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Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday; frost tonight.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 70
Lowest this morning 41

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AUTO STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEN



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Enigma

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The conservative on the supreme court will not take a hint.

Rumors of their resignations have been spread broadcast throughout the land for nearly a year. Three of the four conservatives on the court have long since passed the retirement age.

Successors to two are supposed to have been picked unofficially by administration authorities.

Yet the conservatives do not retire. They continue in good health. Not only that, but they write minority opinions such as that in the New York milk case, boldly questioning legal principles involved in the new deal.

Those who know whereof they speak are not above suspecting that the matter has developed into a little situation in which the conservatives are determined to outlast Mr. Roosevelt, so he cannot appoint liberals in their places. At least that is the result so far.

Silence
What has encouraged this suspicion is the case of Justice McReynolds. Last summer the rumor got around that he would retire at the fall term of court. His friends did not start the rumor. All that could be found out about the source of the rumor was that it probably "came from down town."

Justice McReynolds silently failed to take notice of the rumor. He did not retire at the fall term, nor during the winter term. He reached the retirement age Feb. 3, 1932.

For a man supposed to be considering retirement he wrote an exceedingly strong opinion as leader of the conservative minority in the milk case.

More Silence
His two conservative associates who have also reached the retirement age are Justices Sutherland (Oct. 2, 1933) and Van Devanter (April 17, 1929).

One liberal member of the court has also reached the retirement age, Justice Brandeis (Nov. 13, 1929). But there have been no rumors about his retiring.

The matter is rather important because the new deal has been winning decisions in the court by the narrowest of margins, 5 to 4. If one of the conservatives would be so kind as to take a hint and retire, the margin would be 6 to 3.

Drift
Apparently the administration is growing weary of waiting. It recently endorsed the Progressive Senator Hiram Johnson for re-election to the senate. He was one of the two supposed to have been slated for a supreme court appointment. The other was Democratic Floor Leader Robinson.

It is possible that the conservative justices have given no consideration whatever to this subtle phase of the matter. They could be staying on merely because they like the court atmosphere or because retirement will cut their income from \$20,000 to \$10,000 a year.

Whatever the reason, the effect is the same. (The terms conservatives and liberals as used above carry no political implications. They merely describe the divergence of the court in the last two big cases, milk and Minnesota mortgages.)

Striking has become so popular that even the relief rollers are trying it. In a steel town of northwestern Pennsylvania not long ago, workers in the steel plant were getting 40 cents an hour while the CWA workers were getting 50 cents an hour. Naturally many steel workers dropped their hard labor in the mills and took soft jobs with the CWA, until the CWA put to stop it by reducing its wage to 40 cents an hour.

The CWA workers considered this a personal affront and went on strike, refusing to take the 40 cents offered by the government.

Perules
President Roosevelt had several switches on his desk when he started talking to both sides in the automobile strike.

Most significant was the plan to feed the strikers through the CWA. It meant the government would finance the strike as the workers could hold out as long as the United States treasury did.

Almost as patent was the presidential authority to license industry and force a settlement on his own terms if he chose.

There are good reasons for believing the president never intended to use either switch.

He merely displayed them significantly for effect.

Notes
The Indiana have been cheated so often that they refused to approve the new Collier plan for their rehabilitation. They did not realize it was devised to give them a new deal. Indian Commissioner Collier had to go out on a campaign speaking trip to sell them the idea.

Around the war department they say under their breaths: "Wait until Col. Lindbergh wants government cooperation for one of his world flights"

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ROOSEVELT STAND BRINGS CHEER TO UNION EMPLOYEES

Promise of Definite, Important Results Keeps Men On Jobs — Fisher Body Cuts Hours, Boosts Pay

DETROIT, March 23.—(AP)—Cheered by telegrams from their representatives in Washington announcing "definite and important results," union employees of Michigan's automotive plants kept assembly lines rolling today under a "flag of truce."

Typical of the telegrams received from their spokesmen in the White House conferences at Washington was one that came to headquarters of the Hudson Motor Car Co. local here. It said:

Elation Voiced.
"Conference with President Roosevelt four hours. Definite and important results. Feel elated."

Notices were posted in the Fisher Body Co. plants of the General Motors Corp. announcing that the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce recommendation for a reduction in working hours to 36 a week, with an increase in the hourly wage rate such that the total wage received would not be reduced, was being put into effect.

