

GRANTS PASS UNION HEAD KIDNAPED



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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Did friends of the administration shiver when they heard the constitutionality of the wages-hour bill questioned? They did not.
"I challenge any man to say that he has studied section 8 (a) of the bill and believes it is constitutional," charged Senator Byrnes of South Carolina during the heated debate before the measure passed the senate presenting a memorandum to back up his view.
Section 8 (a) aims to protect interstate commerce from competition from interstate business carried on under substandard labor conditions. This section, says the senator's "memo," would "regulate the labor relations of the local manufacturers and local merchants who sell their goods only in one state, and it is clear that this is exactly what the Schechter case (under which NRA was invalidated by the supreme court) was held congress cannot constitutionally do."
When the senator's words echoed over Pennsylvania avenue, there was, according to the old gray squirrel on the White House lawn, a noticeable reaction. But not a shiver; quite the contrary. It sounded very much like laughter.
Here is the O. G. S.'s comment in his own words:
"The unconstitutional the better."
Seriously, the explanation is something like this:
If labor's Magna Charta No. 2 were to be bowled over by the supreme court, believers in reformation of the judiciary declare it would give further impetus to the reform—in other words, it would rally support for another court bill which, according to present administration plans, will be presented now or later anyway.
When Senator Pat Harrison stepped off the reservation and buried the weight of his well-known invective against the new labor standards issue, he knew just how far he was stepping. He had made his decision some time before.
The White House expected his action—prepared for more of the same.
As mentioned in this column about the time the Mississippi senator went to the White House with Senator Barkley following the latter's one-vote victory as floor leader, the strategy was to offer Senator Harrison

VICTIM BROUGHT TO MEDFORD BY HOODED CAPTORS

Bill Steffers Claims Assaultants Beat Him—Records of New Restaurant Employees' Union Also Taken

W. L. Steffen, Grants Pass culinary worker, purportedly kidnapped and ordered to depart this section, did not arrive from Klamath Falls by stage this afternoon, according to A. L. Rice, general organizer for the A. P. of L.
Rice said he was advised by telephone from Klamath Falls that Steffen was "jittery" and he would telephone Klamath Falls later this afternoon to determine why Steffen missed the stage.
Rice also said he intended to return to Grants Pass with Steffen, if and when he arrived. Rice said the charter and books of the Grants Pass culinary union were missing.
GRANTS PASS, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The mystery of the disappearance Tuesday of Bill Steffers, secretary of the new local of the Restaurant Employees union, was partly cleared today with receipt of a letter from Steffens, mailed at Klamath Falls in which he said he had been kidnapped from his room by three masked men.
The letter, received by Roy McCleary, a chef, said the men beat Steffers, gave him a railroad ticket and warned him that if he returned it would be "first first."
The alleged assaultants were referred to as the "associated gunmen of Grants Pass."
Steffers wrote that he would return and bring charges against his abductors after conferring with G. C. Taitman, secretary of the Klamath Falls union.
Charging that the charter and other records of the union were missing, A. L. Rice, Klamath Falls union organizer, said he has telephoned Ben Osborne of the State Federation of Labor asking that William Green, A. P. of L. president, be informed of the meeting.
R. McLennan of Grants Pass said he was visited Monday night by five hooded men who ransacked his place in search of union records, forced him to sign a note asking Steffers to meet him and ordered him to go to bed.
A third man, Bob Cumming, also charged his room had been forcibly invaded by three men. In this instance without masks, looking for Steffers. He said he had offered to

Kid Marries Ninth Time



Norman Selby, who as Kid McCoy once held the world's middleweight boxing title, made his ninth matrimonial venture yesterday. The Kid, now 64, is employed by the Ford Motor Co., in Detroit. He is shown here with his bride, Mrs. Sue Cobb Cowley. (A.P. Photo)

