

Building Trade Delegates Here

No-Strike Working Agreement Up for Action Today

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ple over the world," Charles R. Smith, AFL organizer, congratulated the Construction and Building Trades council for its development in the last four and one half years, recalling the first convention after its organization when 18 delegates participated.

Oregon led the nation in 1940-41 and 1941-42 both in per capita increase in the number of workers and in its safety record. C. M. Ryerson of the state industrial accident commission told the convention.

Predicting that passage of the proposed "three-way" measure at the next legislature would cause labor to lose many of its rights under the employer liability law, Ryerson declared himself opposed to the bill, which would provide a new commission to regulate all casualty insurance, private company, state or the employer-created fund variety.

Suggested also for the next session of the legislature is a law which would make employer acceptance of the state's industrial accident insurance compulsory, Ryerson said.

A new building code, which will affect all building employers, whether or not they operate under the accident commission's authority, is in the hands of the printers now, he declared.

H. R. "Farmer" Jones, state representative in the legislature, told the convention of the change in the composition of the state lawmaking body in the past few years, declaring that it now represents not only all geographic sections but economic groups of the state as well.

"No time lost in strikes since Pearl Harbor" is the boast of Oregon construction union members, Del Nickerson, executive secretary of the state federation of labor, declared.

Labor will sponsor at the next legislative session a bill which would cause occupational diseases to be included in the field covered by workmen's compensation, Nickerson said.

The "inevitable conflict between the needs of the armed forces and the civilian activities required to support them," was recognized by Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state director of selective service, who expressed appreciation for the cooperation of organized labor. Declaring that no one could blame workers for hesitating to move from current employment in non-essential industry to defense jobs when such transfers mean loss of seniority and insurance savings, Wooton predicted governmental action to protect labor and cause efficient handling of the problem.

Demo Leaders Stop Midwest Friction Talk

QMAHA, Dec. 12-(AP)—Democratic leaders from ten midwestern states Saturday announced formation of a permanent organization following an all-day meeting held here without consultation of national party chieftains. Support of the administration was given as one of the principal aims of the permanent group.

James Quigley, Nebraska national chairman, stated the group will function "as a unit for the advancement of all things in common throughout the middle west, and to give all out support to the president and his advisers in this time of national emergency."

Officers of the permanent organization were to be named later as the democrats continued their prolonged sessions.

The move stifled previous reports of dissatisfaction within the party and that the meeting was in the nature of a protest against administration policies.

30-Second Talk Sells Many Bonds

NEW YORK, Dec. 12-(AP)—It took Mrs. Eugene B. Siering of New York 30 seconds to deliver a talk Saturday night on the importance of buying war bonds on the program "truth or consequences," carried on 102 NBC stations. She was required to speak as a forfeit for failing to answer correctly a quiz problem.

It took listeners 30 minutes to call radio stations, at an announcer's invitation following Mrs. Siering's talk, and pledge a total of \$407,000 in war bonds, NBC said.

As a result of her successful talk, Mrs. Siering will receive a free trip to visit her son, Pvt. Robert D. Siering, at Fort Logan, Colo.

Kodiak Cafe Burns

KODIAK, Alaska, Dec. 12-(AP)—Fire destroyed the Brown Bear cafe, largest and oldest eating establishment here, and the interior of the adjacent Pierce's hotel Saturday. Army assistance was credited by townsmen with averting further loss.

She's Proud of Her Daddy



Little "Duggie" Gray just couldn't wait when her daddy received a Gold Star in lieu of a second distinguished flying cross for heroic action in the southwest Pacific, so she broke into formation to clasp his knee in congratulations. The grinning father is Lt. James S. Gray of Milwaukee. Others decorated in the ceremony at the naval air training center at Pensacola, Fla., are Lt. L. E. McPherson of Glen Ellyn, Ill., (center), and Lt. Nels L. A. Berger of Sioux City, Iowa. Both received the navy cross.—AP Telecast from US Navy.)

