 12—(AP)—Defeating a strong Linfield delegation five matches to two, University of Oregon varsity netmen scored their third straight victory here today.

Unions Will Press Advantage; Ford's Defiance in Limelight

Salient Gains Are Heralded By Chieftains

Motor Magnate Subject to Law; Statement of Board's Chairman

Hershey Squabble Ended But Canadian Tilt at Stalemate Again

(Copyright, 1937, by Associated Press)
Organized labor claimed a salient gain yesterday with the supreme court's approval of the Wagner Labor Relations Act—Keystone in the nation-wide drive to unionize workers.

Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor has called the law the "Magna Charta." Its provisions have been the crux of every argument laid down by John L. Lewis and his lieutenants in the committee for industrial organization's campaign on scores of industrial fronts.

The five affirmative decisions brought comment from several persons prominently concerned in recent labor disputes.

Interest turned quickly to the verbal jousts last week between Henry Ford, second largest automobile producer, and the Lewis-sponsored United Automobile Workers. Ford asserted he would never recognize "any union."

Lewis and Homer Martin, U. A. W. president, replied he would in time "change his mind."

Labor Board Chief Says Ford "Subject"

Chairman J. Warren Madden of the National Labor Relations board said yesterday the court's decision "leaves Henry Ford subject to the law." Madden said also the opinions constituted "a happy augury for industrial peace."

Martin and other U. A. W. officials expressed similar sentiment. They said affirmation of the law would bring "an era of peace."

Effect on Court Measure Debated

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—The supreme court's decisions upholding the Wagner act intensified the battle over the Roosevelt court's plan to limit the number of justices to eight.

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Poulsen Funeral Scheduled Today

Funeral services for Mark M. Poulsen, long a city official and well known in the county, will take place today at 1:30 p. m. from the W. T. Rigdon chapel.

Judge Poulsen was a city official for 17 years, five being spent as deputy recorder and 12 as municipal judge and recorder. He was born in Denmark in 1873.

In 1888 he came to this county, and one year later came to Salem. He engaged in the nursery business before taking the city position. He was affiliated with the Masons, Elks and Knights of Pythias.

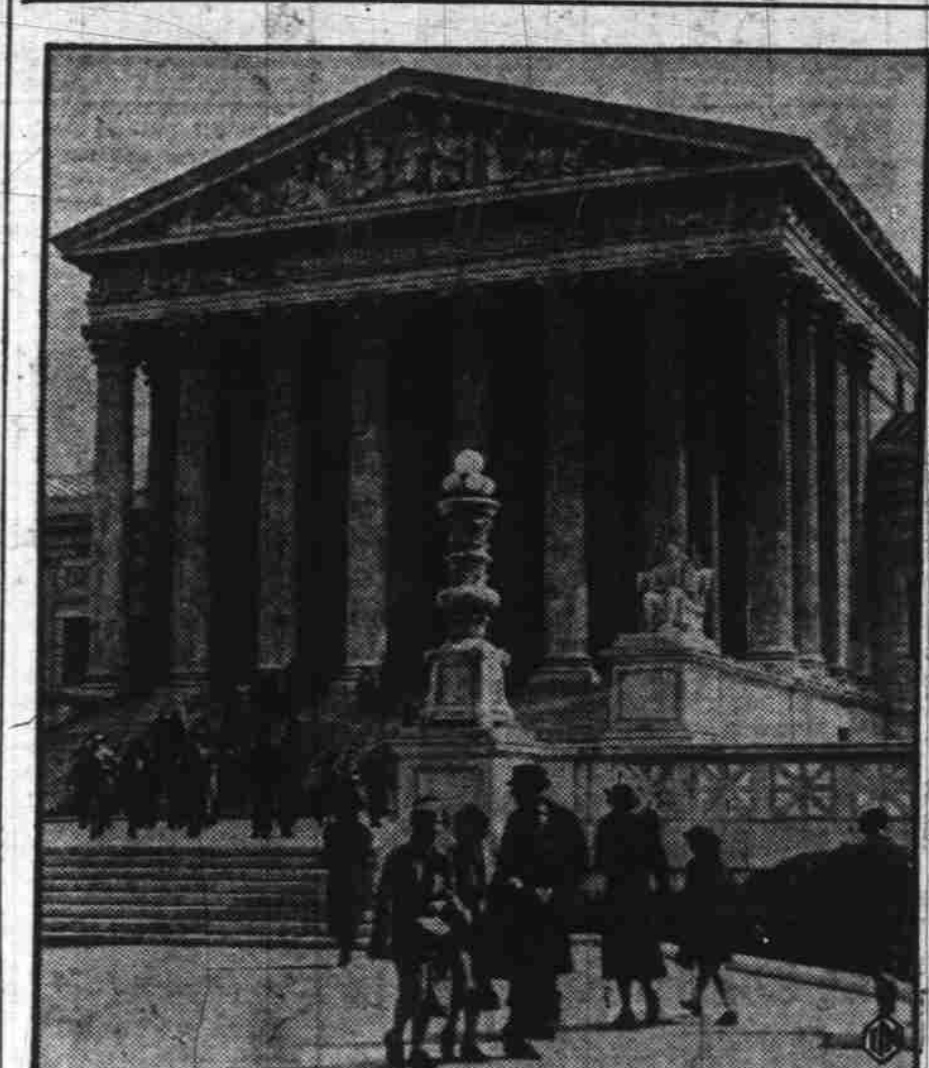
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Source of Historic Opinion That Alters Aspect of Court Squabble



The new United States supreme court building, center of world interest on Monday when the high court released its decisions validating the Wagner labor relations act. Hundreds of capital visitors have been visiting the building lately because of the limelight thrown on the court by President Roosevelt's proposal to alter its composition, the status of which is vastly affected by Monday's important decision.