PROBLEM FOR SOLOMON IN KIDNAPING OF BABY

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Assistant State's Attorney Wilbert P. Crowley said a 30-month-old boy police believed had been kidnapped last night from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Horst was found today at the home of another couple who claimed to be his real parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Regan admitted, Crowley said, they took the child while Mrs. Horst battled, screaming, to prevent it.
The Regans denied, however, making any telephone call purporting to be a demand for \$5,000 ransom. Mrs. Horst reported a call to police shortly after the child was taken.
The amazing circumstances which

ENRAGED FATHER SLASHES FOUR CHILDREN TO DEATH

COLUMBUS, Ky., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Accused by his wife of slaying their four children to death with a butcher knife and stabbing her, W. J. Morse, 45, was rushed away from a crowd of threatening neighbors late last night, it was learned today.
The wife, Mrs. Jane Morse, 42, was stabbed in the back five times and a physician who examined her today said she might not live. The tragedy occurred at the Morse home near the little Mississippi river town, once surveyed by order of President Thomas Jefferson, as a possible site for the capital of the United States before Washington was selected.
Mrs. Morse said her husband became enraged in an argument when she remonstrated with him, as she

SECRET SERVICE BREAKS HUGE COUNTERFEIT GANG

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—(AP)—William H. Houghton, in command of secret service agents in this district, announced today the seizure of a gang of eight persons, responsible, he said, for the circulation of half the counterfeit money in the country.
Houghton said the investigation of the gang lasted four months—so thorough was the search for evidence and so clever were the members of the band.
The last of the eight was seized this morning, Houghton said.
The capture netted \$20,000 in counterfeit \$20 New York federal reserve notes and in \$10 silver certificates, dangerous enough to fool the average small shopkeeper, but not good enough to fool a bank clerk, the secret service agent said.
One of those arrested, he said, was

RAILROADERS FOR STRIKE TO FORCE PAY HIKE DEMAND

96 Per Cent of Five Operating Brotherhoods Vote to Authorize Walkout On Nation's Traffic Ways

CLEVELAND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—David B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, announced today 96 per cent of five operating brotherhoods, voters to authorize a strike on the nation's railroads if their demands for a 20 per cent wage increase were not met.
Robertson and representatives of the other four brotherhoods met after completion of the vote tabulation today and agreed to meet with a national conference committee of the employers in Chicago Aug. 11.
Two days ago, leaders of 14 non-operating brotherhoods of railroad workers announced 98 per cent of their 800,000 members voted to authorize a strike if the wage demands were not met. The non-operating brotherhoods include clerks, shopmen and others not involved directly in operation activities.
Balloting among the operating brotherhoods took approximately three weeks and more than 100 tabulators worked several days to count the ballots.

VANDERBILT BOAT WINS THIRD HEAT BY NEARLY MILE

ABOARD COAST GUARD CUTTER ARGO, OFF NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 4.—(AP)—After setting a record for the 15-mile boat to windward, Harold S. Vanderbilt's Ranger today gained her third straight victory in defense of the America's cup, finishing nearly a mile in front of T. O. M. Sopwith's British challenger, Endeavour II, at the end of the 30-mile windward-leeward course.
Ranger finished at 5:34:30 p. m. (E.S.A.), official timing.
Off to a perfect start, with a margin of two boat lengths over the blue-hulled British ship as she crossed the starting line, Ranger increased that margin to three-quarters of a mile as she rounded the outward mark. She sailed the 15-mile windward leg in 2 hours 5 minutes 47 seconds, 38 seconds better than the previous mark, set by Rainbow in her first race against Endeavour I in 1934.
Rainbow also was skippered by Vanderbilt, who now needs only one more victory to complete his third successful defense of the international yacht trophy which is known affectionately as the "old mug." He also was at the wheel in 1930, when Enterprise defeated the late Sir Thomas Lipton's last challenger, Shamrock V.
Endeavour II finished at 3:38:37 p. m. (E.S.T.), official timing, four minutes and 27 seconds behind the white-hulled, snub-nosed defender. On this homeward run Ranger gained 15 seconds.
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PIN-BALL ATTORNEY DENIES MARION BAN

SALEM, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Walter L. Toose, Portland attorney for John Craig, Marion county pin-ball operator, said today he would seek dismissal of Craig's injunction suit, the last remaining pin-ball and marble case in the county.
Craig obtained a temporary injunction restraining county officials from interfering with his operations.
Toose denied Assistant Attorney General Ralph L. Moody's contention that Monday's supreme court order dismissing cases of two other operators is tantamount to banning machines from the county.

