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S. P. WORKERS IGNORE INTERVENTION



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon
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WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Roosevelt has been telling friends privately he has an absolute minimum majority of five votes for his court packing bill in the senate. Postmaster General Farley has been telling the world almost daily that the president will win in a walk. Judiciary Chairman Ashurst says that, only two senators are still really doubtful and they will probably vote against. This means the situation is so tight as to be really dangerous from the president's standpoint. Mr. R.'s minimum is really his maximum. Mr. Farley is bluffing. The president stands to win today by only a margin of six votes, and he cannot be certain even of that.

Unions Determined To Strike at 6 P. M. Unless Demands Met

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—(AP)—Leaders of two railroad brotherhoods announced today that a strike of 8500 Southern Pacific employees would become effective at 6 p. m. despite presidential intervention, unless the company granted the unions' demands in full.

The announcement followed a conference between the brotherhood officials and Southern Pacific officials. "We are standing pat on our demands," declared C. V. McLaughlin, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. "No compromise."

"There will be no compromise as the brotherhoods want a complete settlement."

"It is quite possible that we might get together with Southern Pacific officials again before 6 p. m."

The firemen at the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen have demanded money as a result of a provision of awards by the national railroad adjustment board.

They also asked improved working conditions and the right of their representatives to represent their members in the handling of grievances.

The strike call, result of a membership referendum, would tie up service on the company's lines from Portland, Ore., to El Paso, Tex., McLaughlin said.

Mediators Murr.

Members of an emergency mediation board, appointed under the rail-labor act by President Roosevelt, in an effort to avert the strike, planned a meeting here Tuesday, meanwhile declining comment on the situation.

Spokesmen for the brotherhoods of locomotive engineers and conductors, opposed to the walkout, said they would fight it actively.

"Service will be maintained," said S. O. Peterson, general chairman of the engineers.

"We do not believe a strike will occur, because it would be clearly illegal now that the president of the United States has appointed a special emergency board to investigate the dispute," commented A. D. McDonald, president of the carrier.

G-MAN WOUNDED BY BANK ROBBER IN GUN BATTLE

TOPEKA, Kas., April 16.—(AP)—A federal agent was shot and critically wounded and a bystander was wounded in the foot today in the lobby of Topeka's postoffice during an attempt to arrest a suspected New York bank robber and his accomplice.

About 20 shots were fired in a furious battle in the building, located in the center of the city's business district. The suspects escaped in an automobile they had left parked outside.

Agent W. W. Baker of the federal bureau of investigation was shot four times and so badly wounded that an emergency operation was undertaken. The wounded bystander was O. D. Davis of Topeka.

The shooting occurred in front of the postoffice where three federal agents had kept vigil for several days.

As Baker moved toward the suspect, an accomplice of the man opened fire from the rear of the building, shooting Baker in the back. As Baker turned, another shot was fired into his chest. Two more bullets struck him in the legs as the fugitives started toward an unguarded door to their car parked across the street.

The other agents followed into the street and fired on the car as it sped away.

Frank Stone, assistant director of the state highway patrol, said the fugitives were identified as Alfred Peyer, 39, alias Lewis Moore, and Rudolph Brinker, 38, wanted for the robbery of a bank at Katoanah, New York.

UNION OFFICIALS TO ADVISE ENDING CANADIAN STRIKE

OSHAWA, Ont., April 16.—(AP)—Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, announced late today that an agreement to settle the Canadian General Motors strike of 3,700 workers had been reached yesterday—in Detroit.

OSHAWA, Ont., April 16.—(AP)—The Canadian Press said today it had learned on good authority that automobile union officials, conferring here on the strike of 3,700 General Motors of Canada workers, would advise the men to return to work Monday pending an agreement with the company.

Officials of the Oshawa local union of the United Automobile Workers of America met with Homer Martin, president of the international union, and with Hugh Thompson, union organizer. Martin came here today from Detroit.

A mass meeting was to follow, at which proposals were to be placed before the strikers. If the strikers agreed to the proposals, the Canadian Press said, they would return to work Monday and efforts to reach an agreement between the union and the company would continue.

New Chamber Executives



Shown above are the new officers of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, elected for the 1937-38 year by the board of directors this afternoon. Olen Arnsperger, who begins his second term as president, is pictured at the top left. At the right is A. S. V. Carpenter, vice-president. Eugene Thordike, treasurer, bottom left. Shown at the bottom right is A. H. Banwell, who is starting his fifth year as chamber manager.

