

Hottest Weather Increases Fire Dangers

Port Settlement Haring Today

Hopes Hinging On Efforts of Arbitrator Morse

Mythical Picket Line to Be Eyed, See if It's Real

Morse Efforts Follow Unsuccessful Tries at Arbitration

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12-(AP)—Hopes for reopening of the port of Portland, closed two days by a labor dispute, centered tonight in Wayne L. Morse, coast arbitrator of waterfront issues.

Morse, after studying conflicting claims of the Waterfront Employers' association and the CIO international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union, said he would open a hearing at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow to determine whether the dispute was subject to local or coastwise arbitration.

Other arbitration efforts by Samuel B. Weinstein, federal arbitrator, and William T. Geary, mediator for the national maritime labor board, were unsuccessful.

The tie-up followed a week's unsuccessful effort to force CIO dockmen to lead the freighter William Luckenbach, which had been picketed by the CIO maritime office workers' union. The office workers charged Luckenbach had ignored a national labor relations board order to reinstate three discharged employes with back pay.

Luckenbach subsequently obtained a court injunction against the pickets but dockmen continued to respect an imaginary picket line.

The dockmen's union asserted "our contract does not contemplate working behind a legitimate picket line." It held pickets were removed by force so that in effect the line continued.

Morse's hearing was expected to develop a definition of what constitutes picketing and determine whether employers have the right to suspend port operations without first exhausting other remedies, including arbitration.

The union contended "the employers' violation of contract in closing this port so that they were afraid to submit their position to an arbitrator and consequently disavowed their contract with us for the express purpose of preventing the continuance of arbitration on Thursday."

Tax Revision Is Topic on Monday

White House Conference May Prove Showdown on Change Issue

WASHINGTON, May 12-(AP)—A White House conference, involving a possible showdown on whether tax revision should be undertaken at this session of congress and the nature of the changes to be made, was called today for Monday afternoon.

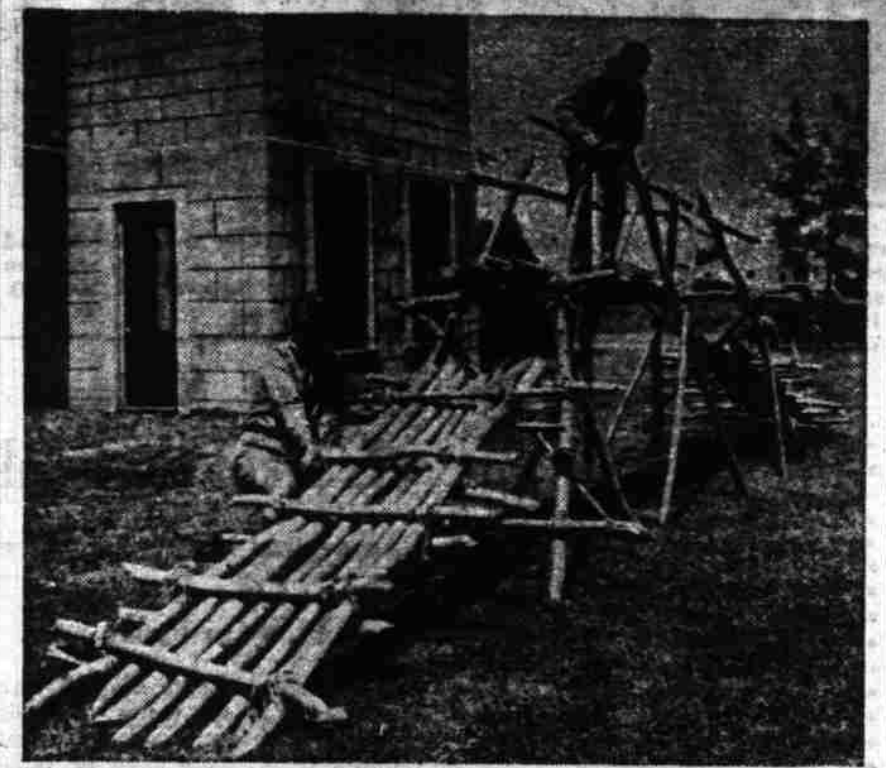
President Roosevelt, after saying he was willing to repeal the remains of the undistributed profits tax, if other safeguards against legal tax evasion are enacted simultaneously, summoned both treasury and congressional tax authorities to the meeting.

Many who have followed the developing and confused tax situation, expressed the opinion that the conference would find the congressional group urging the elimination from the tax schedules of certain levies which have been called a handicap to business and recovery.

King Celebrates His Second Year

ABOARD THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 12-(Canadian Press)—King George VI received a 21-gun salute and in turn ordered an extra rum issue for men of the escorting cruisers Glasgow and Southampton today in celebration of the second anniversary of his coronation.