At the General Motors offices here, it was said the N. A. C. C. recommendation was being made effective as rapidly as possible in all automobile manufacturing divisions, but that the accessory plants, which are not included in the N. A. C. C., are not involved.

Study Strikers' Terms.
In Detroit, directors of the Bower Roller Bearing Co. were studying the terms laid down by 700 striking workmen in a mediation conference conducted by the regional labor board.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—A feeling that President Roosevelt was siding with them in their controversy with automobile manufacturers was evidenced today by labor leaders.

The union spokesmen had another afternoon conference scheduled with Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, who has been active in the strike-averting efforts. President Roosevelt was ready to receive the men on either side of the dispute, if that became desirable, and was especially interested in whatever position the manufacturers would take on his plans.

Confidence in F. R.
Meanwhile, the labor leaders sent telegrams back home expressing "elation" and confidence that President Roosevelt "will see us through." The strike was being held in abeyance pending the outcome of the negotiations.

At this afternoon's meeting the union men expected to hear some definite word from the administration, but had no assurances as to what was planned.

During the morning, Johnson conferred with the automobile manufacturers, but both sides kept strict silence as to the results.

Rail Heads Eye Plans.
Railroad managers received from Joseph B. Eastman a series of proposals designed to settle the wage controversy with employees. After an hour and a half with the managers, Eastman left the conference, but said he would return later in the day to receive their answer before conferring further with labor.

The co-ordinator refused to say what the propositions were. It was generally understood, however, he is endeavoring to make some arrangement so that the lower paid railroad workers would be benefited.

Hunters Fined.
PENDLETON, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Henry Kaiser, 20, of Ducar, Calif., and Olun Gould, 20, and Frank Palmer, 46, both of Ukiah, Ore., were fined \$50 each here today on a charge of unlawful possession of deer meat. They were arrested in southern Umatilla county by state police.

SPRING BUYING SURGE THROUGHOUT AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 23.—(AP)—Dun & Bradstreet said today that reports received from all parts of the country this week reveal sales of Easter and spring goods surging above anticipated quotas.

"The average gain in retail sales over those of last year," stated the review, "is placed at 48 per cent, while in many instances the 1932 figures have been passed by 10 to 12 per cent."

"Because of the prevailing rising markets inventories have been doubled, as retailers are anticipating needs in advance of normal requirements. Wholesalers report even greater gains than retailers, and are expressing concern over the inability of manufacturers to supply some grades of the most popular types of merchandise, because of restrictions

Portland Bank Deposits Take \$4,500,000 Leap

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—Portland bank deposits took an upward leap of more than \$4,500,000 between December 30 last and March 5, this year, it was revealed today when the banks responded to a call issued by the comptroller of currency.

Deposits reported by the six banks in Portland aggregated \$145,415,838, compared with \$140,904,460 shown in the year-end call. This was a gain of \$4,511,378 in about nine weeks.

SILVERTON AND COLUMBIA STAY IN CONSOLATION

SALEM, March 23.—(AP)—Stellar basketball shooting by Wayne Scott of Silverton and William O'Donnell of Columbia kept these two teams in the consolation series of the state basketball tournament today. Silverton defeated McMinnville 43 to 14, and Columbia beat Dallas 27 to 21, the losers being definitely eliminated.

Scott tied high single day scoring honors with Dean Galloway of Pendleton, by sinking the ball for 19 points, eight of which were made in four straight plays. Silverton held McMinnville scoreless the first period while tallying 16 points.

In the first game today Columbia of Portland remained in the running for 5th or 8th place largely through the playing of its center, O'Donnell, who scored 15 points for a three-game total of 42, tying Scott who also made 42 points in the three days. Dallas, however, threatened to take the lead several times in the last half.

Silverton and Columbia will play tomorrow morning, the winner taking fifth place in the state tournament and the losers eighth.

FORMER ASHLAND MINISTER PASSES

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Rev. Samuel E. Meminger, 52, for 16 years an active minister in the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, died here last night.

He was born November 21, 1851, in Pennsylvania, where he became affiliated with the Central Pennsylvania conference in 1888. He was transferred to Oregon in 1899 and served pastorates at Ashland, Corvallis, Mt. Zion in Portland, and Cottage Grove, prior to his retirement in 1928. Since leaving the ministry he has made his home in Roseburg.

Oregon Millfeed To Bait Hoppers

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—A boom in the Oregon millfeed industry has resulted from the government's orders for 600 tons for use as grasshopper bait in the mid-west.

