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AIR CONTRACT RETURN PROPOSED



By PAUL MALLON.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The business boys applauded Mr. Roosevelt's new NRA program, but only to be polite. They had their fingers crossed. They could read between the lines and see the suggestion that they might have to forego profits to create employment, and unless they did so voluntarily Mr. Roosevelt would impose a shorter work week on them.

Their private comment ran something like this: "He congratulates us with one hand and pulls our nose with the other," and "he smiles at you so charmingly when he hits you that you do not realize you have been struck until the swelling comes."

They took heart from the fact that Mr. Roosevelt was slightly indefinite. They hoped he was merely talking and would hesitate to carry out his implied threat.

They probably will be doomed to disappointment in the end.

The bald truth is the NRA has failed to accomplish its purpose under the existing set-up. It has not caused enough employment to meet the situation and prospects are it will not be any more as it has been.

Industry will pick up sharply for March and April. A steady improvement in employment will be accomplished, but probably not enough to absorb any considerable portion of existing unemployment. To do so, industrial production would have to increase anywhere from 28 to 40 per cent. The best economists believe that is unlikely.

Some other method of increasing private employment will undoubtedly have to be adopted. The shorter work week with no reduction in pay and without substantial increase in prices affords a simple method. At least that is the theory behind the move.

The Wall streeters immediately forgot their worries on the stock exchange bill and started fretting about the new presidential program.

As realistic, they hardly expected that business generally would voluntarily hazard its income by affording extra employment for idealistic purposes. They rather anticipated a federal program fixing various reduced hours of labor for various industries, running probably from 32 to 36 hours.

That led them to the fearful conclusion that profits may be delayed for the present.

Some business men contend they have no profits as yet. They say that an increased payroll will bring them to bankruptcy.

But the theory behind the administration move is clear. Mr. Roosevelt's treasury department is now contributing to the support of one out of every seven or eight persons through the AAA, CWA, CCC, etc. Some estimates run higher than that. One set of figures shows one out of every four persons getting money from the government. The government cannot keep on supporting them much longer or the treasury will be pressed. It must get these persons back into private employment. If the employment does not come naturally it must be forced.

It might be much harder on business in the long run to have the government continue to support these men than to have private industry do it.

Roosevelt Asks Farley to Open New Mail Bids

Recommends 'Full, Open and Fair Competitive Bidding' for Period Not Exceeding more Than Three Years

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today proposed that new contracts be negotiated with commercial air carriers "as soon as possible" for the carrying of airmail.

The proposal was contained in a letter he wrote to the postoffice committees of the senate and the house.

He recommended contracts be let for a period of not more than three years. "On full, open and fair competitive bidding, with a limitation on the rate of compensation above which no contracts will be awarded."

He proposed new legislation "to protect the public interest."

The president said "obviously no contracts should be made with any company, old or new, any of whose officers were parties to the obtaining of former contracts under circumstances which were clearly contrary to good faith and public policy."

He recommended that new legislation prohibit the award of an airmail contract to any company having connection with subsidiaries, affiliates, associated, or holding companies, directly, or by stock ownership, interlocking directorates, interlocking offices, or otherwise, if such subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, or holding companies are engaged, directly or indirectly, in the operation of competitive routes or in the manufacturing of aircraft, or other materials or accessories used generally in the aviation industry."

Report of resumption of airmail service through Medford in the immediate future was received here today.

Two Thomas Mose observation ships, both of the United States army, landed at the local field yesterday and the pilots announced that they were ordered here from Pearson field, Vancouver, Wash., on a survey flight preparatory to carrying the mail.

A news story in this morning's Portland Journal announced that Major Charles T. Phillips would be in command of mail service from Seattle to Medford, and Major Chas. Tucker, who has visited here often, in command of flights from Medford to Bakerfield, and Captain Ira Eaker, commanding in Los Angeles, in charge from Bakerfield to Los Angeles.