Oiling of Dayton Road Is Ordered

McKenzie-Santiam Detour To Be Utilized Again, Commission Votes

PORTLAND, April 12—(AP)—The state highway commission approved a series of oiling and rock production projects, removed load limits from several important highways and moved to assist in clearing the Clear Lake road between Belknap Springs and the South Santiam at its session here today.

Following information that the forest service would open the link between the Santiam and the McKenzie Pass, the commission agreed to furnish trucks and gravel to put the route in shape as a detour until the pass is opened later in the spring.

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Bridge Here Will Be Improved Soon

Replacement of the sub-structure on the west approach to the inter-county bridge over the Willamette river in Salem is included among the list of projects on which bids will be opened by the state highway commission in Portland April 27 and 28, it was announced Monday.

Kansas Mining Region Still Tense After Shooting Affray

GALENA, Kan., April 12—(AP)—An outward peace, surcharged with suspense, hung over this bustling zinc and lead mining area today as county officials sought to fix responsibility for shootings and floggings which brought an inter-union feud to a bloody climax yesterday.

While 6,000 miners returned quietly to their jobs today, a prediction of more strife came from F. W. "Mike" Evans, president of the tri-state metal, mine and smelter workers' union, one of the two warring factions.

Won't Give Up to C.I.O., Says Evans

"I don't think the trouble is over," said Evans. "I have my observation on what the C.I.O. has done elsewhere. As for us, we will not give up to them."

President Reid Robinson of the C.I.O. affiliate, international union of mine, mill and smelter workers, said his group had no intention of withdrawing.

Cherokee county Attorney Joe Henbest, meanwhile, questioned members of both warring groups about a volley of gunfire in the streets here yesterday which wounded eight men and a boy, wounding one seriously.

The shootings occurred as some 500 tri-state men, many armed with pick handles, paraded up to international headquarters. One of the paraders, witnesses said, smashed a window in the union office. A volley of shots from inside greeted this act and in answer a number of smoke bombs were hurled, apparently by the marchers.

In the ensuing confusion an undetermined number of men within the hall fled through a rear door and drove off in cars. The shooting followed shortly after (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

Validation of Labor Law Is Historic Step

Guarantees Labor Rights to Bargain in Each of Five Varied Cases

One Verdict Unanimous; Steel, News Service Rulings Are 5-4

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—The supreme court tagged the Wagner act "constitutional" today and, by a five to four decision, brought labor relations in a vast sector of the manufacturing industries under the regulatory authorities of the federal government.

Its verdict, claimed at once as a major victory for the Roosevelt administration, obviously had the immediate effect of intensifying the raging congressional disputes over the president's bill to reorganize the high tribunal.

Opponents of the measure promptly asserted that the bill was "dead," because it had been demonstrated to be unnecessary. Its friends as quickly countered with statements that the status of the measure was unchanged. Some held that the close division of the court had strengthened the president's position.

Commerce Clause Applies, Significant

Reduced to their simplest terms, today's majority decisions held that the power to regulate commerce "between the states" conferred upon the federal government by the constitution extends to activities "affecting" such commerce—the manufacture, for instance, of articles flowing into the stream of interstate commerce.

The minority of four, however, held that in the cases under judgment, at least, the manufacturing processes involved had only an "indirect" or "incidental" effect upon interstate commerce, and were thus beyond the constitutional reach of federal regulation.

The Wagner act, the legislation involved in the decisions, guarantees the right of organization to workers and forbids employers to interfere with or coerce employees in the exercise of that right. It undertakes to compel employers to bargain with representatives of their workers.

Five applications of this law were before the court for adjudication, each involving the validity of a national labor relations board order directing that employees, allegedly discharged for labor union activities, be reinstated under the law. The court held the law (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Eight Chosen for Lands Committee

One More to Be Appointed By Martin; Districts' Selections Okeed

Appointment of eight of the nine members of a committee to supervise the exchange of state for federal grazing lands under the Taylor grazing law, was announced Monday at a meeting of the state land board.

The exchange is designed to block the state grazing lands in large tracts as they will be more attractive to livestock operators. Six of the eight members of the committee appointed Monday were recommended by the grazing districts. They were:

District No. 1, William Kittredge, Klamath Falls; district No. 2, Warner Snyder, Paisley; district No. 3, Herman Oliver, John Day; district No. 4, Sam Ross, Jordan Valley; district No. 5, Robert Lister, Paulina, and district No. 6, Fred Phillips, Keating.

State Treasurer Holman recommended Robert N. Stanfield while Secretary of State Shell advanced the name of Garnett Barnett of Heppner. Governor Charles H. Martin will make his recommendation (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

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Labor Relations Work to Resume

SEATTLE, April 12—(AP)—Charles W. Hope, regional director here for the national labor relations board, said tonight adjustment of industrial disputes will "proceed in an orderly and expeditious manner" now that the Wagner act has been upheld.

Hope, director for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, said many hearings have been unduly delayed "because of long arguments concerning the constitutionality of our act."

"Today we were swamped with inquiries regarding alleged violations by employers against workers," Hope added. "When a charge is filed with us we will investigate and adopt our usual policy of trying to bring about a settlement satisfactory to both sides without compromising the act. We prefer settlements to public hearings."

"Our aim is to bring about industrial peace and I believe much of our present difficulties can be eliminated by full compliance with the act."

Ballade of Today

By R. O.

Unions, not so long ago, were viewed as somewhat Bolshevik, but now if they have any foe he'll have to turn the other cheek; the Wagner act has been upheld and arguments about it cease; here's hoping it will help to weld a fabric of industrial peace.