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RECAPTURE TWO ESCAPED KIDNAPERS

Behind Washington Headlines

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RAIL FREIGHT BOOST PLEA FACING OPPOSITION

HIGHER RATES WOULD KILL HOUSING EXPANSION, CLAIM

STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS GROUP TO FIGHT GRANT

OTHER BUILDERS SUPPLY MAKERS MAY JOIN PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Any time now, perhaps by the time this appears, a ton of bricks is due to fall on the effort of the railroads to boost freight rates.

That is if the president and his housing aides and, of course, the interstate commerce commission bow to the plea of the Structural Clay Products Institute (and probably other makers of builders' supplies). According to these folk, lumber has already made its plea, the administration's ambitious housing program is as good as dead if the freight rates go up.

The roads, it will be recalled, received the right to increase transportation charges after they had granted a raise in pay to the railroad workers. They had petitioned to have the "emergency rates" of 1935 made permanent. This was granted under certain restrictions.

Now a second petition requests another straight 15 percent raise.

This would make it impossible to build a house, the clay products people are about to declare of the cost of brick and tile which the consumer pays goes to railroads, and they insist that 15 percent more would make any extended home-building program for the lower income brackets impossible.

"The Structural Clay Products Institute," its representative intends to tell the administration, "has estimated the housing shortage in the United States to be six million dwelling units, a figure that resulted from comparative surveys covering various social aspects of the country from before the depression. More recently the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York has announced that five million new homes will be required within the next 15 years. . . increased freight rates in itself will be enough to wipe out this demand among the classes where the housing shortage exists."

Just another problem for the president to solve. Without the brick (or lumber), there can be no house; without increased rates, the roads can't pay the men; without more pay, the employes can't buy houses because of the high cost of living.

As Secretary Morgenthau said when he "boohed" him at the political science dinner: "You try it!"

Skipper Kennedy of the maritime commission, who, as advised in this column last August, is about to apply for a long leave, may find some of the crew in the same boat when he puts ashore.

One is probably O. P. M. Brown, member of the legal department of the maritime commission, who served the old shipping board for many years in the same capacity.

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\$10,000 STOLEN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—(AP)—

When Joe McClosky, diamond broker salesman stooped to recover a light-colored cigarette dropped between the cushions of his car, it cost him \$10,000. That was the value of a ruby and diamond bracelet which slipped out of McClosky's pocket and was lost, he reported.

SIDE GLANCES

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Boston bull pups putting up such a howl over the prospects of being advertised for sale that their owner, Mr. Bob Harnish could scarcely hear himself talk in phoning the ad to the MT.

Clara Mary Fuson Davis curtailing a pleasant occupation to run out for a hair wave.

More Alford sprinkling cigarette ashes copiously over the minutes of city council meeting.

Bob Deuel calling upon Attorney Frank Farrell for a disbarment on the fine points of jurisprudence procedure.

Larry Schade relating how a gem in this pillar of playfulness recently deprived him of a fine quick dinner.

THIRD ESCAPES BY 15-FOOT LEAP AS OFFICERS ARRIVE

John Oley and Harold Crowley Taken in Syracuse After Sensational Escape From Onondaga Prison

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Detective Sgt. William Metzger of the Syracuse police department said today that police had captured John Oley and Harold Crowley, two of the three convicted O'Connell kidnapers who escaped early yesterday from Onondaga penitentiary.

Metzger said the pair were taken without resistance at a rooming house on Burnett avenue, near the city's downtown business section. He said the capture was made by Acting Detective Robert Holland, Patrolman Harold Kelly and Lieut. John Eisinger.

Metzger said the three officers, making the house to house search, came to a two room apartment on the second floor of the house and found the room locked but a key in the door.

He said they turned the key and burst in, finding Crowley and Oley seated in chairs.

Metzger said they ordered the men to throw up their hands and that they submitted "without a bit of trouble."

