

The Social Life
News of the comings and goings of Salem folk from tea parties to weddings is found daily in the society pages of The Statesman.

The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Friday, slightly cooler in interior with somewhat higher humidity. Max. 91, min. 48. River 2.6 ft. North wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Workers Alliance Strike Call Unheeded

Harry Bridges Identified by Ex-Communist

Was "Comrade Rossi" of Red Party Asserts John L. Leech

Milner Testimony Ended but May Be Recalled Over Discrepancy

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, CIO west coast director, was identified by a witness at his deportation hearing today as "Comrade Rossi," one-time member of the communist party.

John L. Leech, who said he once belonged to the communist party in Los Angeles, made the identification before James M. Landis, dean of Harvard law college and special examiner in the labor department proceedings against Bridges.

It was Leech who made an affidavit to the Rep. Dies committee on un-American activities stating that he had seen Bridges elected to the California state central committee of the communist party.

He testified today that the Australian-born labor leader was elected a member of the central committee of the communist party of the United States at its ninth annual convention in New York in June, 1936.

Original testimony of Milner closed.

Leech was second witness in the hearing of the US labor department accusation that Bridges is a member of the communist party and should be deported.

The first was Major Laurence A. Milner, Oregon National Guard reserve officer, who testified for four years undercover work to learn of alleged communist activities among labor unions, and who was threatened by Bridges' counsel today with citation for contempt because of discrepancy between testimony given at the hearing and that given at the criminal syndicalism trial at Portland, in 1934, of Dirk DeJong. At that time, Milner said, he was posing as a character witness in an effort to obtain information, and testified as a character witness for DeJong.

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Wage Shifts Due Says WPA Chief

North and West Scales to Go Down, Belief, South to Rise

CHICAGO, July 12.—(AP)—Col. F. C. Harrington, commissioner of the works projects administration, reported today the wages of WPA workers in the north and west would be reduced while those in the south would be increased.

Ignoring widespread strikes and a picket line outside his hotel, Harrington and state directors of the federal agency considered plans for enforcing the new relief law, including revisions in the pay scales.

The WPA chief stated at a press conference that the legislative provision for a readjustment in the geographical differentials of pay would mean that "northern and western wages will come down and southern wages will go up." He added:

"It's obvious that we can't raise low wages and leave the high wages where they are. The difference between the highest and lowest wages in the nation and considerably above the national average of \$52.20, while in certain southern states the workmen received as little as \$32."

Harrington did not estimate how many would be affected by the contemplated wage changes or indicate how large they would be.

However, a tentative estimation was that more than 1,000,000 workers in 30 northern, eastern and western states would take a cut when the new scales go into effect next September 1.