The report carried a San Francisco dateline. It also stated that five pilots arrived at Pearson field, Van., Tuesday and were assigned immediately to practice flights to acquaint them with the Seattle-Medford route.

Lieut. D. O. Darrow and Lieut. O. Hitland were flying the ships set down here yesterday, and said they came to Medford to learn the territory. They said it was understood the mail would be carried through here in a week or so, Tom Culbertson, airport superintendent, reported. They continued north to Pearson field.

Col. Lawrence W. McIntosh was also in Medford yesterday, conferring with Fred Heath, chairman of the city council airport committee, and Superintendent Culbertson. He said he had been ordered to Medford to look over the local port to determine the adaptability of the government stationing a man here. Colonel McIntosh was accompanied by Lieut. Don Z. Zimmerman, also of Crissy field, as pilot.

The report was prevalent about the city this morning. The airmail service through Medford would be resumed Friday or Saturday of this week. No verification of the rumor could be located.

Since cancellation of airmail contracts, which brought discontinuance of service through here, the Medford chamber of commerce has carried on an intensive campaign to bring the army carriers through Medford. Approximately 800 wires were sent from this city to the Oregon delegation in Washington, urging resumption of airmail service here.

Frequent replies were received from Senator Chas. L. McNary, Frederick Steiwer and Congressman Mott.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Testimony received by the senate banking committee that J. P. Morgan & Co. sold 4500 shares of United Aircraft stock shortly before government cancellation of the airmail contracts was cited in the senate today by Senator Robinson (R., Ind.) as evidence that the "international bankers" had advanced information on the action.

Robinson's remark followed testimony before the senate's special airmail committee that the United Aircraft and Transport corporation had hired Lehr Fess, son of Senator Fess (R., Ohio) in the interest of "expediting" passage of the Waters air-mail act in 1930.

Paul Henderson, vice-president of the company, who told of hiring the senator's son, said Fess had earned his fee of "\$3000 or \$5000" in two days.

6 P. M. Curfew for Women Clerks Suspended

BEER RESTRICTION NEAR CHURCHES TO BE OPPOSED HERE

State Commission Rule Barring Sale in 200-Foot Radius Not Needed, Claim—New Ordinance Adopted

The state liquor commission ruling, prohibiting the sale of beer within a 200-foot radius of a church, will not be enforced in Medford, Chief of Police Clatus McCredie announced at the regular meeting of the city council last night, pointing out that if such a ruling were enforced here at least five business firms would suffer an undeserved loss in patronage.

The Baptist church is located that near to at least five places, where beer is sold, including the Elks club. If the state commission urges enforcement, which authorities here believe will not be done under the circumstances, Medford will contest the commission's stand, it was stated.

Places Well Conducted
The places within this radius are all well conducted and particularly quiet on Sundays, so there could be nothing disagreeable for church-goers, evolving from their sale of beer, Chief McCredie stated.

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GRAND JURY WILL SCAN EVIDENCE IN MRS. COOK DEATH

Petition for appointment of Mary Chisholm of Gold Hill as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Jessie May Cook, 48, of the Beagle district, was filed today in probate court by District Attorney George A. Coddling.

The names of Mrs. Nellie Reed, Martin D. Bowers and Charles Kell, all of Gold Hill, were submitted as appraisers of the estate valued at \$500.

The grand jury, Floyd Rose of Central Point, foreman, at its next session will be presented with evidence collected in the death of Mrs. Cook, the district attorney states. Officials are making further inquiry into the circumstances.

Mrs. Cook was found dead beneath a tree at her home near Beagle, last Saturday. A rope was found around her neck, indicating suicide. The district attorney said the "case was not entirely clear." A coroner's jury Monday returned a verdict that the woman came to her death by strangulation, with the statement "the parties or party responsible for the crime are unknown." Several factors of the case have not been thoroughly explained, authorities say, and a further probe is being made.

Mrs. Cook had been in ill health for a couple of years, and had threatened suicide on at least one occasion, the testimony at the inquest showed.

