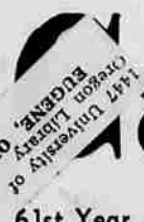


THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Lowest tonight, 50; highest Friday, 76.



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Texas Ranger Here to Probe Murder Cases

Seeks to Clear Up Two Slayings in Which McEwen Is Suspect

By DON UPJOHN Texas Ranger Frank Probst from Amarillo, Tex., here in the hopes of clearing up the murder of Tex Thorn, international-

Arizona officers are on their way here to demand return of McEwen to that state on the murder warrant.

McEwen landed in jail here after he had stolen a hearse from a local mortuary, wrecked it, and he then entered a plea of guilty to larceny in district court.

Probst came here with a circumstantial description of the man suspected of the Texas killing and he says it closely fits that of McEwen in the main details.

Scattering bits of finger prints picked up after the Texas murder were placed at the disposal of state police finger print experts here Thursday by Probst and Deputy Sheriff William DeVall for close comparison and while the first reports from the prints didn't say they matched, neither did they say they didn't.

Science Aiding Chicken Thieves

Is science coming to the aid of chicken thieves and gas bombs being put to use to aid them in their maraudings?

That is suspected at least by some Marion county farmers, according to information developing at a meeting of the Grange auxiliary held south of Salem last night.

Reports were to the effect that there have been a number of chicken coop forays south of the city. Steve Mindard on the South Salem road and a number of chicken owners in the Liberty section were said to be victims of the thieves.

Those discussing it said they are satisfied that the looters move in on a chicken coop armed with a small, practically noiseless gas bomb, dump it under the sleeping chickens without disturbing them, and as soon as the fowl are overpowered by the fumes their necks are wrung without disturbance and the thieves make their getaway.

Hearing Asked in Ashland Fire Case

Ashland, Aug. 11 (AP)—Jackson county juvenile officer John Richard planned a hearing today for two boys, 12 and 13, involved in the fire that destroyed a woodyard and lumber warehouse.

Assistant Police Chief Herb Hayes said the boys had admitted tossing a firecracker into a tar barrel that exploded into flame. The blaze quickly spread through the Whittle Transfer and Fuel company yard and caused damage to the Copeland Lumber company warehouse.

Confesses to Brutal Slaying Of Young Girl

Portlander Leads Police to Body of Stabbed And Beaten Victim

Portland, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—A sallow-faced young man led police today to the body of a 15-year-old girl who had been beaten, stabbed, and hidden under a log pile near a Portland bridge.

Detectives Noel Eck and Sgt. Dan Mitola said the man, picked up on another charge, voluntarily blurted out the story of a brutal slaying that police had never suspected.

They said a 22-year-old man with a long criminal record admitted killing the girl after she refused his advances, because "she was a good girl and would make trouble with the police."

"It is the most cold-blooded case I've ever had," said Chief of Detectives William Brown.

The girl—Thelma Taylor, Portland, a young farm worker—had been reported missing by her parents last Saturday, but there had been no previous hint she had met with foul play.

Sgt. Verne Nicholson arrested Morris Leland, 22, Portland, this morning on suspicion of driving a stolen car.

On the way to the police station, Leland said he wanted to talk to homicide detectives, because he knew about a murder.

Detectives Eck and Mitola said the 22-year-old Leland told them he had killed a girl last Saturday, and led them to a log pile in the brush in North Portland.

There police found the girl's body, fully clothed in the bobby sock, plaid shirt, and levis she had been wearing when she left her home last Friday morning to pick beans at Hillsboro.

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Thief Posed As College Student

A "Notre Dame" man was plucked off skid row Thursday by city detectives interested in questioning him concerning the sale of a Salvation army horn to a Salem pawn shop.

Police identified their prisoner as Frank Rector, Jr. His suitcase bore several stickers from the Indiana college, including one 10-inches tall.

