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BUTLER URGES SUPPORT OF POLICE

SUIT TO TEST STATE POLICE BILL STARTS

Oregon Supreme Court Will Hand Down Decision On Ballot Title

BIG SUPPORT CLAIMED Portland Labor Said to Be Supporting Referendum In Warm Manner

MAY BE CHIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21.—(AP)—The News-Telegram said today that the appointment of Chief of Police Leon V. Jenkins of Portland as head of the new state police force was virtually assured.

The newspaper said that this report was current in political and police circles and that it was understood that Jenkins will act in an advisory capacity until he was able to complete his official duties here.

The News-Telegram said that General Smedley D. Butler and Governor Meier have agreed that Jenkins is the logical man for the post and that his contemplated appointment was acceptable to all but one state executive.

SALEM, May 21.—(AP)—A friendly suit to test the validity of the ballot title for the referendum against the state police bill, will be filed with the Oregon supreme court some time today, announced today.

The suit will be filed by the sponsors of the referendum and Ed Averill, former game warden, who requested and received the ballot title.

Circulars of petitions against the police system, which connection Major-General Smedley D. Butler was invited to Oregon to aid in its organization, will not be started until the supreme court has handed down a decision on the ballot title, sponsors of the move announced.

The purpose of the referendum "at their own game," it was declared.

The bill would result in the matter being brought to a head immediately and to offset any delay contemplated by opponents by filing a suit later, Averill said. He pointed out that opponents of the referendum could take an appeal within 20 days if the sponsors of the bill did not take precautionary measures.

Sponsors state sufficient names to insure the delay of the police law until the voters of the state have an opportunity to vote on it in 1932 can be secured in 48 hours. The law provides the petitions must be signed by 10,000 names and be completed before June 6.

The petition for a referendum was first filed by the Independence Hall corporation of Portland. A court injunction against the issuance of a ballot title on the petition was issued upon complaint of J. J. McDonald, Salem, on the grounds that a voter did not sign the preliminary petition.

A second petition was immediately filed by sponsors, headed by Fred L. Gilford, Portland, with the name of Ed Averill signed to the papers.

POLICE BILL FOUGHT PORTLAND, May 21.—(AP)—With only 18 days remaining before the expiration of the period in which the bill authorizing establishment of a state police force for and against the bill today were shifting their strategic lines for the attack.

Issue immediate. Ed E. Averill, leader of the referendum movement, said such an appeal would bring the question to an issue.

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AUNT HET By ROBERT QUILLEN

Neat Appearing Gunman Fatally Shoots Two Men

Los Angeles Editor And Backer Are Victims

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—(AP)—Police today said Guy MacAfee, self-avowed enemy of Charles Crawford, millionaire political boss gave the name of a man he believes murdered Crawford and his partner, newspaperman, in Hollywood last night. He gave the name on a promise it would not be revealed to newspapers.

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—(AP)—Circumstances developed to "explosion" of gambling and graft furnished detectives their main clues today to the killing of the editor, Herbert E. Spencer, 45, and Charles H. Crawford, 52, political figure, in Crawford's Hollywood office late yesterday.

They were fatally shot by a nattily attired, unidentified man who had been closeted with them for about an hour. He escaped from a side entrance.

Former Reporter Spencer, formerly a veteran police reporter and later city editor of the Evening Express here, died shortly after the shooting.

Crawford died three hours later, refusing to name the killer, although previously he had indicated he might. In recent issues of the magazine, the "Critics of Critics," Spencer had threatened to expose "the Al Capone of Los Angeles." His widow said Spencer's life had been threatened previously by telephone. She attributed the calls to an unnamed "gambling boss" of the city.

Crawford, who for years wielded a strong influence in local politics, was known as a patron of the magazine and was regarded as a financial backer. He was said to have furnished Spencer with "inside" information for publication. Of late, Crawford's political activities had diminished.

