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WAGE-HOUR MEASURE STRIKES SNAG



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WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The most political of Washington's supposed-to-be non-political bodies, the federal communications commission, is due for a cleaning, either from within or without.

Friends of the president say that his idea has been to find a Hercules to fill the position of chairman, made vacant by the death of Anning Prall, and turn the streams of organization efficiency through these Augean stables. A sizable list of candidates has been scanned privately with this in mind.

The alternative to the cleaning from within is a thorough congressional investigation.

The administration, it is whispered, does not want an investigation.

Enemies of the president would, of course, relish the opportunity to get the Roosevelt name into the headlines by summoning Elliot Roosevelt, vice-president of Hearst Radio, as a witness.

The president's son is not only a radio executive, but he is a prospective station owner as well. So is Mrs. Elliot Roosevelt, both having purchased Texas stations subject to the approval of the commission. James Roosevelt had a brief career as a commentator on the Yankee network while he was in the insurance business in Boston.

When Elliot Roosevelt was acting as broker in the sale of four south-west radio stations to the Hearst chain, two of the stations were transferred without hearings before the commission. This, however, is not an uncommon procedure with the commission, but might be a target for the captious.

When the first temporary commission was appointed in 1927, the members were particularly anxious to obtain the blessing of congress and the assurance of permanency. They were so nice that senators and others, with constituents demanding a frequency for a new station or increase of power for an old one, hoped to it and were mightily pleased with their success.

But there was bound to come a reaction. The skyways are wide, but the demands for wave lengths are many. And when John Doe's new or more powerful station crowded the ether, Richard Roe began to cry "interference." The backfire immediately brought charges of political pressure into the open that otherwise might have been averted.

However, the practice established early in the game took hold, and on the commission seemed to have the iron-fist courage to step out and stop it. Chairman Prall had served in congress himself, and presumably had a tender heart for the pleas of his former colleagues.

The sine of the commission may perhaps be exaggerated—some may be only sine of omission, but the tale like the following, while perhaps not typical, gives pause. Quite recently, a woman with considerable radio experience and adequate potential financial backing, wished to purchase a radio station. Important Washington ways, she asked a friend what her first step should be. The friend knew no other approach than to talk directly with the F. C. C. She followed directions, and what was her surprise to be told that the first thing she ought to do was to see her congressman?

That is why the president is supposed to have investigated a search for a radio station.

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THE DALLIES, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The Dallee apricot pool, in which 94 growers, controlling 95 per cent of the district's 1200-ton crop, participated, brought prices which will net growers better than \$45 per ton, the best in many years.

SIDE GLANCES
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Hugo Frohreich searching the poultry marts of Vancouver and Portland for white guinea fowl and returning to Medford empty-handed, there being none, and he now depending on Yankton, S. D., as a last resort.

Ed Walker becoming too hungry to keep his pledge to remain at his Rogue fishing spot for a week if necessary to get another steelhead strike, the Eugene being back to town at the supper bell.

Thirteen-year-old Billy Frederick seeing a \$2 bill for the first time and manifesting great curiosity therein, it being a prize award from the MT

SIDETRACK ACTION BELIEVED WORK OF FARM BILL GROUP

House Rules Committee Calls Off Meeting Slated Thursday for Debate of Administration Measure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace said today if congress wanted to help farmers with government loans on this year's crop it would have to "remain in session or come back before next year."

His statement was interpreted generally to mean that he was opposed to crop loans without enactment of crop control legislation. He made it at a press conference as the close of a day in which various congressional groups had discussed the possibility of making loans this year to farmers who would contract to abide by whatever crop control legislation was enacted early next year.

The senate agriculture committee had before it a bill recommended by a subcommittee this morning and based on that principle.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Stubborn opposition at least temporarily blocked the administration's wage-hour bill today in the house rules committee.

Plans to clear the way for debating the measure tomorrow were sidetracked unexpectedly when Chairman O'Connor (D., N. Y.) announced without explanation a meeting of the committee had been called off.

There were strong indications the decision was intertwined with attempts to work out some sort of settlement of the crop loan-farm legislation situation.

Some rules committee members have announced they would try to keep a wage and hour bill from the house floor until they had assurances a farm bill would be enacted.

Proponents Lack Votes

Following announcement of the postponement, one administration leader told reporters proponents of the bill simply did not have, at the time, enough committee votes to get the wage hour measure to the floor.

Members of an unofficial "steering committee," pledged to support the wage-hour measure, met, while, and decided to take "whatever steps are necessary" to bring the bill to the floor this session.