Scouts to Race in Chariots, Build Bridges Without Nails



Boy scouts demonstrate their motto, "Be Prepared," by learning to build bridges before they come to a stream, as these members of Jason Lee troop 12 will do at the Cascade council scout circus on Sweetland field tonight.

800 Boy Scouts Ready For Colorful Pageant, Circus, Here Tonight

Previewers of Dress Rehearsal Say Entertainment Is Rapid-Fire; 45 Troops of Council Join; Proceeds for Camp

Eight hundred Boy Scouts in action representing the 45 troops of the Cascade area council will present a rapid-fire 10-ring circus full of excitement at the first annual Boy Scout Circus to be staged on Sweetland field tonight at 8 o'clock with the gates opening at 7 p. m.

Astoria, May 12-(AP)—A giant log killed Robert Earl Barr, 24, Portland, in the Clatsop woods today. Barr was employed with his father and brother by the Van Vleet Logging company.

Tillamook, May 12-(AP)—Police held two men transients today while they investigated the death of Earl W. Decker, 38, transient, beneath the wheels of a logging train last night.

New Oregon Parole Boardmen To Confer With Washington

The new state parole board, which will take office June 14, decided Friday at its first meeting to confer with Washington state parole and prison officials next week on how the Washington parole law, from which Oregon's law was copied, has worked out.

Bean Is New Oregon Utility Commissioner

Announcement Follows Wallace Resignation for Ill Health

Bean, Portland Official, Held Well Qualified; Ex-Resident Here

O. R. Bean, city commissioner of Portland, was appointed state utility commissioner Friday by Governor Charles A. Sprague, following receipt of the resignation of N. G. Wallace who has held the office since January 1, 1937.

Commissioner Wallace stated in his letter of resignation that it was prompted by ill health, and Governor Sprague made it (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Coal Settlement Postponed Again

Conferees Fail to Act on Agreement; Hope to Settle Today

NEW YORK, May 12-(AP)—The full Appalachian coal conference took no action in a 3-hour discussion tonight on an agreement reached today by its negotiators to grant the "union shop" to John L. Lewis' union miners, and thus a final settlement of the controversy that has tied up the bituminous mines of 36 states was postponed until tomorrow at the earliest.

The conference made up of 150 representatives of operators and an equal number of representatives of the union—ended without public expression from either side as the prospects for tomorrow, but a high operators' spokesman said privately that it almost unquestionably would see the signing of a contract.

A union spokesman of equal authority put forward a similar view, with the statement that a general reopening of the mines by Monday seemed certain.

NEW YORK, May 12-(AP)—An agreement to give John L. Lewis' CIO miners a "union shop" and thus to end the long tie-up of bituminous coal fields in 26 states (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12-(AP)—The Portland Ducks bombarded three San Francisco Seal pitchers for an easy 12 to 2 victory before 8,000 fans in a Coast league baseball game here tonight.

Bill Thomas, with a big lead, hurled a good game. His only bad inning was the eighth, when Ted Norbert smashed a home run with one on base. Bill Sweeney, Portland manager, hit four singles and drew two walks in seven times at bat.

Hollywood, 7 10 0
San Diego, 3 3 1
Osborne and Crandall; Weidon, Johnson (5) and Detore, Farquharson (6).

Oakland, 8 5 1
Sacramento, 2 9 3
Cantwell, Sheehan (7) and Raymond; Seats and Ogdrowski.

LOS ANGELES, May 12-(AP)—Los Angeles had Seattle fought through 12 innings tonight before Seattle won the baseball thriller, 8 to 7.

SACRAMENTO, May 12-(AP)—Second night game: Oakland, 2 3 7 6
Sacramento, 1 5 6
Fallon and Conroy; Freitas and Ogdrowski.

WALLA WALLA, May 12-(AP)—Sweeping the two short dashes to pile up most of their winning margin, the Whitman Missionaries today defeated College of Page, Bound, 14 to 11, in a dual track meet.

Turkey Allies Herself With 'Peace Front'

East-West Crossroads Nation Joins With Britain, France

Former War Enemies Exchange Pledges; 6 now in Bloc

(By The Associated Press) The British-French front acquired an important new ally Friday in Turkey, "cross-roads between east and west."

The World War enemy of the western powers and Britain exchanged pledges to aid each other "in the event of an act of aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean area."

Prime Minister Chamberlain told the British house of commons the arrangement would remain effective pending conclusion of a "definite long-term agreement of reciprocal character."

The addition of Turkey increased the membership of the London-Paris bloc to six nations—Britain, France, Poland, Rumania, Greece and Turkey.

