

The Weather  
Forecast—Unsettled with showers to night and Friday. Moderate temperature. Highest yesterday 68. Lowest this morning 49.

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## KIDNAPER'S PAL ISSUES THREATS

### Comment on the Day's News

**GOVERNOR MEIER** asks for the resignation of C. L. Starr, chairman of the board of higher education. His purpose, obviously, is to put an end to the row that has developed in the board.

In that purpose, he will be sustained by public opinion in Oregon. Higher education in this state has troubles enough in these days without having to undergo the further handicap of a row in the board.

The governor is to be congratulated for moving decisively.

**RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN**, Cuba's third president within a month, hands in his resignation.

Cuba's economic troubles are as grave as ours. Try to think what a mess we would be in if we had had three presidents since the first of August.

Our system may have its faults, but it is better than the Latin-American system.

**THE International City Managers' association**, meeting in Chicago, passes a resolution asking swift action on the three billion dollar public works program.

If we don't get swifter action, the emergency that was intended to be met by the public works program will have passed, and we will have no need for it.

So most of us find ourselves in complete sympathy with the city managers.

**STATE highway expenditures** in the United States in 1932 amounted to \$955,446,000, according to an announcement just given out by the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture.

Of this amount, \$816,765,000 was expended for construction and maintenance of highways, interest on bonds and notes and miscellaneous expense.

**NOTE**, please, that out of approximately a billion dollars spent on roads for all purposes less than \$100,000,000 for certainly transfers to local authorities and obligations imposed by law, total \$138,681,000.

Other expenditures, such as principal payments on bonds, transfers to local authorities and obligations imposed by law must have amounted to more than \$38,000,000—went for redemption of bonds.

**MAINTENANCE** of state highway systems, which include 338,210 miles of main highways, gave employment throughout the year to an average of 160,000 men.

This was direct employment. It is estimated that for every man DIRECTLY employed on the highways two others were indirectly employed in supplying and transporting materials and machinery.

**THIS** writer, who is probably a road crank and therefore not to be taken too seriously, is of the opinion that if the entire three billions contemplated by the public works program were spent on highways we would get more in the way of permanent benefit from the money than by spending it in any other way.

**ANOTHER** highway figure that is interesting:

More than 90 per cent of the money spent by the states on their highway systems last year was obtained from motor vehicle fees and gasoline taxes.

**F. R. RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt resumed his regular routine today at the White House, completely recovered from the cold and slight fever which bothered him the early part of the week.

The fever which came back yesterday had disappeared this morning. It was so slight last night the president disregarded advice of a physician and kept a dinner engagement with Harry M. Cox, former governor of Ohio, with whom he visited until after midnight.

### TRIAL OF BAILEY GANG IN TURMOIL BY REVELATIONS

**Federal Detectives Tell Details of Capture — 'Machine Gun' Kelly Said to Have Visited Farm Home**

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A kidnap plot in which his 16-year-old daughter, Peggy Ann, was to have been held a prisoner until he granted executive clemency to members of the notorious Harvey Bailey-Wilbur Underhill gang now confined in the Kansas penitentiary was made public today by Gov. Alf. M. Landon.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 21.—(AP)** Ranking government investigators of the southwest pictured for a jury today their part in the roundup of 12 defendants in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case while new threats were reported received from George (Machine Gun) Kelly, fugitive sought for the abduction.

In addition Herbert K. Hyde, United States district attorney, introduced in a statement by Armon Shannon, one of the defendants, the first direct admission that Kelly and Albert Bates, the latter on trial here, used the Shannon family property near Paradise, Tex., to hide Urschel nine days in July until \$200,000 in ransom was paid.

**Agent Tells of Coup**

The stories of Gus T. Jones, head of the San Antonio bureau of investigation of the department of justice, and of E. J. Lovel, head of the Dallas bureau, brought out the details of how the government centered its search for the kidnapers, swooped down upon the Waco county, Texas, farm to make four of the five principal captures and dug out the factors on which the government depends largely for conviction.

**As the court was formally opened** a shrewd man of about 35 burst into the room and demanded a chance to speak for a few minutes. "It's the most important thing I can ever say," the man said as officers hustled him from the room.

Later questioning developed he was Fred Coleman, son of the elderly T. M. Coleman of Stratford, Okla., whose home has been described as a hangout of the kidnap defendants.

**Kelly Threat Told**

"He told me George Kelly, the machine gunner we have not been able to capture, had visited his home last night and threatened his life," said District Judge Edgar S. Vaughn after the man had been taken to his chambers.

The officers said they believed he was "grandstanding" for the benefit of the defendants.

**Coming just after a dire threat** against Urschel and his family had been made in a letter signed with the name and fingerprints of Kelly, the unscheduled drama created a furor for a time.

