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EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Congress May Close Session Late Tonight

Senate Restores Funds to Deficiency Bill in Long Meet

Parliamentary Maneuvers Increase as Session Nears Finale

By RICHARD L. TURNER
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—(AP)—The 76th congress reached the verge of adjournment tonight with a long senate session which restored to the third deficiency bill most of the money which the house economy coalition had voted out of it.

After increasing this measure from \$54,000,000 to \$189,000,000 and then passing it, the chamber plunged into a long, spirited debate about the Lafollette civil liberties committee and ended by giving that committee half of the \$100,000 it asked to investigate labor conditions on the Pacific coast. The vote was 36 to 16.

Thereupon, the chamber followed the example the house had set some hours earlier and recessed until tomorrow, when the seven-months session, which has been marked by revolts against Roosevelt politics, is expected to end.

The maneuvering over the deficiency bill was long and involved. Chief among the additions made by the senate was an administration-requested appropriation of \$119,000,000 to make loans on surplus crops and thereby keep them off the market. This item, turned down by the house earlier in what was called a major victory for the economy coalition, went through the other chamber on a sweeping 61 to 7 vote.

Deficiency Bill to Conference

The deficiency bill is to go to a senate-house conference tomorrow for reconciliation of differences. The controversy is the only major one in sight before adjournment, which all sides agree will come some time tomorrow.

After the farm loan vote, the senate continued its session into the night, amid an excited swirl of parliamentary maneuvering. Various senators tried in vain to tack on to the deficiency bill amendments which would: (1) Restore the "prevailing wage" for WPA workers; (2) soften the effects of a new rule of the senate which permits the bringing of additional investigators to check upon an accumulation of complaints of violations of the law.

Then an attempt by Senator Pepper (D-Fla) to revive the federal theatre projects, killed by the 1939 relief act, was defeated.

Execution Victim Given Last Rites

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 4—(AP)—Simple but reverent burial services were held at the Washington state prison here this afternoon for Bernard R. Leuch, 41, former Shelton, Wash., millworker, hanged shortly after midnight this morning for the slaying of his wife, Lena, in Shelton in March of last year.

The body was taken from the execution chamber to the prison hospital morgue and there placed in a plain coffin. At 2 p. m. it was transported by truck to the prison cemetery on the west end of the institution's grounds.

Leuch entered the execution chamber at 12:58.30 this morning. The trap was sprung at 12:59 and death pronounced at 12:53.

The condemned man's last words were an assertion of innocence.

Fly Ends Duties With Bonneville

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—James L. Fly, new member of the federal communications commission, returned here today to wind up duties as acting general counsel of the Bonneville administration.

