

11 GUARDS HELD AS HOSTAGES IN COAL PIT SIEGE

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Outbreak of fighting in the damp darkness of the Kansas prison coal mine where 280 prisoners went on strike today and defied officials. Guard O. N. Johnson and three other guards in the gun cage at the base of the mine air shaft were rushed by yelling convicts who sought to capture the post-only outlet from the mine in the hands of prison officials.

The gas-masked guards fired tear gas and drove the attackers back into a tunnel on the 730-foot level. Hostages Safe

The result came about 40 minutes after Robert Murray, mine superintendent, who had gone alone into the mine to negotiate with the convicts and obtain their demands, had reported "everything is OK" and that the 11 guards held as hostages were safe.

Murray, who has been popular with the convicts, reported after a 4-hour silence no one had been injured and that he soon would report the miners' demands.

Prison officials at first thought Murray had returned to the gun cage to report to the surface by telephone but a checkup disclosed he had telephoned from a station on the main shaft, which was in the hands of the convicts.

Assistant Deputy Warden A. J. Graham said it was possible "Murray had some one around him" when he reported all "OK."

Guard Johnson sent word he believed he and the other three guards could hold the gun cage.

"We are in no danger," Johnson telephoned, "unless they again rush us with many more men."

Guards Ready

Guards on the surface were lined up and given gas masks, for readiness in going to the aid of Johnson and his companions, if necessary.

Meanwhile, the guard around the prison was strengthened, although other convicts had not joined the miners in their demonstration.

Determined to "wait them out," Warden Lacey Simpson this afternoon dispatched a crew of eight heavily armed guards down the air shaft to barricade it against attack from the lateral tunnel.

The convicts, the warden explained, are in command of three electric locomotives in the mine and the guards were to barricade the shaft in such manner as to prevent the convicts driving the engines into the air shaft to block the one useful elevator case.

The eight men, dressed in overalls and wearing miners caps with lanterns, carried pistols and repeating shotguns. They did not carry gas equipment. One of the eight, the warden said, had never been in the

ROTARY IS GIVEN C OF C PROGRAM

A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, outlined to the members of the Medford Rotary club the accomplishments and aims of his organization at a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Medford today. Mr. Banwell pointed out as one of the major accomplishments of his organization establishment of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in place of the old Medford organization, lying in with all southern Oregon communities toward the mutual improvement of marketing conditions, expansion of county industries and promotion of tourist travel. He stressed particularly efforts of the chamber in investigating markets and organizing commodity groups.

A comprehensive five-year plan, which is now the program of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, was outlined by Manager Banwell. In concluding he urged the whole-hearted co-operation of every person in the county, both moral and financial, so that the ambitious five-year program might be realized. His talk was enthusiastically received by the Rotarians and guests.

PREPARE FOR CCC MEN ON ROXY ANN

A group of 30 men are busy at the site of the proposed Roxy Ann CCC camp, preparing for the erection of the new buildings. The men are from Camp Wimer, and are merely doing preliminary work. Trucks and men have been busy for the last four days hauling lumber to the site, and construction has already begun.

The carpenters have not yet started their work but it is assumed that they will be on the job in the near future.

When the camp is completed it will be manned with new recruits, taken in upon the expansion of the Civilian Conservation corps, built around a nucleus of a cadre of men from Camp Coos Head. According to the CCC headquarters here, each new camp will have its own group of seasoned men from the other camps in order to facilitate organization.

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HARDER ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OREGON BANKERS

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duction were held to be a major objective, was commended for its action as a great portion of the industrial life of the state is dependent upon the lumber industry directly and indirectly. Through the insurance committee, the executive council also approved the tentative plan for old age pension or retirement insurance for member banks of the association and went on record as endorsing such a program. The executive committee was authorized to take such action as may be deemed necessary when a definite plan is submitted by the brokers who have been working with the committee.

Officers Elected Eugene Courtney, of The Dalles, was elected president of the association for next year. Other officers chosen were B. E. Harder, Medford, vice president; George D. Brodie, Dufur, treasurer; executive committee, A. K. Parker, La Grande, chairman; Chester M. Cox, Salem, C. E. Williamson, Albany, O. A. Houghum, Eugene and Frederick Greenwood, retiring president, member ex-officio. Selection of a secretary, a position held by T. P. Cramer, Portland, for the past seven years, was left to the executive council.

