



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The dispute between the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen and some 90 Class One railroads, which was heard by a President's Emergency Board of which I was a member, has finally been settled. The authority of the Emergency Board is limited to investigating the facts in the dispute and reporting to the President. This board held hearings in Chicago for several weeks and filed its report at the White House on March 25. The parties to the dispute resumed their negotiations on April 4, and finally reached an agreement last Thursday.

The demand of the conductors and brakemen was for a graduated rate of pay, the scale to be based on weight on drivers of the locomotives of the trains they were working on. This is the table used for computing the pay of engineers and firemen. Our board made its finding that the ORC&B should drop its demand for graduated pay based on power of the locomotives because there seemed to be no clear and consistent relationship between the work of conductor and brakeman and the size or weight of the locomotive behind which they worked. We did find that there was an inequity in the pay of conductors in through freight service where the longest trains operate. To cure this the board recommended an increase in pay of such conductors; but added that the principals might consider alternative means for curing the inequity. What the board had in mind was a graduated rate of pay based on length.

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Sherwood Rallies To Aid of Family

SHERWOOD (P) — Neighbors and others have contributed about \$200 in a fund-raising campaign to assist Mr. and Mrs. Russell Eoff of Sherwood, whose two-year-old daughter died in a fire that destroyed the family's home and belongings two weeks ago. Friends and neighbors have set a goal of \$500 to help the family build a new home. The Lutheran church in Sherwood will recruit men to build the dwelling.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

BY WARREN GODDICH



"I'm feeling about the same."

This was State Street Monday morning as the Memorial Day parade headed west. Pictured in the line of March are the Leslie Junior High School Band, followed by National Guard units. Eleven veterans, military and patriotic organizations and six bands were in the parade. (Statesman Photo). (Story also on page 3, sec. 1).

2,000 Autos in Traffic Tieup on Mt. Hood Route

GOVERNMENT CAMP (P) — An estimated 2,000 automobiles were involved in a gigantic traffic jam when 5 1/2 inches of snow fell on the Warm Springs highway east of here Monday. Many of the drivers were fishermen returning from Memorial Day week end trips. Their cars skidded in the soft snow on the highway and became stuck, some of them for as long as five hours.

The Portland weather bureau said the snow, which fell at times at the rate of 1 to 2 inches an hour, was unusual for this time of year. The last time it snowed here on Memorial Day was in 1948 when a light flurry was reported.

Independence Man Missing; Search Futile

Statesman News Service

INDEPENDENCE — A citizens' group and Independence police searched two mill ponds Monday and otherwise searched for a trace of Jay Edwards Seely, 69, missing since Sunday morning. Police Chief Ray Howard said investigation of his manner of departure and a note left his family had convinced police that Seely had intended to take his own life.

The widower had been in poor health. He had made his home in recent years with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stalaker, 504 Walnut St. Police said the daughter reported Seely had not been able to sleep because of a chronic condition, but that he had not appeared despondent. The note he left, however, said "I can't take any more suffering," according to the police chief.

The note was found on his bed Sunday morning. Seely's eyeglasses and billfold were in his room. From a check of his clothes, police said he probably was wearing gray pants, blue chambray shirt, blue sweater and a brown cap. He had gray hair, weighed about 140 and stood 5 feet 4. Bloodhounds from the State Forestry Department helped in the search Sunday. One of them gave indication of picking up a scent at a millpond near the Stalaker home in northwest Independence. However, dragging of the pond was halted about Monday noon.

An attempt to blast the pond in the afternoon also failed. Officers Harvey Shellenbarger said a check was made with the railroad to determine whether Edwards could have left on the Saturday midnight freight, but both the crew and superintendent said it would have been practically impossible to board the train.

Branch Cracks Boy's Skull at Bush Pasture

A 3-year-old Milwaukie boy Monday suffered a compound skull fracture at Bush Pasture park when he was hit by a section of tree which dropped off as he was standing beneath, beside a picnic table, Salem police reported. Afternoon wind gusts ranged from 20 to 30 miles an hour.

The boy, Frederick William Johnson, several hours later was reported "doing just fine" in Providence Hospital in Portland where he underwent surgery to determine extent of damage. The hospital reported his brain was not injured.

The boy was transferred from Salem Memorial Hospital to the Portland hospital by Willamette ambulance shortly after city first aidmen brought him to the Salem hospital from the park.

The boy's father, William A. Johnson, also of Milwaukie, told police that the section of tree, weighing an estimated 150 pounds, came down without warning, knocking his son to the ground. Police estimated the drop as about 35 feet and described the rotten branch as being about a foot in diameter at the point it joined the trunk.

The accident happened about 1 p.m. Johnson and his family were in the park in the company of friends who live here. First aidmen said the party had just got out of their car at the Winter and Mission street area of the park, when the boy ran under the tree and was struck.