French Premier Daladier's national defense government, meanwhile, won a strong parliamentary vote of confidence—375 to 230—in its declared policy of resistance (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Japanese Occupy Foreign Sections

International Settlement at Amoy Is Scene of 'Plotter' Roundup

SHANGHAI, May 13-(Saturday)—Japanese bluejackets who yesterday suddenly occupied the Kunglung international settlement at Amoy today began rounding up Chinese suspected of anti-Japanese activities.

More than 100 were arrested in house-to-house searches through the little foreign area on (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Ban on Log Exports Is Argued at Washington; Holman Bill Under Fire

Col. Greeley Says It Will Turn Business Over to Canada; Rufus and Trade Experts Disagree; Agreement With Dominion Suggested

WASHINGTON, May 12-(AP)—A representative of the West Coast Lumbermen's association told the senate commerce committee today enactment of legislation prohibiting the export of Douglas fir plywood logs would serve only to rob the lumber industry of its remaining foreign business.

"Frankly, the situation many of us fear," said Col. W. B. Greeley, one-time chief United States forester, "is that if we accept such a program hastily, we will simply give over to Canada our log export business."

Greeley's statement, and a request that the committee postpone action until it had been determined whether Canada would enact similar legislation and thereby assure a measure of protection to the American industry, came at the end of a day of testimony in support of the proposal introduced by Senator Holman (R., Ore.).

The Holman bill, its sponsors said, was designed to stop the export of log exports business. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Parrish Principal Asks County Post

H. F. Durham, Long Here, Seeks Superintendent of Schools Term

H. F. Durham, principal of Parrish Junior high school, formally applied to the county court yesterday afternoon for appointment as county school superintendent to succeed the late Mary L. Falkerson. After interviewing County Judge J. C. Stegmann, he said he would return to present his qualifications to Commissioners Roy S. Nelson and Jim Smith, who were absent from the courthouse.

Cascade Locks to Appeal Bond Case

PENDLETON, Ore., May 12-(AP)—Appeal from a Hood River county circuit court ruling in the city of Cascade Locks' suit to force W. J. Carlson, city recorder, to issue \$79,000 bonds for an electrical distribution system, were filed with the state supreme court today.

The city appealed from the recorder's ruling that the recorder had the right to refuse to issue the bonds because they were not advertised properly under Oregon law.

The recorder appealed from a ruling upholding the constitutionality of the city's charter amendments exempting the bonds from the city's limitation, and permitting the city to issue them payable solely from revenues from the electric system and not from general taxation. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Crop Damages, Forest Fires, Serious, Fear

Sun Boosts to 87 in Salem for Record; Rain Far Away

WEST TIMBER, May 12-(AP)—Wind-borne flames crackled over 700 acres of brush and slashings on Round Top mountain today.

Auguring further damage to crops, the 1939 heat record was broken in Salem Friday when the mercury in the official thermometer rose to 87 degrees at 3:35 p. m. The highest mark recorded earlier this year was 83 degrees, on April 17.

Friday's maximum was the highest since September 18, 1933, when the mercury climbed to 91 degrees.

The fire spread over an area estimated at four miles in length and two and a half in width, chiefly on the West & Scribner and Dwyer logging operations. Holdings of the Standard Logging company and the Consolidated Logging company were menaced by spot fires.

Ray Miller, 35, a West & Scribner mechanic, suffered a broken leg while running a bulldozer on the fire line.

The fire swept the bulldozer, four donkey engines, about a million and a half board feet of logs and \$600 worth of lines and rigging. No ancient timber was lost.

With the threat of a dangerous wind always at hand, John Harris began throwing up protection for his Wedeburg mill and dock.

Approximately 200 COO men and loggers, directed by State Fire Warden Cecil Byrge, were attempting to trail the blaze.

US Marines Fight Washington Fires

SEATTLE, May 12-(AP)—United States marines from Puget Sound navy yard were called tonight to fight a forest fire menacing the mountainside theater, an outdoor playhouse surrounded by virgin timber on Chico creek, in Kitsap county.

The blaze, which Commissioned Charles G. Belcher, superintendent of the city's charter amendments exempting the bonds from the city's limitation, and permitting the city to issue them payable solely from revenues from the electric system and not from general taxation. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Death Roster 9 In Chicago Fire

CHICAGO, May 12-(AP)—The death list in the fire that destroyed five towering grain elevators swelled to nine tonight.

Survivors of the fire were questioned today in an effort to determine the cause.