Percy Geary, a third member of the trio that made their way to freedom by sawing through cell bars and binding up six penitentiary guards, was still at large.

At Albany, Chief Inspector Albert B. Moore of the state police bureau of criminal investigation said he was informed that Geary, who was also in the apartment, escaped by jumping 15 feet from a bathroom window.

Moore said that Lieut. M. F. Dillon of the state police in Syracuse, from whom he obtained the information, expressed belief that Geary might have been injured.

Ivan Whitford, a janitor who was forced by the three men to supply them with milk, tipped off the police, Metzger said. Dillon said two .38 calibre pistols were found in the room.

CHAPMAN TO TALK AT FORUM TONIGHT

A large attendance is expected at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce dinner-forum in the Hotel Medford at 6:30 this evening. Guest speaker will be C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter.

Mr. Chapman is considered an eloquent talker and an authority on tax and labor matters. Tonight he will talk on the current labor situation.

All men and women of the county are invited to the dinner-forum, whether or not they are members of the chamber of commerce.

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SHARP-EYED AIRDALE SAVES MAN FROM SEA

SOUTH HARWICH, Mass., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Phillip Mitchell, 24, of South Harwich, owes his rescue from an offshore, foundering ship to a William Reade Hershby's Airdale. The dog spotted Mitchell's flares a half-mile from shore last night and barked until Hershby called police.

F. D. R. Says Washington Would Favor Farm Plan

MOUNT VERNON, Va., Nov. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that George Washington's career made it "almost certain" the first president would have favored present-day "government action to aid farmers."

Washington, Mr. Roosevelt said, showed by his own words "that he considered agricultural production even in his time to be much more than a local matter."

President Roosevelt's remarks were delivered to presidents of land grant colleges and universities gathered at Washington's home in connection with the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the agriculture department. Because the chief executive was confined to the White House with a tooth ailment, his remarks were read by Secretary Wallace.

The president, calling Washington the first "master farmer," said: "Knowing what we do of George Washington's belief in a national government strong enough to cope with the problems of his time, and

Forum Speaker



C. C. Chapman, editor of the Jackson Voter, who will address a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce dinner-forum in the Hotel Medford at 6:30 this evening. Mr. Chapman will talk on the current labor situation. The public is invited.

A. S. V. CARPENTER TO AID ADMINISTRATION OF FARM TENANT ACT

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A. S. V. Carpenter, Medford, was named chairman today of a committee to aid the administration of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act.

Working with him in the selection of counties in which purchase of farms by tenant farmers will be started shortly will be Frank L. Ballard, Corvallis, Mrs. Dick Tensen, Nyasa, A. R. Shumway, Milton, Frank Harlow, Eugene, Fred Entemiller, Baker, Ray Jenkins, Toledo, and A. C. Heymans, Albany.

Walter Duffy, regional director in charge of the act, said 10 to 15 farm purchase loans would be made in the current fiscal year, with an expansion of activities expected in the succeeding two years. The committee will make recommendations after examination of property and applicants.

Mr. Carpenter told the Mail Tribune this afternoon that he would not be in a position to tell when or where the committee would be called in session or to describe its modus operandi until he had received instructions.

Mr. Carpenter has been acting on a Jackson county farm rehabilitation board with Clifford Smith of Corvallis as director. Because of his experience with the county board Mr. Smith proposed that Mr. Carpenter serve on the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant committee.

HIROHITO APPROVES UNIFIED COMMAND

TOKYO, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito approved today the creation of an "imperial headquarters" to consolidate the government in one highly centralized administrative body with sweeping powers.

The order for its establishment places the chiefs of the army and navy general staffs and their aides under a unified command, presumably to coordinate war operations.

Announcement by the army press section of the imperial approval acknowledged that the "imperial headquarters" would become a strong military organ.

Through With Men After 6th Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—(AP)—After her sixth divorce, 27-year-old Nina de Milo Canfield Monroe Martin Colton vowed "never again" today. She won legal freedom from Darrell L. Colton on the grounds he came home intoxicated and wrongfully accused her of infidelity.