Willamette Unsafe Swimmers Are Told

EUGENE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The Willamette river was termed "Unsafe" today for swimmers following earlier warnings by health officers that there have been no cases of infection reported by swimmers this summer.
Pendergast, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Residents of this city again are able to water lawns and gardens freely, following the lifting of restrictions in force since July 17, allowing irrigation only every other night. School grounds and parks still are being watered sparingly.

INSURANCE MEN OPEN CONCLAVE HERE THURSDAY

Prominent Executives to Address Sessions—Banquet, Golf Tourney and Sight-seeing Trips On Schedule

Prominent west coast and eastern executives of the insurance business are scheduled to address sessions of the annual convention of the Oregon State Agent's association here tomorrow and Friday. Between 100 and 150 delegates are expected to be present.
Business sessions will be held in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium. The annual banquet, an informal affair, will be held in the Hotel Medford at 7 o'clock Friday evening.
A golf tourney, sightseeing trip to Crater lake and other entertainment have been arranged for the visitors.
The complete program follows:
Thursday
8:30 a.m.—Registration desk opens, Hotel Medford, J. C. Collins, chairman.
9:30 a.m.—Call to order—Auditorium, courthouse—President Claude Naaburg, presiding.
9:40 a.m.—Address of welcome, Judge Earl Day.
9:50 a.m.—Response to welcome—L. M. Brainerd, public relations committee, Oregon Special Agents' association.
10:00 a.m.—Annual address of president Claude Naaburg, Marshfield.
10:30 a.m.—Message from Hugh H. Earle, insurance commissioner, Oregon.
11:00 a.m.—Address: Hugh Lacey of the P. H. L. Greenway company, general agent, Portland, subject, "Inconsistencies in the Insurance Business."
11:20 a.m.—Address: R. M. Alton, chief trust officer, Union.

JAPS BLAST PATH FOR CHINA MARCH

By the Associated Press.
Continuous aerial bombardments, Japanese authorities declared today, have routed western concentrations of the Chinese army and blasted a clear path for Japan's march across North China.
A pamphlet scattered by Japanese warplanes said "all northern Hopeh has been occupied."
A Chinese concentration at Pao-tung, 85 miles south of Peiping, "perished or fled" in an aerial bombardment.
Parallel columns of Japanese pressed southward in eastern and western Hopeh towards the border of Shantung province near where the main Chinese armies were believed to be centered. Another Japanese force of 4000 troops, driving north of Peiping, approached Chinese positions around China's great wall.
Peiping itself was quiet. Foreign residents began returning to their homes from embassy compounds.
Japan continued pouring troops into the area from the Manchoukou border and through the great wall passes north of Peiping.

DALLAS YOUTH FINDS WAY TO HOOD CAMP

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Missing near Lost Lake in the Mt. Hood region for two days, William Kennedy, 24, the Dallas, was found by friends late Tuesday, hungry but uninjured. Kennedy, on an outing, became separated from a party and was unable to find his way back to camp.

Japs Wage Ruthless War Says Yankee Eye Witness

PEIPING, Aug. 4.—(AP)—An American writer and his wife reached Peiping from a Buddhist temple refuge today with a story of ruthless warfare.
The Americans—Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lamb of Washington, D. C.—had been isolated in the temple, northwest of Peiping, since the outbreak of "Chinese-Japanese hostilities in the area."
"Thank God we're back in town," Lamb said.
"A Japanese motorized brigade came in from Manchoukou. They had hundreds of tanks. They went through the Chinese troops like a scythe through wheat."
"We saw them bombard Haiyuan. They didn't stop with that. Their airplanes swooped over, spitting machine gun bullets at helpless Chinese

