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KIDNAPERS IN EASTERN OREGON



By PAUL MALLON.
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WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Nra decision struck President Roosevelt harder than published accounts have indicated.

Immediately after it swept away the basic legal ground on which his new deal stood, his associates now agree, he was personally as confused as were all his lawyers. He did not say or do anything for that simple reason.

Within twenty-four hours, however, his silence developed a purpose. A reaction in the country began to be evident. The president then decided to fight to preserve more than the semblance of his business reform program. He continued to remain silent in order to permit the full scope of the reaction to develop. He wanted the wind of public opinion to fill his sails and determine his course; which, his counselors seem to agree, was wise strategy.

Presidential lawyers explored all the possibilities which have been printed and some which have not. A leading White House counsellor gave an off-the-record analysis of the situation as he saw it, which offers an indication of the fundamental depths of government which were probed. Said he:

"This country has gone through a revolution, whether it knows it or not. Future historians will realize it better than we do. The revolution is over, or rather it was over until the supreme court spoke.

"The prosperity of business is not a local state matter. Everyone now recognizes that, no matter what the supreme court says.

"The national government has been accepting that fact as settled, because the public agreed. It has taken extra-constitutional steps to provide an orderly, bloodless governmental revolution, furnishing central authority which business needs for cooperative effort.

"If the supreme court says it cannot be done because of the constitution, and the people want to do it, the constitution will be changed. The only other thing possible is a dictatorship, and we do not want that."

These are sharp words for a presidential counsellor, but they were mild in comparison to those offered by some less conservative authorities.

The most favorable phase of the decision was the reaction to it. For weeks before, business men (U. S. Chamber of Commerce, et al) were complaining publicly that the new deal should let them alone so they could go ahead. If very many of them went ahead, it was not apparent. The depression in the stock market was unexpected and remarkable.

Some business men explain this by saying that they could not start a bill movement in any out of the market because they did not know what the president was going to do. This is entirely true. The inflationary or deflationary results rested entirely with whatever decision he made.

But most authorities also suspected that, if nature were permitted to take its course, a deflationary period of price-cutting and wage-cutting would set in, which would have no effect any business hallelujahs at being released from government restraints.

What is driving lawyers mad is the fact that the supreme court did not really lay down any fixed policy of restraint against the government in its Nra decision.

For instance, the court said the retail poultry business in New York city is interstate commerce as far as federal anti-trust law is concerned, but not as far as the Nra provision of wages and hours is concerned.

In other words, for one federal law, the business is interstate commerce and subject to federal regulation, but, for the other, it is not. This definition was evidently so muddy that the court itself added: "The precise line can be drawn only as individual cases arise."

Informational business men have been making a subtle drive on Uncle Sam. By telephone and telegraph they have been advising him lately to conduct his department for the benefit of business in the same spirit in which the labor department is conducted for labor. They did not tell him so directly, but their gentle hints were based on the feeling that Mr. Roper's political background has raised him to lay undue stress on that phase.

SPEEDING SEDAN WITH 6 SUSPECTS IS SURROUNDED

Mystery Car Hemmed in by Armed Men Near Holdman—Road to South Offers Escape—Evade Highway Patrol.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—A tan sedan speeding nearly 100 miles an hour tonight turned the search for the Weyerhaeuser kidnapers to northeastern Oregon's wheatland where William Edward "The Fox" Hickman who kidnaped and butchered little Marian Parker of Los Angeles was traced to the ground in 1927.

The tan sedan late today roared past two deputy sheriffs cruising eastward on the Umatilla-Walla Walla highway, less than 35 miles from the place former Sheriff Tom Guindane and his deputy, Buck Luellian captured "The Fox."

The deputies from the Umatilla county sheriff's office spurred their car to 91 miles an hour but the tan sedan was travelling so fast they didn't even see what make of car it was or what type of license it carried.

But it was almost definitely established that the sedan turned southward probably at Cold Springs, angled by county and state officers. A check of main routes indicated the car was in a 40-mile area ringed with officers prepared to shoot to kill, if necessary.

Hickman was fox enough to slip right out of an aroused Los Angeles but met his doom when he turned his green Hudson car onto Umatilla county highway.

He was captured near Hobo, Ore., on the Umatilla-Pendleton road and returned to death on the gallows in California.

With the broad Columbia river hemming them on the north, the only alternative route for the five or six men reported seen in the tan sedan would be southward.

At the little road marker called Holdman there is only one telephone and the ranchers living there said they had been in the back of the house earlier in the evening and would not have known if the sedan sped past in the twilight.

They took positions at the front of the house after advised the men were collected \$200,000 ransom and released little George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma this morning might be in the area.

Two deputies took a station on the Holdman-Pendleton road, about two miles north of Holdman. Besides the road south from Holdman to Pendleton was a little-used canyon road from Holdman to Helix, on the east. A road eastward from Helix connects with Athena, which is on the main highway from Pendleton to Walla Walla. Two state police guarded the Athena section of the road from Helix and Holdman.

Other deputies were scattered through out the area and city officers watched approaches to Pendleton. State police, who were ordered to stand by from Salem headquarters in the kidnap pursuit, radiated fanwise north of Pendleton tonight.