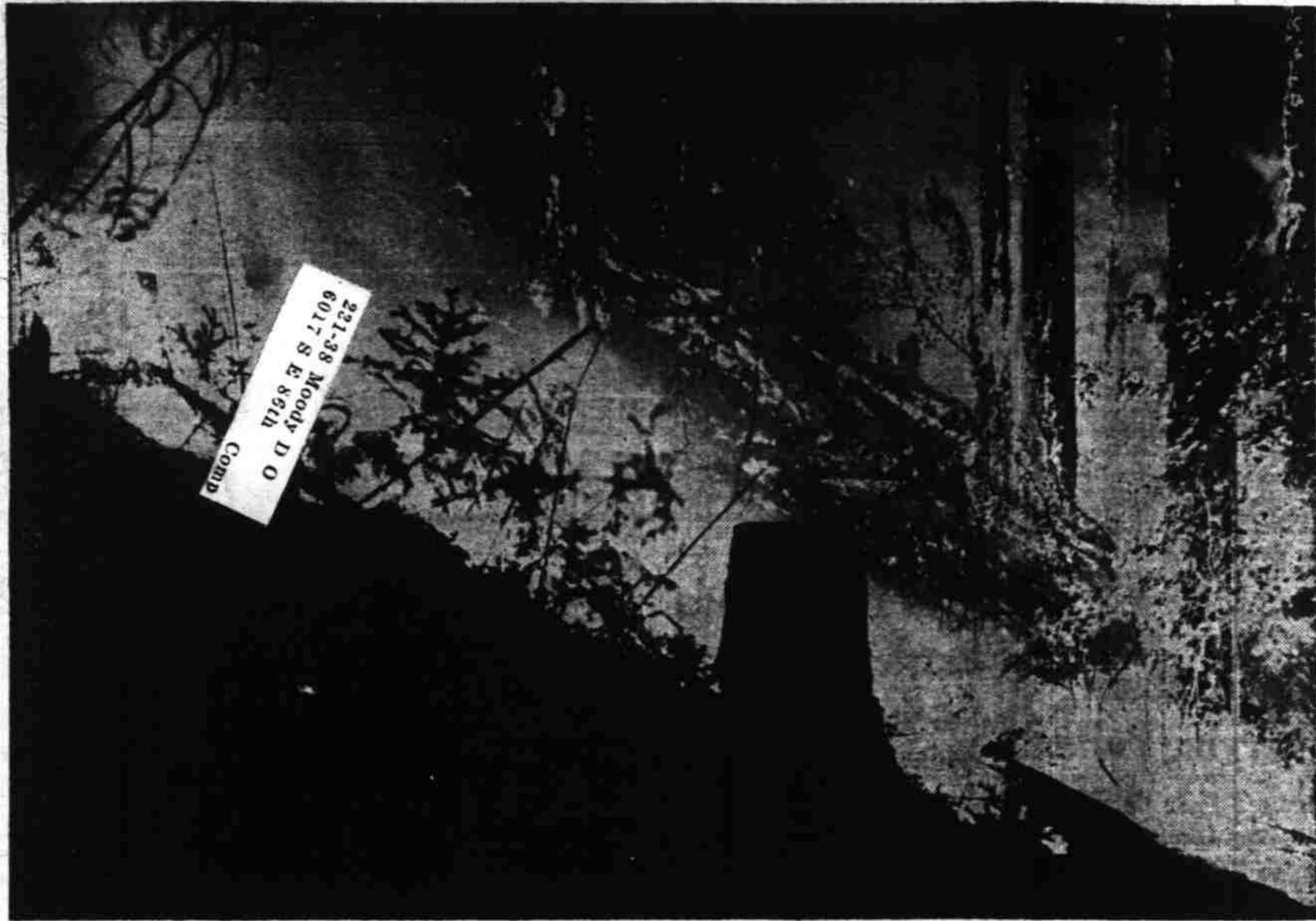
Fly, who has been in Washington, D. C., will take over his new duties Sept. 1. Herbert S. Marks, Tennessee valley authority assistant legal chief, will become Bonneville's general counsel.

Industrial River Is Forecast Here

EUGENE, Aug. 4—(AP)—State Senator Douglas McKay of Marion county predicted here today the Willamette river would become a great industrial stream through the valley flood control project.

He said the inherent value of the project would be felt for many years and visualized a continuous development.

FIRE DEMON SWEEPS OVER OREGON TIMBER LAND



Low humidity and high temperature combined to send this night fire raging through the Foster Lumber company's timber near Williams Thursday. Typical of blazes ravaging forest lands throughout Oregon, the fire was fought by a crew of 100. It destroyed 500,000 board feet of down logs before sweeping into virgin timber.—(AP Photo).

Guenther to Get \$300 Pay Monthly

Vista Heights Plans Are Approved by Water Commission

Salary of Carl E. Guenther as newly-appointed manager of the Salem water department was fixed by the water commission last night at \$300 a month, the same amount on which Cuyler VanPatton, the system's first chief, was started. Guenther's former salary was \$250 a month.

Guenther, the commission disclosed, has proposed that his former position of maintenance superintendent be dispensed with for the present.

The commission approved plans for making a connection to the gravity supply pipeline on Fairview home road to serve the Vista Heights water district, which will have a six-inch line but take water from a three-inch meter. The city's contract with the district was modified by extending the cancellation notice period from 30 to 90 days.

Work Is Resumed On Colorado Dam

GREEN MOUNTAIN DAM, Colo., Aug. 4—(AP)—Grim and still apprehensive, men went back to work today in the sagebrush-studded Green Mountain dam construction camp where seven persons were injured in labor disorders.

The only weapons in evidence were those of national guardsmen sent by Gov. Ralph L. Carr to quell "a state of insurrection." They had a stack of 300 assorted weapons, taken from workmen and residents of the area.

"Strikers and non-strikers are working side by side," reported A. K. Anderson, superintendent of the project for the Warner Construction company.

He said strikers were being rehired "without discrimination" despite "considerable ill feeling between groups."

The superintendent predicted he would have a full force of more than 300 men "by Saturday night or Sunday" to speed work preparatory to building the \$4,000,000 dam a mile and a half above sea level.

Death of Mother, 2 Children Blamed on Nazi Persecution

CHICAGO, Aug. 4—(AP)—The death of a mother and two children who fled from Czechoslovakia after Adolf Hitler's troops had occupied the country was attributed to Nazi "persecution" by a coroner's jury today.

The jurors decided Mrs. Adela Langer, 46, leaped from the 13th floor of the Congress hotel late last night with her two youngsters, Jan, 4½, and Karel, 6, "while temporarily insane due to worry over being forced to leave her home due to persecution."