Congress Halt Leaves Many Bills in Air

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-(AP)—A congress which began the first year of war by granting sweeping powers to President Roosevelt and delegating unprecedented authority to executive agencies adjourns next week in a mood portending action in January to reclaim some of its controls.

A new spirit of independence following the November elections balked last-minute administration efforts to push through legislation and Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky said Saturday congress probably would adjourn Wednesday without trying to pass any more bills.

A half dozen important measures were stalled on the calendars. These included administration proposals to boost the reconstruction finance corporation's borrowing authority by \$5,000,-

000,000 to approximately \$23,000,-000,000, a bill permitting the treasury to sell non-monetary silver for war industry use and a measure authorizing the "good neighbor" transfer of American utility properties to Panama.

The house ways and means committee pigeonholed until next session a proposal empowering the president to suspend immigration and tariff laws which he finds hamper the war effort. Some members suggested that if any new power were granted it would be tied down to specific cases.

The president's suggestion that congress grant pay raises to government employes or authorize him to do so apparently fell on deaf ears. There was some hope of passing a simple resolution extending overtime pay for certain mechanical workers but there were definite, privately-expressed objections to giving the president any blanket authority to order increases.

Against these debits on the legislative ledgers, the administration could count on adjournment stalling also a house-approved proposal to raise agricultural parity price schedules by including the cost of farm labor.

The 77th congress voted more funds than any other legislative body in history. The second session approved a staggered total of \$147,071,208,961 in direct appropriations and \$14,150,834,000 in contract authority which must be met by later appropriations. These measures, combined with funds provided earlier, boosted potential war expenditures alone to a total of \$220,000,000,000.

General of Jesuit Order Failing

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 12-(AP)—The condition of Father Wladimir Ledochowski, general of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit order) became worse Saturday and doctors are marveling at his power of resistance, a dispatch from Rome reported tonight.

The aged general was more enfeebled. It was reported, but his mental faculties continue lucid. However, there was little hope for his recovery.

Edgar Kaiser '1st Citizen'

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12-(AP)—Edgar F. Kaiser, general manager of three shipyards in the Portland-Vancouver, Wash., area, was named Portland's first citizen of 1942 by the Portland realty board Saturday.

The son of a fabulous west coast shipbuilder-industrialist Henry J. Kaiser "could apparently be called the year's first citizen," the board said in disclosing its annual award.

Silver Falls Man Held for Sheriff

James Martin Reynolds, resident of the Silver Falls area was held in LaGrande Saturday night after removal from a Union Pacific train at request of the Marion county sheriff's office, which holds a warrant charging him with assault and battery. He told officers there he was en route to Lexington, Ky. A stepson, who accompanied him was held there as a witness.

Sherman Ira Coker, Jefferson, was booked at the county jail here Saturday night by state police, who charged him with assault and battery while intoxicated.

Capt. Carson Files Oath

Senator-Elect Can't Come for '43 Session; Court to Act Soon

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sence or otherwise be excused by the United States army to attend, and therefore, I shall not attend the forthcoming session of the forty-second legislative assembly of the State of Oregon."

Shortly after receiving the letter, Judge Murphy was notified by Secretary of State Earl Snell that the oath had been received and placed on file in his office and that the court might now appoint a temporary successor.

Prominent on the list of possibilities, the man on the street Saturday placed the name of John H. Carson, Salem attorney and brother of the senator-elect.

Court members probably will not name a successor to Carson before Tuesday, since some of the court members plan to attend a meeting of commissioners and county judges in Corvallis on Monday.

New names suggested for the appointment include Chandler Brown, Salem businessman and member of the city water commission, who has indicated he would accept such appointment but would make no campaign to secure it; Donald Black, former Salem junior citizen and onetime president of the Salem junior chamber of commerce; Ed Keech, Salem attorney, and H. L. Clark, real estate broker and former member of the Salem school board.