Dealers from the Atlantic to the Pacific are trying to buy in the Portland territory. Some sales have been made to the Atlantic coast at \$13 here, but most sellers are asking at least \$13.50.

PHILIPPINE MEASURE READY FOR SIGNATURE

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—The Philippine independence bill was signed today after being signed by the presiding officers of the senate and house.

There were indications the measure would be signed tomorrow by President Roosevelt.

OPERATIONS BY NRA PROVISIONS

"The course of leading industrial indices," the agency said, "now is showing greater uniformity in reaching higher positions, production almost without exception being at definitely higher levels in comparison with the same period last year."

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—The American Railway association announced today that loadings of revenue freight for the week ended March 17 were 625,733 cars, an increase of 13,371 cars above the preceding week, 172,136 above the corresponding week in 1933 and 41,014 above 1932.

Miscellaneous freight loaded for the week of March 17 was 227,362 cars, an increase of 11,120 over the preceding week, 76,786 above 1933 and 37,554 above 1932.

CANDIDATE FILING LAGS AS TIME FOR CLOSE DRAWS NEAR

Hundreds of Declarations Expected in Ten Days Remaining—Registration of Voters Continues Lively

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD (Associated Press Staff Writer)

SALEM, March 23.—(AP)—Only 10 days remain in which candidates for political office may file with the secretary of state, and yet with less than a hundred declarations, most of these for legislative and judicial positions, an unusual situation is faced—the necessity of hundreds of filings the last few days. Filings close here Tuesday afternoon, April 3.

In the meantime, election officials reported, registrations of voters were progressing rapidly, and a continuation of the trend of two years ago of many changes to the Democratic ranks was noted. Registration of voters with the county clerks closes April 18, just one month prior to the primary election. It was pointed out that unless voters changed their residence or wish to change their party affiliation those who voted at the last general election need not re-register.

98 Candidates Now.
Of the 98 candidates who have filed for the 112 positions, 45 are Republicans, 27 Democrats and 24 non-partisan—the latter group all for either circuit court judges or justices of the supreme court.

In the race for governor, only one filing has been made, that of Sam H. Brown, Republican, who filed by petition which has not yet been completed. Joe E. Shelton, Democrat, was the only filing listed for secretary of state. Two Democrats, J. W. Leonard of La Grande and Elmer S. McCormick of Portland, filed for superintendent of public instruction.

DAHACK FINED \$50 FOR SLAYING DEER

Zera Dahack, aged member of a Jackson county family, was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, upon his plea of guilty to possession of fresh deer meat, by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman. Dahack resides in this city.

Dahack admitted that he went to his place beyond Eagle Point Thursday to attend to some sheep, and shot two deer. He claimed he did this "because I had nothing to eat, and the deer ate me out last winter." He also said he had a sick wife, who required his attention.

Deputy warden Ed Walker testified that complaints had been received since last December of Dahack killing deer, and selling the meat in this city. When Dahack returned last night he was arrested at his home with three sacks full of deer meat in his possession.

CRESCENT HEARING SLATED AT G. PASS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Senator Steiwer (R., Ore.) received notice today that members of the board of army engineers will visit Crescent City and the Humboldt river in California, Yaguina and Coos Bay, Ore., and Grays Harbor, Wash., this spring.

The date has not been set. The engineers will hold hearings at Grants Pass, Ore.

The board has ruled that existing and anticipated traffic at Crescent City, even with plans for building a railroad from Grants Pass, is not sufficient to make advisable deepening the harbor to 30 feet and extending the breakwater. The engineers, however, decided to hold hearings on the matter.

The board members will inspect the other places.

'QUEER SHOVER' NETS 5-YEAR PRISON JOLT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(AP)—Martin L. Lenon, 32, Portland barber, was sentenced to five years in prison by Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure today after he had pleaded guilty to possessing counterfeit \$10 notes.

The case of Lenon's wife, Carrie, a chambermaid, was referred to the prosecutor, who will return a report on April 7.

Captain Thomas B. Foster, head of the secret service here, said the couple, arrested here March 13, had told him Mrs. Lenon found a package of 80 counterfeit bills while she was cleaning a room in a Portland hotel.

OREGON BUTTER CODE CHANGE IS TALKED AT MEET

Would Cut Minimum Selling Price of Makers—Zones for Fat Buying Proposed With Minimum Price Set

SALEM, March 23.—(AP)—Producers, manufacturers and other handlers of butter in the state of Oregon met here today to consider certain amendments to the proposed butter code as submitted by a committee representing manufacturers and distributors of butter in the Portland trade area.

