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# NRA LOSES STEEL FIRM BATTLE



### News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The big Washington mystery now is "the secret 100." It is supposed to be a gumshoe gang of 100 house members banded together clandestinely to redicalize the new deal and the nation.

Over a drip freely from all suggestions about it. A skull and cross bones is supposed to be its secret symbol. Members are reported to be tramping around the house floor in their rubbers so their shoes will not squeak.

The only thing generally known about it is that nobody knows anything about it. It robs lies the real secret of it, which is that it is just a little too secret. It exists in hope and not in fact.

What seems to have happened is this:

The leaders of the various theory groups have been buzzing with each other. They need not be smart to realize they are not going to get any sense with their pet theories. This session unless they first get together. The 30-hour week zeals need the help of the silver boys, bonusses and inflationists, and vice versa.

No meetings have been held, no organization formed. A couple of congressmen and newsmen laughingly suggested that the idea be dramatized with the appellation, "the secret 100." The truth is they hope they can muster 100 votes to do or die for all their legislative stunts. On any score they will get more than 100, but on most far less.

There is nothing particularly new about it.

It is just the same old log-rolling idea that originated with the first congress that ever assembled. Also, virtually the same radical labor groups got together at the end of the last session and merrily played havoc for a while.

This federal legislation idea may seem to you like an over-dramatized joke, but the truth is that it is at the root of all of President Roosevelt's current troubles with congress.

The serious thing behind the withdrawal of the relief bill, for instance, was not what happened at that time, but what was going to happen. All you know is that the senate defeated Mr. Roosevelt on the prevailing wage, but what Mr. Roosevelt knew was that the bonus and silver amendments to his relief bill were coming up next. After them will come the security legislation (Townsend plan amendment) and NRA reorganization (30-hour week amendment).

The president must crush these forming congressional groups now, else in a month or two they may run away with him and his new deal.

If the present plan of whipping up public sentiment against the senate on the prevailing wage scale fails to restore Mr. Roosevelt's congressional prestige, you will see him make other moves to do it. He will fire a radio talk or a public appeal.

There is hardly a chance for him to lose in the end, but the situation will require some clever jockeying before he is through with it.

Every White House occupant has had stories concocted about him which are not exactly accurate, but might be. It is a penalty of greatness.

One now going the rounds concerns a Hyde Park neighbor who is supposed to have dropped in to shake hands with Mr. Roosevelt. He kept saying he only wanted to shake hands, but Mr. Roosevelt was customarily cordial and refused to let him go.

The embarrassed neighbor kept moving toward the door, but finally the president insisted that he go over to the executive mansion to chat with Mrs. Roosevelt. Calling on the neighbor, he escorted over for that purpose, whereupon the attendant replied: "Didn't you know Mrs. Roosevelt has not been here for three days?"

The underlying condition in congress is essentially no different than last session. In customary sheep-like fashion, both houses are splitting into two groups, radical and conservative. You might call the radicals the Huey Long type. Only a few are really Long men, but they share in one or more particulars the ideas of congressing off with the country. The conservative group might be called the Carter Glass type, who share in varying degrees his distrust of the new deal.

As Mr. Roosevelt is trying to pursue a middle-of-the-road course, he fundamentally pleases neither group. The only way he kept them from riding off in opposite directions last

## COMPANY UNION HELD ADEQUATE IN COURT EDICT

### Section 7-A On Collective Bargaining Declared Unconstitutional in Weirton Steel Company Case

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Granting 35 western Kentucky coal operators a writ preventing the government from enforcing the bituminous coal code, Federal Judge Charles I. Dawson declared here today "the citizens of this country have the right to conduct their business without unconstitutional interference or regulation by governmental authority."

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 27.—(AP)—The federal government lost a major battle under the National Industrial Recovery act today with a ruling by Judge John P. Sledge that section 7-A is "unconstitutional and void" as applied to the Weirton Steel company and its business.

The decision denied the government's plea for an injunction to restrain the company from dealing collectively with its employees through the so-called company union and held that the union is adequate under the act.

"The enactment of section 7-A either is authorized by the commerce clause of the constitution or it is unauthorized and void," Judge Sledge ruled. He further ruled that "the manufacturing operations conducted by the defendant in its various plants or mills do not constitute interstate commerce."

Not interstate commerce

"The relations between defendant and its employees do not affect interstate commerce. Manufacturing is a cooperative enterprise. Production in quantities and quality with consequent wages, salaries and dividends depends upon a sympathetic cooperation of management and workmen."

