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AGITATORS FOMENT K.F. TURMOIL

Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
 ON July 1 Harry Bowles, aged 21, and John Barrie, aged 17, shot down Milo Baucom, a state policeman on duty, on Sexton mountain. The crime was a peculiarly atrocious one. By July 24, both have been tried, convicted and sentenced.
 That is speedy justice. The chances are that if we had more such examples of speedy justice we would have fewer crimes.
 AMY and Jim Mollison, flying westward against the weather, crash in a marsh a half hour's flying time from New York, the goal of their trip. What a pity to get so close and still fail!
 BUT they made it across the Atlantic, in the hard direction, even if they didn't quite get to New York. That is something to be thankful for—along with the fact that when they crashed in the marsh they were not seriously injured.
 We are actually considering trans-Atlantic air travel as a commercial service, but before flying across the Atlantic can be regarded as a commercial service it will have to be proved that planes can come west against the weather just the same as they go east WITH the weather.
 The Mollisons have helped to prove that.
 WILEY POST flies around the world in 168 hours and 50 minutes, nearly 22 hours faster than he and Harold Gatty made it back in 1931. Either record makes Jules Verne's famous 80 days look like a long, slow journey.
 POST has only one eye, and vision is an important part of a pilot's equipment. He has had to fight against this handicap from the hour of his first flight.
 But, handicap or no handicap, he becomes one of the most famous fliers in the world.
 HELEN KELLER, without sight, voice or hearing, also becomes world famous. Her tremendous handicaps merely provided a stimulant to an indomitable spirit.
 She worked and worked and worked, and OVERCAME her handicaps.
 THERE is a lot in the experience of Wiley Post and Helen Keller for those of us who have no such handicaps to think about—especially at those times when we are inclined to feel that life is pretty hard for us.
 WE have been talking about great achievements, by courageous people. Let us turn for a moment to another kind of individual, portrayed by this headline in the day's news: "Horse Killed, Boy Hurt; Hit-Run Driver Turns off Lights and Speeds Away."
 It takes all kinds of people to make a world, doesn't it?
 MOST of us, however, will insist that the world could get along along very nicely without the sort of person who would hit a horse, hurt a small boy, kill the horse, hurt the boy, and then turn off his lights and sneak away in the darkness.
 HERE is another headline in the news of the day: "Business Holding Its Upward Trend."
 The story under the head goes on to say: "Retail sales have continued their sturdy advance, making the best comparative showing, in many districts, since three years ago."
 That means more than any stock market up or down. If retail sales continue to show a sturdy advance it must be because people have money with which to buy what is offered for sale—and that is the sure sign of returning prosperity.

ORGANIZED LABOR DEFIED BY GROUP TROUBLE MAKERS

Three Mills Shut Down, More Expected to Close—Workers Forced to Leave by Threats—1299 Men Idle
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Seven lumber companies in Klamath county had ceased operations this afternoon in face of continued labor agitations. Lumbermen and employes, however, agreed that Weyerhaeuser Timber company, scene of the first walkout last Saturday, was the only firm where actual strike conditions existed.
 The six other companies voluntarily terminated operations today when agitators contacted and intimidated workers. The mills were closed immediately to prevent violence. The source of the trouble has not been definitely traced for unions last night agreed to return to work today.
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Klamath county was a hot bed of revolt today as agitators, defying an order from organized labor, moved through the lumber industry demanding strikes. At least three mills were shut down completely and four more operating on restricted crews.
 More plants were expected to close this afternoon.
 The break came this morning after the Mill and Timber Workers' Union, backed by the central labor council, last night ordered all walkouts to cease. The men were to return to work today and then a general strike was to be called next week if demands for a 25 per cent increase were not met by employers.
 The Shaw Bertram and Ewansa companies, previously unaffected, were closed. Both owners and workmen said they had been confronted by agitators unwilling to stand by the agreement announced last night. A mass meeting of workers has been called again for this afternoon.
 Business in Klamath Falls was almost at a standstill, as the city viewed the outbreak of greater unrest in the lumber industry.