The defense indicated it will seek to show that Harvey Bailey, whose capture on the Texas farm of R. G. Shannon was a highlight of Jones' narrative, knew nothing of the kidnaping until after it was all over.

**Ben Laeka, attorney for Albert Bates**, accused of being one of the actual kidnapers, said he had not decided what defense he will make.

"The state of Oklahoma blew up my intention of pleading Bates guilty," he said, "by announcing it will charge him with robbery with firearms, which carries a death penalty."

**WARSHIPS READY FOR NEXT SHIFT IN CUBAN SCENE**

HAVANA, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The United States destroyer No. 240, with her marines and sailors drawn up in formation on the deck, and the American ammunition ship Nitro entered Havana harbor today as opposition groups pressed their demand that the government of Provisional President Grau San Martin resign.

Anti-American sentiment was expressed in a demonstration by a small group of Cubans who assembled before the home of James Ward Stikney. The demonstrators shouted "down with the Americans" but left peacefully after a short time.

Prisoners brought in from Camaguey province, where Captain Juan Blas Hernandez is leading a revolt against the Grau government, reported that the insurgents totaled 3000 men. Previous reports have said that there were only a few hundred in the field with Captain Blas.

### COAL CODE FIGHT LED BY MAN WHO ROSE FROM PITS

**'Honest John' Lewis, President of Mine Workers' Union, Has Had Spectacular Career in Long Strife**

By ARTHUR F. DEGREVE, (United Press Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(UP)—Back in the 20's a sturdy coal miner, blacklisted because of union activities, led his family from a small town in search of free speech and a job.

Today, one of the sons of the miner heads the largest and most powerful union in the world. He is John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

**Miner in Youth**

The short, squat mine leader rose to power after spending 17 years of his youth and early manhood in coal, copper and gold mines. His powerful shoulders and arms reflect his training.

He has just emerged victorious from one of the most important battles of his career—the coal code fight which he expects to lead to unionization of almost the entire bituminous coal industry. Yet he will not consider lucrative offers to leave the mine union leadership.

**He quotes easily from the classics**, but his speech is filled with words of action and he speaks bluntly and honestly. To the begrimed miner and the immaculate operator he is known as "Honest John" Lewis.

The story of the influential union he heads is one of 43 years of strife. More than 1000 workers have given up their lives in his defense since a small group of men met in Columbus, O., in 1890 to pioneer the movement.

**Men have been sent to their death** by machine gun bullets with a prayer on their lips, spoken in a foreign tongue. Skulls have been smashed and state troops have stood in front of doors of the crude miners' huts.

In the great anthracite strike of 1902, the union made its first serious bid for recognition. Months passed with the operators adamant. Miners, wives and families moved about, faces gaunt, in ragged clothing, their huts cold.

**Roosevelt Intervened.**

Finally President Theodore Roosevelt intervened. He created the anthracite coal commission, which laid down a code for the industry. The anthracite board of conciliation, named subsequently, still is functioning.

The miners lost the fight for union (Continued on Page Three)

### ONE KILLED WHEN FREAK STORM HITS

**PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—(AP)**—Small craft warnings were flying at coast weather stations today as a storm blew down on the Columbia river district. The wind was rising steadily.

A freak storm late yesterday killed one man and caused considerable damage before it blew itself out. Virgil Davis, 38, of Molalla, was killed by lightning. With H. H. Kinchloe, he was cutting wood on the S. P. Lowe farm. He sought refuge under a tall fir tree. A bolt of lightning struck the tree, ripped down its trunk, killed Davis instantly and seriously hurt Kinchloe.

**WILEY POST HURT IN PLANE SMASH**

QUINCY, Ill., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Wiley Post, round the world flier, was severely injured when his plane, the Winnie Mae, crashed today at the Quincy airport as he was taking off for Davenport, Iowa.

Post was rushed to a hospital, where Dr. E. L. Chaddick said his injuries were severe but not critical.

The Winnie Mae, in which Post flew around the world in seven days, 18 hours and 50 seconds, will have to be rebuilt. Post is on a speaking tour.

Post was able to crawl unassisted from the plane and to survey the damage of his first serious accident.

### BASEBALL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Senators clinched the American league pennant today by defeating St. Louis, 2 to 1. The victory put them beyond the reach of the New York Yankees, who were idle today.

The victory was Washington's 97th of the season against 49 defeats. The Senators can lose the six remaining games on their schedule and still finish a game ahead of the Yankees, who have chalked up 87 victories and 55 defeats so far and have eight games to go.

The score:

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|            | R | H | E |
| St. Louis  | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Washington | 2 | 6 | 0 |

Batteries: Hadley and Shea; Stewart, Knott and Sewell.

