

Rosser Takes Stand to Deny Arson Charge

Overtime Softball Battles Run Into Wee Small Hours

Convention of VFW to Start Here Saturday

Grand Parade, Exhibition at Sweetland Field on Tuesday Highlights

Grand Ball First Night; Cooties to Dominate Scenes on Monday

With Salem's streets and downtown business houses decorated in the national colors and emblems of the organizations, the 18th annual encampment of the Department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held in Salem, July 9 to 13, inclusive, will be properly launched on Saturday, July 9.

The highlight of the five days' and nights' convention will be the grand parade which will take place Tuesday night, July 12, and which will be composed of five divisions, embracing 18 bands, five drum corps and other original musical units. The parade will traverse the main downtown streets, heading at Marion square and covering upwards of 70 blocks, and end at Sweetland field in a grand review before Governor Charles H. Martin, Major General George A. White and other state, military and patriotic organization officials.

Because, happily, there was a considerable number of entries of bands, drum corps and other uniformed marching organizations, military, patriotic and civic, over the most sanguine expectations, Chairman William H. Ruff of the parade committee, Colonel Charles Abrams, grand marshal, called it necessary to add a fifth division to the grand parade and Don Madison has been designated as commander of this new division. Heading the other divisions (Turn to Page 2, Column 1)

Oddities in the News

CLIFTON SPRINGS, N. Y., July 7.—(AP)—Eighteen couples, all married more than half a century, gathered here tonight for a dinner in celebration of a total of 962 years of married life. The 18 couples all are from this little west-central New York village and its vicinity.

Women's societies of four churches—Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Episcopal—cooked a dinner of creamed chicken on biscuit for the anniversary party.

HAMMOND, Ind., July 7.—(AP)—Since suffering a chest injury a year ago, 15-year-old Matthew Jesuit emitted a peculiar whistling sound in his sleep. Today his mother noticed the whistling had stopped. She investigated. Matthew was dead of pneumonia.

NEW ORLEANS, July 7.—(AP)—Cheering news for foot-soldiers was broadcast today by William F. Washburn, chief associate of the Gait laboratory of the University of Rochester at Rochester, N. Y.

En route to address medical groups in Fort Worth, Tex., and California, he said, research had evolved a theory of "balance in motion" which, applied to army shoes, increased the speed of marching men 8 per cent and lessened fatigue 10 per cent.

Shoes are now made, he explained, to fit feet at rest, although the real test, comes when a shoe is used. Studies of foot motions will enable more scientific construction.

Portland Pup Tent's Drum Corps Is All Set for "Cootie Scratch"



Here's one of the drum and bugle corps that will be in Salem July 9 to 13, inclusive, for the annual state encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This corps will represent Portland pup tent No. 1, Military Order of the Cootie and will be prominent in the Cootie "scratch" to be staged Monday.

Aviators Report Expedition Safe

Nevills Party Seen Near Lee's Ferry; no Aid Needed, Message

EL PASO, Tex., July 7.—(AP)—The six-member Nevills expedition, long overdue at Lees Ferry, Ariz., on its trip down the treacherous Colorado river, was reported sighted today by two coast guard pilots from El Paso. The pilots, R. W. Fendley and J. L. Riggs, reported they had communicated with the party and that apparently its members were well and did not need aid.

The sighted the expedition's boats 20 miles northeast of Lee's Ferry. The pilots reported to Lieut. Perry S. Lyons, United States coast guard commander here.

The aviators wrote notes which were answered by the raising of hands of the six members of the party.

Earlier today, H. "Buzz" Holm (Turn to page 16, col. 5)

Death of Illinois Girl Under Probe

CENTRALIA, ILL., July 7.—(AP)—The body of slim, attractive Mary Britton, a bullet wound in the heart, was found half-clad on the bedroom floor of a fashionable home here late today.

Chief of Police William Kaelin said the body was discovered by Elvin Satterlee, an automobile dealer, and added that Satterlee had rented the house "several months ago."

Underneath the body, Kaelin declared, was a lengthy note which said in part "I love you and you have fell in love with someone else," and was signed, "Love, Mary."