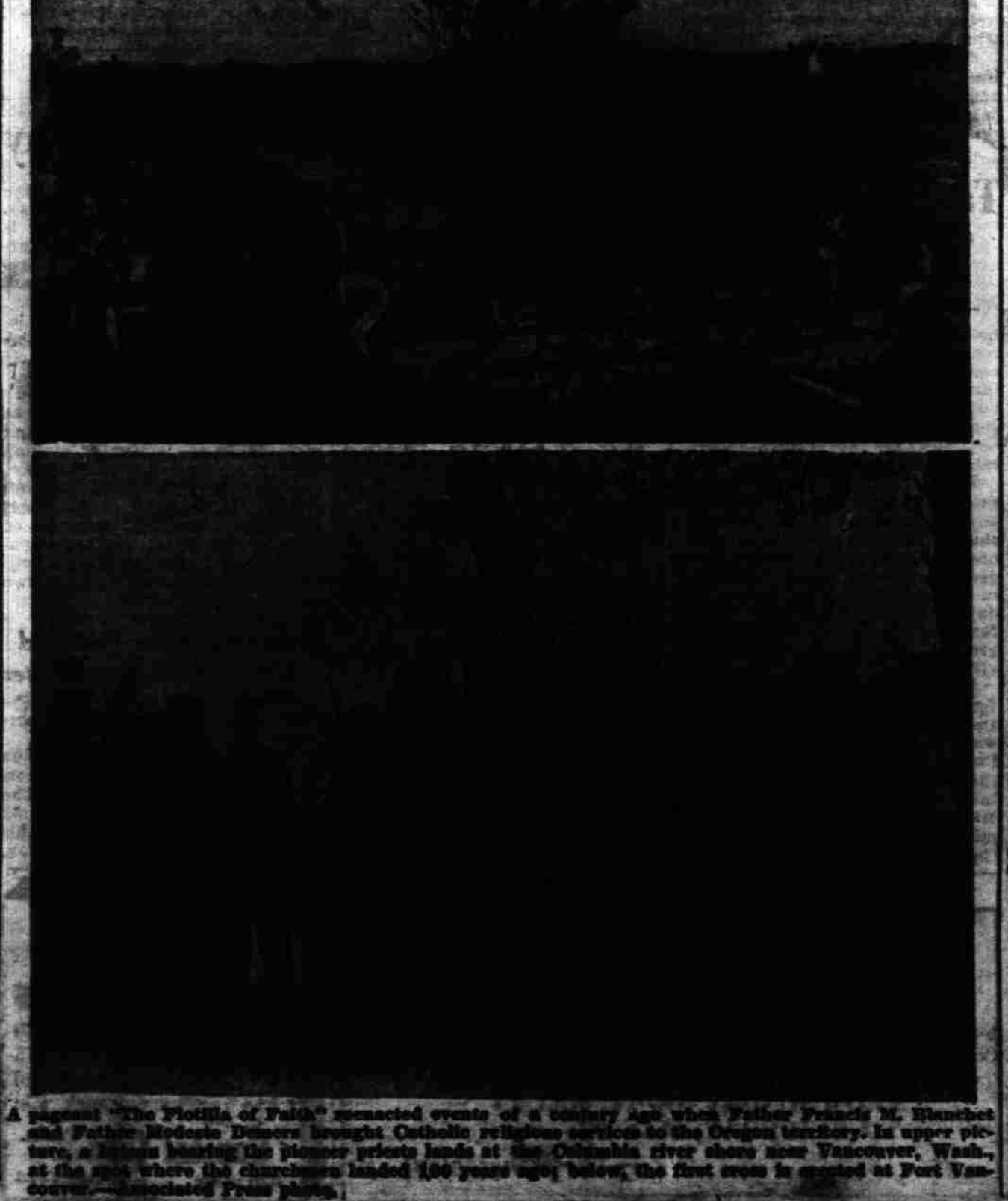
City, state and federal investigators joined in the inquiry while firemen played streams of water on the black square area of smoking grain dusts, blackened timbers and twisted steel.

A search for bodies in the wreckage of elevator "A" of the Rosenbaum Brothers company, where the blaze originated yesterday, was deferred until tomorrow.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF 530 young children of Salem and vicinity will appear in the annual "Baby Section" of The Statesman which will be a special feature of tomorrow's paper.

This will be the largest such section published by The Statesman in its many years during which it has been an annual feature. Orders for extra copies should be placed promptly.

CENTURY ROLLED BACK IN CHURCH HISTORY



A pageant "The Follies of Faith" reenacted events of a century ago when Father Francis M. Blanchard and Father Modesto Demore brought Catholic religious services to the Oregon territory. In upper picture, a pageant showing the pioneer priests lands at the Columbia river above Vancouver, Wash., at the spot where the Christians landed 100 years ago; below, the first mass is celebrated at Fort Vancouver. (Courtesy The Christians)