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# CIO. REPELS BACK-TWO-WORK PROGRAM



**News Behind The News**  
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Goin' Fishin'.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Withdrawal of Vice-President Garner from the Washington scene was variously portrayed as a society departure, a vacation trip and a dust bowl excursion.

It was really the last retreat of conservatism from the court of the new order. The truth is this: The vice-president was the president's legislative leader.

Garner, more than any other, handled the business of getting legislation through. He included it well, even up to and including the supreme court packing plan. But two matters developed upon which he was in strong conscientious disagreement with the policy followed by the White House. One is the sit-down strike. The other is the economy government spending, balancing the budget, or whatever you choose to call it.

Mr. Garner is a forthright kind of man, who says what he thinks, even when it is something his boss may not like to hear. No hard words were spoken. No strong action was taken, but a friendly understanding developed. There was nothing left for the vice-president to do except to go fishing.

And, unless the moon outshines the sun, and stars fall on Texas, Mr. Garner will keep on fishing until specifically recalled to Washington by the president for a specific purpose.

Inside.  
The reason Mr. Garner was moved so deeply about the spending and sit-down situations is not hard to find. Only once in his life has he been in debt. Only once in his life, since he was married, did he have less on any January 1 than he had on the preceding January 1. He lived his life on the basis of pay-as-you-go. And he lived it on a basis of respect for law and authority, because he can remember the years when he carried a six-shooter, not for advertising, but for protection.

His legislative experience was all along that line, too. He spent the greater part of his career fighting against Republican administrations, against Coolidge, Hoover and particularly against the treasury secretaries, Mellon and Mills. It was therefore easy for him to fit in with the social reforms of the new order, up to the time when sit-downs went unchallenged and spending continued as recovery increased.

As his delegates nominated President Roosevelt at Chicago, they became good friends. Mr. R. hand no one at hand with the congressional background of Garner. The V-P sat in with the cabinet, counseled on matters of policy, and like other advisers, won and lost for his viewpoint. He was the main conservative.

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**Lane Workers Eye CIO.**  
EUGENE, June 15.—(AP)—An announcement that the Willamette valley sawmill and timber workers union will vote tomorrow night on the question of affiliating with the committee for industrial organization was made today. Some 800 men will cast ballots.

**State Park Visitors**  
SALEM, June 15.—(AP)—A total of 60,594 people visited the state parks during the week ending June 8, including 10,000 at DePor Bay on the coast and 7,000 at Silver Creek.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
by  
TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Jerry Jerome declaring he didn't care how much mayhem was committed inside the razzini arena but he didn't like to see homicides committed outside.

Gene Biebe being unable to let anything out of his car radio except by standing on the ground and holding an aerial in his mitts.

Clyde Fichtner, the Beau Brummel of the police department, gallantly helping a lady by franking her car on a downtown street.

Frank Rogers proudly demonstrating his car gadget that lights a cigarette without drawing on it, Frank pointing out that most gadgets don't give you a light even when you puff a puff.

## VIOLENCE FLARES IN STEEL STRIKE; PEACE HOPE SLIM

**New Auto Strife Feared — Hate Boils As Rival Unions Battle at Mills**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 15.—(AP)—Gov. Martin L. Davey's conference attempting to bring peace to the strike-beset steel industry broke up today without any agreement being reached.

Armed citizens bent on preserving order patrolled the streets as peace efforts of Gov. Martin L. Davey of Ohio collapsed in Columbus.

Steel company officials left the Davey conference in the Ohio capitol saying briefly that their opposition to signed contracts with the steel workers' organizing committee was unchanged.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 15.—(AP)—The CIO stage of steel involving 80,000 strike-lame men in seven states of the Great Lakes region, gathered momentum today with renewed skull-cracking bloodshed and a threat of fresh strife in the Detroit automobile field.

Internecine union violence broke out at Ambridge, Pa., as 500 CIO pickets assaulted 30 members of the rival AFL seeking to return to work at the National Electric Products company. Violence injured nine at Bethlehem Steel's Cambria works.