Kansas Kidnapers Given Death Penalty

BEFORE MOLLISON CRASH—OVER NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Former Oregon Convict Facing Death by Noose
 Extreme Verdict Viewed As Effort to Stamp Out Growing Racket—Case Is First for Capital Sentence
 KANSAS CITY, July 27.—(AP)—Informed at her home that the death penalty had been assessed against Walter McGee, confessed leader of the gang that kidnaped her last May and collected \$30,000 ransom, Miss Mary McElroy, 23, said:
 "I hope this will prevent further kidnappings."
 KANSAS CITY, July 27.—(AP)—Walter McGee, confessed leader of the gang that kidnaped Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of City Manager H. F. McElroy, and collected \$30,000 ransom, was assessed the death penalty today by a criminal court jury.
 The case was the first in which the extreme penalty has been assessed in the nation's crusade against kidnapers.
 Taken From Home
 Brandishing weapons, two kidnapers, alleged by the state to have been McGee and Clarence Stevens, forced their way into the McElroy home May 27 as Miss McElroy was taking a bath.
 "Come out of there or I'll shoot through the door," one of the men commanded.
 "Get a dress on, you're going with us," he said as the young woman opened the door.
 "We're going to kidnap you," said the leader, identified by Miss McElroy as McGee. "We are going to make your father pay \$60,000 for you."
 Chained in Cellar
 Dressed, Miss McElroy was hurried to a motor car outside. She was forced to sit on the floor, a lap robe over her head. The kidnapers took her to a cottage near Shawnee, Kan., and chained her to the wall of a squalid basement room which she shared with some chickens.
 Then negotiations were opened with her father, H. F. McElroy. He arranged for her release thirty hours later. Informed McElroy could not pay more, the kidnapers accepted \$50,000 ransom. McGee personally turned over the money to the abductors along a lonely Wyandotte county, Kansas, road.

VOTERS REGISTER WISHES FRIDAY ON SEWAGE PROBLEM

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BASEBALL ENRIGHT CLAIMS 'GANG' TRYING TO ELIMINATE FEHL

KLAMATH FALLS, July 27.—The district attorney, the Jackson county press, the "Committee of 100" Attorney O. C. Boggs, and the Jennings family—father and sons—were flayed by Attorney Enright, in a brief opening statement on behalf of his client, County Judge Fehl, here Wednesday morning.
 Attorney Enright charged "the indictment against Fehl is the result of a frame-up by the district attorney's office," and "malicious attempt to eliminate Fehl as county judge so the gang over there can name some one they can handle, and there won't be any more investigations of thousands of dollars spent by the district attorney without authority."
 "The 'Committee of 100' is a bunco organization, headed by the notorious O. C. Boggs, of the Jackson County Loan association."
 "The local press has been very bitter against Fehl and the Mail Tribune has printed scurrilous lies about him, right up to the present time."
 Moody mentioned L. A. Banks, who has nothing to do with this case. His case is disposed of. They mention Banks to prejudice this jury against the defendant.
 "Other high points of Enright's comments were:
 "Fehl had nothing to do with the ballot robbery, and had no interest in who was sheriff. Why should he? He was elected by close to 1900 majority."
 "Fehl was not a member of the 'Good Government Congress,' and never did belong."
 "We will call Henrietta B. Martin to the stand to show what went on the platform after the meeting adjourned, and that they left by the back door which can only be opened from the inside."
 "The grand jury asked Fehl to attend the meeting, and explain the (Continued on Page Three)

SEXTON ON STAND IN FEHL BALLOT STEALING HEARING

Self-Confessed Participant Again Recites Tale of Plot and Climax—State to Finish Case by Saturday
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Mason Burley Sexton, 20, one of the central figures in the robbery and destruction of more than 10,000 ballots cast in the last general election, was the principal witness at this morning's trial of Earl H. Fehl, county judge of Jackson county, charged with ballot-theft conspiracy.
 The state charges that Fehl was the master mind of the alleged conspiracy. Sexton has entered a plea of guilty and admitted that at a signal from Walter J. Jones, former mayor of the town of Rogue River, he swung the ax, that broke the vault window, while the self-styled "Good Government Congress" cheered, and R. C. Cummings, who has also pleaded guilty, riced the engine of his auto to drown the sound of breaking glass.
 Sexton's testimony dealt with all the defendants, and the defense objected to his mentioning the name of John Glenn, former county jailer, and pensioned Spanish American war veteran, acquitted on a ballot theft charge on the Fourth of July, on the grounds that Glenn was an innocent man and Fehl could not conspire with him. The court overruled the objection, except insofar as it concerned the "money deal" between Glenn and the Sextons, the court reserving its decision on this point until later in the day. The state contended that the defense position was "unsound, fallacious and foolish."
 Sexton testified that Glenn, C. W. Davis, who has pleaded guilty, Walter J. Jones, convicted, his brother, Wilbur, 17, and himself, had gone to the courthouse basement, picked out tools to break the window, selecting an ax, when a crowbar failed; how Wilbur Sexton and C. Jean Conner, vice-president of the "Good Government Congress," had passed over the 32 ballot pouches, and how they had been burned and cast into Rogue river.
 Sexton told his amazing tale in a convincing manner, and was unshaken by the defense cross-examination. He identified a number of ballot containers recovered, and photographs of the crime scene.
 Sexton testified that after arrangements for the robbery had been completed, Fehl told him and his brother, in a joking manner, "I'd have to see anybody break into that vault, and steal the ballots."
 Wilbur Sexton, Virgil Edington, C. W. Davis, R. C. Cummings and Wesley McKittrick, confessed participants in the crime, are scheduled to take the stand this afternoon.
 It is expected that the state's direct case will be finished by next Saturday, and that the case will be in the hands of the jury, by the middle of next week.
 Steel ties laid between 30 and 40 years ago are still in use on railways in the cape province of South Africa.