Two deputy sheriffs were stationed on the Cold Springs-Pendleton road near Holdman, and state police under Sergeant Staats of Pendleton and Captain Hoe of Baker took strategic posts on connecting roads. The strongest concentration was to the eastward of Athena on the Pendleton-Walla Walla highway.

Should the sedan approach Walla Walla it would find the roads guarded by city officers there. Sheriff's deputies in Washington were watching roads west as far as Walla.

Even before Washington highway patrol headquarters at Olympia requested aid of Oregon state police today, descriptions of the suspects were supplied all officers.

When the word was flashed that the \$200,000 ransom was paid and little George Weyerhaeuser safe home, the state police had no delusion as to the desperateness of the kidnapers and were ready, if not willing to shoot it out.

State Police Captain Mason at Salem, acting in the absence of the superintendent, took information supplied by the Associated Press and ordered all central and eastern Oregon state police to be ready to act.

Drouth Area States Ravaged by Flood and Wind

Diary Of George Weyerhaeuser's Stay With Kidnapers

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"I'm awfully glad to get back.

"A man grabbed me and put his hand over my mouth and pulled me into the tan sedan.

"He put me down in the back and covered me with this blanket. It certainly is dirty, isn't it? And then we drove and drove and drove. They told me I wouldn't be hurt if I didn't yell out, and I didn't want to be hurt so I kept my mouth shut.

"I signed my name three times. Once on that envelope, once on the ransom note, and once at the bottom of the blank paper.

"The men told me there were six in the kidnaping, but I only saw three. They called one another Bill, Harry and Allen.

"They always gave me all I could eat. Yes sir, they treated me fine.

"They only hurt me once. That was when one of them lifted me out of the car, I said, 'Say, don't you hurt me.' And he said, 'Young man, you're too valuable to hurt.'

"They always kept telling me they would turn me back to my father.

"They used to put me in the closet at night. It wasn't that. They always put a mattress against the door and one man always laid on it.

"You know they put shackles on me? Aw, they didn't hurt. They didn't put them on that tight. Handcuffs? I don't know handcuffs.

"I rode the trunk in the car. Sure it had holes in it. How could I have gotten any air? My legs were bent a little but they didn't hurt after I walked around a little.

"They always took the blindfold off my eyes, and I could see things in the house. They always wore masks. They looked funny and I laughed at them at first.

"My uncle, Mr. Titcomb, brought the money to them.

"About 10 o'clock last night one of them said, 'We are going to put you in the road. You just keep on walking. Pretty soon your father will come along and give you a ride home. I walked four miles or more. I wasn't afraid. I came to a house, went to the door and knocked, and then I said 'I am the little kidnaped boy.'

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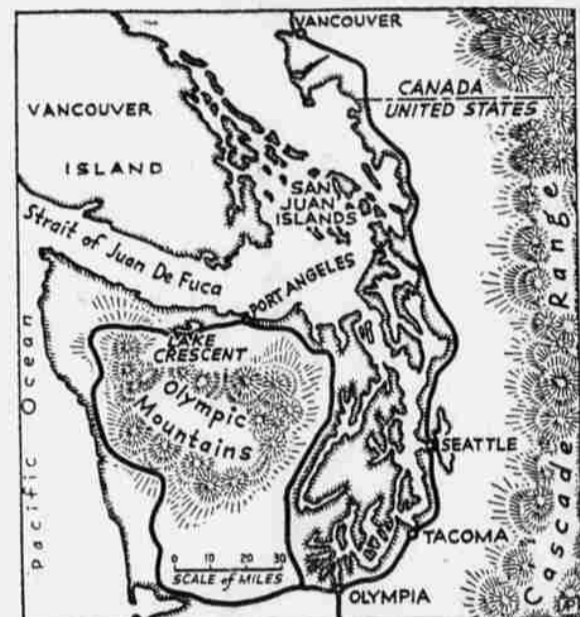
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ABOARD U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA IN MANEUVERS AT SEA, June 1.—(AP)—Ninety-two combat ships of the United States fleet were started today by its commander in chief, Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, upon a series of the most intense tactical drills attempted in the annual maneuvers.

Kidnaped Boy and Where Freed



FIRE AND CHOLERA IN WAKE INDIA'S QUAKE HOLOCAUST

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QUETTA, India, June 2.—(Sunday)—Fire flaring in the ruins of this city of death, devastated by earthquake at a loss of life estimated at 30,000, burned themselves out today, but authorities feared an outbreak of cholera.

Doctors, nurses and medical equipment were being rushed here by airplane after most of the first-stricken, scantily-clad survivors spent another night under the open sky, shying away from shelters erected by soldiers.

Floods accompanied the fires which raged through the devastated area last night, threatening to swell still further the roll of dead and injured.

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FLEET STARTS ON TACTICAL DRILLS

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441 BLUE EAGLE CASES WIPED OUT

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FAIR AND NORMAL, WITH CLOUDINESS

Oregon: Fair Sunday and Monday; rising temperature and falling humidity; fresh west to northwest wind off the coast.