Representative Healy (D., Mass.), chairman of the group of 25 members, said they would campaign for a democratic caucus if that proved advisable to wrest the bill from the rules committee.

Speaker Barkley, however, told his press conference caucus action was not being considered by the house leadership.

The labor committee was wrestling with the wage and hour problem at the same time. Chairman Norton (D., N. J.) said several amendments had been agreed upon which would put the legislation in "much stronger position before the rules committee."

The labor committee agreed not to (Continued on Page Seven.)

Heart Attack Takes Frederick Strauss

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Frederick Strauss, 72, for many years a partner in the banking firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co., died at his home here today of a heart attack. He was a director of Electric Bond & Share Co., Radio Corp. of America, Tri-Continental Corp. and National Broadcasting Co.

Strauss was regarded as an expert on railroad reorganization.

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Child Slayer Confesses



Officials of New York of Paula Magagna, 8, in (left), ex-convict, confessed the attack-slaying of Paula Magagna, 8, in Brooklyn, with the confessed killer is Detective Edward Mullaney.

CANFIELDS SAY ADIEU TO SOUTHERN OREGON; LEAVE FOR COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Canfield paid their last visit to Medford today before leaving for Estes Park, Colo., where Mr. Canfield will make his headquarters as superintendent of Rocky Mountain national park.

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield were to leave by motorcar today for their new Colorado home upon completion of the packing of their furnishings at their residence here, 1317 Queen Anne avenue. They were to be accompanied by Mrs. Canfield's maid, Miss Hannah Nunn of Jacksonville.

Mr. Canfield, superintendent of Crater lake national park since 1934, was recently promoted to the superintendency of Rocky Mountain national park.

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PINBALL CONTINUANCE ASKED IN DOUGLAS CO.

ROSEBURG, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Petitions asking continuation of pinball and marble games in Douglas county were in circulation here today.

Directed to District Attorney J. V. Long, who has issued an order banning the gaming devices effective midnight, August 14, the petitions call attention to the fact that courts have disagreed upon whether the pinball and marble boards are gambling devices, and ask that the ban be withheld pending final determination by the supreme court.

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The most significant development of the evening, some of the guests said, was a remark by Barkley that as leader he would speak frankly in conveying the views of the senate to the president and vice versa.

Wine Shop Owner Held For Arson

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Warren McMinimise, district attorney, said today that Albert C. Fabry, owner of a wine shop in the Haberly building which was destroyed by fire August 3, had confessed to setting the blaze.

The prosecutor said Fabry assigned as a motive the collection of \$900 insurance on his stock.

A charge of burning personal property with intent to defraud an insurance company was filed and bail was set at \$2,000.

EVOLUTION A JOKE TEACHER CLAIMS SHE TOLD PUPILS

Pennsylvania Pedagogue Charged With Cruelty and Incompetency Is Given Hearing by County Board

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Aug. 11.—(AP)—In a hot, gas-lit country school jammed with overall-clad farmers and glum-faced housewives, a discharged school mistress testified Friday that she told pupils evolution was a "joke."

Bugs dashing about the screened gas lamps threw shadows over the square little room as the middle-aged Mrs. Laura Elms Morris, charged with cruelty and incompetency, admitted she struck a 14-year-old student with a three-foot board.

A hearing on the charges turned for the second time to an investigation of the teaching of Darwin's theory after counsel for the Whiteley township school board recalled four pupils to "set at the bottom of this monkey business." A student testified at a session last week that Mrs. Morris taught "men came from monkeys."

Children Sleepy

Barefoot children dozed on the front seats of the school room as the hearing moved on past midnight. Testimony was completed by the board of farmers and a state highway department mechanic reserved until Friday his decision on whether to re-employ Mrs. Morris.

The middle-aged teacher, mother of two and member of Greene county's first families, denied the charges and demanded a hearing under the new teacher's tenure act.

During the hearing, Mrs. Morris sat at the teacher's desk in the (Continued on Page Three.)

COUNTY SPENDING BENEATH BUDGET

The general county fund expenditures of Jackson county up to August 1, is 8.3 per cent under budget allowances and expenditures as a whole are 4.5 percent under the budget according to a report compiled by the county clerk's office.

The general fund expenditures for July amounted to \$13,681.40 and the expenditures for all funds to \$31,783.48.

During the month of July, a new fund (dependent children fund) went into operation with an \$11,000 appropriation. It takes the place of the mother's aid fund. The state makes the payments with the county reimbursing the state for the county's share. July payments amounted to \$655.

