

Opposition Is On Flood Bill

Senate Becomes Tangled in Discussions Over Measure

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devoted to rural electrification loans and that \$212,000,000 be set aside for additional farm benefit payments.

House Acts With Speed

The house, acting with rapidity and precision, swept its docket clear of most of its controversies. One after another, it approved the compromise wage-hour and lending-spending bills, an appropriation for army experimentation with autogyro airplanes, and late in the evening, by a suspension of its rules, passed legislation for investigations of alleged monopolistic practices in business and for a survey of the nation's phosphate resources. Both had been requested by President Roosevelt and both had been approved by the senate.

Proposals to aid the railroads by liberalizing RFC loans appeared definitely lost, although there remained a slender possibility they might be revived tomorrow. Some labor leaders were definitely against the legislation, and the house leadership also was reported opposed.

At a press conference, President Roosevelt had said that such legislation would be helpful. If congress could pass it before adjourning.

The wage-hour bill, which now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's certain signature, reached that status after encountering more tribulations than almost any piece of legislation that has harassed congress in years.

The measure, intended to establish wage minima and hour maxima for much of interstate industry, had the distinction of being "killed" in the house and then resurrected and passed.

When it was presented to congress in compromise form today, almost all the opposition that previously beset it had disappeared. The house cheered long and loudly when even the southerners who led the previous opposition to the measure voted for it in its present form. The final tally was 290 to 87.

In the senate, some southerners questioned its constitutionality but it soon passed that chamber also, without a record vote.

The bill sets a minimum minimum pay rate of 25 cents the first year and 30 cents the second year. From the start, boards appointed for each industry would study the situation and recommend higher pay levels up to a maximum of 40 cents, if found feasible.

They would, however, be empowered to make exemptions for parts of an industry in which unemployment would result and they could take into consideration such factors as local wage scales, local rates and the like.

After seven years, the 40-cent rate would be mandatory, except that exemptions could be made upon a positive showing that unemployment would result. The exemptions would be permitted for parts of an industry.

This satisfied the long standing southern opposition to the bill, which demanded lower minima in the south than elsewhere, despite the fact that the compromise measure says exemptions shall not be granted on a geographical basis.

After approving the measure, and while the senate wrestled with it, the house took up the lending-spending bill. By a vote of 211 to 123, it approved a senate amendment calling for \$212,000,000 additional farm benefit payments. Then it accepted the conference report in its entirety.

Government Buys Huge Food Order

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—The government stepped into the country's drygoods and canned fruit markets on a vast scale today, for the purpose of buying \$10,000,000 worth of clothing and \$60,000 cases of grapefruit juice.

The purpose, it was announced, was to prevent hoarding of the articles from demoralizing the markets, and to obtain goods to distribute to relief clients.

The intention to purchase excess clothing stocks was announced by Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator. The goods will be bought from manufacturers throughout the country who are able to guarantee immediate delivery, and will be distributed by state departments of public welfare.

Jean's Mother Star at Crypt



First anniversary of the death of Jean Harlow found her mother, Mrs. Marie Bello and William Powell, screen star and constant companion of the late actress, at the Forest Lawn Memorial park crypt where she was buried.

Education Board Okes Kerr Setup

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the state college, are in a position to give adequate service without the creation of any additional departments.

Principal personnel changes for the several institutions follow: Oregon State college—Appointments of Willard M. Craig as assistant professor of business administration; Dr. Dwight Curtis Mumford as head of department of farm management; Warren Reid as alumni secretary; and Rex Russell as stock keeper in the department of chemistry. Sabbatical leave for L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist until July 31; resignation of R. E. Summers, associate professor of mechanical engineering; salary increase for Dr. R. W. Dougherty, instructor in veterinary medicine; termination of appointment of Dr. F. M. Bollin, associate professor of veterinary medicine; advance in time serve and salary for Mrs. Buena Marris, instructor in house hold administration; increase in service and salary of E. G. Mason from assistant to the dean to assistant dean of forestry, and leave of absence for Dr. F. P. Griffiths, instructor in the fish and game department, to do special research work for the Oregon state game commission, studies to be carried on at the college.

Mud Springs Boys Best All Corners at Pitchin'

KLAMATH FALLS, June 14.—(AP)—The boys from the Mud Springs grange in Jefferson county amazed the grange convention last night by sweeping the annual horseshoe pitching tournament hands down.

Stanley Hobson won the singles by covering every opposition ringer with one of his own. Hobson and Thad Disney took the doubles event with ridiculous ease.

Husband Deported

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—(AP)—Dr. William Wallace Campbell, 76, renowned astronomer and president emeritus of the University of California, leaped to his death today from a fourth floor window of his apartment home.

Coroner T. W. Leland in listing the death as a suicide said Doctor Campbell undoubtedly was motivated by approaching blindness and aphasia, an ailment which caused him to speak unintelligibly and grope for words.