Two children reside in California.

LORD ABERDEEN PASSES, AGED 87

TARLAND, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, March 7.—(AP) John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, first marquis of Aberdeen and Temair and former governor general of Canada and lord lieutenant of Ireland, died at his home, Groun, today. He was 87 years old.

Nearly six decades of public service, including church and charity work, marked the life of Lord Aberdeen, a contemporary of Gladstone and who received his first appointments from Queen Victoria.

In the closing months of the Gladstone administration in 1868, Lord Aberdeen, who was then the seventh earl of Aberdeen, was appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland.

PORTLAND CWA WAGES HELD AT FIFTY CENTS

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—Acting on instructions from the office of Elmer Goudy, Oregon CWA administrator, the Multnomah county relief committee today ordered temporary retention of a 50-cent an hour wage schedule for CWA workers here. A 40-cent basis for common labor was to have gone into effect on March 2, but there has been no payroll since that date.

FOUR DIE IN AIR CRASH DURING BLINDING STORM

PETERSBURG, Ill., March 7.—(AP)—A blinding blizzard that glazed its wings with ice was blamed today for the crash of a St. Louis-Chicago Airliner which cost four lives last night.

The dead: Hugh Sexton, 26, aviation editor of the Chicago Tribune. G. H. Waetjen, New York. Walter Hallgren, veteran transport pilot who had flown nearly a million miles.

W. N. Bell of Chicago and Columbus O., an employee of the Jeffrey Manufacturing company. The plane, an American Airways craft bound for Chicago, plunged down through swirling snow and

BANDITS TAKE \$8,296 IN ROBBERY OF SUISUN BANK

SUISUN, Solano County, Cal., March 7.—(AP)—Two black-masked robbers, threatening death with a sub-machine gun, held up and bound four employees of the Suisun bank today and escaped with \$8,296.

A third robber drove an automobile in which the men escaped. Apparently concealing themselves in the bank building, two men suddenly confronted the janitor, Al McGeorge, as he arrived at 6:30 a. m. He was bound and then the robbers waited for the bank officials to arrive.

The men carried a sub-machine gun, McGeorge said, and threatened to kill Charles E. Torp, assistant cashier, who arrived at 7:45 a. m., unless he opened both vaults in the bank.

Torp opened one vault but told the robbers the other had a time lock which he could not open. After looting the open vault, the robbers escaped in an automobile. About half an hour elapsed before the bound men could free themselves and notify Sheriff John R. Thornton.

ICE CASTAWAYS FACE NEW PERIL AS FLOE BREAKS UP

MOSCOW, Mar. 7.—(AP)—Cracking ice added a new peril today to dignees confronting 89 men marooned on an ice floe in the Bering sea.

A radio message received by the government relief commission said that a newly erected wooden barracks was split in two by the cracking ice in sub-zero weather.

The 89 men, with ten women and two children, took refuge on the ice when their ship, the Cheluskun, sank. They were members of the Wrangel

Island expedition of Prof. Otto Schmidt. The women and children have been rescued.

Fifty of the men, said the radio message from Prof. Schmidt, were sleeping in the structure when it was torn asunder, but returned and began repairing the walls and roof of the building which is now two separate structures.

Another wooden hut, housing the camp kitchen, also was split. Half was carried some distance away from the part left standing.

GUARD BRAVES DEATH TO FRUSTRATE PRISON BREAK

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., March 7.—(AP)—Guard Howard Bass yelled as a convict thrust a knife to his throat, and an attempted escape of five men from the Texas state penitentiary was frustrated before dawn today.

Three of the five prisoners were shot and wounded by guards. The other two surrendered. Physicians said the wounded men would recover, barring complications.

As Bass shouted, Gus Gray, a guard, fired, wounding Pete Finch, who held the knife. The others dashed to two ladders against the wall.