A move for peace went forward at Columbus, O., where Governor Martin L. Davey sought to bring steel and C. I. O. leaders together in agreement. But the pre-conference atmosphere was gloomy.

End of Chanting.  
At Ambridge, nearly a club of AFL men were beaten with clubs as they marched toward the company gates, chanting:

"We're going to work!"  
Police fired tear-gas shells, but the AFL back-to-work movement failed. The men did not get into the plant.

In Detroit, Homer Martin, head of the United Automobile Workers of America, conferred with representatives of 17 locals throughout the country. Speculation immediately arose concerning new demands the UAW will present to General Motors corporation on expiration of a "truce" agreement on August 1.

The demands under consideration reportedly include:

A blanket wage increase of 10 cents an hour, which would add \$500,000 to the corporation's annual payroll; a 7-hour day and 5-day week and sole collective bargaining rights for the UAW in all General Motors plants.

At Warren, Ohio, steel moved from the Republic steel plant for the first time in three weeks. Under the guard of railroad police, 35 carloads of raw materials were shunted into the mill, and 35 carloads of steel went out.

No effort was made at the picketed gates to restrain movements. Later, however, the Pennsylvania railroad said that an hour after the removal of the cars, a foot of track on the Ashland-Niles branch of the railroad was dynamited.

Meanwhile, here in historic Conemaugh valley—scene of the great flood of 1889—hate and fear boiled to the top as hard-fisted steel workers and strikers battled over the right to return to work.

From Buttermilk Falls, at the east end of the valley, where flood waters swept around the bend to destroy Johnstown long ago, down seven and one-half miles to the point where the flood boiled against a huge stone bridge, citizens gathered today in sullen groups.

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**BRITAIN DEFAULTS ON DEBT PAYMENT**

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Great Britain added its name again today to the list of defaulters on their war debt to the United States.

In language almost identical with previous communications on the subject, Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British ambassador, notified Secretary Hull that his government's installment of \$88,670,765 due today would not be met. He added that as yet Great Britain had no proposal to offer looking toward a settlement of the account now in default since 1933.

Six other war debtors previously notified this government of their inability to meet the regular semi-annual payment, the total of which, including installments already in arrears, amounts to \$1,320,159,963.

## May Enjoin Elaine



LOS ANGELES, June 15.—(AP)—Elaine Barrie Barrymore was ordered to appear in superior court next Monday to show cause why she should not be enjoined from appearing in a movie, "How to Undress in Front of Your Husband."

E. K. Nadel, who also named Duane Esper, film producer, in the petition filed yesterday, claimed Sherrill C. Cohen had copyrighted the title and had given him the exclusive right to use it in this country.

Miss Barrie, divorced wife of John Barrymore, is using the name Elaine Barrymore in personal appearances at theaters.

## COURT PACK PLAN DEBATE TIME UP TO SEN. ROBINSON

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Administration forces left it up to Majority Leader Robinson (D., Ark.) today to decide when to begin senate debate on the Roosevelt court bill.

The heavy-set Arkansan, boomed by many of his colleagues for a place on the supreme court, kept his own counsel. He took no formal notice of reports that efforts to devise an acceptable compromise were proceeding in private.

The court bill was put on the calendar yesterday after ten members of the judiciary committee submitted a fiery report opposing its enactment.

Any member may ask at any time that the measure be considered. If anyone objected, a motion to force consideration could be made.

A leading opposition senator, who asked not to be quoted by name, said he would not come from the floor unless Robinson takes the initiative within two weeks.

Another opponent, however, said his group expected to discuss strategy later this week before deciding whether to hasten the debate.

Once it does begin, they said, arguments on the bill adding up to six justices to the supreme court—unless justices over 70 retire—may last more than six weeks.

"Unless the 'packing plan' and a proposal for 'roving justices' are dropped," said Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.), "this session won't be over by October."

Senator Minto (D., Ind.), supporting the president, said the administration group was willing to stick it out until a vote was reached.

"We'll move beds into the senate and stay as long as necessary," he added.

Compromise suggestions by Senators Hatch (D., N. M.) and Andrews (D., Fla.) received renewed study by some of the 20 or more uncommitted senators.