Men Questioned Among those questioned last night was Guy MacAfee, wealthy former policeman, said by detectives to be connected with gambling enterprises. MacAfee, who recently broke a political association with Crawford, and later was attacked editorially in the magazine, showed that he was in the hall of justice at the time of the killing, police said. The sheriff's office also recently questioned Joe Butcha, until recently business manager for the magazine. He said an unidentified

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REVOLT FLARES IN ISLANDS THURSDAY

HAVANA, May 21.—(AP)—The government today announced that the revolutionaries had suppressed revolutionary attempts at Manzanillo and Jiguani and some "excitement," manifested at Shaparra, and Holouin.

An official statement issued by Secretary of Interior Octavio Zubizarreta said the government had taken measures to prevent further trouble and that its armed forces were prepared for any emergency although "there is no fear that events will become more serious."

The statement added that reports from all other points in the republic showed absolute quiet prevailing. It declared that while a suspension of constitutional guarantees which the president was authorized to use at his discretion had not yet been resorted to it may be necessary to do so if the seditious attitude persists.

The government reports that none was killed and only a few wounded in the disturbances which occurred in the province of Oriente.

3 CHILDREN ARE SLAIN BY BOARDER

WINNIPEG, Man., May 21.—(AP)—Three children of one family were dead today, victims of gunfire and razor slashing, and John Streib, 45, with self-inflicted razor wounds which kept him in a hospital, was charged with their murders.

They were George, 18, Doris, 12, and Irene, 9, the children of Mrs. Lillian Walters, a department store employe. Police said they had a confession from Streib, a boarder who had lived in the family for two years.

The bodies of the three and Streib, who was unconscious were found by Mrs. Walters yesterday on her return from work. Her screams brought neighbors to the scene.

The body had apparently been shot early in the day, police said after an investigation and the two girls also shot on their return from school at noon. Later their throats had been slashed.

Mrs. Walters said she had refused frequent demands by Streib that she marry him.

RUSSIANS OPPOSE U. S. WHEAT PLANS

Soviets Declare Reduction Not in Order With Their System

LONDON, May 21.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's delegates to the world wheat conference said today they opposed a plan suggested by Samuel H. McKelvie, head of the American delegation, for reduction in wheat acreage because industrial and social conditions in Russia made increased wheat production imperative.

"Yesterday," an official announcement said, "the Americans submitted a proposal which is unacceptable to Soviet Russia because of conditions in our social system, with extraordinary development in our industries and the number of our industrial workers, and in view of the increased production which is necessary to meet growing internal demands."

"It seems advisable to us to allow each country to decide for itself whether to curtail production of agricultural commodities, and wheat in particular."

The statement said it was the Russian opinion, drawn from statements of others before the conference, that "the principal solution for regulation of wheat export is fixing definite export quotas."

The announcement dealt with the Russian views regarding quotas and said Russia's pre-war status must be considered in fixing any quota scheme.

It discussed the necessity for financing any surpluses which Russia might hold off the market as a result of agreement on and operation of any quota system and suggested wheat stocks be held in Russia as security for "adequate credits."

The statement was signed by Isidore Lubimoff, head of the Russian delegation.

In a preface Lubimoff outlined the position of soviet wheat production. Last year the crop totaled 29,500,000 tons. Allowing for consumption, the surplus was 10,000,000 tons.

As for the new crop, the winter wheat sowing was 12,000,000 hectares; spring wheat, 29,700,000 hectares. The total area under wheat in 1931 is at least 42,000,000 hectares, with an anticipated crop of 36,500,000 tons. The hectare is a little less than two and a half acres.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Chicago—R. H. E. Washington, 4 7 0 Chicago, 2 5 2 Batteries: Madley, Marberry and Spencer; Thomas, Mackin and Tate.

At Detroit—Philadelphia, 12 18 1 Detroit, 5 14 1 Batteries: Rommel, Mahaffey, Walberg and Cochrane; Bridges, Sullivan, Herring and Schanz, Hayworth.

At St. Louis—Boston, 1 4 2 St. Louis, 2 7 2 Batteries: Russell, MacFayden and Berry, Connolly; Collins and Ferrell.

Plans For Huge Chorus of 1000 Voices Progress

With the solving of acoustical problems at the McArthur court, plans are nearing completion for the presentation of the gigantic children's chorus Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Anne Landis Beck, director of the public schools music department of the University of Oregon, who is directing the concert.

