

Republicans See AAA Becoming Political

Senate Votes Monetary Bill Amidst Doubts

Dispute Still Rages on Legality of Powers' Being Continued

Devaluation Power for President Is Given 43 to 39 Okeh

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The hard-fought bill continuing President Roosevelt's power to devalue the dollar and operate the \$2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund cleared its last congressional obstacle today when the senate approved it, 43 to 39, but a vehement dispute about its legality still raged.

Republicans insisted that since the president's powers expired at midnight last Friday, no measure to "continue" them was valid. They said the administration would have to start all over again with a differently worded measure, committee hearings and debate.

President Expected To Sign at Once

Administration officials brushed aside the objections as ungrounded, and the president is expected to sign the measure quickly, probably tomorrow. Preparing to act on a provision of the bill, treasury officials drafted regulations for the purchase of domestic silver at 71 cents per ounce. A section calling for such a price (which contrasts with the old price of \$4.44 cents an ounce) was forced into the monetary bill by embattled senators from the western silver states.

The measure contained nothing about foreign silver, thereby leaving the treasury free to continue buying the metal from Mexican and other sources. It was believed that purchase price for this metal would be announced at noon tomorrow, and that it probably would be in the vicinity of the 38 cents an ounce price posted last Friday, the last day on which silver was bought.

No Change Made On Gold Price

The senate vote also made no change in the \$35-an-ounce price for gold, the bill merely authorizing the president to change it if an emergency arises. It permits him to raise the price (which is the way the dollar is devalued) to a maximum of \$43.34 per ounce.

Before today's vote, the republican leadership fought every inch of the way to hold together the remnants of its coalition with western silver democrats, and to attract to its side certain democrats from the south. In both endeavors it was only partially successful, and that was the reason for its four-toe defeat.

The senate's day began with thin attendance, and a lack of excitement which seemed anticlimactic after the tension of Friday's night filibuster. But, at the day wore on and the republicans made one convert after another interest increased. When the vote was taken no one could say for certain what the result would be.

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Valiant Fight Appears As FR Money



Senate filibuster conducted last weekend to terminate the president's "emergency" powers to devalue the gold dollar was temporarily successful when the deadline on the old law slipped past, and these three senators were jubilant. From the left they are Vandenberg of Michigan, Austin of Vermont and Taft of Ohio. But on Wednesday the bill extending the powers was passed and the only question now is whether they can be "extended" after once expiring.

Lindbergh and Hughes Meet at Seattle

Famous Airmen Inspect Aviation Activities at Sound City

SEATTLE, July 5.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh inspected various aviation activities here today while famed around-the-world flyer Howard Hughes spent the afternoon as a participant on several flights aboard a plane similar to one he will fly experimentally soon.

Lindbergh, who arrived Tuesday night from California, inspected the Boeing aircraft company plants and during the afternoon went to the University of Washington to look over a wind tunnel and various experiments being conducted there by the aeronautical school.

Lindbergh's fast army pursuit plane remained in a hangar at Boeing field. His whereabouts (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Former Dean of Willamette Dies

SEATTLE, July 5.—(AP)—Prof. Martha Lois Hanson, 85, first dean of women at the University of Washington in 1900, died at a hospital here today after a month's illness.

Her friends reported she was also the first Washington state president of the Women's Christian Temperance union.

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The city charter provides that 2000 registered voters may refer any council ordinance involving utility matters to a vote at the succeeding election. In this case the primary of May, 1940.

33-Year Service With Bank Ended

CHESTER M. COX
Heart Attack Fatal for Well Known Member of Salem Family

Chester M. Cox, 55, member of the staff of Ladd & Bush, Bankers since 1906, died shortly before noon yesterday at Salem General hospital where he had been taken during the night after suffering another heart attack. He had been under a physician's care at his residence, 262 West Lincoln street since Sunday morning, when he suffered an earlier attack.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night, the W. T. Rigdon company announced.

The son of J. W. and Mary Cox, Chester M. Cox was born in Salem September 21, 1883. Thomas Cox, his great grandfather, was one of the early merchants of Salem and one of the first six customers of Ladd & Bush.

Mr. Cox attended the Salem schools, including the old East Salem school, and was for several years employed as purser for the Alaska Steamship company before entering the employ of Ladd & Bush, December 5, 1906. He was elected as an assistant cashier December 9, 1930.