"Indications point to suicide, but there's something peculiar," Chief Kaelin declared after his investigation.

The "peculiar" things included, he said, a battered and blood-stained coffee pot in a downstairs room, a broken lamp, broken china closet and other disorder downstairs.

President Leaves on Jaunt Westward; Two Talks Today

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left tonight on a transcontinental tour in behalf of his unfinished new deal program and of "liberal" candidates for office in the 1938 democratic primaries.

30 Innings of Ball Required in two Games

26 of them Prove Zeros on Scoreboard; Rally Follows Midnight

Waits Win in 13, Paper Team in 12 Frames; Most Fans Stay

By RON GEMMELL Runs on Sweetland last night and this morning were as scarce as benevolence between China and Japan as Wait's and the Papermakers set a new record by battling through 17 scoreless frames in the nightcap before Wait's garnered three unearned runs in the first of the 18th to beat the "Makers 3-0, topping the preceding line in which 20-30 went down 2-1 before the Eagles in 12 cantos. All together 26 scoreless innings were played in the two games.

None of the season's record crowd asked for their individual dime back this morning, the biggest share of them sitting until 12:45 before the last Papermaker was out in the final half of the 18th frame.

The night had ceased and a new day was breaking before Wait's was able to push across their three unearned tallies. George Seales, the night's leading hitter with three for seven, poked a blooper double into left field to score Kitchen from second on Dick's bad throw to first, the only miscue he committed in handling nine assists and making four putouts.

Seales scored on Girod's single to left, after Roth had grounded out, and McCaffery's single across second scored Girod. Counter-Rally Is Started But Fails

With Jimmy Nicholson, who made the most scintillating shoe-string catch of the current season on Beard's line drive to center in the 13th, singling to begin the last half of the 18th, customers held their breath. But, Roth forced the next three to (Turn to page 17, col. 5)

Maritime Labor Board Appointed

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt assigned to two labor experts and a union leader today the task of solving the troublesome maritime labor problem.

To the recently created maritime labor board the president appointed: Robert W. Bruere, author and educator, of New York. He once served with NRA as chairman of the cotton textile industrial relations board. He will be chairman.

Louis Bloch of California, who has served as labor adviser to the maritime commission. Claude E. Seehorn of Denver, Colo., vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and engineers.

The board will try to induce employers and employees to settle disputes in conference, and will be a medium to which both sides may resort if they desire. There will be no compulsory mediation.

Kidnaper McCall Is Refused Delay

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 7.—(AP)—Franklin Pierce McCall, 21-year-old kidnaper of Jimmy Cash, a youngster he had often played with, was refused reprieve from death today by the state pardon board.

His family, however, authorized Defense Attorney G. A. Avriett to prepare an appeal to the state supreme court. This would have the effect of indefinitely postponing McCall's electrocution, which otherwise could be carried out as early as the week of July 13 under Florida's legal requirements.

Avriett said his plea would be based on a contention that, under the "Lindbergh law," death could not be imposed upon his client without a jury trial. McCall was sentenced by a judge before whom he pleaded guilty to a kidnaping charge. (Turn to Page 2, Column 2)

Six Initiative Measures Are In Under Wire

Four Amendments, Three Referendum Issues to Appear on Ballot

Liquor Regulation, two Townsend Plan Bills Are on Petitions

Six initiative measures, four constitutional amendments, one referendum bill and two referendum measures will appear on the ballot at the general election next November, provided the initiative petitions are valid. The time for filing completed petitions expired at 5 p. m. Thursday.

Preliminary petitions for 24 measures and amendments were filed but most of them were not completed.

Initiative measures follow: Providing for the purification of the waters of rivers, streams, lakes, watersheds and coastal area of Oregon, establishing a sanitary authority for administration, and setting up regulations for eliminating wastes. Filed by the stream purification league of Oregon.

For the regulation of picketing and boycotts defining a labor dispute and fixing penalties for violation. A labor dispute under this measure is defined as a bona fide controversy between employer and employee regarding wages, working hours of working conditions. This bill was sponsored by the Associated Farmers of Oregon and other rural organizations and is directed at labor unions.

