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Bandon's Case

A Washington dispatch states that no WPA assistance will be extended to Bandon, Ore., thus preventing Bandon from complying with the terms of the conditional loan of the RFC for \$200,000 for rebuilding. State Administrator Griffith has telegraphed Senators McNary and Steiwer that it is impossible for him to supply certified relief workers, stating:

"We have several approved projects with prior claims for labor which we cannot start because of labor shortage in their districts."

The \$200,000 loan approved by the RFC was conditioned on a fund of \$117,000 being obtained from some other source and it was planned to secure this amount from the WPA in the form of labor. The loan also was conditioned on the use of \$81,000 of it to liquidate in full the city's indebtedness, totaling \$258,000 at 25 per cent for the bonds and warrants at 35 per cent, the balance to be utilized for rebuilding public properties and forming a nucleus for a model city as mapped out by the state planning board.

With all the trivial, useless and wasteful projects the WPA is financing, it seems a shame that in a meritorious case like that of a fire-damaged city, assistance is not forthcoming and that red-tape stipulations render it impossible to utilize the RFC loan.

Bandon should not, however, despair and resign itself to becoming a city of shacks. Other cities have survived similar disastrous fires and rebuilt themselves out of ashes, and that before the days of government aid. Expectation of federal largess has delayed Bandon's recovery and when it is realized that its citizens have been leaning on a broken reed, they may remember that the Lord helps them that help themselves and start to work in earnest.

One thing is apparent, the day of federal aid is swiftly passing, and states and communities and individuals expecting Uncle Sam to perpetually play Santa Claus are in for a rude awakening. And this is as it should be. Let them solve their own problems as until the present era, they have always done, and thereby help avert national bankruptcy.

Wizard of the Air

Guglielmo Marconi, who died yesterday from a sudden heart attack, will rank among the great men of history, for he was the inventor of wireless telegraphy from which came the radio, wireless telephoning and television. His inventions conquered the air for communications and rank among the most beneficial in human history.

Marconi was the son of an Italian father and Irish mother, and was only 22 when he was granted the first patent for a practical system of wireless telegraphy in 1895. His first tests were made in England. In 1899 he established wireless connection between England and France, and in 1901 across the Atlantic.

In 1905 Marconi invented a directive system and a new persistent wave system of wireless and his system was used by ships at sea, saving, since then, millions of lives and billions of property. His perfection of "beam wireless" in 1923 greatly increased the life and property saving value of his original device. Its use by airplanes has made for safety in the air.

Marconi was an inventive genius with a list of accomplishments too long to state. His activities continued to the day of his death, when he was working on three different developments of the principle he had discovered: television with the use of short ultra waves; further development of the microwave; a new type radio transmitter for airplanes.

Unlike many inventors, Marconi was a good business man, and amassed great wealth from his inventions and received the highest honors scientific bodies and governments could bestow for making the sea and the air safe for humanity.

Wavering Walter

Does anyone, not excluding the congressman and former governor himself, know just what sort of an administration and rate structure Walter M. Pierce would have set up for Bonneville?

For months the congressman has been clamoring for "postage stamp" or blanket rates for the project, in which transmission charges for delivering power to points far distant from the dam would be absorbed and shared by all consumers alike. By such a set-up he would deliver juice to his far eastern Oregon constituents at the same price paid by consumers in the area immediately adjacent to the plant and at their expense.

But now comes Weeping Walter in a statement issued yesterday in Washington to say:

"It (Bonneville dam) has been constructed for use as a yardstick so that consumers can know the real cost of electricity and how those should be reflected in light bills."

It is obvious to anyone that the real cost of electricity is the cost at the switchboard and that the costs of transmission are something entirely different and properly chargeable to those served by such transmission. The real cost of power in Portland is the cost of generating at Bonneville plus the expense of transmission for 30 miles, not the cost of that same energy delivered at Baker or Klamath Falls.

Walter, as is his convenient custom, seems to have forgotten yesterday the words of the song he was singing two months ago—or was it only two weeks ago?

Montana Vacation

Trip is Started

Silverton—Eleanor Emerson, accompanied by her nephew, Edward Teigen, 8, and Bonita Teigen, 3, entrained from Woodburn Monday evening for a six weeks' stay at the former home of the Teigen and Emersons in Capitol, Mont., where they will be at the homes of the grandparents of the children.

The E. L. Teigen, parents of

Edward and Bonita, arranged for the christening of the youngest member of the family, Burton Lynn, Friday evening, with Rev. J. M. Jensen officiating at the Teigen home. Sponsors for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Holm, Miss Eleanor Emerson and Ernest Erickson.

Falls City—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Deets and Betty Chappell returned to their home at Washougal, Wn., Sunday.

ALL IN A LIFETIME

By BECK



BEHIND HEADLINES

By H. R. Baukhage

Copyright, 1937, by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. Washington, July 21 — If the counsel of those who aren't afraid to take a long chance with the odds against them prevails, Republic Steel may meet with a daring attack as a result of the hearings before the national labor relations board beginning today.

The function of NLRB is, first to investigate unfair labor practices; second to hold hearings; third to report their findings. If the testimony in the hearings just starting reveals information upon which it is felt criminal charges may be based, labor sympathizers may request action by the department of justice.

As pointed out in this column some weeks ago, members of the department of justice have unearthed an ancient statute, passed after the Civil war to prevent Ku Klux and other interference with the voting by negroes.

It is section 51, Title 18 of the U. S. code and it forbids conspiring to interfere with the performance of a citizen's constitutional rights.

