

Train Service Halts as Strike Nears
Truman May Ask Longer Steel Truce

Board Holds Guards Partly to Blame for Penitentiary Suicide

That poor judgment by state prison guards contributed to the suicide of convict Oren Brownlee was the formal opinion of the state board of control Thursday.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Winston Churchill declaimed that he had not been called to be His Majesty's first minister to preside over the liquidation of the British empire.

Kenya was pointed to as the alternative to the easily threatened route through the Suez canal.

The British saw possibilities of obtaining goods from Africa which heretofore were obtained in the western hemisphere.

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Blaze Severs Dallas Power

DALLAS, Sept. 8-(Special)-Electric power was restored to most of the Dallas area at 2 p. m. Thursday after a fire had interrupted all service for more than three hours.

Fire of unknown cause ignited a pole near the main sub-station of the Mountain States Power company and shorted the 66,000-volt highline.

CIGARET BURNS TREES

PORTLAND, Sept. 8-(AP)-An acre and a half of trees and brushland burned today after someone dropped a lighted cigarette.

Animal Crackers



"I'm sending Aunt Minnie a singing telegram."

Fact-Find Board to Report

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8-(AP)-President Truman disclosed today he may ask for an extension of the steel truce to avert a nationwide strike threatened for next Wednesday.

He said an extension — the length of which he did not disclose — is under consideration.

The special board originally was allotted 45 days for its study. But it was given a 10-day extension which provides the parties only four days to reach a settlement under its terms before the strike call takes effect Wednesday.

The president said Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the economic advisory council, reported to him today that the nation's production index went up six points in August.

The last time that he did this was viewed as more or less a cry-wolf procedure.

"The board said it would continue its investigation of the prison but this would require sometime.

"We are not ready, at this time, to disclose the corrections which will be made," the board said.

The board said that construction of the new block — first such work in the prison in 19 years — now makes it possible to improve conditions.

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Mrs. Oregon in Quarter-Finals

FORT LEE, N. J., Sept. 8-(AP)-Eight young women were selected tonight in the quarter-final round of the Mrs. America contest.

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Tonight's winners will join 24 others named in sectional eliminations who will gather Saturday at Asbury Park for the semi-final.

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Today's Fair

Friday, Sept. 9
8:00 a.m. Gates open
10:00 a.m. Junior fat stock auction
10:00 a.m. Military manpower display
11:00 a.m. Free vaudeville
1:00 p.m. Racing, Lone Oak
3:00 p.m. Free midway show
4:00 p.m. 4-H Style Revue.
6:00 p.m. Band concert
6:30 p.m. Free midway show and rodeo
8:00 p.m. Dancers, George Brun's band

Cannery to Reopen for Winter Pack

STARR FOODS, Inc., a new Oregon corporation, has purchased the plant formerly known as Starr Fruits Products and plan winter pack operations beginning this fall.

Glenn Lengren, secretary-treasurer of the new firm, announced Thursday.

Lengren, who was production manager for the now-defunct firm for 19 years, said the new company has purchased the plant at 595 Mill st. from the First Securities company of Portland, receivers for Starr Fruits Products.

Ralph Quartaroli, Modesto, Cal., president of the new firm and vice president is H. G. Hohwiesner, Portland. Hohwiesner will move to Salem soon to take over active management of the plant along with Lengren.

Winter activities of the plant will center on canning, freezing and processing of maraschino cherries.

Equipment for processing maraschino has been secured and will be installed soon.

The firm expects to begin contacting growers in the near future in preparation for the 1950 canning season.

It had not been determined Thursday how many workers will be employed by the plant during the winter months.

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Walkout Deadline Today

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 8-(AP)-The Missouri Pacific railroad planned to start halting its passenger trains shortly after midnight tonight in advance of a strike by operating employees set for 3 p.m. (EST) tomorrow.

President Truman said in Washington he is doing everything he can to avert the scheduled walkout.

He gave no hint of what he might possibly do. And he added he did not know whether the strike could be prevented since the government has exhausted nearly all of its authority.

The railroad management* and the four operating brotherhoods, each charging the other with responsibility for the walkout, noted the strike will have a crippling effect on industries in the railroad's territory.

Freight service on the 7,200-mile system already has stopped. An embargo on passenger, mail and baggage service goes into effect at 1 a.m.