Doctor Campbell, once a director of Lick observatory, prepared methodically for his death, working laboriously over five suicide notes which he placed at various places in the apartment and left a card directing his family to the letters.

Seven Rebels Killed

MEXICO CITY, June 14.—(AP)—The defense ministry announced today that seven rebels and two soldiers were killed and about 10 men wounded in two clashes between federal troops and outlaw bands in the state of Guanajuato yesterday.

This heart-rending scene was enacted on a New York dock as Mrs. Margaret Watson waved goodbye to her husband, Robert Watson, 43, cripple on relief since 1922, who was deported because he was found to have entered the United States from Scotland illegally, in 1928. His wife and three daughters were permitted to remain in their home at Newark, N. J.

Postmasters' Bill Approved

Word of Civil Service Bill's Approval Read at Meet

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and declared "you people here will be recipients of this legislation." He pointed out that under civil service, all postmasterships will be on basis of merits, and urged every postmaster to "put your heart into the job as never before" to keep your position.

Other banquet speakers were Charles C. Wenrick, chief clerk, first assistant postmaster general, who will make his first business address before the nearly 70 postmasters registered at this morning's session; Jessie Simmons, Carnation, Wash., attorney; Inspector S. G. Schwartz of Salem; Postmaster Crawford of Salem; Sheriff A. C. Burk of Salem; Mrs. Sophie M. Mitchell, Yachats, president; and Remy I. Loundree, Sandy, secretary-treasurer of the assembled postmasters. K. J. Nolan, Portland was postmaster.

Entertaining sessions were provided by pupils of the Barbara Barnes school of dance and O. J. Hull, Salem postal employe.

Election Today

Election of officers, and selection of the 1939 convention city, for which Wenrick, chief clerk, has entered bids will feature the business sessions today.

Speakers, besides Mr. Wenrick, scheduled for the programs today are Inspector C. E. Caine of Seattle; Inspector Schwartz of Salem; Elmer M. Foster, Calcasieu; Josephine Stank, Portland; Elton A. Schroeder, Myrtle Point, all past presidents; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; and P. M. Schweizer, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Letter Carriers' association.

Conventions yesterday morning and afternoon were carried out as announced yesterday morning, and in the late afternoon delegates and their wives or husbands enjoyed a drive to scenic points in and near Salem.

Visiting postmasters will make their first interest today a behind-the-scenes view of the new Salem postoffice, at invitation of Postmaster Crawford.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—Congress voted today to re-elect incumbent first, second and third class postmasters today.

It did so by sending a conference report on a civil service bill to the White House.

Under the terms of the measure, present postmasters would complete their four-year terms. They then would be eligible for reappointment for life by taking a non-competitive civil service examination.

Thus most of the incumbents, trained in their jobs, would be expected to satisfy civil service requirements and keep the posts for life.

Some republican senators said this meant perpetuation of democratic control in the civil service.

French to Raise Army's Strength

PARIS, June 14.—(AP)—France prepared today to handle a standing army of a million men—the nation's answer to tension in Europe.

The cabinet announced it had adopted a decree increasing the number of officers and men, the third large increase in France's armed forces within three months.

In addition to a renewal of recruiting of an unannounced number of professional soldiers, preparations were made to take 4,000 captains and lieutenants into the army from the reserve forces. They will command in part several new divisions which will be created with the end of "war baby" classes of conscripts.

The normal French conscript class is nearly 250,000, but during the last four years the classes have been only about 140,000 because of a great drop in the birth rate during the World war.

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Large Number of Troops of Mikado Believed Lost in Deluge

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surrounded by rising waters, and entire villages had disappeared as the river spread out over hundreds of miles of countryside which only a few days ago were swept by war.

The flood waters blocked Japanese troops before Changchow and forced them back as far as Kaifeng but Japanese said they expected to resume the drive as soon as possible. It was indicated an advance on the city might be attempted from the south.

Far to the south of the flooded area, Japanese warships and land forces were driving up the Yangtze toward Hankow, China's temporary capital. Heavy rains prevented large scale aerial operations in the campaign against Hankow, 215 miles upstream from captured Nanking.

Japanese warships from Nanking steamed slowly upstream to within 35 miles of Matowchen, where Chinese have erected the first barrier barring river approach to Hankow.

While Japanese charged that Chinese deliberately had wiped out Japanese forces along the Lungshai, Chinese asserted that major breaks were caused by Japanese bombardments along the river.

Disabled Veteran Delegates Elected

Martha Jane, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Peary, route two, was treated at the Salem General hospital last night for a fractured right arm, sustained while playing at her home.

The Disabled American Veterans' auxiliary elected delegates to the convention to be held at Bend, June 19, 20, 21 and 22 at their meeting Monday.

Those going from the chapter are: Paul Tharalson, T. C. Peardon, Fred Egelus, Leon L. Hansen, G. E. Kingwell, George Malstro, Wm. Bliven and Thomas Boston. A letter is as are: Joe Ringwood, Jay Harnsberger, O. E. Rinehart, Clarence Mottenbier, Dr. George Lewis, Stewart Johns, Frank Crozier and J. M. Elberg.