The law was used as an entering wedge in the Harlan county Kentucky investigation, not yet concluded by the department of justice.

According to unquotable sources, an attempt may be made to show conspiracy under this statute on the part of Republic Steel.

But here is the long shot: Conservative legal advisors of labor have been urging against an attempt to launch any further attacks on this basis until the Kentucky case goes to court and is ruled upon by the supreme court.

They will be surprised if the NLRB testimony is used to this end.

Edward P. McGrady, ace conciliator of the department of labor as well as assistant secretary, who it is alleged, has resisted more temptations to give up his public service (at \$9,500 a year) than St. Anthony

Closed Shop Contracts Held Void and Strikes To Effect Them Illegal

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reaction." The vice-chancellor quoted the following from a U. S. supreme court decision, handed down in 1922, to indicate the change taking place in labor relations:

"Whatever enthusiasts may hope for, in this country every owner of property may work it as he will, by whom he pleases at such wages and such terms as he can make; and every laborer may work or not, as he sees fit, for whom, at such wages as he pleases; and neither can dictate to the other how he shall use his own, whether property, time or skill."

Commenting on the quotation, Berry said:

"We have gone far since those words were written. The boasted liberty of the citizen and the vaunted security of individual property are no longer what they were. Both employer and employe now dictate to the other how he shall use his own, whether property, time or skill."

New York, July 21 (AP)—The ruling of Vice Chancellor Maja Leon Berry that labor contracts providing for closed shops were "illegal and unenforceable" was attacked today by Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, regional director of the national labor relations board.

"There are plenty of court decisions in many states upholding the legality of the closed shop," said Mrs. Herrick.

She asserted that Section 8, Subdivision 3 of the Wagner labor relations act includes a statement that "nothing in this act... shall preclude an employer from

making an agreement with a labor organization... to require a condition of employment membership therein."

Transportable automobile works are being made in Italy for use in its colonies.



TOUGH KITTY. It's "Climax," lion cub of "Jock" and "Juno," big specimens in the London zoo. The done seems a bit large for such a little cat, but food of any size looks good to a jungle kitty.



SKY HOBO. Merrill K. Riddick and his hobo plane got started in a driving rainstorm from Angola, N. Y., on the second leg of his projected flight from Bladell, N. Y., to Bombay, India. The ship's insignia shows two hoboes astride a donkey.

did in his particular line, has been tempted again.

The salary was to run to fifteen grand, if necessary, and the job was to take over for Major Berry, president of labor's non-partisan league, that organization which gave such enthusiastic support and took such generous credit for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

Major Berry, who, you may recall, is now junior senator from Tennessee, thinks that his duties, holding two jobs, may be conflicting. Meanwhile, looking for his successor, the league apparently feels that it needs not only an efficient head, but also a man with a reputation for nonpartisanism. Hence the offer to the labor department official.

According to best advice, Mr. McGrady regrets.

Friends say that Ed McGrady is one of the most self-sacrificing public servants that Uncle Sam has had in the last two decades. They predict that, if he goes, it will be only because he feels that things just aren't working out so that his services are still of value. Otherwise, he'll continue to keep St. Anthony No. 2 man at turning down attractive offers.

Mr. McGrady started in making sacrifices early. He believed in strikes when they weren't as popular as they are today, and, as a result, is tolerably familiar with the interior of a lot of jails where he

was dumped for doing what's perfectly legal today—participating in labor activities.

Now he considers his job—stopping strikes, not prolonging them, and he has by no means lost the confidence of the workers, either. He's solved the problem of serving two masters—he can often get a better bargain for both employer and employe than either could get alone.

Uncle Sam as a demon rum distiller is seeing things on the walls. Not pink elephants, say the folks with their eye to the bungalow of the Virgin Islands' rum barrels, but handwriting—in red ink.

Not that government house rum isn't good. But it isn't smart, say the epicures.

And it isn't the sins of the spirit, either, but the body. The body of the rum. It's too heavy for the effete American taste, is the criticism of the critics. Apparently, the distillers followed an old proverb and went wrong. They thought it wasn't wise to try to teach an old rum-hound new tricks, so they made their product well, but not so wisely. They recreated the beverage of the type that gave old Admiral Grog his reputation, put the punch in rum punches and made rum sauces saucy—in the bad old days before prohibition.

But tastes, it seems, have changed. Palates have become frivolous.

and lighter minds and morals of the post war era demand a lighter body.

These are the sober facts.

As usual, figures conceal the story. And the official distillers don't admit it—openly. Imports of the G. H. rum for May were only a little over \$5,000 less than April, and well above the previous months.

Nevertheless, say the eye-to-the-bunglolders, the government is in a rather tough spot. It must either put on an intensive advertising campaign to sell the ancient virtues of the fluid that made ten nights in a barroom possible (and profitable) and probably draw down another volley from the W.C.T.U., or face expensive alterations.

The latter would mean switching to the frivolous "light bodied" stuff that goes with hora d'oeuvres and olives on toothpicks instead of the kind that floated a thousand ships.

Silverton Shooters Make Good Scores

Silverton—Silverton men were 100 per cent efficient when all three who attended the shooting contests at Camp Whithycombe made a place for themselves for the Camp Perry, Ohio, trip in August.

These were Osmund Olson, Rudy Schenk and Donald Christenson. Christenson had the additional honor of being the youngest man at the match and the youngest to gain the right to compete at Camp Perry.



SUGIYAMA. Gen. Gen Sugiyama, Japanese minister of war, acted in the North China crisis while diplomat sought a peaceful climax.

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