Suspicion was aroused when a second hand store operator advised police he had purchased a French horn from a transient for only \$4.50.

Rector was spotted on the street and brought to the police station for questioning. There he admitted taking the horn in a burglary of the Salvation army headquarters in Eugene.

He told police he had requested help, but had been turned down by the charity organization. He arrived in Salem in the few hours of the morning after hitching a ride on a truck.

Police also pointed out that Rector's institutional training had been confined primarily to a term at San Quentin prison in California on a burglary charge. He was not a student at Notre Dame or at another college previously displayed on his well-traveled suitcase. The earlier "alma mater's" identification was virtually obliterated by the Notre Dame stickers.

Early Start in Hops Makes Picker Demand

An exceptionally early start for the first hop harvest has resulted in a serious shortage of pickers, especially in the Independence area, William H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service, said Wednesday.

Picking of early hops near Independence began Wednesday, and in some fields as early as July 28, Baillie reported. Early hops usually are not ready to be picked until about the middle of August.

Migratory workers who come to this section annually for the hop harvest aren't expected to arrive until around August 15, and since the hops came surprisingly early this year, a shortage in help has resulted, Baillie explained.

Persons desiring to work in hop fields this summer are asked to report to the Independence area as soon as possible. A branch office of the employ-



Sears' Store Opens—Mrs. Howard H. (Roberta) Heiserman, who was chosen the "Average Sears' Shopper" cuts the ribbon that officially opened the new Sears, Roebuck, and company store here.

Big Crowd Jams Opening Of Sears' New Store

Salem opened its newest modern department store—the Sears, Roebuck & Co. store in the Capitol street shopping center—Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Waiting at the doors to enter the store after the formalities and to witness the brief ceremony officially opening the streamlined building were at least 600 persons, some of whom arrived shortly after 9 a.m.

The crowd that swarmed through the doors included everyone from babes in arms to grandfathers and grandmothers and by 10:45 the parking area for the store was filled and a continual stream of people moved through the doors.

Claiming the attention of the greatest number of persons was the main floor of the store where is found wearing apparel for youngsters as well as the grown-ups. There was not a department on that floor that was not jammed with shoppers as well as those "just looking."

The opening ceremonies, heard over loudspeakers and also broadcast over the radio, were held just inside the doors of the main entrance to the store on Capitol street.

Both Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom of Salem and Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem gave short talks complimenting the executives of the company on their choice of Salem for the new store and welcoming them.

Immediately after their talks the "Sears Average Shopper," Mrs. Howard H. (Roberta) Heiserman, cut the ribbon at the entrance as the doors opened.

Shasta Daylight Crashes Into Truck

Red Bluff, Cal., Aug. 11 (AP)—The Shasta Daylight, crack Southern Pacific San Francisco to Portland streamliner, was held up for nearly an hour here yesterday after crashing into a truck and trailer loaded with 15 tons of heavy lumber.

Driver of the truck, Clarence Hinkle, 26, Red Bluff, escaped without injury. He told police he could not see the train coming because of freight cars which blocked his view of the tracks at the crossing.

Speed of the train when the accident occurred was estimated at 30 miles per hour.

McKay Tours Basin Project

Yakima, Aug. 11 (AP)—With the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee meeting cut short by Gov. C. A. Robbins return to Idaho because of the fire situation, Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington and Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon today toured the vast basin project.

Governors Langlie and McKay made a field trip to the irrigation experiment station in Prosser yesterday after the morning had been taken up with the discussion of the conservation of the soil and water resources on the Yakima and Columbia projects.

Speaking at the session of the inter-agency committee, which is an advisory group on state and federal development of northwestern resources, Governor Langlie said:

"People are rapidly becoming water conscious. Cheaper delivery to farming areas combined with more efficient pumps and the improvements in sprinkler irrigation point to wider use of the state's ground water supply."

3 Groups Probe Bus Tragedy

Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 11 (AP)—Three crews of investigators studied charred fragments of a Greyhound bus today in an attempt to learn why it carried 16 persons to flaming death yesterday.