In a similar incident, a 40-foot section of cottonwood tree in the 1721 Chemeketa St. backyard of Walter Swartwout crashed down about 3 p.m. Monday, narrowly missing a woman doing yardwork below, police said.

The officer reported the wind blew off the entire top of the tree, reducing its overall height from 100 to 60 feet.

Red China Frees 4 U.S. Fliers

Memorial Day Death Record Nearly Certain

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The homeward rush of holiday travelers made a new record traffic death toll for a Memorial Day weekend almost a certainty in the closing hours Monday.

The National Safety Council revised its earlier prediction of 360 dead in traffic accidents during the 72-hour period at "at least 375" and said the record high of 363 in 1952 "undoubtedly" would be surpassed.

At midnight (Eastern Standard Time) Monday, the end of the official holiday period which extended from 6 p. m. (local time) Friday, the traffic death count stood at 346. Late arriving reports were expected to increase this figure.

Drownings totaled 123 and miscellaneous accidental deaths added 72 more to make a toll of 541. The high toll of drownings was abetted by tranquil weather as much of the nation basked in sunshine and mild temperatures. Thousands enjoying their first outing of the vacation season took to the water, making swimming and boating a part of the Memorial Day fun.

Gun Accident Brings Oregon Fatalities to 6

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Walter L. Isenberg, 76, died at his farm home some three miles southwest of Hood River from a bullet wound Monday. Coroner Roy Edwards said the gun had been shot accidentally by David W. White, 13, of Portland, who was visiting at the Isenberg home.

Edwards said the White boy told him that the gun discharged while he was unloading it.

Isenberg, wounded in the back, died before help could arrive, Edwards said.

Isenberg was the sixth accident victim in Oregon in the long Memorial Day week end.

Four others were killed in traffic accidents and one drowned. The traffic victims were: Paul Murray, 19, Eugene; Nicholas S. Freund, 30, Portland; David Hauser, 22, Tygh Valley; and Harry B. Hussy, 48, Madras.

Pamela Lynn McCartney, a two-year-old, drowned in a pond in the backyard of her Portland home.

7 Airmen Die In C47 Crash

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (P)—Seven Air Force men died in the flaming crash of a two-engine C47 in the Sacramento Mountains 20 miles northeast of here Monday.

The dead included the pilot, 1st Lt. Don R. Forbes, son of R. H. Forbes, 3354 N. E. Beakey St., Portland, Ore.

Lt. Richard Miller, Holloman Air Force Base public information officer, said four of the victims were crew members on the plane and three were passengers. Miller said the plane had taken off from Holloman 15 minutes before it crashed.

Santiam Squalls Suited Fish, Not Fishermen



DETROIT, Ore.—It took a brave heart, well protected by slickers and tarpaulins, to catch fish in Detroit Lake Monday as rain squalls chased most of a big Memorial Day weekend crowd home early. This Lyons trio, fishing at the mouth of Tumble Creek Monday afternoon, were apparently well prepared for the weather eventualities with raincoats and canvas covers. (Statesman Photo).

Detroit Lake Wet, Windy On Holiday

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR. Staff Writer, The Statesman
DETROIT, Ore.—Memorial Day normally is the first big weekend of the vacation season, but the weatherman who dumped rain, wind and even a little snow on hundreds of recreationists around Detroit Lake Sunday and Monday apparently hadn't been advised of it.

Only a few hardy fishermen had weathered out rain squalls and forbidding skies which dampened and darkened the last two days of the holiday in this North Santiam canyon country.

Except for the weather, which included enough snow to completely whiten the mountain tops surrounding the big lake, the weekend was relatively uneventful. Most anglers brave enough to stick to their rods reported catches, but the largest ones noted at mid-day Monday numbered 4 or 5.

Forest service personnel, confident that the downpour would take care of any camper's careless fire habits, took a holiday themselves in contrast to their usual weekend activity of dousing forgotten camp fires.

Traffic was still heavy along the North Santiam Highway in the vicinity of the lake Monday afternoon, but much of it was homebound.

Only weekend scare involved a young Portland angler, Richard Dodge, about 12, who caused a canyon alert Sunday night when he tumbled down the rocky slope of the reservoir just above Detroit Dam. His companion F. C. Coryell, also Portland, spread the alarm when the youth failed immediately to answer calls.

State police from Salem and Idanha and firemen from Mill City converged on the scene about the time the boy, uninjured in the tumble, left for home.

Boat rental services had no problem meeting demands as the bulk of the fishermen took to shore fishing along sheltered coves and inlets.

Picnickers, for the most part, ate their sandwiches, potato salad and fried chicken in the comparative comfort of automobiles and tents. Picnic tables at popular Lakeshore picnic area were no premium, but dry firewood was.

CIO Challenges Ford to Abide by Workers' Vote

DETROIT (P)—In unprecedented move, the CIO United Auto Workers challenged the Ford Motor Co. Monday to let its own employees decide who's right in a dispute that threatens to erupt in a strike later this week.