Still on the slate for consideration, it was understood Saturday, may be the names of those suggested last month before the appointment of Frederick S. Lampart as senator pro-tem in place of Capt. Douglas McKay, which includes Ronald Jones, former state senator; Karl Steiwer of Jefferson and Harley Libby of Marion; T. T. Leonard, Silverton; Frank Settlemeier, Woodburn, and Ben F. West, Salem.

Accord Found On Manning Of Ships

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"The status quo will prevail and we are going to be allowed to man the ships as we wanted to," he added.

Last May the sailors' union and other west coast unions agreed with the war shipping administration that they could continue to supply crews for vessels put into service on this coast by the Luckenbach, Grace and Moore-McCormack steamship lines, Coester explained.

Two months ago, however, the WSA announced that several ships being built were to be manned by members of the National Maritime union, an east coast union affiliated with the Congress of industrial organizations.

The John S. Copley, a Liberty ship built at Portland, was to be allotted to the Grace lines and manned by NMU men, Coester said. In protest, sailors' union locals here and at Portland authorized the calling of a strike vote.

Under the settlement proposal, the John S. Copley will be assigned to the American Mail line instead of the Grace line, Coester said.

Idaho's Canyon Sinking Again

BUHL, Idaho, Dec. 12-(AP)—Southern Idaho's "sinking canyon" is sinking again.

Five years ago a section of land along the canyon formed by Salmon Falls river sank to a depth of 50 feet. Enterprising ranchers set up a toll gate at the entrance to a private road leading to the phenomenon and collected fees from interested motorists.

Saturday Claud Read, a resident of the area, found a similar sinking about ten miles from the site of the 1937 earth movement.

He said the earth and rock had slid into the river, forming a dam which had backed up the water for nearly a mile.

Late Sports

By The Associated Press
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Much of Salem Market Shifts To Factory Milk, as Forecast; Adair Attracts Producers

The threatened shiftover from Grade A to pasteurized market milk in Salem actually occurred, in effect, Thursday of last week when Hans "Curly" Hostetter, major distributor, and the Salem Dairy cooperative, representing a majority of the producers in the area, agreed to the change.

Statistics from the two sources disagreed in that Hostetter's declaration that between 70 and 80 per cent of the grade B (labeled "Grade A" pasteurized) milk had gone to Camp Adair, referred to his own supplies, while Fred Klaus of co-op declared that actually between 35 and 40 per cent of this city's supply of that milk had moved last week to Adair.

There was no questioning of the capital city's milk supply by the army, Klaus declared, maintaining that the entire movement from Salem to Adair was for a price differential of 50 cents per hundred pounds of milk. A gallon of milk weighs 8.5 pounds, Klaus said, in pointing out that the price increase offered by the army was considerable.

Dairymen here could have been selling to the camp at the higher price several weeks ago, but they waited until the city council had made a wartime and temporary revision of the city's milk ordinance to allow milk formerly designated for factory use to be sold on the fluid milk market after pasteurization, Klaus declared.

Factory or market milk pasteurized and sold in Salem on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week was of high standard, its bacteria count largely the same as that of milk sold as Grade A, Klaus said. It was produced under less strict surveillance than Grade A and has been, he said, but it was not, even prior to pasteurization, "dirty" milk.

For the first two days under the new system, distributors in the city were in the uncomfortable position of paying more for the lower grade milk than for Grade A, but on Friday an agreement was reached between the cooperative and distributors bringing the market milk price to the level of that charged for the higher grade.

The change, according to Klaus, means a loss of five cents a pound of butterfat for producers in the cooperative's pool because such milk sold to creameries now brings the higher price.

The dairy cooperative, in the re-equipped plant formerly occupied by Capitol dairies, Thursday commenced pasteurizing and bottling 3000 quarts of milk daily for Camp Adair; by the end of the month it expects to be preparing 10,000 quarts for the camp, its officers declared Saturday.