D. S. C. ALUMNI IN DENUNCIATION OF 'ATTACK' ON KERR

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RESOLUTION HOLDS REPORT OF "UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS" BIASED AND UNWORTHY — CITIZENS WEARY OF STIFE

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—A resolution denouncing the American Association of University Professors' committee report on Oregon higher education as biased and an "unwarranted attack on the state board of higher education" was passed today by the Oregon State College Alumni association.

Alumni and friends of the institutions were urged to unite in discouraging such "disturbing influences." The action was taken at the association's annual meetings held in connection with commencement week-end.

Full discussion of issues involved was held before the resolution was presented and passed unanimously, alumni officers reported. Copies were ordered sent to all members of the state board of higher education.

The text: "The disturbing influence on higher education caused by the biased report of three members of the American Association of University Professors and distributed by two University of Oregon faculty members is deplored by the Alumni Association of Oregon State college.

"As already pointed out by the press of the state, the release of the report serves no useful purpose. It is an unwarranted attack upon the state board of higher education and tends to continue turmoil and strife after substantial progress has been made toward attainment of harmony.

"The report disregards the fundamental purposes of higher education

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 31.—Our state assembly is having a terrible fight. There is 27 "Epics" (eliminate poverty in California), the Sinclair ticket. That's out of a membership of 80 in the lower house.

Well, the fight is just among these 27. It's a bill to stop all these unemployed that's flocking into the state (it passed the lower house). Some Epics say they can eliminate the poverty in the state, but they can't eliminate all the poverty that comes in. Others say that one state can't bar people of other states.

All of which gets back to my plan, that is of being able to wire the supreme court and ask them. They reply with a night-letter, and the whole thing is settled once and for all.

IMMEDIATE N. R. A. REGULATION LAWS SOUGHT BY G. O. P.

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WOODCUTTER TOLD 6-FOOT WALL OF WATER FROM DAM IMPERILS TOWNS

'Go Away; Don' Fool Me' Was Warning When Boy Rapped at His Window Early Saturday Morning

ISSAQUAH, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—When a small frightened boy knocked on his bedroom window this morning and Louis Spiera, 45, Tiger Mountain woodcutter, said, "Go away, don't fool me," he refused to hear an opportunity to enter the hall of fame.

The wet, bedraggled little boy was 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, kidnaped May 24 and safely returned to his family today after payment of a \$200,000 ransom.

Realizing he was not wanted, the little fellow picked up two blankets his abductors had given him when he was released and walked down the road to the George Bonifas home, where he was given a welcome by Bonifas, his wife and children.

"My goodness!" said Spiera when told he had turned away a boy sought for eight days and for whom \$200,000 in ransom had been paid.

"I have been fooled so much lately by boys coming up here that I thought I was being fooled again," he said.

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Republican River Valley in Nebraska Inundated — Death List Placed at 250 — Special Train Rushes Boats — Six States Hit

MCCOOK, Neb., June 1.—(AP)—A new menace, a six-foot wall of water, rushed down the already flood-swollen Republican river valley in southern Nebraska tonight after relief workers had estimated disaster fatalities in the region might reach 250.

Sixteen persons were known dead in floods and tornadoes which swept southern Nebraska, inundating thousands of acres of Dundy, Chase, Haystack, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Webster and Nuckolls counties.

The flooded territory was more than 200 miles long and at some points the river, normally a small stream, was two and a half miles wide.

Property damage was estimated after first surveys of the havoc at several million dollars. McCook and Oxford alone counted their loss at \$1,500,000.

Army authorities rushed large boats to Oxford by special train to aid in rescue work.

A telephone official at Holbrook, about 20 miles down river from McCook said the wall of water, believed to come from a broken dam near Pika, one of two adjacent villages washed off the top Friday with a known loss of a lives—was nearing that town and would probably sweep into Oxford early Sunday morning.

"If we don't reach the stranded persons tonight, they'll probably be dead tomorrow," Nissen said.

The flood surged into Red Cloud, 70 miles down the Republican's course from McCook, late today and soon into the floodplain of Nebraska from earlier ravages. The Republican was two miles wide and the water five feet deep in the Burlington railroad station there tonight.

(By the Associated Press)

Floods, cloudbursts and tornadoes hit the western states—heart of the 1934 historic drought area—caused 82 known deaths last night, destroyed millions of dollars in property and

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ROOSEVELT BIDES TIME ON MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today completed a statement on NRA and then departed for an overnight cruise on the Cheapeake bay without giving any further indication of his views on the future of the recovery act.

He left the capital amid indications given by high sources close to the White House that he was likely to reject all plans for stop-gap legislation for the present and to await the country's reaction.

He first told a story of three men having broken into his home with the cry "you've been so good we're going to nail you to a cross" but Senator Gaxson A. Johnson said that upon questioning he confessed he had Donald Riggs, his 15-year-old son by a former wife, spike him to a cross beside with ten penny nails.

"He admitted he made the cross himself, got the nails and everything," Johnson said.

SIDE roads will be watched closely and all persons resembling the kidnapers will be questioned, Pray said. Pray said his department was in close touch with the federal government authorities working on the case. Pray himself was at one time a federal agent.

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