

IRRIGATION DEBT ADJUSTMENT ASKED

Behind Washington Headlines

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CURRAN RETRACTION ATTRIBUTED TO LEWIS

UNION HEAD QUOTED AS THREATENING KENNEDY

C.I.O. LEADER SEEN AVERSE TO ANTI-ORGANIZING F.D.R.

MORE SUBTLE CAMPAIGN LIKELY FOR STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—(AP)—There is a story, of course, behind the page and a half (single-spaced) retraction by Joseph Curran, general organizer of the Maritime Union of America, of his threat to get the scalp of Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the maritime commission.

It wasn't surprising to learn that Mr. Curran was going after a scalp—almost anyone's. It was surprising to learn that he was going after Kennedy's scalp. It was still more surprising to learn what, or rather who, was back of the denial. The "who" was the bull of the woods himself. At least that's the story those who ought to know what to believe are believing.

John Lewis, say the insiders, gave some quick and sharp orders for the immediate delivery of one fresh olive branch to Mr. Kennedy, care of the maritime commission.

Reason: It doesn't pay to attack one of the president's old advisers unless you expect to take his boss on, too.

All this does not suggest that the National Maritime Union of America, which is trying to organize the sailors in the Algea case, is going to trim its sails in the Algea case. But it apparently indicates that the campaign to build up public sentiment in favor of the "old-downers" will be carried on with more subtlety and less bling-bling.

Matters were not greatly improved by the Curran letter. Mr. Kennedy's friends report that he wasn't so much concerned about losing his skull-covering anyhow, and he is reported to have been unable to discover anything about Mr. Curran's epistolary gesture which resembled anything about an olive branch but the olive pit.

A report on a "trust" is just about to burst from the files with an explosion that will make the "tax dodgers" investigation look pale.

It is the federal trade commission report on the so-called "food trust," which was authorized by congress in 1935. When the document was completed it was so long it was never put in type—the senate committee on printing said it would cost \$127,000. There were four copies available, and the house and senate each got one, the department of agriculture and, of course, the FTC.

These copies have slumbered peacefully, until now. At the next session, they are scheduled for an airing by Senator Gillette of Iowa, who will bring

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CLOCK NOT TAKEN FROM JOHN JOHNSON'S STORE

A huge Seth Thomas wall clock was stolen Monday night from a building owned by John W. Johnson at Eighth and Bartlett streets in Medford. The clock was a fine specimen of the art of clock-making and was valued at \$100. It was found missing yesterday. The Medford Police are looking for the thief.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carol Wall being collared on the street by a comely miss selling map subscriptions or something, he, however, being in such a business hurry as to leave the young lady empty handed, although sobbing her dis-appointment somewhat by himself halting a friend who might be a prospect.

Lee Garlock running hither and yon in search of change for a \$10 bill, he finally locating somebody with two \$5s.

Kernel E. Kelly devouring the morning sports page, mentally handicapping the football teams which perform Saturday.

Bert Orr, "Son" Houston and Roy Lee asking simultaneously why the MT. Hallowell's decorated windows had not been washed, not knowing an early call for a cleaner had been ignored.

Bob Gilstrap going out for a duck and coming back with a goose.

MEDFORD, TALENT DISTRICTS OFFER PARTIAL PAYMENT

Loans From R. F. C. Basis of Plans Placed Before Federal Court — Deductions of Interest is Phase

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Medford and Talent irrigation districts asked the federal court yesterday for permission to readjust their debts under the bankruptcy act.

The Medford district, which listed \$1,147,250 bonded indebtedness, said that 99 percent of its creditors approved the reorganization plan. David H. Rosenberg, board president, reported the Reorganization Finance Corporation authorized a \$405,379 loan.

The proposal included payment of 40 percent on the principal with all interest surrendered prior to July 1, 1931. Interest coupons from July 1, 1931, to December 31, 1932, must be returned with the bonds or a deduction of \$1.35 cents will be made. The plan provided for full deduction on unsurrendered interest coupons after December 31, 1932.