Hatch, who proposed adding one justice a year unless those over 70 retire, said he would vote against any basically different compromise.

**BULLETIN**  
WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—William P. Connery, Jr., a Democratic representative from Massachusetts died today at a hospital here. He was 48 years old.

**Schulmerich, Banker, State Leader, Passes**  
HILLSBORO, June 15.—(AP)—An illness of several weeks ended last night in the death of Edward Schulmerich, 74, president of the Commercial National bank and former state legislator. He played a part in the development of the present state system of higher education as a member of the legislature.

## LABOR WRANGLING TRIES PATIENCE OF PUBLIC, CLAIM

**Chairman General Foods Report On Union Finances and Peace Needed.**

BOSTON, Mass., June 15.—(AP)—Colby M. Chester, chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, told the Boston Chamber of Commerce today that "modern, enlightened" business management believes "it is economic suicide to advocate the plying of unfairly low wages."

Chester, chairman of the General Foods corporation, asserted in a prepared address, that "enlightened management, and by that I mean honest management, wants and desires to function harmoniously with labor, but it takes two to shake hands, and the sooner that is realized the sooner will the public's patience be restored. As a matter of fact, I believe the majority of employers are realizing it as well as the majority of employees."

"Business enterprises submit audited financial reports to their stockholders. Some unions with reputedly more stockholders than any industrial corporation do not submit financial reports to their rank and file membership, and the public is beginning to wonder why. That certainly is the businesslike thing to do; moreover, it is the honest thing to do. Perhaps labor membership will do it voluntarily rather than await legal requirement."

"Officers and agents of business concerns accept legal responsibilities for their actions. It seems only reasonable that officers and agents of labor organizations should accept similar responsibilities.

"Strikes today dominate the headlines. Certainly management does not deny labor's right to strike. But it does ask, and in this I believe it has public support, that a strike should only be sanctioned when it is approved by a majority of labor members, acting after sober discussion and secret ballot.

"I am definitely of the opinion that a general strike, causing hardship to countless innocent bystanders and great financial loss to everyone, does not merit with public approval. And certainly there is no support whatever for the illegal occupation of property belonging to others." "The public is in the mood for good times and harmony. It is saying, in effect, 'Cut out all the wrangling and let's get down to business. There's plenty of room for all and plenty for all in this abundant land—so let's go.'"

## FARLEY NAMED IN MAIL DELAY SUIT

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The Republic Steel corporation filed suit in federal district court today to compel the postoffice department to deliver packages to its strike-besieged plants at Warren and Niles, Ohio.

The mandamus action demanded that the postoffice department withdraw "an unofficial promulgation in respect of irregular mail."

The petition, signed by R. J. Wysox, president of the steel company, named Postmaster General James A. Farley as defendant, and demanded that he should cause by June 22 why the department should not accept any matter mailed to the plants that complies with postal laws and regulations.

Wysox contended that mailing of foodstuffs into the plants was legal and did not violate any postal law or legal regulation.

## HALT FARM BILL AT THIS SESSION

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Congressional leaders decided today at a conference with Secretary Wallace to abandon their efforts to pass the administration farm bill at this session of congress.

They persuaded Wallace that the complex legislation—combining soil conservation, price adjustments and production control—should not be enacted because the measure would seriously delay balancing of the budget, since it calls for an expenditure of about \$100,000,000 in addition to the \$500,000,000 already appropriated for soil conservation.

**Commentator Fades**  
MOSCOW, June 15.—(AP)—I. Mikulinski, commentator on American political affairs in the official government newspaper, Izvestia, has disappeared from his apartment in the United States embassy building. It was disclosed today.

## High Gared Facts Taunt Mad Lady Held for Speeding

CHICAGO, June 15.—(AP)—Accused of speeding 38 miles an hour, Dorothy Bradshaw told the court her car wouldn't go 23 miles an hour and that she'd give it to anyone who could drive it 40.

Police Officer Harry Witt climbed behind the wheel and took Miss Bradshaw for a ride—at 43 miles an hour.