Under the proposal, an independent agency would poll the company's 140,000 employees on whether they want to accept the company's stock purchase offer or stick with the union's guaranteed annual wage demand.

The result would be binding on both parties. The UAW's proposal was handed to Ford negotiators at the outset of Monday's contract bargaining session.

Ford negotiators asked a 24 hour adjournment to study the proposition. The union agreed. Top company officials spent the holiday in a strategy huddle and promised their answer Tuesday morning.

The surprise union move was regarded by some as a daring personal gamble by UAW President Walter P. Reuther. A solid vote for the guaranteed wage would be a boost for his leadership.

A vote for Ford's self-styled "partnership in prosperity" plan could be interpreted as a no-confidence vote for the union leadership.

An independent polling firm would conduct the balloting within the next two weeks. The contract would be extended to allow time for the vote and subsequent negotiations. The union has sanctioned strike action any time after Wednesday midnight.

Police Block Gang 'War' in Bronx Park

NEW YORK (P)—Mounted police charged a solid wall of 250 marching youths in a Bronx park Monday and broke up an impending battle that had been brewing all through the hot afternoon.

Police said a gay holiday crowd, mostly Negroes, filled the Pelham Bay Park picnic grounds. Cases of beer were broken out and some liquor bottles appeared in picnic tables.

Card games started and festive bongo and tom tom drummers marched through the park's woods, followed by skipping, dancing children carrying long poles tipped with feathers.

Several small fights broke out, but were stopped by park attendants.

Eventually the picnickers apparently divided into two groups. Park attendants called in police when a major clash appeared to be shaping up. Just what was behind it all was not clear.

Police came on the double, 150 of them at one time. Crews of 10 radio cars deployed through the grounds after the mounted police.

Deputy Police Commissioner James R. Kennedy said he thought hot sun and too much drinking combined to touch off the disturbance. No one was arrested.

GIs on Way to Hawaii From Hong Kong

HONG KONG (P)—Four freed American fliers arrived at Hong Kong city limits at 4:50 p. m. Tuesday and were driven directly to Kaiak airport where they boarded a plane for Honolulu.

They appeared tired but in good if subdued spirits. At the airport the men said they had been "well treated."

They said they first were told last week they were going to be sent home. They refused to say where they had been held prisoner in China, and officials did not permit questioning.

One correspondent yelled "What do you want to send to the folks at home?" "Tell them hello," the men shouted.

Being "Expelled" The men said their Communist captors had told them they were being expelled. They wore new white shirts and light slacks.

They had changed clothes at a constable station in Hong Kong's "new territories" on the mainland not far from the Chinese border which they crossed at 2:33 p.m. (8:33 p.m. PST).

They have been in Red prisons more than two years, most of the time in Mukden, Manchuria. First reports from the border said the men were in "fairly good physical condition."

The airmen were dressed in Communist blue trousers and faded blue, collarless shirts. Greeting Given

The Air Force party greeting them at the Lowu border bridge was headed by Lt. Col. O.D. Simpson, U.S. air attache in Hong Kong, who told them: "I welcome you in the name of the U. S. government and the American people. We have been waiting a long time for this."

"So have we," one of the men blurted out. The Air Force threw a curtain of secrecy about its plans for the men, but a special plane was waiting at Hong Kong's Kaiak Airport, with its full crew on a standby basis (Additional stories on page 2, sec. 1.)

Man Arrested As Woodburn Fight Injures 2

WOODBURN — Richard Bell, 25, of Woodburn Monday was jailed on an assault and battery charge resulting from a fight early Sunday in which Bell is accused of beating up two men, one of whom is in "poor" condition in a Portland hospital, Police Chief Neil Calkins reported.

The hospitalized man is Antonio Fontaine, 39, of Yakima, whom the Physicians & Surgeons Hospital late Monday reported as not responding to treatment. Chief Calkins said he had a skull concussion and a broken jaw.

The other victim—the complainant—is Archie McKenzie, about 50, of Woodburn, owner of the Club Cafe. Chief Calkins said McKenzie has two broken ribs.

According to Calkins' understanding, the two men were attacked upon emerging from a Front street tavern in Woodburn about 1:15 a.m. Sunday. He said the Yakima man, in Woodburn on a construction job, received the concussion upon falling on the pavement when he was struck in the eye.

"There doesn't seem to be any reason for the fight at all—there was apparently no argument inside the tavern," said Calkins who said he had talked to about 50 people about it.

Bell, a farm laborer, is under \$500 bond in Woodburn jail. Calkins indicated he planned to hold him on the assault charge pending Fontaine's outcome at the hospital.

HOUSE WARMING

A citizen, who Monday returned from an out-of-state trip, reported to police that someone in his absence turned his home thermostat up to 90, caused all his flowers inside to wilt.

BOATER IMMOBILIZED

Al Lue, 2368 State St., Monday reported to police that someone had drilled two 3/4-inch holes in his boat and in each of the two tires on his boat trailer.

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