SALES TAX VOTED FOR CALIFORNIANS EFFECTIVE AUG. 1

SACRAMENTO, July 27.—(AP)—After adding an income and retail sales tax to the state's source of income, the California legislature adjourned here early today. The next regular session is in January, 1935.
 Legislators adjourned with the budget \$30,000,000 short of being balanced.
 A bill which would have increased the beer tax and provided for levies on brandy and whiskey died in a last minute legislative jam in the house.
 Another last minute piece of major legislation provided the death penalty or life sentence without right of parole for kidnapers in certain cases and life imprisonment in others.
 The general retail sales tax, providing a two and one half per cent levy, will become effective August 1 if Governor Rolph signs it promptly. After the first two years the tax would be reduced to two per cent. Estimates were it would return approximately \$75,000,000 the first biennium and \$83,000,000 thereafter.

DANA FLOODED BY PLEAS FOR OKEH ON NEW PROJECTS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—By direct bearer, by telegram, telephone and letter, dozens of proposals urging the expenditure of many millions of dollars were heaped before Marshall N. Dana today with the petition that as regional adviser of the federal public works administration, he lend his approval to the projects.
 Dana received his appointment Tuesday. Yesterday the invasion of the office started. The stamped grews today.
 The Oregon highway commission has a \$3,600,000 coast highway bridge program on which early action is urged. Tacoma wants a \$3,000,000 bridge across the Narrows, approval of the Skagit hydro-electric development was recommended by Seattle. Salem asked for a \$2,000,000 water works.
 Dana, who will supervise the public works program in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, will work with the three members of the advisory board of each state. He will pass on their recommendations.
 Local projects which fail to receive approval of state boards will not be considered in Washington, D. C. Secretary of Interior Ickes has announced.
 In Oregon the advisory board consists of Bert E. Haney and C. C. Hookfield of Portland, and Robert N. Stanfield of Baker.

HOME LOAN BANK BRANCHES NAMED

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The federal home loan bank board today announced that branch offices for the home loan owners' corporation in Oregon would be established at Eugene, Klamath Falls and La Grande, with headquarters at Portland in charge of George P. Lipscomb. Branch managers will be named later.
 SMITHERS, B. C., July 27.—(AP)—James Natter, American round-the-world hiker, hopped off from Smithers at 11:24 a. m. (E. S. T.) today en route to Edmonton, Alberta. He expected to continue from Edmonton to New York.

Surprise Witness Bares Fehls Own Confession of Tampering With Ballots

Former Banks Attorney Questioned as to Effect on Recount if Votes Taken From Court House
 KLAMATH FALLS, July 27.—Dramatic testimony tending to link Earl H. Fehl, county judge of Jackson county charged with ballot theft conspiracy with its commission was introduced by the state Tuesday afternoon, from the lips of Harley E. Brower of Ashland, Oregon, and Attorney M. O. Wilkins, formerly of Ashland and Chiloquin, Oregon, and now a resident of the Portland area.
 Brower testified that about the middle of last December he was present at a conversation in Tom Brecheen's room in Ashland, between Fehl and Brecheen, in which Fehl said he had "picked seals off the ballot pouches in the clerk's office," and "had placed some of them on the windowsill for the wind to take care of," and "had carried away some in their pockets." Fehl also said: "I can't have Jennings as sheriff while I am county judge."
 "They thought that would stop the recount for sheriff, but I was a member of the election board in Ashland, and told them that the seals wouldn't stick on the pouches, anyway, and I didn't think the judge would call off the recount for that," the witness further testified.
 Stickers in Pocket.
 Brower testified that Fehl told him he had carried away some of the removed "stickers in his pocket," and that the witness had expressed "the opinion that monkeying with the ballots was not tampering with the ballots."
 Under cross-examination, Brower admitted that he had sought to be named a deputy sheriff by Schermerhorn, "but was not mad because I didn't get it."
 Brower said that Brecheen was "all right" at the time, and that he was one of a group of friends who "took care of him and cooked his meals." Brower said Fehl visited Brecheen in his Ashland quarters three or four times a week until January 1, and after a round contest at Mills stadium last night.
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NAP ON HIGHWAY COSTS TRIO LIVES