BLOCKADERS PLAN CLOSE SCRUTINY AMERICAN SHIPS

LONDON, April 16.—(AP)—Ships flying the United States flag in Spanish waters will be questioned by the non-intervention blockade patrol of Spain, officials of the neutrality committee disclosed today.

The patrol will verify the papers of all United States vessels, officials said, as a guard against the possibility of ships of other nations masquerading under the Stars and Stripes to run contraband to the Spanish combatants.

Bona-fide American shipping, however, will not be searched.

The international blockade of the Spanish coast has been ordered to start at midnight of next Monday, April 19, to enforce the "hands off Spain" committee's embargo of further foreign arms or men entering Spain.

Warships of Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany will enforce Spain in collaboration with the committee's land agents on Spain's French and Portuguese frontiers.

The 27 nations participating in the neutrality committee's effort to insulate Europe from a spread of the Spanish war are bound by the embargo to prevent their ships from carrying men or munitions to Spain.

WHEAT TAILSPINS IN SELLING RUSH

CHICAGO, April 16.—(AP)—Demoralized general selling reported in European markets regardless of price, with huge spot loss orders executed, led today to excited tumbles of wheat prices here.

In a twinkling, 5 cents a bushel on many transactions were slashed from the values of wheat both in Chicago and Winnipeg, the most radical immediate setback permitted by trade rules. Violent fluctuations soon followed, and when comparative order was restored after wild initial dealings, the Chicago market ruled about 2 cents to 3 cents lower than yesterday's finish.

Leading Chicago specialists in wheat said a world wide wave of general liquidating sales had been precipitated by gold rumors, and that there was, besides, a nearly universal impression that the Canadian government grain board had been selling its holdings of May wheat futures at a greatly accelerated rate.

Driver Acquitted

OSHEON CITY, April 16.—(AP)—The circuit court jury acquitted Dr. Harvey W. Freeze, Oregon City, of involuntary manslaughter yesterday in connection with the traffic death of Albert Pate, 23, near Canby last New Year's eve.

SOCIAL SECURITY PHASES ILLEGAL

BOSTON, April 16.—(AP)—The United States circuit court of appeals today ruled unconstitutional both the unemployment insurance tax provision and the old age assistance provision of the social security act.

Two of the three justices held the provisions illegal.

Both provisions of the act had been challenged by George P. Davis, a public utility stockholder.

The court in ruling the unemployment insurance tax unconstitutional said "The issue is not what powers congress ought to have to meet conditions as viewed by the executive and legislative branches of the government, but what powers are vested in congress under the constitution."

The supreme court through a long series of opinions has defined those powers and the limitations upon them. If the constitution as construed through the years requires amendments to meet new conditions the way is provided therein."

GLENN TERRILL NAMED IRRIGATION SECRETARY

KLAMATH FALLS, April 16.—(AP)—Glenn Terrill, for 12 years deputy Klamath county assessor, has been named by the board of directors to succeed A. L. Crawford as secretary of the Klamath irrigation district.

Terrill is a member of a well known Jackson county family and was at one time assistant cashier of a Medford bank.

SAWMILL OPENING DELAYED BY RAIN

Starting of the sawmill of the Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon Lumber company), scheduled for today, has been deferred on account of rain in the hills making logging operations impossible, General Manager James H. Owen said today.

Logging operations started last Monday in the Butte Falls district, but were suspended, due to weather conditions. The ground was so soggy the heavy caterpillars could not operate, and when they did, left a sea of mud. Woodmen are now engaged in attempting to drain the land to speed the work as much as possible.

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Owen said the sawmill would be started as soon as the weather will permit. "A few days of sunshine would dry the ground sufficiently," he thought.

Under present conditions, not enough logs can be turned out to keep the mill pond full.

ELDERLY WORKERS TO BE REINSTATED ON WPA PAYROLLS

PORTLAND, April 16.—(AP)—J. C. Albright, deputy state administrator, announced today the immediate reinstatement of all WPA applicants between 65 and 70 years old.

They were dropped from the work relief rolls last year and the early part of this year, Albright said the order developed in a long-distance conference with E. J. Griffith, administrator, now at Washington.