Chester M. Cox and Nelle Cowles of Woodburn were married in 1911.

One of his principal interests was gardening and his gardens were known throughout the state. He was a member of the Salem Garden club and also of the old Illabea Country club, and the Salem Golf club.

Active in the Oregon State Bankers association, Cox was a member of its executive committee. He also was close to the affairs of the Marion County Bankers association.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nelle Cowles Cox; a brother, Ralph Cox, of Omaha, Neb., and a cousin, Dr. Burt Brown Barker of Portland.

License Peddlers At Independence

INDEPENDENCE, July 5.—The city council adopted tonight a peddlers' ordinance which requires a license fee of \$2 per day, \$6 per week or \$18 per month if articles sold are priced at less than \$1, and double those amounts if priced higher up to \$25 and four times those amounts if over \$25.

Each of these fees is doubled if the canvasser makes his rounds in an automobile or other vehicle; but canvassers for newspapers, religious literature and farm products are exempted.

The council had the so-called "Green River" ordinance under consideration but substituted one copied after the Albany ordinance.

Late Sports

OAKLAND, Calif., July 5.—(AP)—Oakland moved back into the first division in the Pacific Coast league race tonight when it defeated Portland, 4-1, behind the steady pitching of Jack Salverson.

The Acorn chucker kept nine hits well-scattered except for one inning, and struck out eight. Three of Portland's hits were bunched in the fourth for its lone run.

Dick Newsome, Portland hurler, allowed ten hits and walked five men.

Portland 1 5 2
Oakland 4 10 0
Newsome and Fernandez; Salverson and Raimondi.

HOLLYWOOD, July 5.—(AP)—Bob Muncrief pitched brilliantly tonight as Hollywood blanked Seattle, 3 to 0.

The Hollywood hurler limited the Rainiers to seven hits and permitted no runner beyond second base. The defeat decreased Seattle's hold on first place in the coast league standing to a half game over Los Angeles.

Seattle 0 7 1
Hollywood 3 7 0
Walker, Selway and Campbell; Muncrief and Brenzel.

33 Dead Toll Of Kentucky's Flash Floods

Loss of Life Heavier Than During Bigger Previous Floods

Small Creeks, Swollen by Cloudburst, Trap Surprised Victims

MOREHEAD, Ky., July 5.—(AP)—Thirty-three eastern Kentucky mountain folk were drowned today and 51 missing—trapped as they slept in small creeks and rivers swirled out of their banks from torrents let loose a few hours earlier by a cloudburst.

Generation after generation of these people of the hills have built their homes along the banks of these treacherous streams because there is little level land between the tall mountain peaks. Some structures rest on piling in creek beds.

They have been through floods before, many of them, but old timers shook their heads over the big loss of life from the waters that came as high as 15 feet in a short time.

Morehead was the worst hit of the many communities flooded. Postmaster W. E. Crutcher said 38 drowned in this area.

More Missing, Higher Toll Fear
Seventy-five miles almost due south Breathitt county—called "Bloody Breathitt" in feudling years—had seven known dead. Sheriff Walter Deaton, who went to the village of Keok, 10 miles west of Jackson, the county seat, said 63 persons were missing.

At Keok the two forks of Crozer creek merge. The sheriff said the tiny streams poured such a volume of water onto the sleeping town that the death toll may include all of those missing. Search for the missing was continued. The sheriff estimated the crop and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Portland Hikers Brush With Death

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—A spill on the storm-swept slopes of Mount Shuksan in the northern Washington Cascades carried four Portland mountain climbers near death and left them shelterless overnight.

President Herbert Raser of the Trails club revealed Bill Wood, 32, of the Mazamas and Wy-East clubs clubs, had been sent to the Bellingham hospital with a fractured pelvis.

Wood, Raser, Charles Nestor and Bill Young began the ascent late Sunday. One slipped on a slope and dragged the others 300 feet to the edge of a deep canyon. All were hurled against a jagged rock wall.

Raser and Young started for assistance at 3 a. m. Monday, and returned at 4 p. m. with a CCC rescue group.

Dempsey on Road To Full Recovery

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey was reported tonight to be "continuing his recovery" from a peritonitis attack following an appendectomy.