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In the Detroit area 36 men, many of them loggers, were fighting the fires. Two were on Bugaboo creek, two on Blowout creek, others near Elk lake and Byars ridge.

Dallas foresters were summoned to three minor forest fires earlier Thursday. They were at Willamette camp, west of Dallas; at Lobster valley, near Asea, and at Grand Ronde.

NEWBERG, Sept. 8-(AP)-School officials prepared today for an enrollment of more than 1,200, a sharp increase.

Because of a delayed building program in Marion county, pupils from Woodburn, Canby and Hubbard will be entered in Newberg schools next Monday.

The city urged parents living within 15 blocks of school not to send their youngsters on school buses, so as to make room for more distant pupils.

Salem animals to Get New Hospital
Construction of a new Salem hospital will start in a few days.

Dr. S. P. Levene obtained a city building permit Thursday for the veterinary hospital.

Dirtslide Slashes Oregon Logging Town, Kills Girl

Healthiest Pair at State Fair



Barbara Brown, 14, Corvallis, and Harold Brost, 11, Portland, chosen the healthiest boy and girl in the state in the 4-H club's competition at the state fair Thursday.

Irrigation on Hillside Given Blame for Slide

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 8-(AP)-A landslide slashed the small logging community of Dee today, smashing one house and snuffing out the life of a girl inside.

Alta Joanne Downard, 18, was helping her sister-in-law, Mrs. Reese Howell, 22, in the kitchen when the landslide ripped down.

Miss Downard, buried under the slide, was suffocated. Mrs. Howell, an expectant mother, was pinned partly under dirt, but she survived because a fallen refrigerator kept her from being crushed.

An irrigation ditch at the base of a steep hillside was blamed for the slide.

The slide ripped out the Lost Lake highway on its plunge toward the Howell home.

The dead girl's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alma O. Downard, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Mrs. Howell, whose husband is an employe of the lumber company, was hospitalized here.

Fair Turnstiles Total Another Record Day

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
More records fell at the 84th Oregon state fair Thursday as 32,273 persons chucked the turnstiles — an all-time high count for the fair's fourth day.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Attendance. Monday 72,810, Tuesday 24,068, Wednesday 41,844, Thursday 30,641. Total 169,363.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8-(AP)-More Americans were at work in August than at any other time this year — 59,947,000 of them.

The number of jobless dropped 406,000.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer surmised the figures and said "The end of the recession may be at hand."

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McCall States McKay to Run Election Race

That Gov. Douglas McKay will be in the thick of a political campaign for the Oregon governorship within a few months was predicted Thursday by Thomas Lawson McCall, secretary to the governor.

Leaving the impression that McKay is preparing to announce his candidacy for re-election, the governor's aide asserted before the Salem Lions club that the next gubernatorial campaign in Oregon will be the nation's most significant political campaigns.

"That's because Oregon is the last bastion of the republican party in the west," McCall stated.

McCall also predicted it will be a "fighting campaign" for Oregon and that McKay will be re-elected if he runs.

Sen. Wayne Morse's horse, Sir Laurel Guy took the spotlight at Thursday night's horse show when he bolted during the roadsters \$500 wagon stake class.

The wagon which figured in the mixup had been ordered by telephone to be sent from Washington D. C. by fast freight for this event.

For all Sir Laurel's headstrong behavior, he won the class for the fourth consecutive night.

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THE WEATHER table with columns for location, Max, Min, Precip.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal

44-Hour Week for Women Rule May Cripple Fair Concessions

An acute shortage of concession workers for the last two days of the Oregon state fair loomed Thursday, following notice from the state bureau of labor commissioner's office that women employees at the fair are expected to observe the prescribed work week of 44 hours maximum.

Some ticket takers and other women employed by the fair management will be affected. But a fair board spokesman indicated that concessions—restaurants in particular—will be hardest pressed to make last-minute replacements.

Many women have worked in the same fair booths for years, he said, while for others it is the only employment sought during the year.

BASEBALL

Western International Playoffs
At Vancouver 6, Wenatchee 1
At Yakima 13, Spokane 4

National League
At St. Louis 8, Chicago 9
At Brooklyn 12, New York 7
At Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 9
At Boston 1, Philadelphia 3

American League
At New York-Boston (rain)
At Chicago 3, St. Louis 1
At Detroit 10, Cleveland 6-1
At Philadelphia 6-4, Washington 1-4