The salient features of the amendments discussed at the meeting were: set Selling Price

Establishing a minimum selling price for butter by manufacturers at one-half cent less per pound than proposed in the original code, namely two cents and two and one-half cents above the Portland cube price.

Dividing the state into four zones and establishing a buying price for butterfat within each zone, and permitting additional payment to be made above this price by way of dividends payable not often than once a month.

Requiring resale prices by retailers to be in conformity with the federal retailers' code without fixing any definite retailers' margin through the state code.

WELFARE DEPOT WORK DISPLAYED ON MAIN STREET

In the windows of the former McGill Drug store on East Main street, a very interesting display appears this week, illustrating the type of work accomplished at the Welfare Exchange. It all shows the kinds of materials needed by the Exchange to carry on the projects in the future.

This need is at the present time becoming an acute one and all persons with scraps of clothing or materials at home are urged to inform the exchange.

The achievements of the sewing class, organization of which has lightened the clothing problems of many local mothers, are also on display at the downtown store.

A call was issued by Miss Helen Carlson, manager of the Exchange today, for scraps of yarn, pieces of sufficient length for knitting of Afghan squares. The Exchange is trying to provide several invalids with materials for work, which they anticipate as recreation.

Straw hats to be made over for the summer season are also needed at the Exchange. The last sale cleaned out the entire supply and the sunny days, which make all women want summer hats, are here.

LEAGUE OF CITIES ELECTS OFFICERS

EUGENE, March 23.—(AP)—O. R. Bean, Portland city commissioner, was elected president of the Oregon League of Cities at the annual convention of the league here Thursday.

Elish Large, Eugene mayor, was elected vice-president; George McGee, Forest Grove, second vice-president; J. L. Franzen, city manager of Oregon City, secretary, and Bert L. Harvey, Baker mayor, treasurer.

The league approved the Sumner-Wilcox bill providing federal legislation for municipal bankruptcy.

The league by resolution urged the national public works administration to take every possible step to expedite expenditure of funds already allotted for approved PWA projects. It was declared Oregon has not received its full share of PWA money.

STEVEDORES RESUME TASKS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—More than one thousand longshoremen went to work on Portland wharfs and ships today as the International Longshoremen's association, in deference to a request of President Roosevelt, cancelled a threatened strike for recognition.

Conditions this morning were about the same as on any other morning. There had been no demonstration while the strike order was in effect—a contrast to conditions existing prior to the 1922 strike.

FIGURES IN AUTO CONTROVERSY



Shown above are the leaders on each side of the automobile industry controversy on the outcome of which hinges a possible general strike. The American Federation of Labor, headed by William Green (right), demands recognition of its unions for collective bargaining and denounces company unions. It also asks a wage increase. Alfred Sloan, Jr., (upper left), chief of General Motors, and Walter Chrysler (lower left), head of the company which bears his name, are members of the NRA code executive committee which met in New York in an effort to settle the dispute. Motor companies have said they do not intend to recognize the A. F. of L. as such.—(Associated Press Photos).

STEIWER NOTIFIED COIN LACKING FOR ROGUE RIVER ROAD

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon said today he has been notified by Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, that no money is available for construction of the proposed Rogue River Gorge road to connect the Oregon coast and Pacific highways.

In a letter to the senator, MacDonald said the proposed route has not been included in the federal aid highway system nor in the forest system, but that it would be eligible for improvement with recovery act funds for secondary roads.

The road chief pointed out, however, that "it is improbable that the state highway department will find it possible to divert any of these funds at this time."

MacDonald said that inasmuch as there already are eight routes connecting the Oregon coast highway and the Pacific highway, "there does not appear to be any great need for the construction."

He added that the forest section road now under construction will serve the Rogue river country adequately, and he said he understands "there is considerable sentiment in favor of maintaining the lower Rogue river as a primitive area."

STOCK EXCHANGE BILL WITH TEETH FAVORED

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he favored a stock exchange control bill with teeth in it, but he had not had the opportunity to read the revised Fletcher-Rayburn bill.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today urged enactment of the Wagner-Lewis unemployment insurance bill at this session of congress.

ASSASSIN PLOT BARED BY RUMANIAN OFFICIALS

BUCHAREST, Rumania, March 23.—(AP)—Plans to assassinate Premier George Tartarescu and other government leaders were declared by police to have been revealed today.