The husband and father of the victims, Karel Langer, a slight, nervous Jew whose eyes were reddened by grief, wept on the witness stand while he told how he abandoned home and fortune when "tyranny forced us to become refugees."

Later the city news bureau stated its reporters, while investigating the case, learned that a group of refugees of various faiths and nationalities and all living here on temporary visas had formed what its members termed a "suicide colony."

New Fires Give Weary Crews More Hot Tasks

Conflagration Breaks out in Virgin Timber Near Klamath Falls; Coast Range Fires Are Mostly Under Control

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—New fires sprang up over Oregon tonight as weary crews fought flames covering approximately 25,000 acres of brush and timber land.

Rain and declining temperatures failed to materialize when clouded skies cleared beneath a brassy mid-summer sun.

A new conflagration ate into a heavy stand of virgin timber 10 miles from Klamath Falls, on the shores of Upper Klamath lake. A 1000-acre Swan lake fire and two other blazes in the Green Springs area were controlled.

The northern coast range tinder-box was aflame with closely spotted fires, some in the vicinity of the old Nehalem burn, but most were under control. The largest covered 10,000 acres along the Wolf Creek highway. Portland's shortest to the Pacific, near Elsie. The route was reopened today after falling snags forced closure last night.

In central Oregon, a 6000-acre blaze glowed on Grizzly mountain, overlooking Prineville, and two others of 600 acres each burned on Butter creek and Morrison creek, near Ukiah. A truck and tractor were destroyed when the Butter creek fire jumped control lines.

Fred Southwick, Douglas Fir Protective association warden, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Townsend Leader Ouster Is Asked

ALBANY, Aug. 4—(AP)—Resignation of J. Fred Stillwell, president of the Albany Townsend club, was asked today in a letter from B. G. Rankin, of national headquarters.

The letter asked the resignation in the interest of club harmony and said members had been sending in complaints against each other to national officials. Stillwell's resignation was demanded by national headquarters supply names of complaining members. Stillwell withheld action.

Stillwell's resignation was demanded by state Townsend officials a month ago but he was rejected and named delegate to the national convention.

Moodys Open 13th Day in the Skies

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 4—(AP)—The Moody brothers approached 300 hours of continuous flying tonight, beginning their 13th day in the air.

Humphrey Moody, 20-year-old member of the brother team which already has far surpassed the old record of 218 hours for light planes, developed a toothache that caused concern among members of the ground crew. Later he said he felt "better" after applying a temporary remedy sent aloft during a refueling contact.

The brothers had been aloft 293 hours at 8 p. m. (CST).

Rustling of Food For Robin Tires

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—Paul K. Hutchinson is all fired out digging worms for a "mooching" robin.

The robin, a feathered youngster that some way became lost in the canyons of down-town Portland, was picked up by Mrs. Hutchinson—which was fine except her husband discovered the bird preferred ready-dug worms.

Now he's threatening to give the robin to the Audubon society and let society members dig.

50-50 Plan Given War Bureau's Nod

Department to Pay Share of Cost of Building Santiam Road

The war department at Washington has agreed to a 50-50 financing plan for construction of a new North Santiam highway of standard type between Detroit and Niagara where the present road will be flooded when the North Santiam flood control dam is built, Senator Charles L. McNary reported yesterday.

The senator's report followed word given by Major C. R. Moore of the army engineers in mid-July that the war department was not contemplating construction of a sub-standard road.

Senator McNary said the secretary of war had agreed with his suggestion that the department was not bound in this instance by an old law requiring construction of a road equal only to the one replaced because it could take cognizance of the fact that it would be put to great expense for a road for construction purposes only if other agencies did not join in a program for a modern highway.

The result was that the war department consented to contribute \$1,500,000 instead of some \$500,000, toward a new highway. The forest service will be responsible for a like sum, of which it will have to arrange for an advance for part, since Oregon's annual forest road allotment is only approximately \$1,000,000.

Americans Fleeing Before Japanese

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5—(AP)—(Saturday)—Americans were reported preparing to flee from Kailfeng today as Japan's anti-foreign campaign in that area apparently turned against Americans and American interests.

Broken telegraphic communications made the precise situation in the north China city but reliable information said Americans there were planning to leave immediately.

The reported plight of the Americans followed the sacking of a British firm's offices in Tientsin.

A mob of Chinese, said by British and Chinese employees of the British International Export corporation, smashed all moveable equipment and tossed it into the Hai river.

British and Chinese employees of the concern took refuge in adjoining property of the American-owned Texas Oil company.