Old age pensions for July amounted to \$2,308.

ALABAMAN NAMED HEAD OF DOKEYS

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Federal David J. Davis of Birmingham, judge of the northern Alabama district, was elected imperial prince of the Khoranath Order for the next two years.

The auxiliary Dokey organization, the Nomads of Avardaka, chose Mrs. Florence Toab, of Oakland, Calif., to the office of maharani, the women's highest post.

The Dokeys named Thomas E. Payne, Roanoke, Va., imperial baahs, who customarily succeeds to the office of imperial prince of the next biennial convention.

Other imperial officers named included Fred J. Johnson, Portland, Ore., azim.

STIFFEN PENALTY FOR PERMITLESS DRIVERS

Autolites hailed before Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman of the Medford district hereafter will be assessed when guilty \$25.00 and \$4.50 costs for non-possession of a driver's license. The previous fine has been \$11 and costs and the new order will hit the delinquent motorist's pocketbook for \$7, instead of \$8.50.

Announcement to the above effect was made today.

"It has been 40 days since the final time for autolites to get their 1937 driver's license and several have received warnings to procure them without results," the court said. "The increased penalty may get some."

JAPAN DISPLAYS NAVAL MIGHT TO IMPRESS CHINESE

Fifteen Ships Anchor at Shanghai—Marines Land to Reinforce Garrison—Nankow Reported in Flames

By the Associated Press

Tokyo answered today with a warlike display of naval power what Japanese considered the assassinations of a Japanese naval officer and seaman at Shanghai Friday.

The advance of the Japanese first fleet—12 destroyers and three light cruisers—anchored at Shanghai and landed a detachment of 500 marines to reinforce the Japanese garrison.

The resulting increased tension in central China was matched by a reported major battle between Chinese and Japanese troops at Nankow pass, 30 miles northwest of Peiping.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports were that the Japanese army was being defeated. Japanese said the Chinese city of Nankow, core of the area where forces of the two nations have been massing for two weeks, was in flames.

Arrival of the Japanese warships at Shanghai, coupled with evacua-

GERMANY INAUGURATES OVERSEA AIR SERVICE WITH UNITED STATES

LUEBECK, Germany, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The great German ocean-going seaplane Nordmeer flew across scenes of Spanish marine war today, beginning her maiden survey flight for a new trans-Atlantic airline between Germany and the United States.

This afternoon, six hours after she had left this city's Travemunde airport, the Nordmeer was over the Bay of Biscay on her way to Lisbon.

She passed the mouth of the Loire around noon, flying high above low-hanging clouds, she reported by wireless.

The engine were functioning smoothly.

The 15-ton flying boat took off at 7:30 a. m. (1:30 a. m. eastern standard time) from this Baltic port.

Flight Captain Joachim Nordmeer, said from Lisbon the Nordmeer is scheduled to fly to the Azores where the catapult ship Schwabenland is standing by to refuel and launch the plane for the 2,300 mile final hop to New York.

The flight is the first of eight trips scheduled this year across the Atlantic for the Nordmeer and her sister ship the Nordwest, making German's opening bid for trans-Atlantic passenger and freight service.

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The U. S. fleet, in its 13-day visit to Portland last month, spent \$7,390,000 here, the navy department informed the chamber of commerce officials.

IDAHO'S SINKING CANYON HAS SCIENTISTS BAFFLED

BUHL, Idaho, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Because of acute danger, curious visitors to Buhl's "sinking canyon" were barred today from viewing the strange geological phenomenon.

The order was issued by Emil Bordenko, general manager of Griffin ranches, on which the land is sinking mysteriously.

Five acres on the farm of A. H. Robertson already have sunk between 125 and 150 feet, Bordenko said. The disturbance, accompanied by deep rumblings in the earth and rising of dust clouds, has geologists baffled.

STOWAWAYS DOFF DRESS WHEN SHIP CATCHES FIRE

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Blond and buxom Mrs. Esther Workman, who endured 35 days of 130-degree heat in a ship's hold to find her missing husband, stood but a poor chance today of taking him back to England with her.

Chief Immigration Inspector L. D. Griesman sent her to Galveston to be deported for lack of proper papers. Her husband had not been heard from.

Mrs. Workman, meanwhile, had nothing but kind words for Capt. J. C. Smith of the steamer Hybert, who "loaned me a pair of pants."

Norwegian Heat Melts Glaciers Into Tidal Wave

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 11.—(AP)—It was so hot today.