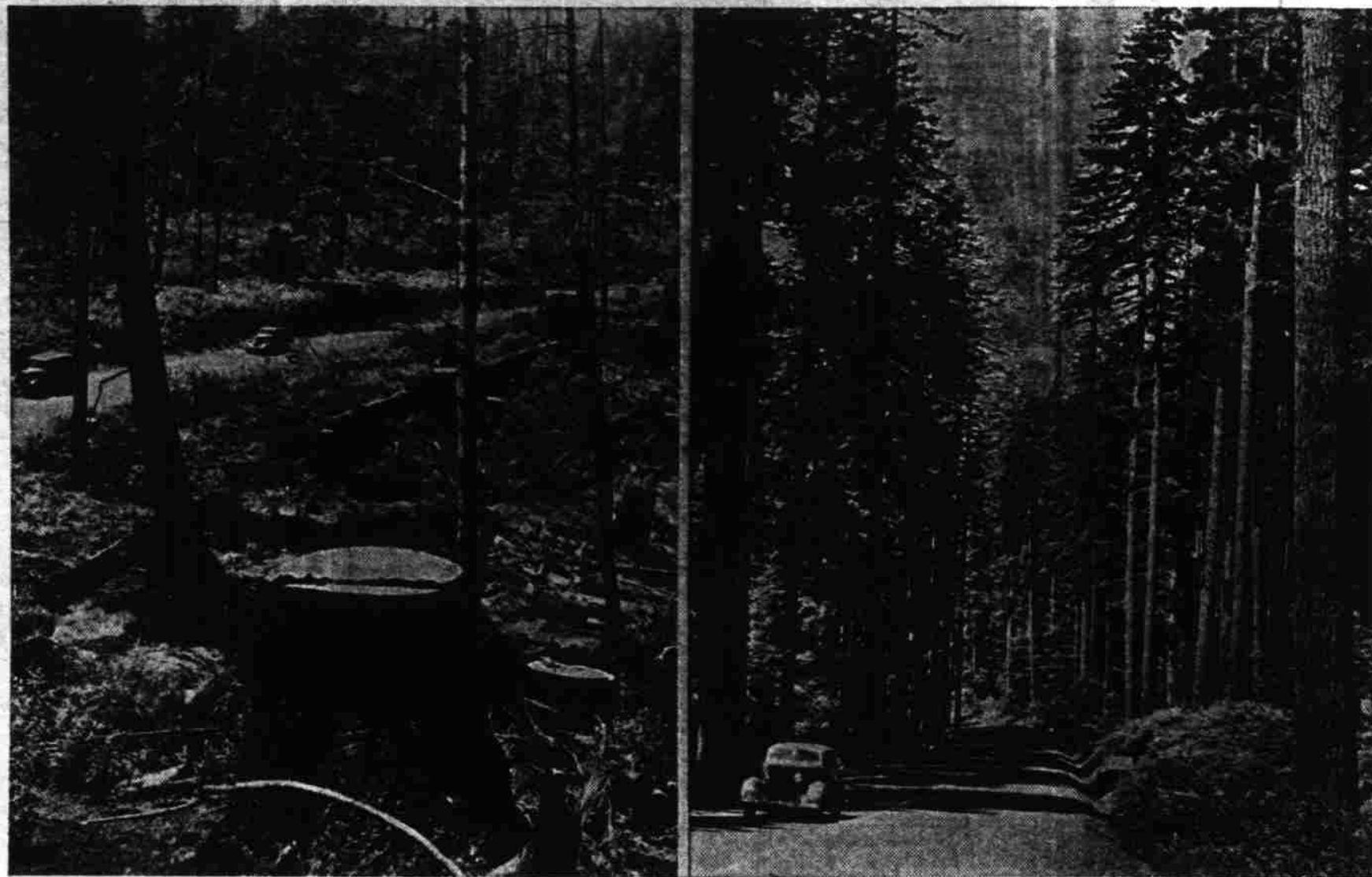
Workers Protest WPA Change by Hanging Effigies

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 12.—(AP)—Three congressmen and the chairman of the state social security commission were hanged in effigy by members of the Springfield Workers Alliance at a meeting on the lawn of the Greene county courthouse tonight.

The congressmen were Dewey Short (R-Mo.), Clifton Woodrum (D-Va.) and John Taber (R-NY). Approximately 300 persons attended the demonstration, a protest against lengthening the WPA month and cutting the direct relief by the state legislature.

Clark T. Case, chairman of the state social security commission,

CORRIDOR OF FOREST SAVED FOR ROAD TO SEA



A corridor of green will greet Salem motorists for years to come as they drive over their own shortcut to the sea, the Salmon river highway, as a result of recent purchase of an additional 4 1/2-mile strip of timber by the state highway department. Seeing these noble yellow fir trees, as shown in photo on right, fall before logger's axes and saws, leaving vista of debris and bare stumps, as in photo on left, led the 40 et 8 society's conservation committee to promote the latest Salmon river timber-sparing deal.—Oregon state highway department photos.

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Blast Sweeps Plane Carrier

Mysterious Explosion on US Craft Narrowly Misses 7 Men

NORFOLK, Va., July 12.—(AP)—A mysterious explosion followed by a solid sheet of flame, engulfed the navy's aircraft carrier Ranger from water line to flight deck today and left in its wake a tangled mass of burning machinery and a black-charred hull.

Narrowly escaping death or serious injury were seven navy enlisted men who, warned by the explosion, scurried to safety within the hull of the \$30,000,000 vessel, now at Norfolk yard undergoing minor repairs and overhaul.

The seven men apparently were not seriously injured by the explosion or fire. They were given first aid treatment aboard the Ranger and their condition tonight was reported as satisfactory. Ranger officers said they suffered chiefly from exhaustion and shock.