Canadians Free Shackled Nazis

OTTAWA, Dec. 12-(AP)—Axis war prisoners handcuffed since October 10 in reprisal for German shackling of war prisoners have been officially set free of iron bars but there was no word from Berlin Saturday night that British and Canadian prisoners had been similarly freed.

A limited number of Italian and German war prisoners were unshackled in Canada, defense headquarters announced, three days in advance of the date proposed by Switzerland, mediating neutral in the act.

(In Berlin, a Transocean dispatch quoted Wilhelmstrasse circles as declining comment on the matter.)

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that the ship was lost "in recent weeks in the South Pacific."

The South Pacific includes the Solomon islands area, but there was no indication whether the vessel was operating in that battle zone when it hit the mine.

Meanwhile, latest reports from the Solomons told of new damage dealt Japanese shipping by army planes, disclosed that the Japs had succeeded in constructing an airfield only 150 miles west of the American field at Guadalcanal, and said that a Japanese artillery position on Guadalcanal had been silenced.

A communique covering activities Wednesday, Guadalcanal time, related that an enemy tanker in Fasi harbor had been hit by three bombs and that another had been probably damaged by near misses when 11 army Flying Fortress, escorted by eight Lockheed P-38 lightning fighters, attacked the enemy base near Shortland island.

Jap Zeros attempted to intercept the American planes but the P-38s shot down five and the Fortresses got a sixth. All army planes returned undamaged to their base.

Fasi harbor is about 275 miles northwest of Guadalcanal airfield and is one of the place the Japanese have long used for concentrating ships, men and supplies for attacks on the American position.

Only about 150 miles from Guadalcanal, however, is the second enemy operation center which Flying Fortresses attacked Wednesday. This is the Muda bay sector of New Georgia island, where evidences of Japanese activity have been observed for several weeks.

YES, YULETIDE IS A GOOD TIME FOR NEW DENTAL PLATES

Holidays made happier when missing teeth are relaced with transparent palate plates

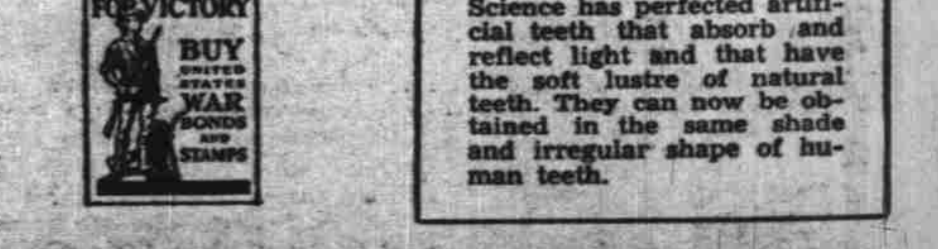
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Albany and Salem Men Appear, Navy Casualty Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-(AP)—The navy department Saturday released casualty list No. 18, which included from Oregon five dead, three wounded and four missing in action from November 16 to November 30, 1942.

The wounded:
Eugene H. Carver, private, US marine corps reserve; father, William L. Carver, 725 East Judson street, Salem.
The missing:
Robert Wilson Erner, seaman, second class, US naval reserve; father, Ralph Daniel Erner, Albany.

Word of young Carver's injury was published in The Statesman a few days ago from a letter released by the local marine corps recruiting office.

Trio Listed to Head Chamber

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nett, incumbent, city school superintendent; Ralph Cooley, Bishop's Clothing & Woolen Mills store; Ray J. Stumbo, Hollywood theatre.

Industrial director — Keith Brown, of Keith Brown Building Supply; Lee U. Eyerly, incumbent, Eyerly Aircraft company; Lloyd C. Reinholdt, of Reinholdt & Lewis.

Legislative director — Ralph H. Campbell, George A. Rhoten, incumbent, and Donald A. Young, all attorneys.
Social director — Ilda Bingenheimer, of Personal Finance company; Ora F. McIntyre, of Capital Business college, and Winnie Pettjohn, realtor.
The nominating committee was headed by W. M. Hamilton.