"By a clear preponderance of evidence this court finds that the plan of employee representation in effect among the employees of the defendant affords a lawful and effective organization of the employees for collective bargaining through representatives of their own choosing; that in all respects it complies with the provisions of section 7-A of the National Industrial Recovery act and section one, article four, of the state constitution; and that in all respects it is satisfactory to the great majority of the defendant's employees; that the 49 representatives elected in December, 1933, are free from any domination or control of defendant or its agents; and that the payment of compensation by defendant is adequate."

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## RECOVER TWO BODIES FOLLOWING DISASTER AT YAQUINA'S MOUTH

NEWPORT, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP)—With five dead and craft valued at \$25,000 lost to the sea, Newport today took count of the destruction wrought yesterday in the most costly shipping tragedy to occur in Yaquina bay.

Of the five men who died in the heavy sea when a coast guard lifeboat overturned in speeding to the unsuccessful rescue of two men on a sinking dredge, only two bodies had been recovered today.

The dredge sank out of sight at the entrance to the harbor and the \$20,000 coast guard boat was smashed to pieces on the rocks. The lifeboat overturned after the engine stalled through the engine room.

The dead:

George Elkins, 22, of Lebanon; George Meadows, 24, of Florence; and William Stutz, 26, of San Francisco, all coast guardsmen; Vernon Jackson of Florence, member of the dredge crew and a yet unidentified man who was on the dredge.

## INCREASE IN CCC PERSONNEL URGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has been urged to increase the civilian conservation corps from 370,000 to 600,000 members.

Robert W. Fechner, director of the corps, in proposing the increase, said present strength is 304,000, besides 14,000 Indians and 30,000 on drought relief, whose enlistments expire on July 1.

CCC officials said additional funds to continue the corps would be needed and that the president has not yet approved the detailed program.

## Chinese Massacre Colony of Lepers

HONG KONG, China, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The massacre of 24 lepers in the little fishing village of Wahshon, on an island in the Pearl river, has been reported here. Inhabitants of the village carried out the massacre en masse, it was said, to rid their island of the sufferers, who lived in a small settlement of their own near the village. The settlement was burned after the slaying.

## Daughter Witness As Mother Leaps Off Burnside Span

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP)—While her ten-year old daughter stood by helplessly Mrs. Eva Hunt leaped from the falling of the High Burnside bridge today into the Willamette river. Less than one minute later a tugboat, passing under the bridge as the woman fell, had taken her from the stream. At the emergency hospital it was said she suffered only from shock and cold.

Detectives at police headquarters said the girl told them "Mommy and daddy had a quarrel."

# School Aid Sur-Tax Passes in Lower House

## MELLON FAMILY'S HOLDING COMPANY DEALS DESCRIBED

### Secretary Testifies Former Treasurer Loaned Daughter \$150,000 for Purchase of Bank Stock

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The board of tax appeals was told today by Howard M. Johnson, confidential secretary for Andrew W. Mellon, that the financier loaned \$150,000 in 1931, while he was serving as secretary of the treasury, to the Ascalot corporation for the purchase of 800 shares of bank stock.

The Ascalot corporation is the personal holding company of Mrs. Alice Bruce, daughter of Mellon. It was brought out in the testimony.

Charged No Interest

Questioned by P. R. Shearer, attorney for the internal revenue bureau, Johnson said the transaction was made on February 16, 1931. He said Mellon drew a check for the amount payable to David E. K. Bruce, husband of Mrs. Bruce, and did not charge any interest or require collateral.

The witness related that on February 7 the purchase of 800 shares of Commercial National bank of New York stock had been authorized by the executive committee of Ascalot.

He added:

"Instead of borrowing from the bank we went to Mr. Mellon directly. Details of the organization of the second of the Mellon family holding companies—the Ascalot corporation—were described today at Mellon's income tax hearing before the board of appeals.

Johnson said the concern was organized in 1930 at the request of Mrs. Bruce. An executive committee, composed of David E. K. Bruce, husband of Mrs. Bruce, and himself, was organized in 1930 at the request of Mrs. Bruce. An executive committee, composed of David E. K. Bruce, husband of Mrs. Bruce, and himself, was organized in 1930 at the request of Mrs. Bruce. An executive committee, composed of David E. K. Bruce, husband of Mrs. Bruce, and himself, was organized in 1930 at the request of Mrs. Bruce.

## GOVERNOR CHIDED BY V. F. W. POST

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Governor Martin, who several days ago at a board of control meeting spoke of the historic battleship Oregon as a "lemon" and a financial "headache," has been taken to task by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for his utterance.