According to officers of the big plane carrier the circumstances surrounding the explosion and fire are a complete mystery. No conjecture was given as to the cause of the fire.

One officer at the navy yard said that "\$50,000 will probably cover the damage. However, there is much expensive machinery aboard the ship which may have been ruined by the blaze. If this is the case it will be impossible to determine the damage at this time."

Witnesses said that a muffled roar resounded from the water.

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Marks Is Named Counsel for Dam

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Herbert S. Marks of Chattanooga, Tenn., assistant general counsel TVA, was named general counsel of the Bonneville administration. Acting Administrator Frank A. Banks said today.

The appointments were announced in Washington by Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes. Marks will take over about Aug. 1.

C. Allan Hart, Jr., Portland, now an assistant, was named assistant general counsel for Bonneville.

New East Salem Fire Plant To Meet Need, Ready Oct. 1

Architect P. Lyle Bartholomew's plans have been accepted, raising the old station is near completion, a permit was yesterday granted the city of Salem by the city of Salem, and work on the new \$15,398 East Salem fire station is destined to begin immediately.

To be a modern, 1 1/2-story structure with a 39-foot frontage on State street and a 100-foot depth, the station will be ready for occupancy about October 1, it is estimated by Architect Bartholomew.

Fire Chief Hutton yesterday said the city was not in need of a drill tower, as the city hall fire escapes provide more practical training facilities, but the recent report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, bringing up to date the city's 1931 report, severely criticized the department for lack of training facilities.

"Drill towers are for big cities," said Hutton, "where they have to be moved around, and where they do not have a practical training spot as we have here. You couldn't ask for a

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Salmon River Highway Trees Saved From Axe

Four and One-Half Mile Wooded Area Is Purchased by State to Assure Perpetual Beauty; 40 et 8 Society Sponsors Move

Old Man Oregon's role of the tree-sparing woodman has assured coming generations that the Salmon river cutoff, Salem's short road to the sea, will remain a beautiful forest highway, Chairman J. E. "Jim" McCrea of the 40 et 8 society's state committee on conservation declared here yesterday.

The committee earlier this week drove over the highway to inspect the 4 1/2-mile strip of yellow fir timber bought by the state highway commission for \$38,000 recently as a state roadside park. It ranges from 200 feet to a quarter mile in width on either side of the highway, from near the old John W. Boyer place and extends westward to join the Suislaw forest reserve.

IEU Held Legal As Labor Group

But NLRB Decision Also Orders Three Firms to Drop Locals

PORTLAND, July 12.—(AP)—The national labor relations board okeed the Industrial Employees' Union, Inc., as a bona fide labor organization although it ordered three northwest lumber companies to withdraw recognition from the IEU, H. W. Burton, union executive secretary, declared today.

Burton quoted from copies of the board's decision, just received.

The C. D. Johnson Lumber company of Toledo, Ore., Potlatch Forests, Inc., of Lewiston, Ida., and McGoldrick Lumber company of Spokane, were held in violation of the Wagner act by "dominating and interfering" with the formation of the IEU locals at those plants.

The board ordered withdrawal of recognition of the three locals and restoration of IEU dues deducted from paychecks.

Burton declared AFL and CIO charges that the IEU was illegal and employer-dominated were dismissed. The decision, he went on, will not affect 50 other locals.

Death Prompts Picketing Ban

Order Posted Following Miner's Death From Scrap in Harlan

HARLAN, Ky., July 12.—(AP)—Orders for "no picketing" tomorrow went out tonight in Harlan county, scene of a "pitched battle" earlier between national guardsmen and coal mine pickets in which a miner was killed, a militia officer wounded seriously and six other persons hurt.

Paul Reed, representative of the CIO United Mine Workers of America, said "runners" had been dispatched to notify all points where picket lines had been maintained or were to be formed not to organize tomorrow.

Meantime, troop reinforcements were being rushed to "bloody Harlan" soft coal field.

While the troops were bringing to halt 250 men arrested at the scene of the clash between pickets and soldiers, a second outburst of bullets from the weapons of the soldiers wounded Hunter Green, a high splint miner, and his mother, Mrs. Kizzie Green.

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Late Sports

SEATTLE, July 12.—(AP)—"Coffee Joe" Concarant smashed a 419 drive with the bases loaded and two out in the tenth inning to night to give Seattle a 4 to 3 victory over the Hollywood Stars in their Pacific Coast league baseball game here.