The Talent bonded indebtedness totaled \$1,054,000 and outstanding notes \$42,500. E. T. Newberry, president, said the RFC advanced \$420,000. The petition sought a 40 percent payment on the principal, a 28-32-cent deduction for interest coupons between January 1, 1932, and July 1, 1933, and full deduction after July 1, 1933, unless coupons were turned in with the bonds.

According to P. P. Farrell, representing the Medford irrigation district, hearing on the debt readjustment probably will come up in federal court within 90 days. Foster J. Newberry is attorney for the Talent irrigation district.

LILY PONS HERE ON PLANE FRIDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Announcement that Lily Pons, operatic soprano, and Andre Kostelanetz, noted conductor, would fly to Portland tomorrow aboard the same plane followed closely today by reports that the soprano, who is married to a Pons-Kostelanetz (United) and Kostelanetz, due to arrive here by air from the east around 4:30 p.m., and Miss Pons had reservations aboard a ship leaving San Francisco for the north at 10:20 a.m. Friday.

Asked if she would meet Kostelanetz this afternoon, the soprano, a hit of the San Francisco opera season, said: "But yes, of the plane is on time."

The air line plane carrying Miss Pons is scheduled to leave Medford at 1:14 p.m. Friday, after a brief stop at the airport.

Three Given Ax For Treason In Germany

BERLIN, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The executioner's ax fell three times today, decapitating three Germans—Peter Sausen, 29; Adolf Rembe, 35; and Robert Stamm, 37—sentenced to death by the people's court for alleged espionage and high treason.

Sausen allegedly joined the French foreign legion in 1936 and later was caught spying in Germany. Stamm was found guilty of high treason by attempting to form an illegal communist organization. Rembe was accused of treasonable activity.

New York Demos Worried By La Guardia, F.R. Visit

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's conference today with Mayor F. H. La Guardia, fresh from a decisive triumph over Tammany hall, aroused new apprehension in the city's already disorganized Democratic machine.

The subjects to be discussed in the president's home town were not announced, but in the past both men have moved in virtually the same liberal path.

While Mr. Roosevelt stood aside in the campaign for Tuesday's election, he waited only for early returns before personally telephoning his congratulations to the mayor, one of Tammany's most vigorous foes.

Some informed quarters foresaw in the unconventional meeting of the titular head of the Democratic party and the Fusion-Republican-American Labor party mayor a possible wedge to break up traditional party ineptness in the city. The president and Tam-

Brites Denied Rehearing in Murder Conviction

Mayor Records His Choice



Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia, up for re-election, was an early voter in New York. He is shown as he entered a booth to record his choice on the voting machine shown in the background.

HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE; HELP FOR FAMILY IS PLANNED

A family of six was homeless today as the result of a fire that completely destroyed their residence at 304 Elm street late yesterday afternoon.

The adjoining house at 300 Elm street occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metz, was saved by firemen after the roof had been ignited in several places. Only negligible damage was done to the Metz home, firemen reported.

Occupants of the home destroyed by the blaze were Mr. and Mrs. Ivo E. Settell and their four children. Learning of the disaster, the Salvation Army and the Eagles lodge found a haven for the family last night with relatives and friends. The lodge, of which Mr. Settell is a member and relief agencies were arranging for a home and other assistance today.

No one was at home when the fire started, firemen said, and the cause was not determined. Firemen quoted Mr. Settell as saying there was no

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Bonneville Dam Counsel Chosen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Admiral J. D. Ross announced today appointment of John F. Fletcher, Seattle, Wash., as general counsel of the Bonneville dam power project.

Fletcher, who served as Ross' personal counsel here for the past five years, is a former mayor of El Dorado, Colo., and former assistant deputy prosecuting attorney of Boulder, Colo.