The governor made the remark after a new appropriation had been suggested for maintenance of the Spanish-American war relic.

Post #1 of the V. F. W., Portland, yesterday telegraphed Governor Martin that it "takes exception to your assertion."

"We feel that you, as a veteran who has served your country so long, should realize the historical value of that old ship," the message said.

"It is your duty as governor of the state of Oregon to preserve the historical properties of this battleship so that its services to this nation can never be forgotten."

## MAN BENT ON MURDER GIVEN LONG SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—(AP)—"This defendant's mind is firmly set on killing someone," said Circuit Judge Gilbert here Tuesday as he jailed Harry Handron, 17, with a 24-year prison sentence.

The court observed that Handron "has expressed a desire to go to the penitentiary for a year to learn all the tricks and technique of the seasoned criminal so that when he gets out he may commit further crimes and successfully evade the law."

Handron will have 24 years in which to "learn all the tricks." A re-arrested juvenile escapee, he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and robbery while armed.

## 29 RUSSIANS KILLED IN FACTORY BLAST

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Twenty nine persons were killed in an explosion and fire which destroyed the Krasnii pencil factory on the outskirts of Moscow early Sunday morning.

The loss of life in the disaster was disclosed only today. The bodies of the victims were removed last night. The fire started shortly before midnight Saturday.

## SEEKS TO REGAIN ENZO'S PASSPORT



Mrs. Madeleine Force Astor Dick Fiermonte (right) in Rome announced she would make every possible effort to regain her expugnant husband's passport so they could embark on a second honeymoon. Fiermonte's passport was confiscated by Italian authorities. The former boxer is shown at left on a boat at Genoa, Italy, recently and Mrs. Fiermonte during a stroll at Naples. (Associated Press Photos)

## INDICT THREE IN 'DEHORN' DEATHS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP)—The state today was armed with indictments charging three Portland druggists with manslaughter in connection with the frightful death, epidemic which claimed 32 denatured alcohol drinkers last December.

The Multnomah county grand jury late yesterday returned 16 indictments against the three.

Among the victims were many known as long-time addicts of denatured alcohol, or "dehorn," as they called it. But the death-dealing batch contained wood alcohol and formaldehyde—much more virulent than ordinary denatured alcohol, the state charged.

Sol Miller, proprietor; his son, Spencer Miller, and Eugene Schwartz, all of one drug store, were accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Ben J. Votruba.

## REPORT LINDBERGH BILLS SHOWING UP

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Federal officials, officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, advised and railroad officials today professed ignorance of the reported circulation of Lindbergh ransom bills in Boston and Providence despite persistent reports that \$500 of the gold certificates have been traced.

The Boston Post today says that despite the denials of federal authorities in Boston and Washington, the department of justice agents were still actively tracing the bills said to have appeared in New England the past 12 months.

Providence banks and clearing houses today denied any knowledge of the gold certificates.

Railroad, airlines and bank officials in Boston said they were unaware of any investigation by federal agents. All sources also denied knowledge of any alleged Lindbergh bills passing through their organizations.

## TROEH DEFEATED IN OPENING TRAP EVENT

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—(AP)—O. B. Franz of St. Louis won the Challenge Flyer cup race, first championship event of the 31st annual interstate trapshooting tournament held today in a shootout with Frank Troeh, defending champion from Portland, Ore., and Sam Jenny, Highland, Ill.

The three tied on 24 out of 25, and Franz hit five straight in the shootout.

## DISMEMBERED LEGS IN COACH PUZZLE LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A theory that the human legs found in a railway coach at Waterloo station may have been those of a man murdered as a woman introduced a bizarre angle into England's latest dismemberment mystery today.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, celebrated medico-legal expert, advanced his theory with the explanation that there were indications the flesh of the legs had been whitened with peroxide and that the hair had been removed.

The legs were anatomically stamped and the insteps arched. Sir Bern-

## ETHIOPIA OFFERS SOLEMN PROMISE PRESERVE PEACE

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Meanwhile the S. E. Arabia called from Naples with additional troops and war materials bound for East Africa.

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## ABANDON SEARCH FOR SINKING SHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Radio-marine corporation received word today that the giant liner Europa and two other ships had abandoned their search in a mid-Atlantic gale for the freighter Blaugrove, which had reported she was sinking yesterday.

The Olympic, another big liner, was due at the scene three hours later and was asked to make a final search for the vessel as it passed by.