Between 800 and 1000 persons will be affected by the shift in policy. Reinstatement will depend upon eligibility for direct relief or ability to work.

Griffith's aide pointed out that persons eligible for old age pension benefits under the social security program will not be removed from the WPA rolls. Those applying for social security aid for federal projects until benefit payments are received.

Harold Grey, district director, said today that it was impossible to state definitely the number of former WPA workers in this district who would be affected. Not much reaction was expected in the county, he pointed out, because some who had been dropped from the rolls had undoubtedly procured other employment.

"The ruling will affect only those persons who were released from WPA employment because of their age. Reinstatement will be based entirely upon the present relief need and the ability to perform the types of work now available on WPA projects," he said.

Grey explained that there were only 15 bona-fide signers to the petition circulated early in March requesting reinstatement to WPA work, and that he knew of several of the signers who had made other arrangements.

ARNSPIGER IS NAMED CHAMBER PRESIDENT FOR SECOND TENURE

Olen Arnsperger was re-elected president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the board of directors in the Hotel Medford this afternoon. He will serve for the 1937-38 year, this being his second consecutive term of office.

A. S. V. Carpenter was elected vice-president, Eugene Thordike treasurer, and A. H. Banwell manager. Mr. Banwell has served as manager for the past four years and is now beginning his fifth year with the organization.

The election cleared the way for the chamber's annual banquet-meeting to be held in the Hotel Medford at 6:30 next Thursday evening.

Erl Snell, secretary of state, will be the guest speaker and musical entertainment will be provided by Miss Mary Ann Gates. Motion pictures of the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge will be shown.

The chamber management asked that reservations be made without delay.

SALEM, April 16.—(AP)—The state corporation commissioner approved today the application of the Meier & Frank company, Inc., to sell 183,928 shares of \$10 par value stock.

FAIR AND FROST PREDICTION FOR VALLEY TONIGHT

With the cessation of the continuous showers of the past several days and the approach of a high pressure area from the coast, weather officials today predicted fair weather for tonight and tomorrow, with frost expected.

Hot and heavy showers visited the city last night, with 1.8 of an inch of precipitation recorded. Temperatures did not go below freezing last night, minimum reported as 35 degrees and maximum 58. Official forecast this morning was: Fair tonight and Saturday; frost tonight; rising temperature Saturday.

W. J. Hutchinson, United States meteorologist, pointed out that only general forecasts are made from the bureau here, detailed predictions as to frost danger being left to R. O. Rogers, official frost observer, who checks conditions much later in the day. The bureau merely indicates probabilities as to what may be expected, Hutchinson said.

A report from the Table Rock district stated that the recent heavy rains caused a sudden rise in Rogue river, the stream rising out of banks in some low sections and threatening plowed fields in a few instances.

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HIGHWAYS IMPAIRED BY FLOOD WATERS IN TWO MAJOR SECTORS

PORTLAND, April 16.—(AP)—High water left impaired highway communications at two major spots in Oregon today.

The Oregon Motor association reported the east side of the Pacific highway blocked by floods at Harrisburg. Traffic has been re-routed down the west side.

Twenty inches of water hid the roadbed south of Coquille. A pilot car guided automobiles and trucks over the sloopy stretch.

The Crooked river spilled over its banks and threatened damage to homes in West Prineville.

Flood waters rose in West Salem but resulted in only minor losses. The Willamette river dropped rapidly through the night at Eugene after reaching a record peak late yesterday.

The death of J. Fred Mines, Seattle salesman, in an automobile and William Mehl, Clackamas county, who was struck by an uprooted snag, were the only losses of life in the heavy April rainstorms.

The United States weather bureau promised Oregon fair weather tonight and Saturday. Lower temperatures may bring spring frosts.

SIDE GLANCES

Dick Sleight precariously balancing a chocolate soda in each hand while crossing Main Street in busy midday traffic, he succeeded in reaching his destination with both concoctions still intact.

Fred Underwood already recruiting players for a tentative littenball team and painting advantages of the game in superlative terms.

Helen Hirsch looking as pretty as a couple of pictures in her new and very modish library smock.

Bob Gilstrap abruptly calling off a well-planned snort to Eugene because the stream there were too high for fishing, others in the party not caring two cents about snail-fishing.