An even grimmer investigation moved slowly ahead at an emergency morgue in the National Guard armory. There weary officials and dazed relatives tried to identify the last of the bodies of the victims.

Five remained unidentified. Investigators for the Interstate Commerce Commission, Indiana state police and Greyhound Lines were going through the wreckage at the Greyhound garage in Indianapolis.

They would say little, but Superintendent Arthur M. Thurston of state police said that a preliminary examination had disclosed "no evidence of mechanical failure."

Earlier, Driver Wayne Cranner, 25, Indianapolis, had said, "It seemed like the steering gear went out."

The tragedy was three-fold in one family. The list of identified included a mother and her two children.

Uphold Label Of Subversives

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—The U. S. court of appeals today upheld the government's right to label certain groups "subversive."

The 2-to-1 decision was handed down in the case of the joint anti-fascist refugee committee which had appealed to the court's after it was included on Attorney General Clark's "subversive list" two years ago.

The appeals court affirmed the U. S. district court here in dismissing the refugee committee's suit on a motion by the government.

A list of alleged subversive organizations was published by the attorney general in connection with the loyalty check on federal employees.

Justices Bennett Champ Clark and James M. Proctor said the justice department had acted for the president of the United States and that "had the president performed the task himself his acts could not have been challenged legally."

Justice H. W. Edgerton filed a sharp dissent.

War Assets Employee's Note Called Invitation for Bribery

House Raises Minimum Wage To 75 Cents Hour

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—The house passed today a bill to raise the national minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75, as asked by President Truman.

The measure went to the senate, where a similar minimum wage bill is pending. The senate has set the measure aside repeatedly for other legislation, however, and it is uncertain when the bill may be called up for debate there.

The house action was, in a sense, a victory for the administration. The bill carried the 75-cent minimum advocated by the president, Secretary of Labor Tobin, and representatives of major labor organizations.

However, it also carried substantially the revision of coverage pushed by a coalition of republicans and southern democrats. The bill was introduced by Rep. Lucas (D., Tex.).

Earlier the house had refused to wash out three days of heated debate on minimum wage legislation by sending the whole thing back to its labor committee for more study.

A motion to do that lost 242 to 41 on a standing vote. (Continued on Page 5, Column 8)

Randall Sees Wage Fixing

New York, Aug. 11 (AP)—Inland Steel company president, Clarence B. Randall, said today that President Truman's creation of a steel fact-finding board was an "industrial revolution" which would lead to permanent government wage fixing.

The attack on the president's action was the first made by an industry spokesman as the companies began presentation of their case before the board. Randall is from Chicago.

Last week the CIO Steelworkers union argued before the board for a 30-cents-an-hour package including wage, pension and insurance benefits.

Randall, who spoke for his own company but also was the keynote for the entire industry, not only rejected all the union's demands, but also denounced the very process of a fact-finding board itself.

"When the president announced the formation of this board he was in fact announcing an industrial revolution in America," Randall asserted.

"By doing so, he has declared himself as favoring a new social order, and one so different from that under which our magnificent production record has been achieved that unless the process is stopped, and stopped at once, there will be no possibility of turning back."

"Through this means, whether he knew it or not, he has proclaimed that wages shall be fixed by the government. . . ."

"The fixing of profits comes next, and then when incentive is killed and production falls, the final step of nationalization follows."



Belgian Heads Europe's Group

Strasbourg, France, Aug. 11 (AP)—Paul-Henri Spaak, Belgian socialist leader, was unanimously elected today as the first president of the European consultative assembly.

The chunky little Belgian resigned yesterday as Belgium's acting premier and foreign minister so he could take over the top job in the newly-created council of Europe.

Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister, nominated Spaak for the assembly presidency. The 101 delegates from a dozen countries quickly endorsed the selection without opposition.