FIVE MOURNERS KILLED BY HOME CANNED CHILI

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Five persons were dead here today and two others were reported dying from the effects of eating home-canned chili pepper served mourners at a funeral.

The chili, sent to the public health laboratories in Albuquerque by Dr. G. A. Wagner, superintendent of Tucumcari hospital, was pronounced of a "markedly bad odor" and "probably poisoned."

The dead were Eufelia Dominguez, 24, of Montoya; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Marie Benavides, 40, of Tucumcari; Fay Marquez, 24, of Norton; Jose Rivera, 55, of Lubbock, Texas; and Lorenzo Raal.

In a serious condition were Mrs.

SPECIAL SESSION MAINLY DEVOTED TO CONVERSATION

House Labor Committee Reviews Efforts for Consideration of Wage, Hour Bill — Senate in Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The house labor committee renewed its efforts to force consideration of the administration's wage-hour bill today while congress consumed more of the special session in talk rather than legislative work.

Chairman Norton (D. N. J.) announced that only two of the 21 labor committee members had voted for recalling the bill for majority. She said the committee majority would work on obtaining the necessary number of signatures, 218, to a petition that would bring the measure direct to the house floor.

The wages and hours bill has been tied up in the house rules committee since last session.

Across the capitol, the senate remained in the throes of a southern filibuster against the anti-lynching bill, Senator Connally (D., Tex.) had the floor.

At the Texas' direction clerks resumed reading where they left off yesterday, a 14-page speech by Justice Hugo L. Black. Black was an opponent of anti-lynching legislation while serving as senator from Alabama.

The house session started with an attack and defense of the wage-hour bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A house tax subcommittee agreed today to "smooth out" the capital gains tax in a manner which Chairman Vinson (D., Ky.) said should "be helpful to business conditions and not cause any unneeded loss in revenue."

The plan would give the taxpayer an option of paying fixed, top rates on gains realized, on capital transactions, or of including the gains in his ordinary income if the income tax rates would work to his advantage.

Under existing law, all capital gains are included in other income and taxed under the income tax brackets.

PORTLAND HALTS LABOR VANDALISM

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Eight hours of emergency police patrols kept Portland's long turbulent labor disputes free for another night from the vandalism which reached a new peak Sunday when at least a score of stores and plants were damaged.

After arresting a score of persons Monday night on after-hours charges, police went empty-handed last night the shattering of store windows, beat-ups of labor rivals, overturning of automobiles and other molestation of participants in the labor disputes stopped at least temporarily.

Peacefulness among the labor camps so far as public conduct was concerned did not extend, however, to the cores of the disputes, both sides, the AFL and C.I.O., giving not the slightest hint of any end of their rivalry for control of lumber workers, beer makers and many other classes of workers.

Optimists and Pessimists Vary on City Population

What is Medford's population at present? That seems like a simple question and the answer is equally simple. Medford's population at present is anything from 12,000 flat to 12,898.

In estimating present populations of Oregon cities Monday R. L. Polk & company, publisher of directories, listed Medford with 12,000. This compared with 11,007 as shown in the 1930 census.

Today the Mail Tribune's circulation department, which keeps a close tab on such things, said the city's present population is 12,898.

Here's how Jerry Latham, circulation manager, figured it out: On July 15 a survey showed 3,163 houses in Medford. Of these 111 were vacant, leaving a net of 3,052 occupied. Using a standard average of four persons to a house, Mr. Latham figured there at 12,208 persons. Then there were 345 apartments which figured to 690 persons, allowing the standard average of two persons to an apartment. The grand total was 12,898.

Not quite so optimistic as Mr. Bauevel but still optimistic, Mr. Duff said the actual population was probably somewhere between his figures and Mr. Latham's.