### TWO HUNTERS DIE AS SEASON OPENS IN OREGON WOODS

EUGENE, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The first hunting fatality of the season in Lane county occurred this morning when Kellon Crampton of Bellfountain was killed while hunting on the Siuslaw Wolf creek.

Meager details of the accident were received here today. Sheriff C. A. Swartz and Coroner Charles P. Poole left for the scene of the shooting but had not reported this afternoon.

Crampton was reported to have been hunting with a party of six men. The accident was reported here at noon.

**HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 21.—(AP)**—The death in a hunting accident of Edward Volstroff, 29, son of Fire Chief J. P. Volstroff of Hood River was reported in a telephone message today from the Long Creek district in the John Day valley. Details of the accident were meager but it was believed Volstroff discharged his rifle when he stumbled over a log. He was accompanied on the hunting trip by his brother Russell, and Harold Pemberton and Rudy Salquist.

**FISHERMEN RESUME COLUMBIA OPERATION**

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Several thousand boats operated by Oregon and Washington fishermen, resumed their places on the gillnet drifts of the Columbia river today after a week-old strike collapsed late Wednesday when the union fishermen decided to accept proposals of the packers, and go back to work.

### Gold Hill Fair Program

Friday Morning

10:30—Parade, including children's pets, and floats of business houses.

11:30—Program at city hall by school children immediately following parade.

12:00 to 2:00—Basket lunch on city hall grounds. Coffee served free.

Friday Afternoon

2:00 to 5:00—Inspection of displays, which will be at city hall.

5:00 to 7:30—FREE SALMON BAKE at hall.

Friday Evening

8:00—Special entertainment by musicians from Klamath Falls at pavilion.

9:30 till 2 anyhow—Big Dance at pavilion.

Saturday Morning

9:30 to noon—Races on ball grounds.

12:00 to 2:00—Basket lunch with free coffee at city hall grounds.

Saturday Afternoon

2:00—Ball game—married men vs. single men.

Gold panning contest and horseshoe pitching contest will follow ball game.

Big Dance at Pavilion in Evening

### FARMERS DEMAND WALLACE RESIGN; THREATEN STRIKE

Secretary of Agriculture Assailed at Convention Iowa Union—Corn, Hog Reduction Plan Held Stupid

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A threat of a farm strike, coupled with a demand for the "immediate resignation" of Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, was heard as members of the Iowa Farmers Union met in annual convention.

The threat was voiced by the organization's state president, Glenn B. Miller, who told the convention in his annual address last night that unless currency inflation and other methods of farm relief are forthcoming soon, there would be a farm strike that would "overshadow anything ever seen in this country."

**Petitions seek Ouster**

Petitions demanding Secretary Wallace's resignation were circulated and Miller, both in his annual report and address as president assailed the secretary, as well as the state and federal administrations and the method of crop and livestock reduction now being used under the agricultural adjustment act.

"Henry Wallace" said the speaker, "seems to have forgotten everything he ever learned or ever said in this state and he now declares that surplus exist. However in 1932 when he appeared before the cost-finding committee which was preparing figures on cost of production he said that there cannot be an overproduction of food and clothing as long as there are people who are freezing or in bread lines."

**Hog Plan Held Stupid**

The corn-hog reduction program of the administration was described by Miller as "the most stupid bit of ignorance I ever heard of."

"If people are given jobs," he said, "these surpluses will be eaten up in 90 days."

### BOY IS KILLED WHEN ARROW PIERCES EYE

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(UP)—A boy arrow penetrating the eye of seven-year-old Lawrence Waters of Olympia today ended a game of "Indian."

The lad died a few hours after an operation performed in an effort to save his eye.

He was struck in the eye by an arrow while playing with friends near his home in Olympia.

### WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR KIDNAPING



Mrs. Lillian Chessen (right) of East Alton, Ill., went to trial at Edwardsville, Ill., with her husband and four other co-defendants charged with the kidnaping of August Luer, wealthy packer of Alton, Ill. The state sought the death penalty. Mrs. Chessen is being escorted to court by a deputy. (Associated Press Photo)

### Pioneers in Reunion Told Nation Now Needs Men With Spirit Like Theirs

The echo of voices, long hushed, that endured and encouraged in that long trek across the plains. The call of the os driver, who urged his courageous caravan onward to see the first seeds of civilization in the Oregon country, sounded again today in Jackson county, when more than 100 members and descendants of that undaunted band gathered before the open fire in Ashland's pioneer cabin for the fifty-seventh reunion of Southern Oregon Pioneers.

Reviving the memories of those difficult days, when the covered wagon took the Oregon trail, leaving beside it the bleached bones of those who failed to complete their course, Professor Irving Vining of Ashland voted for men and women of today the challenge, answered by those early settlers—"Give me men to watch my mountains."