Motorcycle Officer Wesley Brown Jr., who trailed the car and clocked it at 46, has put in the first bid to buy Witt's new automobile when the owner fulfills her promise.

## SPANISH REBELS FIGHT WAY INTO BASQUE CAPITOL

**Bilbao Defenders Fall Back and Women and Children Depart.**

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, June 15.—(AP)—Grim Basque militiamen hurriedly threw up street barricades today for a last stand defense against insurgents fighting their way into Bilbao. Insurgent rifle bullets fell in the streets.

Houses near the outskirts of the ancient capital were turned into machine gun and rifle nests. Expert snipers picked advantageous spots from which to harry the invaders.

While the "last stand" preparations were being rushed, the rifle bullets from the outskirts, ping-ponging into the cobblestone streets, brought home to defenders how close modern fighting has drawn to a city which has been invincible for centuries.

Border advisers said the defenders were facing the onslaught calmly.

During the night, government artillery inside the city started a heavy bombardment of insurgent positions. While the shelling was at its height, long lines of automobiles sped out of Bilbao and along the Biscay coast, carrying refugees toward Santander.

Many women, old men and wounded fled from the city which they had refused to leave when insurgents first started their drive against Basque allies of the Spanish republic early in April. Thousands of children have been evacuated by sea.

An insurgent communique, which estimated Basque casualties during the last four days at about 6,000, said the attackers were descending to the capital along a line that stretched from Galdacano to the sea on the west side of Bilbao.

Their aim was to surround the city completely before launching a final drive into the streets. By extending their lines across the Nervion near Galdacano, south of Bilbao, insurgents could halt communication to government Santander, to the east, and command the west side of Bilbao as well as the east.

## BASEBALL

American	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	7	0
Boston	5	12	1
Kennedy, Cain and Sewell; Grove and DeBartolis.			

R. H. E.
St. Louis 5 10 0
Philadelphia 1 6 1
Hogsett and Huffman; Caster, Nelson and Brucker; Hayes.

R. H. E.
Cleveland 0 4 1
New York 3 7 1
Harner, Brown, Heving and Pytlak; Huffing and Dickey.

National	R.	H.	E.
Boston	4	4	1
Chicago	5	11	0
Bush and Lopez; Carleton, Bryant and Hartnett.			

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 1
Cincinnati 4 9 0
Hoyt and Phelps; Vandermeer, Hollingsworth and Lombardi.

## BLUM MINISTRY FACES OVERTHROW

PARIS, June 15.—(AP)—Premier Leon Blum's government faced the prospect of overthrow tonight as the communists, important element of his people's front, refused to support his appeal for full powers to solve the financial crisis by devaluing the franc.

## SENATE DEBATES SHIFTING RELIEF COSTS TO CITIES

**F. D. R.'s Program May Encounter Senate Revolt — Debates Start Today**

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Senate administration leaders, fighting to keep intact President Roosevelt's \$1,500,000,000 relief program, centered criticism today on the Byrnes proposal to place a greater share of the federal burden on local communities.

Some senators said the measure might encounter opposition rivaling the House revolt settled only after appeals to the White House. Debate begins this afternoon.

Seven members filed a minority report denouncing as unfair and unwise the recommendation of the appropriations committee that local governments be unable to bear 40 per cent of the cost of WPA projects.

They also criticized a recommendation that congress refuse to reappropriate prospective balances from previous relief funds. "This would mean they contended, curtailing the relief program by about \$100,000,000 and taking 120,000 additional persons from WPA rolls.

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) put forward a proposal that figured in the 1936 presidential campaign—that the relief problem be "returned to the states," with the federal government providing assistance through grants.

The appropriations committee minority, headed by Acting Chairman McKellar (D., Tenn.), said the states, cities and counties would be unable to meet the 40 per cent matching requirement, with the result they would have to take an "unfair pauper's oath" or suffering would result.

The \$1,500,000,000 asked by Mr. Roosevelt for the next fiscal year, they said, represents a reduction of about three billion from last year's relief outlay. WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins they added, has promised not to ask a deficiency appropriation later.