Then along came Seth Bullis, division manager of the California Oregon Power company, which also has quite a little interest in population. Mr. Bullis turned out to be a pessimist. He said Copco's estimate agreed with that of the Polk company. And there we are right back to 12,000.

"Let Them Guess" Martin Clarifies Talk on Running

SALEM, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Governor Martin explained today that he did not intend to give the impression that he would not seek reelection next year, but he still left politicians guessing.

Asked by Judge E. B. Day of Jackson county, at the meeting in Portland yesterday whether he would run again, the governor said he "can't run all the time."

He explained today that he meant he could not "conduct a four-year campaign" rather than that he would not run.

"Let 'em guess what I'm going to do," he said.

Referring to the attack by Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland on the national labor relations board for its refusal to settle labor disputes in Portland, the governor said "it is about time somebody was telling them."

JAPS WOULD VIEW HELP FOR CHINA AS HOSTILE ACT

BRUSSELS, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Japan would regard as a hostile act by the countries concerned any decision by the Brussels conference to accede to China's appeal for material aid in the Far Eastern conflict, highly placed Japanese circles said today.

If the Brussels conference of 19 countries decides upon aid to China, as asked by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to France and conference delegate, these circles said, Japan would have to consider the situation "very seriously."

This assertion was seen as reinforcing the prediction that "grave complications" would result from the Brussels declaration criticizing Japanese action in China, a prediction voiced Monday by Count Luigi Aldrovandi-Marscotti in casting Italy's negative vote on the declaration.

Japan might, the Japanese informants said, have to exercise her "right under international law" to blockade the Chinese coast to ships of nations concerned, should the conference decide upon aiding China with supplies.

"It is the Spanish situation reversed," said one Japanese, comparing China with the Valencia Spanish government and Japan with Spanish insurgent General Franco's regime.

"In Spain they have set up an elaborate non-intervention committee but in the Far East everyone seems to think he has the right to interfere."

"We maintain it should be left to Japan and China alone."

TURKEY BOYCOTT REPORTED IN S. F.

ALBANY, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Buyers in this turkey-killing center wore reported expressions today over reports of a California butchers' union boycott of birds killed and dressed by non-union men.

Eighteen thousand northern California butchers were reported boycotting non-union birds, Albany does not employ union workers and buyers here said few turkey buyers in the state carried union cards.

Although no immediate effect was reflected in local markets, it was expected that local markets might become glutted. About 400 men are employed in turkey killing here.

RANCH SLAYER, 75, WILL GET PAROLE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The parole board of the women's prison at Tehachapi has approved a parole, effective January 1, 1938, for Mrs. Helen Wills Love, husband slayer, at 75, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1928 for the murder of 11-year-old Walter Collins on a Riverside county chicken ranch.

The woman will be paroled to the custody of her husband, George Northcott, of Kutztown, Pa. Her son, Gordon Stewart Northcott, was hanged after his conviction of murdering several boys at the ranch. The trial was one of the most sensational in California history.

The board filed the sentence of Mrs. Helen Wills Love, husband slayer, at 75 years. She will not be eligible for parole for three years. Her trial was delayed by a puzzling "ill-to-die" coma that lasted several days.

J. P. Juan and S. Marquez, both of Norton.

Physicians quoted J. D. Miquez, a member of the group, as saying the Marquez girl had canned the chili which members of the mourning party had eaten.

BURLINGTON, Va., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Fort Ethan Allen army hospital today was taxed to capacity with 43 civilian conservation corps workers suffering from trichinosis, traced by army physicians to eating pork which was not properly roasted.

Col. Thomas Ferenbaugh, post surgeon, said all were expected to recover. The pork was served October 27.

WALLACE ADVISES MIDDLE COURSE IN CROP LEGISLATION

Secretary Explains Details of Ever-Normal Granary Proposal to Agricultural Committee in Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace advised senators today to adopt a "middle course" between extreme compulsory control and voluntary control over farm production and marketing under the new farm program.