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Late Sports

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 4—(AP)—Hollywood staged a wild eight-inning rally tonight to beat Portland for the second time in succession, 6 to 3.

Trailing, 3 to 1, as they came to bat in the eighth, the Stars put across five runs and chased Clarence Pickrel and his successor, Bill Thomas.

The payoff wallop was Len Gabrielson's double to the center-field scoreboard that chased Trask and Norman across the plate.

Portland 3 7 0
Hollywood 6 9 0
Pickrel, Thomas, Birkhofer and Monzo; Fleming, Moncrief and Brenzel, Dapper.

Seattle 8 13 0
San Diego 3 9 1
Barrett and Campbell; Humphreys, Olsen and Detore, Starr.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 4—(AP)—First night game:
Los Angeles 6 9 1
Sacramento 3 9 1
Bonetti and Collins; Hubbell, Herrmann, Stinecovich and Grilk.
Los Angeles 3 7 0
Sacramento 1 6 1
Stine and Snyms; Sherer and Grilk.

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 4—(AP)—Night game:
San Francisco 5 13 4
Oakland 7 7 0
Gibson, Ballou, Guay and Woodall; Gay, Salveson and Raimondi.

Bridges Tells Of Tear Gas Use in Strike

Charges Federal Subsidy Used by Employers to Buy Gas

Suspects Police Abetted Vigilantes During '34 Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4—(AP)—Harry Bridges, west coast CIO director, today accused the government of subsidizing waterfront employers in purchasing tear gas fired at waterfront workers in the 1934 coastwide port tieup.

He made the accusation in telling his own story of his labor activities after two and a half days of answering questions at his deportation hearing regarding his belief in government ownership of industry and his attitude toward communism.

"It is a matter of record that the greatest purchases of tear gas in 1934 were made by Waterfront Employers of the Pacific," he said. "They were bought with money furnished by the government as subsidies."

In his first show of emotion on the witness stand he told of the killing of two pickets during the strike.

Majority of Men Shot in Back

"A majority of the 400 men who were shot were shot in the back and the two men who were killed were shot in the back," he said. "It was a deliberate plan to murder by the police and we have never forgotten it."

He said he suspected police involvement in vigilante raids which followed the end of San Francisco's general strike, which was called after the shootings. He said the police arrived 20 minutes after each vigilante raid "and arrested everyone who was lying around unconscious."

After telling his own life history Bridges was excused from the stand and the defense announced it would call Harper Knowles, a witness before the Dies committee investigation into an American activity, on Monday in an effort to show improper inducement to witnesses to testify against Bridges.

Bridges characterized one witness against him as "pie carder" (a professional but insincere labor leader). (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Mrs. Edson Says FR Considers Bid

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—Emily F. Edson, Oregon's democratic national committee woman, said today President Roosevelt would consider her invitation to visit Portland on his western trip this fall.

Mrs. Edson said Edwin M. Watson, secretary to the president, informed her no definite itinerary had been arranged for the trip to San Francisco and Seattle, "consequently I am putting your letter Sacramento to me and will bring it to the president's attention when he is making final plans."

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Traffic Mishaps Rise

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—Traffic Engineer F. T. Fowler said today 9567 traffic accidents occurred here during the first six months of 1939. Only 8164 were recorded in a comparable 1938 period.

Gas Blast in London Hurts 100 and Destroys Building

LONDON, Aug. 4—(AP)—London's wholesale district was shaken today by a gas explosion which injured more than 100 persons, destroyed seriously a shooch ancient St. Paul's cathedral and demolished a vacant five-story building.

Police fixed the blame on rains which undermined foundations of the building, which sank, cutting a gas main. It was believed that a short-circuited fire alarm ignited the gas.

Police had just finished posting "no smoking" signs near the leak when the dull boom reverberated over the district.

Many of the injured in today's London blast were girl clerks and stenographers and first aid was applied to minor wounds as the girls sat weeping on curbs.

The cathedral, a sanctuary for the wounded during the middle ages, repeated this role today as screaming women, faces black with smoke and clothes wet with blood, fled there for treatment. Fire started after the explosion

and destroyed debris and the few remaining uprights of the building, which workmen had been demolishing.

Worshippers at evensong in the cathedral, the largest in England, rushed out at the sound of the explosion. It was feared that the church building, parts of which date back to the Norman conquest of 1066, may have been damaged, although the reverend said no damage was done to the famous stained glass windows.

Shortly afterward, an explosion occurred in a mail van at Preston railway station and a few minutes later fire broke out in a letter box at Blackburn.