CARNIVAL PEOPLE HELD IN THEFTS

Stanley Cole, Donald Lakey, Dixon Lanford and Marvin Mercer, south-bound members of a carnival company, charged with theft of articles from 24 parked autos at the Bend-Medford high school football field last Friday night, were returned from Klamath Falls late yesterday by Deputy Sheriff William Granbrenner and City Policeman Joe Cave. Authorities said the four men were arrested after a series of depredations in Klamath Falls.

A large amount of loot, Sheriff Syd I. Brown alleges was stolen in Willamette valley cities and was recovered. The loot consists of movie camera, pistol, and motor clocks. Two suitcases full of clothing were also recovered. The sheriff reports the men could give no satisfactory explanation of how they came into possession of the goods.

Inquiry Summoned In Plane Tragedy

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 4.—(AP)—A naval court of inquiry was summoned today to investigate the crash of two navy planes over Boeing field that killed five navy fliers in a 3500-foot death dive yesterday.

Chief Deputy Coroner Harlan S. Callahan said Chief Aviation Pilot J. D. Goodwell, one of the two survivors, told him a crumpling wing of his straggling small pursuit plane sent his ship into a collision with the big bomber.

BRUSSELS PARLEY COMMITTEE GIVEN PEACE AID POWER

Authorized to Offer Help to Japan and China in Effort to Halt War—U. S. Will Be On Committee

By Joseph E. Sharkey

BRUSSELS, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Brussels conference of 19 nations decided today to empower a subcommittee to offer its aid to Japan and China in effecting peace between the two nations, and reliable indications were that the United States, Britain and Belgium would be on the committee. Italy and France also probably would be represented.

The committee, in effect, has a double mandate—to offer its good offices for the restoration of peace and to reply to Japan's refusal of an invitation to attend the conference here, called under provisions of the nine power treaty which pledges respect for territorial integrity of China.

Named Tonight

The committee was to be named at a conference session opening tonight, with the conference adjourning until then to permit delegates to be received by King Leopold.

The mandate given to the committee stipulates that, in extending its offer of aid to Japan and China to seek a peace, it must make clear this aid is offered if it wanted—it will not be imposed.

The United States delegate, Norman H. Davis, took a prominent role in a secret plenary session this afternoon at which the sub-committee was decided on. He insisted that everything possible must be done to promote the cause of peace.

The sub-committee will study both Japan's communications of refusal to the conference invitation, and an additional statement issued in Tokyo, defining Japan's position.

Door Not Closed

Several delegates said they received the impression Japan did not close the door to negotiation or to mediation efforts through third parties, provided they be countries possessing real interests in the far east.

Conference leaders, in private session this morning, decided to send a message to Germany asking her to reconsider her rejection of an invitation to participate in the effort to end the Chinese-Japanese conflict.

The project to address a new formal invitation to Japan to participate was abandoned, on the ground that more practical results probably would be achieved through a committee which really would be a committee of mediation.

The Italian delegation said the message to Japan would take the form of a letter in reply to Japan's communication declining to participate in the conference, called under provisions of the nine power treaty which pledges respect for the territorial and political integrity of China.

NEW YORK GRAND JURY CHARGES GOLDIS WITH UNION HEAD'S SLAYING

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—(AP)—An indictment charging Morris Goldis, 27, with first degree murder in the two-year-old slaying of William Snyder, head of a local of the flour and bakery drivers' union, was returned by a special grand jury today.

The indictment was obtained on evidence presented by Thomas E. Dewey, racket-smashing district attorney-elect.

Last week Dewey in a radio address made the slaying of Snyder the subject of an attack against Charles Schneider, an assistant attorney general of New York state.

Schneider Dewey said, was "paid with part of the money collected by racketeers from the flour trucking industry" for his part in representing men arrested in connection with the crime.

Schneider resigned as assistant attorney general last night saying he did not want "even the slightest impression, though false, to prevail," that the office of Attorney General John J. Bennett had been "sullied."

SPEED FLIER AIMS AT COAST RECORD

VANCOUVER, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Frank W. Fuller, Jr., San Francisco speed pilot who won the Bendix race held in conjunction with the national air races at Cleveland earlier in the year, took off at 12:37:30 p. m. (P.S.T.) for Agua Caliente, Mexico, in an attempt to break the existing record for the flight.