A huge section of the base of Hardanger glacier disintegrated under the intense heat and fell off into Demme lake.

The splash created a tidal wave 100 feet high which washed away twelve houses, destroyed nearby crops and filled fields with large boulders.

No casualties were reported, however.

PINBALL OWNERS MAY SEEK DELAY REMOVAL ORDER

Possibility, with no definite announcement as yet, that pin-ball machine and similar device distributors and operators might seek injunctive relief to forestall the ordered removal of the devices by Wednesday, August 25, was considered today by the district attorney and sheriff offices. It has been reported such a course might be taken.

Sheriff Syd L. Brown yesterday served formal notice of the banishment date, and registered letters should reach all effected today. The action is taken in accordance with a ruling of the state attorney general, based on a supreme court decision.

City attorneys throughout the state have handed down rulings that no part of the license money paid cities can be returned under the law.

It is the understanding of the district attorney's office that punchboards come under the ban and they are scheduled to go the way of the marble games. There are not many punchboards but a few appear on counters of establishments in cities and in summer resorts. They have been periodically ordered out in the past but always return.

Chief of Police C. P. Talent of Ashland reports that 33 machines are in operation in that city, netting a quarterly license revenue of \$487.50.

FORTY YEARS FOR ROBBERY OF BANK

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Clair Gibson, 31-year-old bank robber, was sentenced to 40 years in a federal prison by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye today.

Gibson pleaded guilty to robbery of the State bank of Cold Springs, Minn., in June, 1936, and the State bank of Eyota, Minn., in December, 1936. Judge Nordbye sentenced him to 20 years on each charge and specified the sentences were to be served consecutively.

Judge Nordbye sentenced him to such penal institution as may be designated by the attorney-general of the United States.

Federal agents said Gibson, captured ten days ago in Boebling, Ore., also confessed 20 other robberies.

250 FEEDER PIGS BRING HIGH PRICE

In line with rising livestock prices the country over, C. C. Hoover, shipper of the Jackson county Orange Agriculture committee, today announced the sale of 250 head of feeder pigs at 12 cents a pound, highest price received since 1929.

Purchaser was R. W. Hanna, vice-president of the Standard Oil company of California. The pigs will be fed on his large ranch near Sacramento.

Two truck loads of fat hogs and lambs will be shipped to Portland next Sunday, Hoover said, and added that the Jackson county Orange Agriculture committee is now the largest shipper to the Portland market.

Hoover stated that the hogs to be shipped to Portland would probably bring \$25 a head to the owners. He said that the lambs should bring 9 cents a pound.

WOMAN DRIVER INJURED WHEN SIGNAL IGNORED

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HOUSE APPROVAL CONCLUDES FIGHT OVER COURT BILL

Measure Now Waits Roosevelt's Pleasure — Judiciary Committee Head Believes Change Welcomed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The house ended this session's bitter court controversy today by approving the lower court procedure bill and sending it to the White House.

The legislation was embodied in a conference report which the senate had accepted yesterday without a word of debate.

Deleted from the measure were President Roosevelt's recommendations relating to the supreme court—the cause of a bitter fight. Chairman Sumners (D., Tex.) of the judiciary committee, presented the conference report and made a brief statement explaining the measure.

"I believe this legislation will be welcomed and supported by the courts of the country," Sumners said.

The bill followed closely the agreement reached by senate leaders when the Roosevelt high court proposals were side-tracked. It contained four major points:

Direct appeal from lower courts to the supreme court in cases involving the constitutionality of acts of congress.

Invention by the attorney general in lower court cases involving constitutionality of acts of congress.

Three-judge lower courts to sit in suits for injunctions to block enforcement of acts of congress.

Transfer of judges, within judicial circuits, to meet congestion.

MASS JOB HUNT FAILS TO MARCH

SALEM, Aug. 11.—(AP)—An expected delegation of dismissed WPA workers from Portland and Salem, who were to come to the governor's office this morning on a "mass job hunt," failed to appear today.

Governor Martin, who said he has a list of 4,000 jobs to submit to the delegation, said he believed the delegation may come Friday.

The delegation was to march from downtown Salem toward the capitol at 9 a. m., but at that hour there was no sign of the workers.

Governor Martin, who plans to go on an inspection tour Friday of the Canby irrigation project, said he may cancel the trip so he could be in his office Friday to receive the delegation.

The WPA workers were dismissed when the government limited its WPA appropriation to \$1,500,000,000 for the present fiscal year.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today legislation authorizing the securities commission to intervene in corporate reorganization court proceedings to protect individual investors.