

NLRB Hearing In Portland

Hearing before a national labor relations board member, Robert Tillman, in a dispute between the Valley Concrete company and the Salem Teamsters union, was continued today, but in Portland instead of Salem.

The hearing started here Tuesday. It is on a petition by the company that a plant employees election be held to decide whether the union shall be the bargaining agency for the employees.

To have jurisdiction it is necessary for the company to show it is in interstate commerce, and testimony taken Tuesday was for that purpose.

Arthur B. Woods of Dallas, one of the owners of the plant, said the plant had been placed on the unfair list by the Salem Trades and Labor council, and that earlier an attempt had been made by the union to organize the plant.

Woods contended the plant was in interstate commerce because it had bought heavy equipment made outside the state. The plant, he said, sells material to the Southern Pacific and the state highway commission among other buyers.

Among others questioned were Fred H. Swift, president of the Independence Lumber Manufacturing company; Frederick Farrah, a district superintendent for the state highway department; and Hewitt R. Richardson, roadmaster for the Corvallis district of the Southern Pacific.

Boys at YMCA Plan Program

The boys' department of the YMCA will hold its customary program of holiday season inspection of industrial plants and state institutions beginning December 27.

The first trip, scheduled for 9 a.m. next Tuesday, will include visits to the state penitentiary and the state forestry building. December 28 the boys will visit radio station KOCO and the Capital Journal and the following day Kay Woolen mill, the supreme court and capitol buildings will be inspected.

The program will close December 29 with tours of Valley Packing company and Salem linen mill plants.

The afternoons of the holiday season at the Y will be devoted to swim classes for boys and girls, basketball games between teams formed from the boys who took part in the recent school, motion pictures and lobby games.

The Y will be closed all day Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

Post Office Receipts Up by 20 Per Cent

Receipts of the Salem post office during the current Christmas season are running a little better than 20 percent ahead of those of a similar time last year, Postmaster Albert C. Gragg reports.

A part of the increase is due to higher rates for parcel post packages and for Christmas greeting cards. However, the larger volume of business being handled is reflected in total gross receipts.

Cancellations Tuesday were 185,000 as compared with 150,000 the same day a year ago.

Firm Stand Taken Against Authorities

Western States Council of the Chamber of Commerce will take a firm attitude against valley authorities, particularly the Columbia valley authority at the national board of directors meeting in Washington, D.C., January 6-7.

That information was received in a letter to the manager of the Salem chamber, Clay Cochran, in listing the projects that

the president of the council, Gus Backman had been directed to present and back. The Salem Chamber of Commerce previously has gone on record as opposing the Columbia valley authority and had informed the Oregon congressional delegates of its stand.

B. C. Carleton Dies at Lebanon

Lebanon, Dec. 21—Blondel C. Carleton died at his home here Monday evening, December 19.

He was born in Utica, Miss., December 4, 1865, and had just passed his 84th birthday. He came with his parents, Rev. I. Carleton, a Congregational minister, and Mrs. Phoebe Carleton, to Lebanon in 1884.

Carleton was married to Mary E. Brewster on October 10, 1894. They owned a large farm about four miles northeast of Lebanon, and lived there until a few years ago when they retired and moved to Lebanon.

Carleton always took an active part in the civic affairs of his county and state. He was an ardent Republican and in the old convention days the delegates from Lebanon and all the neighboring precincts looked to him for leadership and guidance in selecting the party nominees.

He was deputy assessor of Linn county for several terms and served as clerk of his school district for 20 years. In World War I he was still active and led the drives in his community for the Red Cross and the sale of "Liberty bonds."

Surviving are the widow; two brothers, E. F. Carleton of Salem and G. H. Carleton of Herrell; and a number of nieces and nephews, among them E. A. Carleton and Mrs. R. E. Davidson of Salem.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harvey J. Schmidt, Presbyterian minister of Lebanon, at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 22, in the chapel of the Glenn Huston parlors. Interment was in the historic cemetery at Providence.

Trading Slow On Wall Street

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—In the slowest trading day of the month, the stock market slipped lower today.

Losses ran from fractions to more than a point among the leading issues.

The total volume of trading was at the rate of 1,200,000 shares for the entire day, a sharp contrast to the 2,000,000 share days of last week.

Sealing was not centered particularly in any of the major groups.