Police expressed belief these blasts indicated renewal of sabotage attributed to the outlawed Irish republican army, dormant since the King's Cross explosion July 25, in which a man was killed. Two additional explosions were reported at Bradford and Halifax.

All four towns are in Yorkshire, northern England.

McMahan Overrules Page's Suggestion He Disqualify Self

District Attorney Declares Judge Is Prejudiced Against County Court, Other Offices

Mark V. Weatherford to Be Appointed Today as Special Prosecutor for Court Inquiry

Charging that Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan was prejudiced "against the county court and other offices... sought to be investigated by the grand jury," District Attorney Lyle J. Page yesterday afternoon unsuccessfully moved that McMahan disqualify himself from the proceedings the judge had instituted.

The motion stated Page would withdraw voluntarily if the judge would do likewise after requesting the supreme court to appoint "a disinterested and unbiased judge" to conduct "a fair and impartial investigation" of department one

of circuit court—Judge McMahan's department—the county court, the district attorney "and other persons and matters heretofore publicly charged."

Judge McMahan promptly denied the formal motion and also an oral motion to expunge from the record a two-hour-long proceeding at which 26 journals and claims were introduced from county clerk's records to show sums received by Page in his present office and in the past as deputy district attorney.

Not a Probe Of Attorney

"This isn't an investigation of the district attorney," the judge declared. "This is an investigation of the records... necessary for the court to make the appointment of a qualified attorney to take the place of the present district attorney."

An order will be entered today disqualifying Page from handling the county court probe and appointing Mark V. Weatherford of Albany as special prosecutor, Judge McMahan in a court order. Weatherford may reach Salem late next week to lay his plans for the probe if he accepts the assignment, as anticipated. He is now in eastern Oregon.

Oswald M. Thompson, young associate of Weatherford, appeared at the disqualification proceeding in a role resembling that of prosecutor as he introduced the clerk's records in evidence and questioned Deputy Clerks Harlan Judd and C. C. Ward concerning their origin and nature.

Thompson, by what authority he appeared, Thompson replied, "by the court, by Judge McMahan."

Page presented his motion as a "special appearance" and refused otherwise to take cognizance of the disqualification proceeding against him.

County court payments to the district attorney's office as shown by McMahan's unusual proceeding included:

Page's salary as deputy, 1924 to 1936, \$18,315, of which \$4900 was from the county prohibition fund; office expenses since 1937, when he became district attorney—stenographer's salary, \$9300; rent for office, \$235.82; office supplies, \$1539.50; office equipment, \$450.13; office rent, \$1300.

The court indicated the purpose of the testimony was to show that Page as a state officer received county money "by suffering the county court to be therefor was not in a position to conduct a grand jury investigation directed against that body."

Rose City Death First in 33 Days

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—Death and new life were companion victims of an automobile collision at North St. Louis avenue and Syracuse street today.

The crash killed Miss Barbara Moore, 21, outright. She was driving her cousin, an expectant mother, home from a doctor's office. The cousin, Mrs. James Chapman, 25, suffered extreme shock and was taken to a nearby home where physicians said delivery was imminent.

Miss Moore's death was Portland's 31st traffic fatality this year and ended at 33 days a "deathless driving" campaign.

Salem Youth Hurt In Fall off Train

ROSEBURG, Aug. 4—(AP)—Clarence Townsend, about 20, Salem, was in serious condition today when he fell from a freight train near Boswell Springs.

Townsend was found unconscious beside the railroad tracks last night. He told officers he was the son of Mrs. P. M. Fletcher, 960 Broadway, Salem.

San Jose, Calif., Aug. 4—(AP)—Rather than be silenced politically under the Hatch bill, Mrs. Edna Bushman today resigned from the post of deputy internal revenue collector. She has held here for six years. She'll campaign for John Garner for president, she says, and for vice-president, James Farley, the man whose personal letter brought her the appointment in 1933.

"I cannot be denied by freedom of expressing myself in matters pertaining to my government or who handles the affairs of my county and city," she declared.

Mrs. Bushman is a prominent churchwoman, member of the Eastern Star, United Daughters of the Confederacy, American Legion auxiliary, San Jose Woman's club and California Pioneers.

The Hatch bill, signed by President Roosevelt this week, bars federal employees from engaging in politics.

Liquor Administrative Chief not Yet Chosen

PORTLAND, Aug. 4—(AP)—Despite the state liquor control commission's interviews yesterday with applicants for the \$7000 administrative job, Chairman Lloyd J. Wentworth said "no decision will be reached in haste." Identity of the applicants was not disclosed.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today with fogs on coast. Generally fair Sunday. Max. Temp. 85, min. 53. River -3.7 ft. Northwest wind.