No invitations were received for the 1936 convention city and selection will be made by the executive committee in January. Sam H. Baker, Grants Pass, was chairman of the nominating committee.

Following the close of the convention, Oregon members of the American Bankers' association held a short meeting. Frederick Greenwood, Portland, was named a member of the executive council for three years; D. W. Eyr, Salem, state vice president to serve one year; Greenwood, member of the nominating committee, and C. C. Colt, Portland, alternate member.

State vice presidents for various divisions elected were J. A. Gordan, Klamath Falls, National bank; Dean Vincent, Portland, Savings bank; C. W. Utzinger, Astoria, State bank and Loren L. Miller, Portland, Trust bank.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—A patch of blue showed through the clouds of the Pacific northwest's lumber strike here today when three local sawing mills swung into full

DRIVE-IN SERVICE FOR HAMBURGERS

Many passers-by enjoyed a new experience in eating delicious hamburgers today when Medford's newest and most up-to-date hamburger business opened at the attractive Maid-Rite stand at Sixth and Grape streets. Drive-in service that gave promise of much popularity was inaugurated exclusively for the tasty sandwiches that are a meal in themselves, always ready to be served and cooked without grease. Only choicest ground round steak in used and the Maid-Rite employs a special recipe for the buns.

Proprietors of the new stand are Lynn Mills and Murray Bell, who recently arrived from the middle west, where Maid-Rite's first business was established.

Code Suit Dismissed

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—Federal Judge John McNary yesterday dismissed a suit filed by the lumber code authority and the West Coast Lumbermen's association to collect \$4472.54 code assessments from the Coos Bay Lumber company. The suit was filed prior to the supreme court's ruling invalidating the NRA.

production. Picketing of the plants was peaceful. In addition, Frank Johnson, secretary of the Portland local of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' union, declared: "We are negotiating right along and the situation looks pretty good." Coincident with these two developments was an advertisement placed by nine large Portland lumber operators inviting their employees to apply for work. "Former employees will be given preference and may apply in person by telephone or letter," the advertisement read.

NATIONAL GUARDS MIMIC REAL WAR IN TRAINING CAMP

CAMP A. H. HANKINS, MURRAY STATION, June 18.—(AP)—The 7000 men and 600 officers of the 41st Division National Guard units of four Pacific northwest states were experiencing the sensations of real war today. Scattered over the broken prairie of the 70,000-acre military reservation the troops were engaged in the serious business of working out battle problems. From the artillery range the 155 millimeter guns roared ominously. It was the first time this year that these heavy pieces had been brought into action. The artillery units yesterday practiced on the range with the 75 millimeter guns.

Battalion and regimental problems engaged some units. The present intensive training will be climaxed Thursday with an overnight bivouac on the Fort Lewis reservation during which divisional battle problems will be constantly in the fore. The conditions of actual warfare are simulated as nearly as possible on these allies against an imaginary enemy.

Training in the field today is vastly different from that of a few years ago due to the use of motor equipment. The units are transported from their tent city to the field in vast fleets of trucks. Constructed for rough travel, the trucks can make 40 miles an hour over ungraded land. Trailers with four bunks each, running water, refrigeration, electric lights and a gas stove provide comfort for officers. These are among the many new motor vehicles provided for the first time this year.

WOODCOCK GUILTY IN SALE OF MEAT

A verdict finding Joe Woodcock, Gold Hill and Rogus River district butcher guilty, of the charge of transporting and sale of unlabelled meat produce was returned at a circuit court jury which started deliberations this morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the closing address of Deputy District Attorney George W. Neilson. Woodcock was charged with the attempted sale of meat from a roan

cow, belonging to E. L. Richmond, which was assertedly killed by a man by the name of Smith, after the animal sustained a broken leg. It was contended by the defense Woodcock kept the carcass in his ice-box for Richmond. The state held Woodcock attempted its sale. The hide of the slain animal was an exhibit in the case. The defense was represented by Attorney Gus Newbury.

Agronomists Meet. PENDLETON, Ore., June 18.—(P)—Members of the western branch of the Society of Agronomy began their annual sessions here today, with about 50 in attendance from most of the western states and British Columbia. Soil erosion and methods of control comprised the principal topics to be discussed.

GRACE MOORE TOO TIRED TO SING FOR ROYALTY. PARIS, France, June 18.—(AP)—Grace Moore, American concert singer, said tonight she was forced to cancel her concert in Brussels June 20 before the king and queen of the Belgians on doctors' orders because she was "very tired."





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