After his release from Poly-clinic hospital, the former heavyweight boxing champion plans to rest at Miami Beach, Fla. He has received more than 7,000 messages from well-wishers.

Jefferson Jitney Supply Increased

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The Jefferson jitney supply was increased in June by 5,937,532 jitneys, making a total of 66,469,400 of the new coils since they were first minted last fall.

Other coins in June by the Philadelphia and Denver mints, included 1,303,443 half-dollars, \$1,161,403 quarters, 10,551,093 dimes, and 7,655,420 pennies.

Neutrality Holds Congress Longer

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—With the preliminary sparring finished, both the Roosevelt administration and its critics decided definitely today on a knock-down-and-drag-out fight in the senate on the issue of neutrality law revision.

Hopes of any quick adjournment of congress went glimmering. Senator Pittman (D-Ore), administration leader in the fight, said congress would stay in session until the showdown. Asked what would happen if senators got tired of the struggle and stampeded for home, he shrugged and said: "We can arrest them."

Strike Grows As WPA Hour Edict Protest

Thousands Quit Because Longer Working Time Put Into Effect

Walkouts Are Numerous in East, Midwest, None on Coast

(By the Associated Press)
Thousands of WPA construction workers quit their jobs Wednesday in a rapidly spreading mass protest against longer working hours imposed by the new federal relief act, though many were expected to return to work later.

To keep within the appropriations of the new act, meanwhile, WPA payrolls for July were cut 200,000 below the 2,600,000 figure for June. It was announced in Washington.

Officials in New York City said they expected 5,000 to 10,000 men, mostly non-relief workers, to leave the WPA rolls permanently because of new working schedules which had the effect of abolishing union pay scales on construction projects.

Approximately 2,200 Wisconsin workers quit. Among them were 1,300 in Milwaukee and 900 in Winnebago county. Eight hundred alone dropped their tools on a project to widen and deepen the Milwaukee river, and the project was shut down temporarily to avoid any possible violence, though the WPA director said 800 others were willing to continue.

In St. Paul, Minn., WPA officials announced after 800 abandoned a building project at the Minnesota state fair grounds, that all projects where workers strike would be closed. At Akron, O., 700 workers went on a one-day, protest strike.

More than 1,000 workers were estimated to have halted operations in Rochester, N.Y., and were (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Morse to Judge SF Dispute Today

EUGENE, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—The controversy between the San Francisco waterfront employers and the ship clerks union will be placed before Dean Wayne L. Morse of the University of Oregon law school, coastwide longshore arbitrator, at a San Francisco hearing Thursday.

The dean accepted the case last week upon condition work be resumed immediately. The port was tied up for 10 days by a disagreement involving an attempt by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company to transfer 10 dock checkers from a daily to monthly salary basis.

Justice Douglas Dons Cowboy Garb

BAKER, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Thousands of spectators looked upon Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the United States supreme court yesterday and thought he was just another cowboy.

The justice, visiting eastern Oregon relatives with his wife and children, donned brilliant red silk shirt and tan galton hat to ride in Baker's mining jubilee and rodeo parade.

He complained he "hadn't ridden a horse in 10 years" but rode right in with the cowpokes.

New Liquor Board Ponders Policies at First Meeting

Routine matters of policy were discussed at the first meeting of the new members of the Oregon liquor control commission, held Wednesday in the executive department, it was announced afterward by Lloyd A. Wentworth of Portland, chairman.

"We want to get our feet on the ground before giving anything to the press," Wentworth explained. Newspapers were not admitted to the meeting.

Other members of the commission are Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, and J. N. Chambers, Salem. Chambers is the democratic member of the group.

Robert O. Boyd, attorney for the commission, sat in at the meeting along with Governor Charles A. Sprague and David Eccles, state budget director. Governor Sprague was said to have participated in the discussions.

Prior to the meeting the new members, sworn in by Justice J. O. Bailey of the state supreme court, attended a luncheon of the Salem Rotary club at noon as guests of Governor Sprague.

Speculation was rife here Wednesday as to whether Otto J. Runte, administrator, and secretary of the commission, would be retained. He is a democrat and was appointed under the Martin administration.