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Tot on Tricycle Killed by Train

BURLEY, Idaho, June 14.—(AP)—A two-year-old farmer's son was killed near here today when a crack passenger train struck him as he sat on his tricycle in the middle of the tracks.

Wandering from a field where his father was fringing, Richard J. Bywater rode onto the tracks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Bywater, hearing the train's whistle, were unable to rescue the youngster who was thrown 125 feet by the impact.

Ask Sewing Room, Old High School

The WPA through Fred Bates, engineer, formally applied to the Salem school board last night for use of the old senior high school gymnasium as a relief sewing room, substituting for the Chambers building balcony which is to be vacated July 1. The board took the application under advisement.

No teacher appointments were made although several are pending. The board accepted resignation of Marian Garry, who has taught home economics in the senior high school for three years and is now taking a position with the Portland system. Request of Earle K. Stewart, Parrish junior high social science instructor, for two years' leave of absence to enable him to obtain his doctor's degree at University of California was granted.

The directors gave the Nazarene church permission to meet in the old high auditorium while its building is being enlarged. Authority to make alterations in the old building occupied by the Salem Art center was given at the request of Paul B. Wallace.

Portland Market Offered to City

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Mayor Joseph K. Carson said today the Reconstruction Finance corporation, holder of a \$75,000 mortgage on a \$1,000,000 public market building here, had offered it to the city for municipal functions.

Carson and members of the council indicated they were interested in the offer made by Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the RFC.

Carson said the building, if taken over, would continue to house a public market, but in addition would cover a super fire station, police station, municipal court and provide parking space.

The building, constructed in 1933 and owned by the Mead estate and Frederick H. Strong, is 616 feet long, 142 feet wide and five stories high. At present it houses 110 merchants and 200 farmers.

John Lewis Given Blow

Personally Sponsored Bill Killed in House Committee

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denal of future contracts for three years and to a fine equal to, double or treble the difference between wages they paid and the scale Secretary Perkins had promulgated, depending upon the number of violations.

Twelve of the 14, rules committee members participated in today's action. Representative Harlan (D. O.) said later in the day that illness prevented him from attending the meeting and Representative Dies (D. Tex.) said he previously had arranged a meeting of his house committee to investigate un-American activities.

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel; Tom Kennedy, lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania and official of the united mine workers, a CIO affiliate, immediately left the capitol to discuss their next move.

Representative Lameck (D. O.), in a statement tonight described Lewis' appearance at the capitol and his subsequent defeat as an event "which at first gave pause and then laughter" to the nation.

"The American sense of humor, which is widespread, has saved this nation from many crashes," Lameck said.

"There may be funnier things in this world today than John of the shaggy locks and weeping willow eyebrows setting up a one-day kingdom in the capitol and then having his regal chair jerked out from under him, but I can not conceive of it. . . ."

"His Capitol Hill clowning has lifted a great strain from a nation which previously was taking him seriously."

"His frowns have lost their force. Perhaps his clouding up and threatening to reign will prove the clearing shower before the sunshine of industrial peace in our nation."

Lameck spoke of Lewis' "unprecedented gall" in announcing his presence in the capitol house members "to the throne room to instruct them how to vote" on a pending bill.

William Green, AFL president, denounced what he termed Lewis' "brazen invasion" of Bankhead's office.

In a public letter tonight to all AFL organizations, Green said the episode was typical of the CIO's "all-around stupidity, feebleness and outright treachery to labor." He continued:

"All chances of adoption of these amendments, which were favored by the American Federation of Labor, were ruined by Lewis and his flunkies."

"They attempted to dictate to congress in the same way they dictate to the CIO unions. Many members of congress who had told us they would vote for the amendments became so indignant at Lewis that they reversed their position. They sat down on Lewis so hard as to make him a completely ludicrous figure."

Caterpillar Racing Newest Children's Sport



Taking a tip from the California Mother Lode's famous jumping frog contests, a group of San Francisco school children went a step further recently to promote the idea of caterpillar racing. The newest of indoor sports, shown above, is being enjoyed by Bernard Salin (left), Beverly Strasser and Harold Meyer. The place? No, it's not out in the lot during a "hooky session," but on top of teacher's desk.

To Recommend PGE Power Bid

For Sale of City Owned Power Plant on Mill Stream

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mentation of acceptance was made conditional upon approval of the lease with these changes.

Members of the two groups said they were disposed to give Mr. Read's bid every possible consideration but that in view of the difference between a cash deal and a deferred payment offer in electrical service, coupled with the amount to be received for leasing the property and water rights, the PGE offer was considerably more favorable.

The matter is expected to come up for final decision by the city council next Monday night.

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Rear Adm. Luther E. Gregory, USN, retired, representing the governor of the state of Washington, drove the first rivet. Rear Adm. Wat T. Cluervius, commandant at the navy yard, presided.

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