Hollywood 3 11 1
Seattle 4 11 0
Bitter, Moncrief (8) and Dapper; Barrett and Campbell.

San Diego 8 13 2
Los Angeles 9 12 2
Herbert, Tobin (7) and Detore; Stine, Flores (3) and R. Collins, Sume (7).

Oakland 3 12 0
Portland 1 8 0
Buxton, Salveson (5) and Conroy; Pickrel, Radonits (8) and Fernandes.

Second Game—7 Innings
Oakland 3 6 0
Portland 5 12 1
Bithorn and Raimondi; Thomas and Monzo.

Sacramento 1 7 2
San Francisco 3 5 1
Sherer and Grill; Gibson and Sprinz.

Toledo Lions had a tough time defeating the Silverton Bees 6 to 5, thanks partly to a triple play engineered by Lyle Specht, Bees' first baseman, who retired two men unassisted and then threw to second. The bases were loaded at the time.

The Bees scored four runs in the fifth on two singles, Meeks' triple and two errors, and one in the seventh. Toledo scored in the third on two singles and Sauer's triple, two in the fifth on another triple by Sauer and a single, and two in the seventh on Mabeles' double and singles by Hilcher and Brown.

Silverton Bees 5 7 3
Toledo Lions 6 9 3
F. Zell, T. Zell and Moe; Dickey, Hoffman and Brown.

Western International Yakima 6, Vancouver 1.
Spokane 15, Bellingham 6.
Bellingham 6, Spokane 3.
Wenatchee 8, Tacoma 0.

Alleged Idaho Killer Dropped By Police Guns

Youthful Gunman, Held in College Building After Man-Hunt

Police Corner Hargraves Officer's Slayer, Is Severely Wounded

POCATELLO, Idaho, July 12.—(AP)—A youthful gunman who shot and killed a town marshal and wounded another man earlier today was near death tonight of machine-gun wounds suffered in a fusillade with two Pocatello police officers who cornered him in a dormitory under construction at the University of Idaho, southern branch.

Britt Hargraves, Jr., 30, whom Chief of Detectives Guy Nelson said killed F. F. (Bob) Hunter, 46, town marshal of neighboring Alameda, was captured by Nelson and City Officer C. C. Evans.

Evans said he sprayed machine-gun bullets over the upper part of the alleged killer's body. Hospital authorities said they didn't expect Hargraves to live.

Hargraves, for whom Hills surround this southern Idaho city have been combed since the killing of Hunter about 3 p.m., was taken at 8:30 p.m. in the half-completed building where he had taken refuge when he doubled back after being sighted fleeing toward Inkom, eight miles south of here.

Captors Suffer Slight Wounds
Nelson and Evans suffered arm wounds in the exchange of shots.

The hunt for Hargraves spread across country after state and city police sighted the alleged killer walking through hills toward Inkom, eight miles south, where he is reported to have relatives.

Hunter was killed and his companion, R. B. Blistine, Pocatello automobile dealer, wounded in the arm and back in an exchange of shots at the home of Hargraves' father-in-law, George B. Bailey, where they had gone at Bailey's call. Nelson said he believed Bailey's refusal to let Hargraves see the younger man's estranged wife lay behind the shooting.

Afterwards, Nelson said, Hargraves telephoned his mother from an Alameda store, boarded a bus (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

Missouri's Chief Executive Arrives

Governor Stark, Trainload of Missourians Here on Way to Fair

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Gov. Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri, accompanied by his wife, sister, a horde of beautiful nieces, the 58-piece University of Missouri band, and a trainload of other Missourians, arrived here tonight on route to the San Francisco fair.

Stark said he couldn't discuss rumors he would be a democratic presidential candidate in 1940 or might become secretary of the navy, but when asked if he would run for the senate he replied: "If the people of Missouri want me to... I will."

Stark said he considered the Kansas City "mess" pretty well cleaned up with the imprisonment of "Boss" Pendergast and part of his organization.

Stark will address the national nurserymen's convention here Thursday.

British RAF Airplane Falls in Bay, Two Die

HONG KONG, July 13.—(Thurs.—) (AP)—A British royal air force plane failed to recover from a power dive today and plunged into Hong Kong bay, killing the two occupants.