Administration Try To Use Agency in '40 Campaign Seen

Senate Hearing on Hatch Bill to Halt Federal Officials' Political Acts Is Enlivened by Charges

"Definite Information" That Democrats Are Trying to Use Farm Setup for Own Purposes Cited

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—A republican charge that administration forces were attempting to convert the AAA into a political agency for the 1940 campaign enlivened today's congressional controversy over the Hatch bill to curb the political activities of federal officials.

Asserting that he had "definite and certain information" that democratic politicians were utilizing the farm administration setup for political purposes, Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) added:

"Perhaps that is why the Hatch bill is having so much trouble in the other house."

The bill, passed by the senate earlier in the session, was approved last week by the house judiciary committee after the committee had eliminated a section forbidding such federal officials as district attorneys and tax collectors to act as political campaign managers for any candidate.

Senator Hatch (D-N.M.), author of the measure, told the senate last Friday that this action by the house committee had "emasculated" the bill.

Wiley charged that when it became apparent that the house committee contemplated action on the bill "telephones began to jangle on capital hill."

"We know," he shouted, "that the vetera-tille and watchful Charles Michelson (publicity director for the democratic national committee) and others stepped into the breach. Same work on AAA. As on WPA, charges."

"I am here to say that figures will be obtained to show that in the month of June emigration went forth and started to do AAA that which was done to the WPA in many sections of this country in the last election."

"I repeat, this information is definite and certain that there exists a plan and scheme which has already been put into operation in certain portions of this country to make AAA a political instrument for the administration forces in the next campaign."

"If the so-called new dealers are not aware that the country is in favor of passing the Hatch bill, they will be made aware in no uncertain way if they keep on trying to utilize this instrument of government for political purposes."

Earlier in the day, Rep. Michelson (R-Mich.) told reporters that when the bill comes before the house, probably next week, he would offer an amendment which would restore the provision deleted in the house committee.

The measure has been the subject of much controversy since it was approved by the senate April 13. President Roosevelt said recently that while everyone favored the objectives set forth in the bill, it was badly drawn. A few weeks ago Vice President Garner permitted reporters to quote him directly on it, a rare occurrence.

"You can write it down," Garner said, "that the bill is going to pass before we go home."

California Death To Have Inquest

LONG BEACH, Calif., July 5.—(AP)—A coroner's inquest was ordered today in the death of Naomi Ola Harris, 40, who was decapitated by a Union Pacific work train near here early this morning.

Autopsy surgeons announced this afternoon their investigation disclosed that the red-haired woman probably was alive when the train ran over her.

Strong Earth Shock Is Recorded in California

PASADENA, Calif., July 5.—(AP)—An earthquake "strong enough to be felt" was recorded at 2:53 p.m. PST, today.

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Vancouver Area Blasts Resumed

Fourth Explosion in Week Does Small Damage to Rail Line

VANCOUVER, July 5.—(CP)—City police headquarters reported tonight another explosion occurred tonight in the Grandview district—east end section where three other small blasts were reported since Sunday night.

The detective office reported tonight's explosion, according to information it had received, was "apparently bigger than the others."

The first blast Sunday night wrecked two walls of an unused garage. The second ripped open a sewer pipe near a bridge crossing Canadian National railway tracks, and the third was a small blast which did practically no damage at an unused brass foundry.

Earlier today Chief Constable W. W. Foster told interviewers he believed the first three blasts were the work of "some mentally deranged person who likes to hear the bang." He did not think they were acts of wanton destruction.

A preliminary police report to headquarters said the blast had damaged short section of the British Columbia Electric Railway company's Burnaby Lake interurban line to Ne. Westminster, 12 miles east. Company officials, however, said they were advised that the line was intact, although "several ties" were damaged.

The police report said that in addition to breaking the line, the blast "knocked down some wire," blew a fuse, and that the force of the explosion drove one tie into the ground.

Author Demands Ban in Germany On Scotch Joke

BERLIN, July 5.—(AP)—A ban on Scotch jokes in Germany was demanded today by Will Vesper, German poet and author, who said many Scots "love and esteem Germany."

"The Scots are the healthiest, most respectable and also most Germanic people of the British Isles," Vesper wrote in the magazine Neuen Literatur.

"They are the last solid national strength which still exists on the British Isles. That is reason enough for the Jews and Jew-riders in England to hate them and to attempt to make fools of them."

"That is reason enough for us and our press no longer to provide foolish jokes to the advantage of these Jewish proselytes... therefore, away with jokes about Scots."

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