The present record of five hours, 28 minutes for the "three-flag" trip was set in 1935 by Earl Ortman of Los Angeles, Cal.

Fuller reached San Island airport, five miles south of the city, at 10:58 a. m. His ship was refueled for the flight, which the flier estimated would take "a little over four hours."

The plane he is using—a low-wing monoplane (Seversky)—has a top speed of more than 300 miles an hour.

ALL STORES MUST HAVE LICENSE TO SELL MILK

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Paul C. Adams, milk control board administrator, said today drugstores, confectionaries, beer parlors and restaurants selling milk on Sundays after November 7 for consumption off the premises must apply for dealers' licenses.

Grocery stores will close in some cities Sundays after that date.

WARRING FACTIONS AGREE TO DISCUSS BASIC UNION ISSUE

Question of Which Industries Should Have Industrial Unions to Be Aired — Hope for Peace Seen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor and John L. Lewis' rebel Committee for Industrial Organization agreed today to discuss the question of which industries should have industrial unions.

This question involves the basic difference between the warring labor factions. Observers interpreted the decision to discuss the issue as one of the few indications so far that the conference might heal the breach in labor's ranks.

George M. Harrison, chairman of the A.F.L. peace committee, announced the conference's decision after a 3½-hour session. Philip Murray, C.I.O. committee chairman and Lewis' first lieutenant, stood at Harrison's side and assented to everything the A.F.L. leader said.

"We spent the morning talking over the general situation and we had a mighty good conference," Harrison said.

"We discussed in a frank and free way a number of questions as to procedure."

Harrison and Murray said the question would be taken up at tomorrow's meeting of the peace conference group.

DAVE BECK THREATENS LABOR RELATION BOARD

SEATTLE, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Dave Beck, western organizer for the teamsters' brotherhood, said today that unless the federal labor relations board cancels a teamster-committee for industrial organization dispute hearing next Monday, teamsters will tie up five Seattle warehouse plants.

Beck called in newspapermen and gave an interview in which he lashed at the federal labor board for "butting into a jurisdictional dispute."

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Mott Is Not Out of Race For Seat in U. S. Senate

Despite previously published reports to the contrary, Congressman James W. Mott is not committed against trying for the seat of Senator Frederick Steiwer, who plans to retire from active politics at the end of his present term.

"I have not considered and I am not considering running for the senatorial nomination," Mr. Mott, representative from this district, told the Mail Tribune before sections of the train this morning for his Salem home. "It is not impossible, however, that I shall be a candidate for the Republican nomination. That will depend on future circumstances and developments."

Mr. Mott is considered to be an excellent vote getter and even Democrats acknowledge his ability to garner ballots. Last year he received more than 14,000 votes, about 3,000 more than President Roosevelt did in this district. He recorded a plurality of about 54,000 votes in the race for congress, one of the largest in the nation.

In a contest for the senate nomination, he would have to campaign in the entire state and he freely acknowledges that he is not so intimately known in other sections of Oregon as in his own congressional district wherein he maintains close contacts with his constituents.

Nevertheless, observers point out, Mr. Mott is thoroughly conversant with all national legislation pertaining to the whole of Oregon and this would be of material advantage in any primary election campaign. It is conceded also that it would be an easy task for Mr. Mott to extend his circle of friends and acquaintances.

One personal drawback to his accepting the senatorial nomination is believed to be that he would have to relinquish his seat in the house to run for senator. The house and senate primary and final election will come up together next fall and Mr. Mott could not run for both offices. If he ran for the senate and lost, he would be without his seat in the house also.

Huge Devil Fish Clutches Woman Near Fort Bragg

PORT BRAGG, Calif., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Clutched by a giant octopus, Mrs. H. C. Graves spent several terrifying minutes before she was rescued by friends.

Mrs. Graves was attacked while gathering abalones near yesterday.