BASEBALL

.....	R. H. E.
Cleveland	5 10 1
Boston	6 10 0
Wyatt, Hoving, Brown and Becker; Ostermuller, Marcum and Desautels.	
.....	R. H. E.
Chicago	9 12 1
New York	10 8 2
Kennedy, Brown, Parmelee and Sewell; Bottarini; Pearson, Harley, Wicker, Murphy and Dickey.	
.....	R. H. E.
Detroit	11 17 1
Philadelphia	7 10 1
Coffman, Poffenberger and York; Kelley, Turberville, Thomas and Brucker.	
.....	R. H. E.
St. Louis	5 8 0
Washington	3 8 1
Hildebrande and Hensley; Deahong, Cohen and Millies.	
National.	
.....	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	10 15 1
Pittsburgh	11 17 0
Pittsburghers; Henshaw, Lindsay and Phelps; Brandt, Bowman, Weaver, Bauers, Tobin, Swift and Todd.	
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Philadelphia	3 11 0
Chicago	1 7 7
Lamster and Alwood; French and Hartnett.	
.....	R. H. E.
New York	4 7 0
Cincinnati	7 2 2
Gumbert and Danning; Schott, Derringer and Lombardi.	

JURY DISAGREES IN ROGUE RIVER BATTLE HEARING

A justice court jury, William Smith, foreman, hearing the trial of Roy Edwards of Rogue River, charged with assault and battery, in a complaint filed by Fred K. Dover, president of the Rogue River Townsend club, was unable to agree, and was discharged by Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman yesterday.
The jury's deliberations were short, and, according to reports, stood three to three on the first ballot, and later shifted to four to two for conviction. One juror expressed the opinion informally after his discharge, "the case never had any business in court."
Testimony in the case varied from the district attorney's office version. Edwards testified he went to the Dover place of business to collect \$50 claimed due for services rendered in preparing beef for the Townsend club. Fourth of July celebration at Rogue River, said to have incurred a financial deficit.
Edwards claimed Dover first struck him on the shoulder, and was hit in the eye. The men sparred about with few blows landing, when Mrs. Dover, it was testified, appeared on the scene with a revolver in her hands. The Dovers then marched Edwards to his auto, and he departed. It was brought out that Dover is a former boxer.
No date has been set for the trial of Cloyd O'Kelley, Arch Ballard, and the Milton brothers, charged in a complaint signed by Special Officer Harry R. Randelman, all of Rogue River, with disorderly conduct. In an altercation at a Townsend club dance at Rogue River last Saturday night, the quartet allegedly acted riotously and hit the policeman in the eye, blacking it. They were released on their own recognizance pending a hearing.

CITY BONDS SOLD ABOVE PAR; RATE OF INTEREST LOW

Camp & Co. Awarded Street Repair Issue at \$100.07 With 2 1/4 P.C. Coupon—Administration Revised

Medford's \$80,000 street repair bond issue was awarded by the city council last night to Camp & Co. of Portland which submitted the best bid.
Camp & Co. bid \$100.07 for each \$100 par value and stipulated an interest rate of 2 1/4 percent. This figure out to an average net interest cost to the city of 2.23 percent.
The sealed bids were opened by the council last night, there being four bidders. Other bidders and their offers were:
E. M. Adams and company of Portland, \$100.37 with a coupon rate of 2 1/4 percent, representing an average net interest cost to the city of 2.37 percent.
Ferris and Hardgrove of Portland, \$100.1257 with a coupon rate of 2 1/4 percent, representing an average net interest cost of 2.47 percent.
First National Bank of Portland, par with a coupon rate of 2 1/4 percent on the first \$40,000 maturities and 2 1/4 percent on the remaining \$40,000, representing an average net interest cost of 2.65 percent.
The bonds are to mature serially over a five-year period. Following formal acceptance of the Camp & Co. bid, the council adopted an ordinance fixing the coupon rate at 2 1/4 percent. Next step, it was explained, is to have counsel pass upon the legality of the issue, a procedure which is expected to require about a week.
To Speed Up Work
As soon as the legality is formally passed upon, the bonds will be signed and delivered to the underwriter and the money will be available for the