Wallace's views were reported by Chairman Smith, of the senate agriculture committee, after a two-hour closed session.

Secretary Wallace explained details of his "ever-normal granary" proposal to members of the senate agriculture committee.

Compromise Seem. Senator Gillette (D., Iowa) predicted a compromise on conflicting opinions in an effort to get a farm program before the senate within "a few days."

"There is no doubt but what a general farm bill will be ready for the senate before long," he said. Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.) said southern senators would support his compulsory cotton control proposals as the cotton section of the senate farm bill.

"A cotton program is not worth a cent," Bankhead said, "without something to enforce it."

Senators on the committee said southerners probably would write cotton, tobacco and rice sections while the outline of the Pope-McGill bill would be followed for corn and wheat.

This measure follows administration ideas for an "ever-normal granary."

Patience Urged. As Wallace led a squad of farm administration officials and farm organization leaders before the senate committee, to explain provisions of the Pope-McGill bill, Chairman Jones (D., Tex.) of the house committee called for "patience and tolerance" during the work of writing a farm bill.

He proposed that congress enact a "middle course" between the extremes of "unseasoning reduction" and production "in unlimited quantities."

Chairman Pierce (D., Ore.) meanwhile called his wheat sub-committee into closed meeting early in the day to attempt to draft provisions for control of both wheat and rice production.

Eastern Criminals Seen Flocking West

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Eastern criminals are following Horace Greely's advice of "go west."

C. O. Weaver, U. S. inspector of prisons, told county police officers here Mr. Weaver, of Los Angeles, was here for a routine inspection of the county jail yesterday. He said he expects an influx of criminals to the west.

"You'll have to build larger jails out here to hold them all," he asserted to Sheriff Barnes.

Firemen To Hold Informal Social

Regular and volunteer firemen and their wives and friends will attend a meeting and get-together in fire headquarters at 7 o'clock tonight.

ROOSEVELT BOTHERED BY INFECTED TOOTH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt still had a slight temperature from an infected tooth today and doctors ordered him to stay in bed.

All engagements, including a press conference postponed from yesterday, were cancelled for the second successive day.

White House officials reported the president had a restful night after a sleepless one Monday night.

SWIFT FOUND GUILTY ILLEGAL TRAPPING

Charles Swift, charged with trapping fur-bearing animals out of season, was found guilty by a justice court yesterday afternoon. Passing sentence scheduled for this morning was deferred until November 29, to enable the court to look up a number of legal points involved.

VATICAN CITY, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Pope Pius will create five new cardinals at a consistory December 13.

Three will be Italians, one English and one French.

Livermore's Bride



A "marrying parson" at Bel Air, Baltimore suburb, tied the marital knot for Mrs. Evelyn Sullivan (above) and Jesse Livermore, Jr., son of the Wall Street plunger.

LEGALITY OF PINBALLS STANDS FIRST TEST IN STATE SUPREME COURT

SALEM, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The first test case to determine the legality of pinball games, throughout Oregon came before the supreme court today in the state's appeal from a Polk county ruling which held that C. C. Costa, Independence pinball operator, was innocent of operating a lottery.

Costa, in his briefs before the court, contended that a 1935 law, which authorized cities and counties to license pinball games, repealed a 1901 law against such devices. Independence licensees the games.

The state argued that the 1901 law was still effective, and that the licensing statute is unconstitutional.

"The legislature certainly had the power to authorize the license of a pinball game involving an element of skill. And this same power, carried with it the power to put the pinball game into a class by itself; to make a distinction between the pinball game and the slot machine," the Costa brief said.

The state charged that the "pin-ball" business is a widespread practice in Oregon and the United States.

"It is impossible for a person to enter the ordinary places of business in the communities that allow pinball games without being affected by the pestilence."

"It seems clear that if business and our everyday merchants have come to the place where they must rely upon such questionable devices as this to secure business . . . then business is certainly in a bad state of affairs."

Today's hearing was before all seven justices.

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