Aimee's Private Nurse Tells of Family Strife

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—(AP)—The private nurse of Aimee Semple McPherson testified today that Jacob Moidel told the evangelist he considered her "insane, childish, incompetent and without any business sense."

The nurse, Ella Nordin, is a witness against Roberta Semple, Aimee's estranged daughter, who is suing Willard Andrews, her mother's attorney, for \$130,000 on slander charges.

Moidel told Aimee, Miss Nordin said, that Rhena Crawford, former associate temple pastor and now Mrs. McPherson's enemy, felt the same way about Aimee's mentality as he did.

Mrs. McPherson said today, commenting upon reports that there might be a reconciliation between her and her estranged mother, Mrs. Moidel (Mrs. Keeney), that she would make no overtures.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund, bid \$10.14; asked \$11.10.

Quarterly Income, bid \$18.30; asked \$20.05.

BUS, TROLLEY STRIKE PUTS AKRON ON FEET

AKRON, O., April 16.—(AP)—Bus drivers and street car operators staged a sudden walkout today and left 300,000 residents of greater Akron without service.

A picket line formed around the barns and no cars or buses were available.

A spokesman for the Akron Transportation Co., with which the Amalgamated Electrical Railway, Street Car and Motor Coach Employees of America had been conducting negotiations, claimed the walkout came without warning, although wage negotiations had been in progress for several weeks.

Roosevelt Holds Silence On Court Pack, Strikes

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declined again today to discuss congressional developments in connection with his court program.

He also declined once more to talk about sit-down strikes.

Questioned about the supreme court decision upholding the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the chief executive said he was not prepared to discuss the issue he had not had time to read carefully the majority and minority opinions.

Questioned specifically about the proposal of Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) to compromise the supreme court enlargement proposal by providing for two new justices instead of a possible maximum of six, the president replied a new amendment was put forward every ten or fifteen minutes.

Nevertheless, talk of compromise persisted as the senate judiciary committee heard the end of its long hearings on the court measure.

James E. Freeman, Episcopal bishop of the Washington diocese, was the opposition's leading witness today in what may prove to be the last session of the hearing. He was to be followed by former Senator Brookhart of Iowa, a supporter of the bill.

Freeman told the committee that tampering with the independence of the courts "may lead to a situation that would make this great democracy an oligarchy, the sport and plaything of ruthless and self-seeking despots."

Warning against destruction of "reverence and respect for law," Freeman warned that it might lead to "a situation like those which have disrupted strong states and empires."

"In our fancied security, our trust in our genius and our free institutions" he said, "we may be rudely awakened one day to a realization of our folly, and then only to find ourselves incapable of dealing with emboldened forces that have taken the law into their own hands."

The committee will meet tomorrow in closed session to vote on a motion by Senator Hughes (D-Ind.) to close the testimony.

Role Of Scarlett Remains Unfilled Says Film Firm

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., April 16.—(AP)—Selznick International Pictures company reiterated today that no one has been cast yet in the film version of "Gone With the Wind," although Tallulah Bankhead's manager announced at St. Louis that she had been offered the role of Scarlett O'Hara.

"As a matter of fact," officials said, "Director George Zukor is still searching through the south for an unknown, or comparatively unknown, actress for the leading part."

There has been some speculation on the probable cast for Margaret Mitchell's novel than any other subject in recent film history. Norma Shearer, not long ago, expressed regret she was unable to enact the heroine after her name was mentioned with Miriam Hopkins, Carole Lombard and other actresses as candidates.

EAGLE POINT STUDENTS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

The student body of Eagle Point high school today expressed their appreciation to the many Medford merchants and business men who cooperated with them in producing the school's first annual.

The year book will be ready for distribution about May 14, according to Ralph Lamb, assistant business manager of the annual staff.

Hunt For Glamour Replaces Babies In Feminine Heart

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The American Society of Newspaper editors heard today that beauty, social ease and style have superseded children, church and kitchen in women's interests.

Alice Hughes, New York American columnist, said in an address prepared for the editors' 15th annual convention that the new trinity constitutes glamour.

"Just as men seek adventure, so women seek glamour," she said. "It is not merely a synonym for romance. It is a romance with a bad dose of wish fulfillment."

"Now mind you, I am not denying there is interest in the scientific disporting of babies and the proper way of preparing meat and potatoes. But I am saying these are the idiom of yesterday."