The chorus is to be comprised of 1000 young people of Eugene and the concert will be sung with only one complete rehearsal. This rehearsal will be held Monday at 1 o'clock. The accompanying orchestral instruments will be placed among the singers instead of in front of them, Mrs. Beck announced.

An idea of the size of the chorus may be obtained from the fact that they occupy more space by about 350 persons than the seating capacity of the school of music auditorium, Mrs. Beck pointed out.

HAWKS FLIES PARIS, May 21.—(AP)—Another speed record was established today by the American pilot Captain Frank M. Hawks when he arrived at Le Bourget field at 4:15 p. m. from Malmoe, Sweden, a distance of 700 miles. He left Malmoe at 1 p. m. local time.

CABINET QUILTS BRUSSELS, May 21.—(AP)—The Belgian Catholic-Liberal cabinet resigned this afternoon as the outcome of a sudden crisis arising in the chamber over the question of spending £1,715,000 sterling on construction of frontier defense works.

FOUNDER OF RED CROSS!



Mrs. Emma L. DeGraw, only survivor of the group of women who founded the American Red Cross in 1881, will be a guest of honor at the organization's Golden Jubilee dinner at Washington May 21, at which President Hoover will speak over two national radio networks.

Central Part Of State Hit By Dry Season

SALEM, May 21.—(AP)—The driest season known in recent years in Oregon has struck the central part of the state and has resulted in real cause for alarm, State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin, said today.

The dry area constitutes a strip through the central part of the state through California and to the Mexican line. The strip runs from the Cascade mountains to the Blue mountains.

Reports from that section indicate the farmers there have given up any idea of crops this season, but are working for enough water for their fields to supply livestock and some orchards. Where this water was coming had not been determined.

Reports from California, Stricklin states, indicate that state is worse off than Oregon in the area of the dry strip.

The state distributes water for irrigation to a million acres, but the streams are lower and some of them in the dry area are entirely dried up this year. Lack of snow in the mountains has likewise slowed down and dried up many springs.

The coast area and the eastern section, particularly in Baker and Molalla counties, are supplied with water, and have more moisture than was available last year, Stricklin said.

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Graham McNamee Facing Divorce; Reason Unknown

NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—Graham McNamee, whose radio voice is known to millions, was unable to explain today why his wife has suddenly filed suit for separation.

The noted announcer, whose "ideal marriage" has been widely publicized both in print and on the air, admitted that Mrs. McNamee filed the suit in supreme court two weeks ago.

He is making a desperate effort, his friends said, to find his wife in an effort to learn the cause of her action, though so far he has been unable to locate her.

Less than a month ago a New York newspaper carried in its magazine section, an article headed "The Love Romance of Graham McNamee."

Decision On Soldiers Home Postponed by Board Thursday

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The federal hospitalization board did not reach a decision today in regard to the northwestern soldiers home to be established in Oregon as the matter was referred back for additional information.

Big Sky Armada Of Army Planes Thrills Chicago

COUNTRY SWEEP BY COLD, HEAT WAVES

Pacific Coast Warm; Rocky Mountain Region Has Cold Snap

(By United Press) The western half of the United States experienced today an odd assortment of weather conditions with rain in some places, snow in others, a heat wave on the Pacific coast and temperatures so low in some regions that crops were menaced.

Throughout the eastern half of the country normal or nearly normal conditions prevailed with light storms in some sections.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—(AP)—A record May heat wave in northern California was broken today by cool ocean breezes as an army of fire fighters brought under control hundreds of brush and grass fires started in the last 48 hours.

The third major fire in San Francisco in as many days swept a large mercantile building and climaxed a series of blazes that caused damage exceeding \$1,000,000. Oakland brush fires which destroyed several homes and threatened many more, and others in Tahoe national forest, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Santa Cruz and El Dorado counties were under control.

"Fire weather" prevailed over southern California, although lower temperatures were forecast.

DENVER, Colo., May 21.—(AP)—Apple and cherry blossoms and tender young crops in this section were covered today with snow as temperatures skidded to all-time record lows for May.

The storm area stretched from Montana to New Mexico, bringing ruin in some sections and snow in others. The moisture was beneficial to most crops, although accompanying low temperatures endangered fruit and early vegetables.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 21.—(AP)—Freezing temperatures and frost were reported today in northern Arizona.