Grabbing Mrs. Graves by the her waist with another tentacle ankle, the huge devil fish circled and pinned her left arm to her side.

Frantically struggling and calling for help, Mrs. Graves finally was rescued by her companions, who beat the monster to death with their iron abalone bars.

The octopus was the largest taken here, having a spread of 10 feet, five inches from tip to tip of the longest tentacles.

COMMUNITY CHEST NEARS 1938 GOAL, FINAL AID URGED

Executive finance committee of the Medford Community Chest met at the First National Bank building last evening and listened to a report regarding the progress of this year's Chest campaign.

Figures presented to the committee show that approximately 96 percent of the Chest goal has been subscribed to date. While the remaining four per cent represents a relatively small amount of money, it is imperative that the campaign continue until 100 per cent of the Chest quota is reached, otherwise the budgets of the participating organizations must be cut, it was emphasized. The committee stated that the agency budgets were originally pared to the lowest possible amount consistent with constructive work and that a cut of even four per cent additional would seriously cripple the work of the various organizations and make it necessary for them to curtail activities. This would mean, the committee said, the refusal of aid to persons actually in need.

The committee issued an urgent appeal for all who have not already subscribed to call at Chest headquarters in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and do so. It was also

LAST HOPE DIMS FOR YREKA PAIR FACING GALLOWS

California Supreme Court Refuses Rehearing On Allegation Siskiyou Trial of Brothers Was Not Fair

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The state supreme court today denied a rehearing of the conviction of John and Coke Brito, who were found guilty in Siskiyou county, of a triple murder. The Brito brothers are in Polson prison under death sentences.

The brothers, who were indicted November 8, 1936, were convicted after a trial in Yreka of the murder of Martin Lange, and Joseph Clark, deputy sheriffs, and Fred Seaborn, a navy officer of Mare Island.

The three men had gone during the night to the Brito's camp on Horse creek in the Siskiyou mountains to arrest them on a felony charge which had been preferred against the brothers because of a fight the Britos had earlier in the evening with Seaborn and Charles C. Baker, a neighbor of the Britos, with whom Seaborn was staying while on a hunting trip.

The Brito brothers shot and killed Lange, Clark and Seaborn while resisting arrest. They were convicted in Siskiyou county after a motion for a change of venue had been denied.

The supreme court, last October, denied the Brito brothers' appeal and today denied a rehearing. The court had been asked to grant a rehearing on the allegation the brothers had not had a fair trial in Siskiyou county.

CHINA BRINGS UP FRESH TROOPS IN SHANGHAI DEFENSE

By James A. Mills

SHANGHAI, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Thousands of fresh Chinese troops, well-equipped and thoroughly disciplined, poured into Chinese positions today on the Shanghai front.

During a personal inspection, I witnessed the arrival of the new troops from the west, smart-looking and apparently unafraid of Japanese bombing planes overhead.

Aided by these reinforcements, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's youthful legions fought furiously against the Japanese veterans.

Ignoring circling bombing planes and Japanese heavy artillery, the Chinese time and again lashed out at the Japanese troops.

The result was that Japanese positions along the south bank of Soochow creek became almost untenable. I found the Japanese had landed at only one place along Soochow creek, where they drove a narrow wedge into the Chinese position south of the creek.

But the Japanese foothold was so precarious it was doubtful if it could survive a Chinese counter attack which was due shortly.

JURY SELECTED FOR DAMAGE CLAIM TRIAL

Selection of a jury in the \$35,000 damage action of Frank Jones against the Community hospital and Dr. W. G. Bishop, was underway today in circuit court.

Jones, injured in an auto accident on the Jacksonville Highway of two years ago, alleges negligence in treatment while he was a patient at the hospital suffering from back injuries sustained in the crash. The plaintiff appeared in court in a wheel chair.

Questioning of jurors on their qualifications indicated a considerable portion of the evidence would be medical.

Tolsonectomy—Erwin Burgess of 1207 West Main street underwent a tonsillectomy yesterday at Otopathic clinic. He is reported progressing nicely today.