LEADING UNABLE TO REFEREE HERE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Harry Leeding, Portland sports writer and well known basketball referee, said here today he would not be able to officiate at the Medford-Ashland championship game Friday night because of a previous engagement to referee at the district finals to be held at Milton-Freewater.

Leeding said he advised Medford school officials earlier this week that he would not be able to attend the southern Oregon playoff.

DR. WYNEKOOP TO SERVE 25 YEARS IS JURY VERDICT

Aged Woman Physician Found Guilty of Murdering Daughter-in-Law On Operating Table; Plan Appeal

CHICAGO, March 7.—(AP)—Only a higher court or death itself, can save Dr. Alice Wynekoop from the penitentiary now.

A jury convicted her last night of slaying her daughter-in-law, Rheta, in the "operating table" murder that horrified the nation. It fixed her sentence at 25 years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Only two ballots were taken.

The murder drama that began when Rheta's body was found, a bullet in the back, on Dr. Wynekoop's operating table last November 21, kept its interest in rushing crescendo to the last.

Prisoner Calm.
With the jury in its place, ready to report its verdict, Judge Harry B. Miller summoned the jail physician to stand by the 62-year-old woman, and be ready to administer strong heart stimulants, lest the shock of the verdict strike her dead.

She did not need his ministrations. She heard the verdict as she sat in her wheel chair without sign of a quiver. She turned to two of her children, Walker and Dr. Catherine Wynekoop, and said:

"Go home now, children, and sleep. Your mother is not guilty. No. No. Not guilty."

Plan New Appeal.
In a moment it was over and Dr. Wynekoop was being wheeled from the courtroom, back to the infirmary cot at the county jail. There she will await the result of her attorney's efforts to win a new trial.

Arguments for a new trial have been set for March 24. If they are denied, an appeal to the state supreme court is planned.

The first of the two ballots taken by the jury last night was reported to have been 11 to 1 for conviction. Two jurors were reported to have

RHEINLANDER BEER ON LOCAL MARKET SOON IS PROMISE

Announcement of the appointment of the Pacific Distributors of Medford as Rheinlander Beer distributor for Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass territory, was announced yesterday by J. C. Donnelly, general manager of the Century Brewing association of Seattle.

E. A. Ritchie is manager of the Pacific Distributors.

Mr. Ritchie has announced plans for complete dealer, dispenser, cafe and restaurant distribution of Rheinlander beer in Medford.

Mr. Ritchie expresses himself as being very greatly pleased to be able to secure the Rheinlander franchise in this territory. Rheinlander beer is brewed in the Pacific northwest's largest and finest brewery and has been an instant hit throughout Oregon and Washington ever since it came on the market in mid-July.

Rheinlander is brewed under Herr Heigenmooser's celebrated Munich formula and has taken the northwest by storm wherever it has been on sale.

The dealers throughout the northwest where Rheinlander has already made its bow are particularly pleased that the beer is being backed by a constituent advertising campaign, the majority of which is being done in newspapers.

The Pacific Distributors have ordered a carload of Rheinlander draught and bottled beer and have complete warehousing and refrigeration facilities for its perfect distribution to dealers. Rheinlander draught beer, by the way, comes only in seasoned white oak kegs.

Rheinlander will be on the market here soon.

COUNTY JUDGE SOBER IS COOS BAY VERDICT

MANSHFIELD, March 7.—(AP)—A circuit court jury which was out but 16 minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty and reversed the city court, which had sentenced County Judge D. F. Thompson to 30 days in jail and a fine of \$100 on a drunk driving charge.

Stricken On Tour



Gov. James Rolph, Jr., had to halt a tour of California when he was stricken with a lung congestion. Physicians have ordered a complete rest. (Associated Press Photo)

TEN-HOUR SLASH FOR WORK HOURS JOHNSON'S PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—NRA code authorities will be asked by the administration tonight to cut code working hours 10 per cent for all industries that can stand it with exceptions for those unable to comply.