Day temperatures in the desert regions dropped well below the normal May maximum of around 100.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION URGED BY GEHLAHR

Agriculture Head Declares Cooperation Needed for Farm Success

PORTLAND, May 21.—(AP)—In the first public appearance he has made since being appointed director of the department of agriculture, Max Gehlahr of Salem today announced a policy of close cooperation with the interests of individual industries in Oregon agriculture for the general betterment of farming in the state.

Gehlahr was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Oregon cooperative council in session here.

Through a coincidence the director of the newly created department spoke first before the body which had been most active in opposing the idea of a distinct agricultural department.

In introducing the new director, however, President Glenn Marsh of Hood River declared the council is most desirous that the department succeed.

"I have no pre-conceived or hard and fast policy that I intend to put in force," Gehlahr said. "But I do want the suggestions and counsel now and at any time of just such groups as this. The department must depend at all times on the cooperation of those actually engaged in the individual agricultural industries, otherwise any progress is limited to the capacity of the officials themselves."

"I have already found there is considerable misconception as to the functions of the state department," he continued. "It was not created to do for farmers by some magic means the things they must do for themselves."

The speaker also pointed out that the activities of the new department, combining as it does 13 old boards and commissions, are limited by the law to inspection and regulatory work.

Harrisburg School Budget Is Reduced

HARRISBURG, May 21.—(Special)—The union high school board at a meeting Saturday made a cut in the budget for another year. It was reduced from about \$11,000 to \$8,000.

659 Airplanes Roar Through Skies In "Attack"

CHICAGO, May 21.—(AP)—A proud armada of 659 planes paraded in formation, serenading thousands of watchers as speedy pursuit ships sang a high tenor to the deep baritone hum of mighty bombers.

Thousands left Michigan boulevard skyscrapers as the planes appeared from the north, where the aerial procession had formed after a wide circular movement from the skyscrapers in which they had concentrated yesterday from Dayton.

Roots and office windows were dotted with onlookers, and traffic in Grant park stood still as a mass of spectators poured over the green turf to the edge of Lake Michigan and gazed skyward.

Overhead the sun shone. Major Davenport Johnson of Galveston led the great procession with the 3rd attack group of 70 planes from Fort Crockett.

Following the attack group was the 2nd bombardment group from Langley field, Va. The bombers flew in columns of three, 50 to 60 in each group.

Amphibians Skim Lake Speedboats darted over the lake, and amphibians flew low over the water to be ready for instant rescue in event of any mishap. The air was bumpy, and the planes moved in loose formation, spaced widely and with bombers, attack, pursuit planes separated. Through the speeding mass dived planes carrying photographers, like falcons attacking an orderly flight of geese.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin L. Foulois, commanding the division, surveyed the demonstration from the roof of the Hotel Stevens with his staff. There were no fighting maneuvers, no firing of aircraft guns. The army had undertaken to demonstrate the speed with which it could mass its power to defend an inland center of population. Its entire strength had been concentrated at Dayton, Ohio, focused here in a single day and sent into the air to parade its power before an imagined challenger.

The entire procession passed before the stadium.

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STERILIZATION ACT UPHELD IN COURT

ROUSE, Ind., May 21.—(AP)—The state supreme court today held the law authorizing sterilization of the insane. The decision was handed down in the case of the state against Albert Troutman, an inmate of the Nampa school and colony for the insane.

The law, which would be brought into operation on several score inmates of the penitentiary and asylums and later be broadened to extend into the non-institutional field, gave the individual all the safeguards of law in that it required either consent for the operation or a formal court hearing.

The state has power to protect the common welfare against the hereditary type of feeble-mindedness, the court ruled, and concluded by stating "the law in behalf of the general welfare demands it should be applied in this case."

PLANS COMPLETED FOR DEMONSTRATION

All plans are complete for the first aid demonstration and competition program to be held in the armory tonight at 7:45 o'clock as Lane county's observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross.

Crack first aid teams, all trained by John H. Peterson, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, are ready for the signal to start the first aid contest which will be the chief feature of the evening. Six adult teams and seven junior teams will compete.