The house, which approved the relief bill after a coalition lost a fight to "amend" funds for a reduction of about three billion from last year's relief outlay, WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins they added, has promised not to ask a deficiency appropriation later.

It would authorize President Roosevelt to appoint from five to fifteen qualified citizens to make recommendations to congress after a national survey.

## AUGUSTA POLICE HEAD A 'SCOFFLAW'

COLUMBIA, Ga., June 15.—(AP)—Col. E. L. Chambers, Jr., director of Augusta's police department, defied demands for enforcement of Georgia's bone dry laws and declared licensed whiskey will be sold here "as long as I have anything to do with it."

Chambers' stand thrust to the fore the question of municipal "home rule" on the liquor issue. The drys won a state-wide repeal referendum last week by a majority of more than 8,200 votes, but Augusta went wet, 4,058 to 3,277, or better than five to one.

Chambers spoke in answer to demands for strict enforcement from church leaders who have asked impeachment of officers who do not back the state's 22-year-old prohibition law.

## ALTURAS MURDER JURY SLOW WORK

ALTURAS, Cal., June 15.—(AP)—Fixed opinions and objections to capital punishment hampered efforts to select a jury today to try Harry French, 30, charged with the murder of Claude C. McCracken, 46, in a newspaper feud.

Although seven persons were excused for cause, neither prosecution nor defense had exercised a peremptory challenge when court adjourned at noon for the day.

Defense attorneys stressed efforts to obtain jurors willing to acquit on insanity grounds. Although there "are some exceptions, talesmen generally replied they would acquit in such circumstances "if the evidence was sufficient and if the court's instructions so permitted."

**Ask Shakespeare Ban.**  
BOSTON, June 15.—(AP)—A suggestion that Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" be banned in Boston public schools has been placed before the school department's board of superintendents.

## Missing Heiress



Mrs. Alice McDonnell Parsons (above) is missing from her Long Island estate and her husband, William H. Parsons, Jr., was reported prepared to negotiate with authors of a crude note which she demanded \$25,000 for her return to her Stony Brook, N. Y., home.

STONY BROOK, N. Y., June 15.—(AP)—Two garbage collectors told federal agents today that last Wednesday, the day Mrs. Alice McDonnell Parsons, society matron, vanished, they were not allowed to enter the Parsons Long Island home when they called. It was the first time such a thing had happened in four years, they said.

The collectors, Arthur Chadwick, 31, and his negro helper, George Winfield, told their story to Earl Connelley, inspector of the federal bureau of investigation, and Assistant District Attorney Lindsay Henry of Suffolk county.

It was their custom to enter the house, they said, to collect the basement and collect the garbage. But that on Wednesday they were met by Mrs. Anna "Upranova, Russian housekeeper and companion to Mrs. Parsons, who pointed to a large package tied with cord, and told them:

"That's all."  
They also told Connelley the Parsons' automobile, which Mrs. Kupronova had said stood outside the house all day, was in the garage when they called.

"This story may be extremely important," Assistant District Attorney Henry said, "a number of very suspicious aspects of this case have developed, but I cannot discuss them now."

## AMELIA ARRIVES AT KARACHI SAFE AFTER LONG HOP

KARACHI, India, June 15.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart arrived here tonight at 7:35 p. m. (9:05 a. m. E.S.T.) completing a long and interrupted hop from Massawa, Eritrea, on her "just for fun" aerial flight around the world.

She had been unreported for more than 29 hours on a leg of her flight that lay over Arabian desert and mountains and for about 1000 miles across the Arabian sea.

Miss Earhart said she flew from Asab, Eritrea, on the African coast of the Red Sea just north of the Gulf of Aden, to Karachi, on the Indian coast of the Arabian sea, in one hop. The airline distance is approximately 1400 miles.

Miss Earhart said she would stay here probably a day but that her tentative plans to take off Thursday depended on the weather.

Her itinerary on the globe-girdling flight, as close as practicable to the Equator, calls for stops at Darwin, Australia, then across the Pacific to Oakland, Calif., by way of the Pacific island route of Pan-American airways.