This was made known today by Hugh S. Johnson, in addressing the assembly of NRA leaders at work on labor problems, in explaining plans for his evening address.

Flat Rule Unwanted.
George Sloan, head of the cotton textile code authority, had said that unquestionably many industries could take a further hour shortening, but that he considered it would be a grave mistake to make a flat rule, as he understood was advocated by Johnson, because it would raise false hopes in the breasts of "every American working man in every home."

Johnson replied that with him it was a choice of methods between the general rule and taking up each of the 600 codes individually—"an impossible method."

No Unkase Intended.
"But," he went on, "I hope that nothing the President has said or I have said will lead anyone to the idea that industry is to be placed in a procrustean bed by unwise or flat rule, or to say that hours shall be so fixed so by administrative order."

"I hope you get any such idea out of your mind, because nobody ever dreamed of doing it."

Johnson then urged that a representative group of industrialists remain with him after the code authority gathering ends to work out by agreement some definite procedures for meeting the current problems.

Price Control Liked.
Code authorities meeting elsewhere were informed by NRA officials meanwhile that while no definite policy has been determined, NRA is "sympathetic" to price control provisions as made possible in "open price associations."

Such associations are made up of industries or businesses which publish their prices before they go into effect, for the benefit of other members of the groups.

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BLANKS FOR FRUIT LOANS AVAILABLE

Application blanks for fruit production loans, under the Production Credit association, arrived yesterday from Spokane, and are now available at the office of the association on the ground floor of the courthouse, Secretary Luther Duell reports.

A number of fruit growers signed the applications this morning. Blanks for livestock, crop and other items have been on hand and distributed throughout Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, as well as this county.

In the fruit loans there are two blanks to fill out and money is available for apples and winter pears. The first consists of a financial statement, and general information. The second blank completes a biography of the applicants, along with last year's expense, and a budget of financial needs for the coming season, for growing and harvesting.

GRANTS PASS LIQUOR STORE OPENED TODAY

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Grants Pass state liquor store opened here today. After four hours 18 permits had been sold.

WELFARE BOARD HEEDS PROTESTS FROM PORTLAND

1500 Would Be Thrown Out of Employment Is Claim—Liquor Law New Complication for Commission

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—Acting on the conclusion that many women would be thrown out of employment if the 6 p. m. working regulation was continued, the state welfare commission Tuesday suspended its order which had prohibited the working of women in mercantile establishments after 6 o'clock at night.

The commission was told at the hearing that about 8000 women in Multnomah county are registered on federal unemployment rolls, and that perhaps 1500 more would be out of work if the 6 p. m. closing hour should be enforced.

In 1919 the first regulation prohibiting women working in mercantile stores after 6 p. m., was promulgated. About two years ago it was contested and held discriminatory. The last legislature changed the statutes to give the commission state-wide authority, and the new regulation was issued February 3. A storm of protest arose from groups purporting to speak for the employed women.

A further complication arose at yesterday's meeting when it developed that it is unlawful for women to work where intoxicating liquor is served. Under the new laws of the state, intoxicating liquor is defined as containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol. Orr E. Kessay, chairman of the commission, did not say what action the commission may take in this connection.

ANDERSON SEEKS CONSTABLE POST

Frank E. Anderson this morning filed with the county clerk his declaration of intention to seek the Democratic nomination for constable for the Medford district. Anderson is a well-known resident of this city, where he has lived many years. He gives as his slogan: "Courteous and conscientious service."

The Medford district at present has no constable, Lou Bloom, former constable, having resigned six months ago. The county court did not fill the vacancy. The work has been handled by the sheriff's office.

Sterilization of Germans Starts

BERLIN, March 7.—(AP)—The German capital's newly inaugurated eugenics court got off to a speedy start by ordering three persons sterilized at its first session yesterday.

Judge Hans Joachim Matzner presided. In accordance with the sterilization law's secrecy clause, the public was barred from the courtroom and the details of the cases and the names of the "defendants" were not made public.

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