Two Pension Bills Up Before Voters The legislature to apply to Congress for a convention to propose the philosophy and principles of (Turn to page 2, Column 4)

Shanghai Quieter After Outbreaks

Settlement Leaders Make Protest of Japanese Soldiers' Patrol

SHANGHAI, July 8.—(Friday)—Japanese soldiers and plainclothesmen withdrew from the international settlement today evening in a situation already made tense by an outbreak of anti-Japanese terrorism.

International settlement authorities made sharp protests when Japanese soldiers appeared on the streets of the settlement today evening in a situation already made tense by an outbreak of anti-Japanese terrorism.

Another detachment of armed Japanese in civilian clothes boldly took posts on Avenue Edward VII, bordering the settlement and the French concession. They stopped and searched numerous Chinese suspected of terrorist activities.

Settlement police and military units continued a patrol, unprejudiced for its strictness. In an effort to suppress gunmen and bomb throwers who yesterday killed four and wounded five persons.

Nearly 1000 Chinese were (Turn to page 16, col. 4)

Sawmill Reopens On AFL Contract

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—West Oregon, the Portland sawmill involved for months in the AFL-CIO jurisdictional fight, reopened peacefully under an AFL union-lumber pact today despite CIO pickets and a sound truck which verbally assailed the workers as they filed into the plant.

The mill signed an AFL agreement Wednesday giving the federation exclusively bargaining rights. The CIO, pointing to the labor relation board's certification of it as bargainer, sent out banner carriers who sign proclaimed the plant unfair.

CIO longshore workers said they would not handle the AFL defense before adjournment time. The state will offer testimony to support its contention the property is worth not more than \$32,000, the sum offered Edith Louise Patton and Luella M. Charlton, owners of undivided one-half interests. J. M. Devereaux, assistant attorney general, told

Summer Band Concerts Open Tonight; Marion Square Will Be Scene

Municipal Band Conducted by Stoudenmeyer Again; Location Changed Because of Work Around Willson Park and New Capitol

The 26-piece Salem band will present the first of its summer concert series tonight at 8 o'clock at Marion square, starting at 8 o'clock and continuing until 9:30 o'clock.

Concerts will be held each week on Tuesday and Friday nights. The change from Willson park to Marion square is being made this season due to construction work in progress along Court street which reduces the parking space.

H. M. Stoudenmeyer is again conductor for the band, which has been the official band at the state fair for a number of years and which is considered one of the finest bands in the northwest. Glenn Burritt is manager.

Program for the opening concert follows: "Glory of the Gridiron" Alford Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai Waltz, "Blue Danube" Strauss Popular:

- (a) "Whistle While You Work" Churchill (b) "T-I-P-I-Tin" Grever (c) "Heigh-Ho" Churchill Comic opera, "Rose of Algiers" Herbert A Rhythm Novelty, "The Toy Trumpet" Scott Grand Selection, "Tannhauser" Wagner Danse de Ballet, "Badinage" Herbert March, "Gipsyland" Lithgow Finale

Popular numbers will be interspersed through the program, time permitting.

Five-Alarm Fire Held Incendiary

Nine Firemen Are Injured Fighting Blaze, big SP Warehouse

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—(AP)—A spectacular five-alarm fire which burned for hours here today, destroyed a huge Southern Pacific warehouse here tonight. Nine firemen were injured fighting the blaze.

Estimates of the damage ranged as high as \$250,000. The fire was the third conflagration in the San Francisco bay area in as many days, and Kelly said "that can't be a coincidence."

The marshal said he had found evidence the blaze had been set deliberately in oil-soaked waste. The block-long shed was occupied by the Overland Freight Transfer company and the banana importing firm of A. Levy and J. Zentner.

Fire Chief Charles Brennan, directing his firemen, narrowly escaped injury or death when a trolley pole caught fire and fell to the street beside him.

None of the injured firemen was hurt seriously.

Insurgent Bulls Seized by Enemy

MADRID, July 7.—(AP)—Three insurgent bulls went out to graze on no man's land today and wound up in a government slaughter house.