American Telephone lost more than a point. Directors today voted to make the third stock offering to employees of subsidiaries since the plan was authorized three years ago. At the same time A.T.&T. directors authorized a new issue of debentures amounting to \$200,000,000.

Studebaker stood out with a gain of more than a point while other motors remained virtually unchanged. All of the steels were fractionally lower. Superior Oil of California jumped up 10 points to 220.

Lower were Santa Fe, Bethlehem Steel, Goodrich, Montgomery Ward, American Can, Anaconda Copper, Standard Oil (N. J.), Loew's, and Allied Chemical.

On the higher side were U. S. Gypsum, Union Pacific, Gulf Oil, Dow Chemical, Du Pont, Lockheed and Zenith.

Dazed Girl Says She Was Thrown from Car

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A 16-year-old girl, picked up unconscious in the street this morning, mumbled that she had been thrown from a car.

The girl, Donna Hartman, was taken to a hospital, where attendants said her condition was

Captain Brown Finishes Course

From Ft. Benning, Ga., comes word that Capt. Andrew J. Brown, Oregon National Guardsman from Salem December 16 was graduated from the associate basic course at the infantry school there.

Brown, veteran of World War II, serving with the 43rd infantry division, leaves Fort Benning to go to Camp Lee, Va., where January 11 he starts a course at the adjutant general's school. That course will be completed April 7.

Now on leave from the publication section of the Oregon adjutant general's office, Capt. Brown has been with that office for about a year. When company G, 162nd infantry regiment Oregon National Guard was organized in Salem in the fall of 1948 he was a member of that company. From company G he went to S-1 section of the first battalion of the 162nd infantry regiment Oregon National Guard.

Burns Couple Held by Police

Winnemucca, Nev., Dec. 21 (AP)—A couple from Burns, Ore., chased for 120 miles over icy roads, was held here today on armed robbery and assault charges.

At one point in the chase police opened fire and put three bullets into the car occupied by Russell Rakestrom, 31, and his wife, Doris, 20.

Officer Don Maestreet of Battle Mountain said there was an answer from the car but it hit nothing.

The chase started after a Minnemucca service station was held up and its attendant was slugged with a gun. It ended when the car, trying to take an ice-glazed curve at 73 miles an hour, skidded off the road near Carlin, 120 miles east of here.

City, county and state police from Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, Carlin and Elko took part in the chase. Police Chief John Duarle of Winnemucca was in it for the whole 120 miles. He came on the Rakestrom's wrecked car shortly after state police had forced the couple out of it.

Durham Urges Yule Hangover

Major Roderic Durham, divisional officer in charge of Salvation Army operations in Oregon and southern Idaho, suggested to the membership of the Salem Rotary club Wednesday noon that they have a "Christmas hangover."

"Not the type that comes out of a bottle, but the continuance of the spirit that pervades all this season throughout the balance of the year," he said.

Major Durham said the Christmas spirit should be carried into the deliberations of the United Nations with benefit to all concerned.

"The spirit of Christmas should continue to flow after midnight December 25 in greater abundance."

The speaker said Christmas had become a "weary round of buying more than we can afford and eating more than our systems can accommodate." He suggested the reading of the story of Christ in the Bible to make "Christmas different" for many.

A large chorus of Leslie junior high school pupils provided a number of carols as a prelude to the address.

not too serious. She had head and back injuries. She was not able to tell police just what had happened. A girl friend said Donna had left her home early last evening with a young man.



Santa's Dressed in Blue, Too—Sleepy baby sitters allowed little Helen Celenza (above) two-and-one-half years, to slip out of her house in New York, in search of the Santa Claus she had seen on a shopping tour. She found him—complete with brass buttons and a badge. He took her to two other Santas, Patrolman Eugene E. Siegfried (left) and Desk Officer Conrad Walters. They provided her with gifts until Mama claimed her. (Acme Telephoto)

Office Advises Use of Chains

The state highway commission warned motorists today to carry chains on the Wapinitia highway, Santiam highway, the Weston-Elgin highway, and on the Old Oregon Train near Meacham.