The district attorney's office said a coroner's inquest would probably be deferred until a report is received from Dr. Mennie.

The nurse in whose room the body was found was expected to return the latter part of this month. Her personal belongings were in the room, she having taken only the usual assortment of vacation clothes, the authorities stated.

## NORTHWEST PEAR CROP PER CENT UP

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15.—(AP)—An unusually backward spring has held growing conditions throughout the northwest below average and the June 1 condition of all crops is "considerably below" the 10-year average, the U. S. department of agriculture said today.

The inclement weather injured fruit prospects, the department's averages showing that the apple crop was 74 per cent of normal, compared to the 1923-32 average of 78 per cent; the peach crop 84 per cent against 88 per cent for the 1923-32 average; the pear crop 78 per cent, or 5 per cent below the 10-year average; the prune crop 35 per cent, or 20 per cent below the 10-year average; while the cherry crop at 84 per cent was 3 per cent below last year. A 10-year average was unavailable.

**New Orleans Widow Passes**  
NEW ORLEANS, La., June 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Champ Clark, 82, widow of the former Democratic speaker of the house, died today.

## INFANT'S REMAINS SENT NORTH FOR EXPERT ANALYSIS

**Authorities Seek to Determine if Baby Found Dead in Ashland Hospital Born Alive.**

The district attorney's office, sheriff's staff and Ashland and state police were today conducting an investigation of the death of a newborn baby whose decomposed body was found yesterday afternoon in a nurse's room in the Ashland Community hospital.

The infant's remains were to be sent today to Portland for a microscopic examination by Dr. Frank Mennie, pathologist of the medical department of the University of Oregon who is considered an outstanding authority on criminology.

Dr. Mennie is to be asked by law enforcement authorities to determine if possible whether the baby was alive when born. The body was so decomposed that authorities said it could not be established by ordinary processes whether or not the infant was alive at birth.

It is understood that whether the commission of a crime can be established depends in large measure on whether it can be determined that the baby was born alive.

Dr. Harvey A. Woods, Ashland city health officer, was quoted by authorities as estimating that the baby had been dead three to four months when the body was discovered.

The body was found wrapped and tied in paper inside a woman's traveling case. The luggage case was found in a clothes closet in a hospital basement room that had been occupied by a nurse who left for the east on a month's vacation June 1, the district attorney's office said.

Bad odors emanated from the room some time ago and the smell was called to the nurse's attention, the investigating authorities said they had been informed. The nurse, they stated, suggested that perhaps the odors were caused by a dead rat. After that, they asserted, the nurse burned large amounts of incense in the room.

City Attorney Frank J. Van Dyke was told about the odors yesterday by Miss Ardath Loehner when she consulted him regarding sub-leasing the hospital which is city-owned. Mr. Van Dyke immediately started an investigation.

Mr. Van Dyke and Police Chief Charles P. Talent entered the room and found the body in the suitcase, the authorities said.

Dr. Woods and Will Dodge, deputy county coroner, were called immediately and a thorough inquiry was begun. Assistant District Attorney George W. Neilson and Sheriff Syd L. Brown went to Ashland to take charge of the investigation.

The body was moved to the J. F. Dodge mortuary and later prepared for shipment to Dr. Mennie. There was a depression on one side of the head but that could be caused by the body's lying on its side. Dr. Woods was quoted as saying, "There were no skull fractures, the district attorney's office said. It was believed the baby had reached full or nearly full normal growth before delivery because the fingernails were well developed."

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## MASS FAINTINGS DUE TO HYSTERIA

LILLE, France, June 15.—(AP)—Seventy girl workers collapsed today in two eerie mass faintings at a little sugar refinery.

Thirty fell to the floor, swooning this morning, and 40 more fainted this afternoon.

When some 400 employees collapsed last Thursday while at work, the employers first thought they must have been overcome by gas. But blood tests failed to reveal any trace of gas or other poison.

Now the physicians blamed the prostrations to heat.

Then the doctors are investigating the possibility that mass hysteria induced by auto-suggestion, overcame them.