**This is the challenge of the fifty-seventh reunion of Southern Oregon Pioneers** to place the philosophy of the humanitarian into the hearts of our people. Then we will honor the spirit and the memory of those who laid the foundation of the civilization that we today enjoy. And only then.

"The spirit of the pioneer is the greatest need of the age," Professor Vining continued, after reviewing the hardships of the wagon trail. "We are pioneers in a new sense. The old order is changing and we are inaugurating a new frontier. Under the new regime there will also be hardships. What sacrifices are to be made, we are unable to judge. But it's going to require all the fortitude, all the faith of the American people, as we are facing the greatest challenge today that has been ours. It may appear as high to us as the Rockies did to the pioneer mother, but she carried on."

**The Old Oregon Trail**, Professor Vining recalled, "was not laid out by engineer or surveyor. It was determined by the hand of destiny. It was created by the wild beasts of the

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**735 CARS PEARS OUT OF VALLEY**

Pear shipments to date from the Rogue River valley total 735 cars, according to the Southern Pacific freight records.

Wind accompanying the showers of Wednesday did no commercial damage according to Horticultural Agent L. P. Wilcox. Pears were blown off in some orchards, but the loss was not general.

Packers and orchardists estimate that half the late varieties of pears have been harvested and that the work will continue for the next two weeks at the present rate.

D'Anjou and Beas are now being picked and packed. The Bartlett crop has been completed. It is estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of Bartlett were shipped, at an average of \$15 to \$16 per ton. Picking of Comice pears will be underway next week, to be followed by Winter Nellis and apples.

A number of orchards report a shortage of pickers, a condition that has not prevailed in the past three years.

### COUNTY FARMERS WOULD LIKE SEAT IN LEGISLATURE

**Sweet, Pankey, Conger and Morris Said to Be Among Prominent Candidates for Gov. Meier's Appointment**

The political pot in Jackson county, which has been simmering for several weeks over appointments to the two vacancies in the legislature, from this county, has now spread to the country, and a movement has been launched for the naming of at least one—and, if possible, two farmers to the posts. Heretofore those mentioned have been confined to the cities.

**The governor has indicated that he would call a special session of the legislature for the last of October, and limited to 30 days.** The Jackson county vacancies occurred when Rep. Earl B. Day was named county judge, and Edward C. Kelly went to Washington, D. C., on a federal appointment.

Meeting held

A meeting of farmers was held in Jacksonville recently for the purpose of adopting a few resolutions, and picking a legislative prospect, but from all reports it was not much of a success, and no definite action was taken. The meeting was not under the auspices of any form organization, and the Grange is reported as undecided about taking a hand.

**Among the candidates mentioned for the legislature, who till the soil, are L. M. Sweet of Sams Valley, Tom Pankey of Central Point, Henry Conger of the Jacksonville district, and W. E. (Shorty) Morris of the Table Rock area.** John Anderson of the Toledo-Central Point district, is also mentioned, but Anderson is reported as needing considerable urging to enter politics, as he has cows to milk and plowing to do. He has been one of the active conservative workers for farm benefits for some time. Sweet and Morris were candidates at the last primary for county commissioner. Sweet ran on a platform to "uphold the farmer policies." Conger has been active in agricultural matters for some time also. Victor Burrill, of Central Point, former county commissioner has also been mentioned, but point blankly refuses to accept or consider it.

**Governor Knows Angles**

The governor, well acquainted with the political temperaments of this county, and the inside facts of the situation, is likely to approach the late turmoil with due caution and deliberation. His policy has been to make his appointees from conservative citizens of established stability, and doing his own thinking in making the selection. It is reasonably sure that one of the appointees will be from the north end of the county, and a practical working farmer, and the other will be from this city. The south end of the county has George Dunn, a farmer, in the senate.

**On the democratic side of the fence, there are not many aspirants.** Attorney J. Neff being the most prominent one. The Democrats feel inasmuch as Kelly was elected as a Democrat, one of the same political faith should be named to fill his term. J. P. Wortman, Phoenix farmer-banker, is also mentioned. Wortman offered himself as a legislative candidate, when a Democrat had no chance of election. His friends feel he is entitled to a reward for that political heroism and sacrifice.

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### ROOSEVELT PLANS TO ATTEND LEGION MEET

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today informed Louis Johnson, national commander of the American Legion, he hopes to attend the Legion convention in Chicago, October 2-3.

### WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 20.—"Mr. Hoover meets reporter but won't discuss national topics." The rest of us discuss 'em morning, night and noon and I don't suppose there ever was a time when everybody knew as little about what they were talking about as they do today.

Actual knowledge of the future was never lower but hope was never higher. Confidence will beat predictions any time.

Will Rogers

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