The unsuspecting animals nibbled their way right through an opening hastily made by government sentries in their barbed wire entanglements outside Madrid.

An extra ration of fresh meat went to the company holding the sector.

Patton Place Condemnation Testimony Set This Morning

Opening testimony will be presented at 9 o'clock this morning to the circuit court jury selected yesterday to hear the state capitol reconstruction commission's suit to condemn the Patton property, located at the northwest corner of Court and Summer streets, to secure land needed for the widening and developing of the approach to the new capitol.

As completed early yesterday afternoon, the jury of six men and six women was taken for an hour-long inspection of the Patton house. Opening statements were made by the state and the defense before adjournment time. The state will offer testimony to support its contention the property is worth not more than \$32,000, the sum offered Edith Louise Patton and Luella M. Charlton, owners of undivided one-half interests. J. M. Devereaux, assistant attorney general, told

Trial May End By Tonight or Next Forenoon

Defendant Last Witness for Defense; State's Rebuttal Today

Roy Hewitt, Ben Osborne Heard; Banks Called in Surprise Move

DALLAS, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—Albert Earl Rosser, 44-year-old former secretary of the joint council of AFL teamsters in Oregon, took the stand in his own defense today to deny that he was guilty of arson in connection with the burning of the Salem box factory last November.

The tall, baldish defendant answered "No, sir," to virtually every question that Defense Attorney George Vanderveer of Seattle asked, Rosser also denying that he had heard of the factory before the fire.

Rosser was calm during his hour on the stand, his divorced wife, Kathleen Rosser, and his present wife each listening intently from their seats in the crowded courtroom. He will resume the stand tomorrow morning for further cross-examination, after which defense attorneys said they would close their case.

The state then may call rebuttal witnesses, which will be followed by closing arguments to the jury of nine farmers, a bookkeeper and two women.

May Reach Jury Tonight or Saturday

Attorneys said the case, probably would go to the jury tomorrow night or Saturday morning. Rosser denied the testimony of Al N. Banks, former secretary of the Salem teamsters who is serving 12 years for hiring three men to burn the mill, who testified that Rosser told him burning the mill "was the right thing to do."

On cross-examination Rosser denied that Dave Beck, Seattle, teamster leader for 11 western states, attended a joint council meeting in Portland September 30 which was held to reinstate Rosser as council secretary. A moment later Rosser admitted Beck was present. Rosser explained that Beck asked him to call the meeting because there was some question about auditing Rosser's books.

Vanderveer clashed during cross examination with Oscar Sawyer, associate in the prosecution. The Seattle attorney demanded that the court charge (Turn to page 16, col. 2)

Lien Foreclosure Action Is Upheld

The first definite effort to attack a Salem city lien foreclosure by pleading laches and the statute of limitations was upset yesterday when Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling overruled a demurrer entered by James and Jennie Imah to a foreclosure action instituted against them. In addition to asserting insufficient facts in the complaint, the defendants contended the action was not started within the time limited by law and that plaintiff city had been negligent in asserting its right.

The defendants will now have an opportunity to file an answer to the complaint, which demands their redemption of \$59,82 principal and interest on an assessment levied in 1908 for the paving of North Commercial street from Trade to Center streets.

The property involved is that occupied by the old YMCA building at the northwest corner of Commercial and Chemeketa streets. No interest has been paid on the assessment since 1920, the city contends.

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Strikers Advised To Resist Arrest

NEW ORLEANS, July 7.—(AP)—CIO strikers were instructed by their attorney late today to lock themselves in their meeting places and resist with "force and arms" police attempts to enter without a search or seizure warrant.

The instructions of the attorney, Matthew S. Braniff, followed a raid on CIO headquarters by police who arrested 71 persons. George Rorer, superintendent of police, said those arrested were plotting violence in the strike called against the Yellow Cab company.

The men were charged with disturbing the peace.

Earlier in the day the American Federation of Labor obtained a court order prohibiting CIO pickets from molesting AFL drivers in a drayage strike.