The revelation was made, authorities said, by the arrest of Professor Gomoju, one of the most prominent surgeons in Rumania and a member of the national organization, "Kultur Ex-Patria," which is strongly sympathizing with the fascist iron guard.

Gomoju was charged with sending threatening letters to members of the government and other influential persons throughout the country.

These letters, it was disclosed today, have kept high circles in a state of near panic.

CAPT. APPLIGATE WILL ATTEND C-C PIONEERS FORUM

Klamath county will be represented by a delegation headed by Capt. O. C. Applegate, famed southern Oregon Indian fighter, at the special Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon next Monday at the Hotel Medford, honoring pioneers who have resided in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties for the past 75 years. Over 20 settlers are expected to be present.

Reservations can be arranged at the hotel for 300 luncheon guests and the tickets are now available at the Chamber of Commerce. Attendance will not be limited to pioneers.

A partial list of those who have accepted invitations include Judge William Colvig, Medford; James L. Woolridge, Applegate; Mrs. Lydia Tuffa Dean, Grants Pass; Mrs. William Holmes, Medford; Mayor W. C. Leever, Central Point; Mrs. Marie E. Bennett, Medford; S. D. Swingle, Ashland; Mrs. A. L. Harvey, Ashland; Mrs. Esther Cameron, Medford; Mrs. Mary Frances Stevens, Medford; Fred Tice, Medford; John B. Griffin, Medford; Mrs. Irene Willet, Forest; Mrs. Lulu Davis, Gold Hill; Mrs. Julia A. Owen, Central Point; J. L. Rowe, Sams Valley; I. M. Rowe, Central Point.

An appropriate pioneer subject has been chosen by Prof. Irving E. Vining, Ashland, for his main address of the occasion. His words will be dear to the hearts of the old timers. Attorney Evan Reames will act as toastmaster.

Preparations have been completed for the formation of a "Three-Quarters Century" club, with membership restricted to the pioneers, who have watched and taken part in the development of Oregon since the establishment of statehood in 1859. The members will take an important part in Oregon's Diamond Jubilee celebration in Medford next June 3 to 9, when the 75th anniversary of statehood will be observed.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., MARCH 22

Well, the country woke up mighty relieved this morning when they found the president had been able to stall off those strikers.

Don't it look like in case of a wage dispute it should be compulsory that you keep on working, but you send, say two men, the owners two and the government two. Now if they were months settling this and labor won, their increase in pay would go back to the time when the first protest was made, or a shortening of hours, and labor won, they would also be paid for back hours.

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REVISED AIRMAIL BILL WOULD BARTAINED BIDDERS

Concerns Having Agents at Famed 1930 Confab Ruled Out — Four Trans-Continental Routes Proposed

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—A revised airmail bill introduced in the senate today by administration men would bar from bidding on new contracts every company which had a representative at the now-famous 1930 Washington conference of air mail operators, or at any other meeting held—its says—for the purpose of rearranging the air mail map of the United States.

The new bill was introduced jointly by McKellar (D., Tenn.), and Black (D., Ala.), chairman of the special air mail investigating committee.

The interstate commerce commission would be authorized to establish routes after a four-year period, instead of three years as in McKellar's first bill, which was severely attacked by Charles A. Lindbergh and others.

At that time, it could extend existing contracts for a period of three years without competitive bidding. Extension of such contracts by Walter P. Brown, former postmaster general, was one of the targets of the investigating committee.

Competitive bidding would be required on the initial letting of contracts when the mail was returned to private lines from army planes. Appeal Granted.

The clause authorizing the post- (Continued on Page Six)

WATER SHORTAGE RUMOR BASELESS

Rumors, travelling about the city today by the grapevine communication system, to the effect that the Medford water supply was suffering from the drought and that lawns would have to go unwatered this summer, were emphatically denied by the city water department this afternoon.

To date the Medford water supply has been more than abundant, the department pointed out. In 1931, which was a very dry year, there was still a surplus of water. There are no indications of a shortage to date this year. Should such occur from continued drought, there would still be ample water for reasonable use in this city. At the present and during previous years the Medford water supply has been wasted by most of its users, the officers stated, declaring "there will certainly be no need this year for dry lawns in Medford, the old springs are still working."

BILL AIMED AT INSULL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the bill aimed at Samuel Insull, providing for immediate removal of American citizens accused of crime from countries in which the United States exercises extra-territorial jurisdiction.

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