Delegates in private negotiations yesterday gave their support to Spaak, one of Europe's outstanding political figures and first president of the United Nations general assembly. Actual voting was delayed until today to give Spaak time to deal with a government shakeup in Brussels in which he resigned his premiership.

Spaak had been serving as acting premier since Belgian elections more than six weeks ago in which his socialist party lost ground.

The assembly is the deliberative body of the council of Europe which opened its first sessions here this week. The guiding body of the council is the ministerial committee, composed of the foreign ministers of the 12 member nations—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Greece and Turkey.

Farm Program Wins Approval

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—A compromise farm program for next year won unanimous approval today of a bi-partisan senate agriculture subcommittee.

The group struck out all remaining provisions for "production payments" proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan as part of his overall new farm program.

Brannan suggested this elimination last week-end after the house previously had killed off a proposed trial run limited to a few farm products.

Senator Anderson (D., N.M.), chairman of the seven-man subcommittee, said the compromise bill will be considered Saturday by the full 13-member agriculture committee.

Approval by that group appears likely because the subcommittee is a majority of the full measure on to the senate.

Senator Mundt Grills Letter Written Hunt

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—Senator Mundt (R., S. D.) heatedly charged today that a letter written by a war assets administration employee to James V. Hunt, in August, 1947, was a "blatant invitation for bribery or connivance of some kind."

Mundt, a member of the senate investigations subcommittee, spoke out after a committee investigator had read the contents of a letter which he said was written by Clarence W. Oehler to Hunt.

Another letter told of Oehler obtaining for Hunt match covers with "White House" "H. H. V." and "H. S. T." printed on them.

Hunt, now a Washington business counselor, has been a prime figure in the committee's inquiry into activities of "five percenters"—individuals who seek out government contracts for others for a fee.

The committee investigation previously has developed that Hunt ordered books of match folders bearing the imprint "swiped from Harry S. Truman." Hunt said then that he was acting at the request of the White House.

"H. H. V." are the initials of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, whose name has figured in the inquiry.

Francis D. Flanagan, committee investigator, said that Oehler was a warehouse specialist for the WAA in the western area at the time he wrote letters to Hunt, formerly a \$50-a-day consultant for WAA in Washington.

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Truman Still for Gen'l Vaughan

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—President Truman said today his opinion of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, his army aide, has not been changed by testimony brought out in a senate committee investigation of five percenters.

Mr. Truman also told a news conference that the secretary of the navy is not free to relieve Vaughan from active duty in the way two other major generals have been suspended temporarily.

Secretary of the Army Gray suspended Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt and Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman after their names were brought out in the senate investigation.

"Has anything that has happened on Capitol Hill changed your attitude toward Gen. Vaughan?" a reporter asked Mr. Truman.

Not in the slightest, the President replied.

Mr. Truman added that he has not discussed with chairman Hoey (D., N. C.) of the committee the possibility of Vaughan testifying.

He said he didn't want to influence Hoey's judgment—that he wanted Hoey to get the facts and satisfy himself.

He reiterated that Vaughan is at liberty to testify at the hearings.

The President, in what appeared to be a strong feeling about his army aide, commented on Vaughan's absence from the news conference by saying:

"He's not afraid of you, don't worry about that. In response to a question, Mr. Truman said he didn't know anything about a deep freeze which one witness told the committee earlier had been sent to Vaughan."

Bradley Nominated For Staff Chairman

Washington, Aug. 11 (AP)—President Truman announced today he is nominating Gen. Omar N. Bradley for promotion to chairman of the joint chiefs of staff. This would make Bradley the nation's highest ranking military officer.



Fireman Wets Down Blazing Bus Wreckage—A fireman squirts water pumped from a creek on to the blazing wreckage of a bus in which 15 persons died and 12 others were injured at Bloomington, Ind., August 10. The bus smashed into a bridge abutment, turned over and burst into flames. (AP Wirephoto)