None of the masters of the three ships which hung at the scene throughout the night had any hope that the Blaugrove survived the hurricane which was raging.

The last report was that it was turning over.

Twenty-six men were aboard the Blaugrove which had given its position as about 1000 miles east of Newfoundland. She left Swansea, Wales, ten days ago for Boston.

## PROHIBS LEADING ALABAMA VOTE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Prohibition in Alabama today pushed out in front by more than 2,000 votes, with approximately 15,000 votes still to be reported, as delayed returns from yesterday's three-fold referendum rolled in.

The vote on a 1.50 out of 2.150 unit boxes in the state gave modification 82,879, and against 85,500.

The vote put prohibition in front for the first time since early rural boxes last night gave the dry cause a slight lead.

## FLU CLOSES SCHOOLS ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 27.—(AP)—With four teachers and about 130 of the 600 school children stricken, Dr. J. H. Romig, city health officer, today closed the Anchorage schools to prevent an influenza epidemic.

A territorial health officer, yesterday closed schools and banned all public gatherings at Nome to combat an outbreak of mild forms of influenza and mumps.

Investigations indicated nothing had been discovered so far in relation to support a theory of murder.

None of the local cases are virulent.

## Literary Award In Nick of Time For N. Y. Mother

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A New York mother who was "down to the pawing stage" and a Texas who rode freight trains throughout the country before settling in New Orleans have been awarded \$1,000 prizes for their first novels.

The awards, which are in addition to royalties, were announced as the outcome of the Doubleday-Doran Story Magazine contest.

Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, who writes as Dorothy McCleary, and Edward Anderson, 28, were the winners. The judges held Miss McCleary's "Not For Heaven," a story of a sentimental old woman's affection for a 22-year old man, and Anderson's "Hungry Men," based on his experiences as a hobo, to be of equal merit.

Mrs. Hamilton said her first act would be to buy some shoes for her 8-year old son, Charles.

## ROGUE FISH BILL MEANS TIGHT LID ON CANNERYMEN

SALEM, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The so-called Carter bill which passed the house yesterday and would provide for the closing of the Rogue river to commercial fishing when the bill becomes a law 90 days after the legislature adjourns, automatically "kills" the Rogue district bill.

The district bill, which would have permitted Josephine, Jackson and Curry county residents themselves to vote on the closing of the Rogue river, was withdrawn, it was announced by the southern Oregon delegation.

Should the Carter bill, as amended to close the Rogue river, pass the senate, no further action would be necessary, Representative Roy E. Carter of Gold Beach said. He said he expected the measure to pass.

Should the bill be defeated, however, Carter stated he would again bring in the bill to change the open commercial fishing season. The bill passed yesterday was first designed to advance the season from May 15 to March 15, then close the river after July 1937, but it was amended in committee to close the entire river to all commercial fishing immediately.

## STARVED ANIMALS SHOWN TO SOLONS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 27.—(AP)—The "hony march" to the state capitol ended on the statehouse lawn today—just to show the legislators "what starvation means."

Three shrunken beasts, exhibits of deplorable drought conditions in western Minnesota, stared legislators in the face.

Taken up to capitol hill, a lank cow, horse and pig were placed in a position where the state's lawmakers saw at first hand evidence set forth in farmers' pleas for immediate relief.

The three giant animals of the "hony march" were brought here during the night by Arthur Spencer, Bardsley, Minn., farmer.

The legislators were holding up action on three relief measures pending word from Washington on federal aid for Minnesota.

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## \$31,221 IN DELINQUENT TAXES PAID TO DATE

Payment on delinquent taxes for the years 1928, 1929, and 1930, recently advertised for foreclosure by Jackson county, since January 1 last, amount to \$31,221.33, according to the tax collection department of the sheriff's office. This is regarded as better than the usual delinquent tax payments.

Payment of current year taxes, is reported by tax collection aides, "was rather slow" but to be expected, just before the annual taxpaying time. It is scheduled to show some briskness after March 1. Interest becomes due after March 15, on quarterly payments.

## Campus Hell Week Outlawed At Iowa In Midst of Probe

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Feb. 27.—(AP)—"Hell week" today appeared to be passing out of existence at American universities and colleges, with the University of Iowa joining the parade of institutions that have abolished the practice.

The schoolboy pranks of fraternities "hell week" were definitely outlawed on the Iowa campus and a dictatorship was created to see that the Greek lettermen toe the mark.

The action came in the midst of an investigation of fraternity prohibition tactics. One woman charged her son suffered "tortures" at the hands of hells.

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