A concert by the Odd Fellows band will open the program of the evening. A special feature will be a traffic safety demonstration by state traffic officers.

First aid experts from Portland and Salem will be on hand for the event, and representatives of communities throughout the county will be present.

HIGHER RATE ON FREIGHT SOUGHT

NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—President of the eastern railroad representatives all lined east of the Mississippi today voted to ask the interstate commerce commission to restore freight rates to a level which, in the judgment of the commission, will protect the credit of the carriers.

A committee was appointed to work out the details.

It consists of W. W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio; P. E. Crowley, president of the New York Central lines; J. J. Bernet, of the Van Sweringen line; J. M. Davis, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; J. J. Kelly, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and C. H. Hix, president of the Virginian.

DESCRIBES WORKINGS OF SYSTEM

Noted Marine Greeted By Many Eugeneans at Meet Thursday

PLEASSED WITH STATE

Declares Officers Would Serve Citizens in Many Ways

Reversing a famous saying, some 200 Eugene business men and hundreds of radio listeners led the marines to the telling—and do it in a big way—when Major-General Smedley Darlington Butler appeared before the Eugene breakfast club Thursday morning with a stirring picture of the future state police of Oregon.

Widely applauded, and with the rousing notes of the famous marine song, "From the Halls of Montezuma" ringing in his ears, General Butler obviously sold his personality and his ideas to the breakfast clubbers and their numerous guests.

"Oregon" Is Sung When he completed his 22-minute talk, he called for the singing of the song, "Oregon," and declared that he wanted the state police of Oregon to feel that a million people are singing that song for them.

"Give them that kind of backing, and your state police will give you a public service that can be equaled by no other group," said the general.

With a sincere directness that belied any hint of "appliance," the marines paid tribute to Oregon and its pioneer heritage.

"Because your founders crossed the plains and straits to reach this land, you have something the easterners cannot boast," said the general. "I have seen it in some of your monuments—those sturdy men and women, mainly facing the storm. When I see that, I realize I am among a great people. As representatives of a million such people, what a great organization your state police can and will be."

All-Day Love Less seriously, the general said he "can't understand how you people here in Oregon can get up and sing and make speeches before breakfast. You seem to love each other all day."

"Now in Pennsylvania, we might get together and love each other with one eye, but with the other we would be looking for a place to hit the other fellow."

Just once did the general tread on forbidden verbal ground and that at the beginning of his talk, when he said his idea of a policeman "isn't a fellow who gets up before breakfast and makes a damned nuisance of himself all day."

This brought a laugh, and the general grinned into the microphone before him with the remark "can you shut this thing off?"

"Can you shut it off?" shouted some one, but if there were further wanderings into marine slang language they slipped away without notice.

The general made an emphatic point of the public welfare service which the ideal state police body performs. In doing this, he described a state police car in Michigan.

"This car has a motor on the radiator to ward off bullets. On the running board is a fire extinguisher, to be used in helping fight blazes in automobiles or elsewhere. On the other running board is a respirator.

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Service And Respect Cardinal Points In State Police Ideas As Expressed By Gen. Butler

By MABIAN LOWRY A fiery, champion-cussing, hard-boiled marine—well, maybe.

But the writer has a picture of a rather small man, sitting comfortably on aavenport before the glow of a fireplace, enjoying the friendly hospitality of a college fraternity, patting the dog at his feet now and then, chatting informally with some 30 young men grouped about him—Major General Smedley D. Butler.

"I was just saying I think college men are nice. Don't you?" was his opening remark, said in a very quiet, mild voice that has become a bit hoarse with the busy program of talks.

The only "fire" in a pair of very penetrating gray-blue eyes and in an earnestness of manner that carries the listeners off their feet as the famous talkative marine "gets going" on his subject.

And it was not only because of a "bad" that the General withheld his remarks, because when he was deep in his subject there was a "bombastic" word now and then, but no more than one ordinarily hears in conversation anywhere.

He apologized for his hoarseness, but said "They're keeping me pretty busy talking. My two Georges here set me up in the morning, push me out, and hold the meat in front of me, and away I go," he said. The two