MARTINSVILLE, Va., July 27.—(AP)—James Hammond, Howard Hammond and Arch Purdy, boys ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, were killed at 2 a. m. today and Archer Dillon was severely injured when the four boys, lying asleep on the shoulders of the Martinsville-Stuart highway, near Spencer, were run over by an unknown driver.
 The boys, who lived near Martinsville, were walking home from Stuart, Dillon said, when they stopped to rest and fell asleep.
 A man named Tatus, bent on an early morning fox hunt, made their discovery. The headlights of his car revealed the three bodies in a row and the injured Dillon nearby. The skulls of all three were crushed and mangled.
 Risko Decisions Tommy Loughran
 CHICAGO, July 27.—(AP)—Johnny Risko, the Cleveland baker boy, today held his first jury decision in four starts over Tommy Loughran, the Philadelphia dancing master.
 Risko won over the Philadelphia boy by his aggressiveness in their ten-round contest at Mills stadium last night.
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C. OF C. WILL HEAD RECOVERY DRIVE FOR LOCAL AREA

Medford's telegram to Hugh S. Johnson, administrator of the National Recovery Administration, pledging the city's support to the national recovery program has met with a quick response from Washington, D. C., it was stated this afternoon by Chamber of Commerce officials.
 A telegram from Charles F. Horner, bureau of public relations, national recovery administration, to the Chamber of Commerce stated: "The purpose of the campaign is outlined in president's address and in bulletin being mailed to you today. Chart of suggested plan of campaign will be mailed today. Publicity book, suggested advertising, speakers' material will be mailed to you beginning Friday."
 Upon receipt of the material mentioned in the above telegram, it will be the duty of the Chamber of Commerce to immediately call together the heads of all organizations in the city and to work out and place into action immediately an aggressive campaign of education and organization as a part of the national movement to speed the return of prosperity through the expansion of consumer purchasing power, in accordance with the principles set forth in the national recovery act.
 It is expected that upon completion of the campaign the Chamber of Commerce will call together the various business groups of the city in order to discuss their respective codes and make arrangements for the adoption of same.
 "Medford is very happy to be a part of this great national movement," stated W. S. Bolger, Chamber of Commerce president today, "and although we are not sure of the amount of work involved, it would (Continued on Page Three)

SPAIN RECOGNIZES SOVIET AS NATION

MADRID, Spain, July 27.—(AP)—The Spanish president and cabinet decided today to extend recognition to Soviet Russia, and there were reports that Leon Trotsky, communist leader now in exile, might make his peace with Moscow and become the Soviet ambassador here.
 Newspapers published reports from France that Trotsky, in the event he becomes the Soviet envoy, may be named ambassador to the United States if the Washington government extends recognition to Moscow. The dispatches said Trotsky already conferred with Foreign Commissioner Maxim Litvinov at Comrat, France.

COURT HOUSE HAS THREATENING FIRE

Occupants of the county jail acted as firemen last night when flames broke out in the public elevator shaft now used as a store room on the second floor of the court house. The fire, court house officials said today, obviously resulted from sparks accidentally left in the basket after trash had been dumped by the janitor into the incinerator.
 The smoke was smelted by O. O. Clancy in the jail about 7 o'clock. He informed Jailer Fred Kelly and they went down to investigate. Other occupants of the jail volunteered the damage, which is covered by insurance, was estimated at \$150 today.

UNEMPLOYED MEETING IN COURTHOUSE TONIGHT

Regular meeting of the Medford Unemployed Association will be held at the county court house this evening at 7:45 o'clock according to announcement issued by E. J. Knutson, manager.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26.—

Coming from Frisco to Los Angeles with Roscoe Turner is no more of a trip than going from the observation car to the diner. I found a lot of good grass, feed and water and I turned my governors out for a few days to give their feet and voices a rest.
 I rushed down here to try and settle the movie strike before they get here, as all of 'em want to see the "gals" working.
 Here is the best one I have seen yet, a Hollywood film extra suing her husband for divorce, claimed it on the grounds that "her husband accused her of being the cause of all the depression." That will certainly be welcome news to Mr. Hoover to know there is somebody blamed for all the world's depression beside him.
 Phil Rogers
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