The 9 a.m. road report: Government Camp—Snowing lightly, packed snow, slow operators, carry chains. 2 inches new snow. Siskiyou and Green Springs—Spots of ice. Chocoma—Packed snow, well sanded. Bend—Ice spots. Santiam Pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. 2 inches new snow. McKenzie Pass—Closed by snow. Sisters and Lapine—Packed snow, well sanded. Willamette Pass—Packed snow, well sanded. 1 inch new snow. Crook—Packed snow, well sanded. East and West Diamond Lake—Closed by snow. Clifton, Klamath Falls, Keno, Bly—Packed snow, well sanded. Weston-Elgin—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. 8 inches new snow. Meacham—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. La Grande—Packed snow, well sanded. Baker and Ontario—Ice spots. John Day and Austin—Packed snow, well sanded. Burns—Packed snow, plowing, carry chains. Haque—Packed snow, well sanded.

Two Committees Ask Resource Saving

Two state conservation committees urged state department heads today to work hard on a long program to save the state's resources.

The two committees, meeting here jointly, were the governor's advisory committee on resources, and the 1949 legislative interim committee on natural resources.

Governor Douglas McKay indicated he would favor the legislative creating a state resources conservation department. This department, he said, could include existing state departments, such as those dealing with forestry, fish, game, mining, and irrigation activities.

Veterans' Office Pays \$214,171 Taxes

The Oregon department of veterans affairs paid \$214,171 in taxes on farm and home properties this year, the department said today.

These taxes are paid on 3,360 farms and homes for which the department made loans to veter-

Boy Puzzled By Shooting

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21 (AP)—Little Joe Langston, a bewildered 5-year-old, wouldn't talk to detectives who gently queried him for hours about the fatal shooting of his mother.

But later, when Joe was taken back to the scene of the shooting, he told his aunt, Mrs. Frances Kearns: "I saw a bird in the room. My pussy cat was there too. I saw the gun and I shot my mom."

County Detective Steve Pucker said that he and four others from the district attorney's office heard the youngster's admission.

The words confirmed what Joe's two older brothers had told police and what a paraffin test made almost positive.

Joe's mother, Mrs. Helen Langston, 39, was shot to death in the family's home yesterday after she intervened in a quarrel between two older sons, William, 18, and John, 17.

William and John said little Joe, the baby of the family, brandished the pistol to make them stop fighting. Somehow the gun went off and Mrs. Langston fell dead, a bullet in the brain.

Little Joe, an appealing tyke in blue jeans and a bright red shirt, doesn't know his mother is dead. He thinks she was "hurt."

One detective said: "It's good he doesn't realize what he's done."

Agreement in Types of Arms

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today that "substantially complete" agreement has been reached on the types of arms the United States will send to its European allies.

He reviewed at a news conference the status of the program for \$1,000,000,000 of American military aid to nations joined with this country in the North Atlantic pact.

In summary, these were the main points: 1. There is a fairly complete understanding as to the kinds of weapons wanted and to be sent.

2. Some differences still remain as to the wording of the agreements which will govern the uses of those weapons. Negotiations are continuing on this.

3. He expects the North Atlantic council to meet early in January to approve a statement of the defense strategy of the Atlantic area.

Under the arms aid legislation, the program cannot begin until agreements covering the use of the weapons have been completed and the statement of grand strategy approved.

Boat Blasted Off Newport

Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—Two men were picked up today from a fishing boat that was torn by explosions and swept by fire about five miles off the Oregon coast.

Coast guard district headquarters said the two men were presumed to be the only crewmen of the unidentified vessel. The fishing boat Pacific Belle reported it had picked them up.

The Belle reported at 11:36 a.m. that the other craft still was burning, "with three fuel tanks yet to blow," said the coast guard. It was expected to sing at any time.

The Pacific Belle said it was staying at the scene until a coast guard vessel arrives. The scene was west of the Newport area.

Commodity Markets Will Close Two Days

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Financial and commodity exchanges throughout the United States will be closed Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26.

For the New Year holidays, the New York Stock and Curb Exchanges and other stock markets throughout the United States will be open Saturday, December 31, but will close on Monday, January 2.

All commodity markets will be closed Saturday, December 31 and Monday, January 2.

New Record Set by Portland Post Office

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A new record was set by the post office yesterday.

A total of 1,826,840 Christmas cards and letters went through canceling machines during the day. The previous day's high was 1,656,340, set on December 20, 1948.

More than 1,700 extra employees are moving the Christmas mail through the post office.

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