BERRYDALE MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Charles E. Ridgway, employee of Hubbard Brothers, was found dead in a playshed behind his residence on Berrydale avenue early this morning.
An autopsy is to be performed this evening at the Peri mortuary to determine cause of death. Coroner Frank Feri said it was apparent Mr. Ridgway died of a heart attack. He was 42 years old.
Mr. Ridgway arose as usual about 5 o'clock this morning. He went out into the back yard to procure wood for a breakfast fire. When he did not return, his wife, Florence, went to look for him and found him dead in the playshed, a relative reported.
Mr. Ridgway was born in Spokane, Wash., September 18, 1895. He came to Medford about 12 years ago. He is survived by his wife and four children, Bobby, Virginia, Barbara and Jimmy.
Funeral arrangements were to be arranged by the Peri funeral home.

CREWS MOPPING UP ROGUE FOREST FIRE

Crews today were mopping up a four-acre fire on the Rogue river national forest near the Greensprings highway south of Hyatt lake. The fire was discovered at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was reported under control at 8 last night. Cause was undetermined.
The blaze was in a highly inflammable timber area and 30 United States and 15 state forest fire fighters were dispatched with three pumps and other equipment. Hugh Ritter, district ranger, rushed to the scene to take charge of the crews and H. C. Obye, assistant supervisor, made an inspection of the operations last night.

Eugene School Head Given Tacoma Post

EUGENE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Howard B. Good, superintendent of city schools here for nine years, said today that he had been officially notified of his appointment as head of the Tacoma, Wash., school system, and indicated that he would accept the position.
He will submit his resignation to the school board here next Monday evening. His contract had recently been renewed for a three-year period.

267 Planes Use Airport In July

Medford municipal airport was utilized by 267 planes in July, it was shown in a report submitted to the council last night by Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., airport manager.
The planes were classified as follows: 62 United States army, 72 private, 2 department of commerce, 4 United States navy and 125 United Air Lines.

Kansas City Hogs Highest In Years

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Hogs brought the highest price in 9 years today at the livestock market—\$13 a hundred pounds. A shortage of hog shipments due to drought and crop failures in recent years accounted for the high price. The shortage is the most acute in market history here.

HARRY BRIDGES CALLS BRIEFLY AT AIRPORT

Harry Bridges, fiery west coast labor leader, was a brief visitor at Medford airport this noon.
He arrived on the United Mainliner from Oakland at 12:27 and left on the same plane for the north at 12:54.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jerry Young rushing out of town to rescue friends stranded in a car whose battery suddenly died of heat prostration or something.
Dick Wright being sent on a phony mission by fellow MT carriers, they making off with a bag of peanuts concealed in his bicycle sack while he was gone.
Glarence Hunt being elected secretary-treasurer of the Southern Oregon-Kansas society for his thoughtfulness in decorating its picnic with a profusion of sunflowers.
Charley Purman, finance chairman, beaming like the Kansas sunflower upon hearing terms of the bids for Medford bonds, he being exceedingly proud of the city's fiscal rating.

Roberta Semple Is Grants Pass Visitor

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Roberta Semple, on a visit in Grants Pass, hinted today she is on "vacation" and does not care to discuss church and family matters nor to be always identified as "daughter of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist."
Instead, she wanted to know about the Oregon Cavern. "What do they do? It must be fun."
Navy Recruiters To Visit Medford

PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A traveling recruiting party for the U. S. navy will visit ten Oregon cities in a tour starting Aug. 15. Lieutenant J. F. Goodwin, commanding the station here, said.
The itinerary will include Hood River, The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and Salem.

Doctor Dies

PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Dr. W. O. Cole, 78, died last night after a short illness. For many years he practiced in Pendleton, later moving here. On one time he represented Umatilla county in the state assembly and subsequently was elected to the senate. His widow survives.