Few WPA Workers In State Respond To Protest Action

Marion and Polk Counties Believed Almost Unaffected; 300 Leave Jobs all Over State

Lane County Walkout of 200 Workers Is Most Serious in Oregon; Wage Protests Continue

WPA strike talk failed to materialize in Marion and Polk counties yesterday.

Field men from the district WPA office here reported they found but two men on strike, both on a north Marion county road crew, in a flying tour of all projects in the two counties between 11:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

A proposed call for a four-hour protest strike next Monday was temporarily rejected at a meeting called by the Workers Alliance at the Marion county courthouse last night.

Taking the floor to object to hasty action, James Rolow of Turner, president of the Salem local of the Alliance, declared a belief that "strikes are fine but not unless we can get 70 or 80 per cent of the people here signed up by the Workers Alliance."

Few dissenting votes were cast at the meeting, attended by more than 150 people, voted to defer all strike proposals to a mass meeting to be held in Marion square Sunday.

Rolow declared petitions were being prepared by the Alliance for the recall of Senators Charles L. McNary and Rufus C. Holman and Congressmen James W. Mort and Homer D. Angell because of their votes for the Woodrum amendments which brought about the extension of WPA working schedules to 130 hours a month, although federal law contains no recall provision.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—Less than 300 of Oregon's 14,700 WPA employees answered the Workers' Alliance strike call today, although scores of others demonstrated against the government's new wage and hour schedules.

The most serious walkout occurred in Lane county. About 200 men left their jobs at 11 a.m., deserting one project and reducing the staff on a dozen others. Less than 50 joined the strike in the Portland area and 42 walked off a park project at Marshfield.

Only 35 of the 200 Lane strikers answered a call for a meeting late today to determine further action but those that did attend voted to return to their jobs tomorrow.

Ivan Oakes, state deputy WPA administrator, said a number of employees quit a 40-man road job near Oregon City. Fourteen dropped their tasks at the University of Oregon medical school and there were several empty places at the writers' project headquarters here.

The big Wolf Creek and Wilson River highway projects in northwest Oregon and the Portland sewing project employing 300 women were undisturbed.

At several points the Alliance held protest meetings. Approximately 300 persons attended the outdoor demonstration in Portland's Plaza blocks.

McMinnville workers refused to strike but paraded at noon with banners reading "I protest WPA cut." Bend relief employees petitioned the congressional delegation to oppose WPA changes.

Elsewhere, district engineers reported "No trouble."

Lee Knipe, alliance secretary, had predicted 10,000 would stage walkouts similar to those in other sections of the nation.

One worker on the Barnes road project here, hardly pausing to answer an interviewer's questions, said:

"When you strike against the government, you strike against yourself."

Congress Advised To Stay Till Fall

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.) of the senate foreign relations committee proposed today that congress remain in session until fall to await developments in the European situation—whether or not it acts in the meanwhile on the deadlocked question of revising the neutrality laws.

He made this suggestion as he, with other administration leaders, canvassed all possible methods of getting the neutrality legislation out of the grip of the committee—which yesterday voted to postpone consideration—onto the floor of the senate.

It would be "a very good plan" to keep congress here, he said, "in view of the fact that most military experts think Hitler will make his decision in August." If the German dictator does not decide to go to war then, he added, "we probably will have a long peace."

Oregon's Industrial Payroll Sets All-Time Half Year High

The industrial payroll for Oregon set an all-time record for the first half of 1939 with a total of \$74,473,463, or almost \$7,000,000 in excess of that for the similar period in 1938, the state industrial accident commission reported Wednesday.

There was an average of 110,439 men employed in industries insured by the state industrial accident commission during the first six months of 1939, compared with the previous high of 99,255 during the first half of 1938. Days worked totaled 17,098,933 or 2,000,000 more than last year's record.

The commission estimated that Oregon's industrial workers would receive a larger amount of money in 1939 than during any previous year. The June payroll was \$14,168,757 which was approximately \$2,000,000 more than in June, 1938. Men working in June numbered 122,436 or 15,000 in excess of those employed in June a year ago.

The average daily wage in June was \$4.49, highest in the last 10 years. The average wage for the first six months of 1939 was \$4.35 a day, or six cents less than the average for the first half of 1938.