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CONSCRIPTION BILL READY FOR VOTE



FINAL SECTIONS FIX PENALTY FOR DRAFT DODGERS

Five Years in Prison, \$10,000 Fine for Evaders—To Senate Next Week

Washington, July 26.—(P)—The first peacetime conscription bill in American history was completed today by the senate military committee for consideration by the senate early next week.

Chairman Sheppard (D-Tex.) said the committee would vote officially on the legislation Tuesday morning and predicted there would be no dissenting votes.

One of the final sections approved today by the committee would impose penalties of five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines for "draft dodgers" or those convicted of aiding them.

Director Created The committee also authorized creation of the office of "director of selective service" to handle details of the vast proposal for registering all men between 18 and 63 years, inclusive and training part of them.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York city told the house military affairs committee meanwhile, that he favored calling high school graduates for military training before ordering men in the 18-to-25 year old class.

Other details of the same bill occupied the senate military committee.

Three amendments were agreed on to protect the civilian jobs of men in the ranks.

The first provides that any employer, now subject to the Wagner labor relations act, would be guilty of unfair labor practice if he willfully refused to reinstate a demobilized conscript. Under this section, a convicted employer could be compelled to reinstate a conscript with back pay.

AGE PENSION ROLL WILL BE EXPANDED

Portland, July 26.—(P)—The state public welfare commission planned today to approve new old age assistance grants beginning October 1.

Chairman Jack Luhn announced that the counties would complete reinvestigation of present old age assistance cases by that date and some of the 4000 applications received since November, 1939, would be given aid.

The commission said cases had been reduced from a high of 21,000 to 19,000, largely through deaths, and that others would be removed by reinvestigation.

The state's whole welfare program, the commission said, is operating on a revenue deficit although it still is within appropriations.

STASSEN TO INTRODUCE M'NARY AT CEREMONY

Portland, July 26.—(P)—Gov. Harold Stassen of Minnesota, Republican convention key notor, will introduce Senator McNary at the vice presidential nomination ceremony at Salem, Ralph H. Cake, Oregon's Republican national committee man, said today.

The ceremony will be held either August 28, 29 or 30, Cake added.

SPANISH EDITOR SEES DRAB FUTURE FOR U. S.

Madrid, July 26.—(P)—The Falangist newspaper El Pueblo predicted today the collapse of the United States as a nation and asserted that the skyscrapers of New York "will soon be covered with moss as a pathetic example to centuries to come."

Frankie Clark, nursemaid for the Rialto bear, agreeing that the cub is harder to handle than Tony Galento.

Ship-Plane Battle Rages Off North Irish Coast

Wallace has Chummy Chat



Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace (left), Democratic vice-presidential nominee, had a chummy chat in Chicago with William Wendell (right), of Petroleum Ind., chairman of the national committee for agriculture. En route from Des Moines to Washington, Wallace said agriculture was prepared for war and its consequences.

Wallace To Leave Post for Active Political Campaigning

Washington, July 26.—(P)—Secretary Wallace said today he planned to resign or take a leave of absence without pay from his cabinet post as soon as he begins active political campaigning for the vice-presidency.

In a formal statement, Wallace said charges that the department's farm program organization could be used as a "sort of political machine" in the coming election disclosed an "amazing ignorance" of the manner in which the program was carried out.

He declared that in the case of the agricultural adjustment administration, regulations governing millions of dollars in payment to farmers for the 1940 crop year and the extent of the individual farmer's participation determined the size of his check.

"Nothing that the secretary of agriculture does now can affect the amount of that payment," Wallace added.

He said he would begin campaigning shortly after he is formally notified, in late August, of his nomination by the Democratic convention.

DEWEY TO STUMP FOR W. L. WILKIE

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 26.—(P)—District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of New York, defeated by Wendell L. Wilkie for the Republican presidential nomination, will take the stump for Wilkie when the campaign starts.

Wilkie announced today that Dewey forces were pledged to him "100 per cent" and that the New York prosecutor would speak for him during the campaign "in those western and midwestern states where Dewey is most popular and effective."

HILLSIDES TUMBLE ON CHILEAN MINING PORT

Antofagasta, Chile, July 26.—(P)—Sandy hillsides loosened by heavy rains came tumbling down on settlements in Chile's rich nitrate mining region yesterday, causing more than a hundred deaths.

A survey showed Tocopilla, northern nitrate port, hardest hit with most of the casualties in that region.

The La Despreciada copper mine was destroyed. Hundreds of persons lost their homes.

THIRD PARTY FOR PROSPECTOR PAYS WILLKIE SUPPORT IN GAS CHAMBER TALKED IN SOUTH FOR SLAYING TWO

Republican Nominee to Make Aggressive Campaign for Votes in Dixie Is Word

By William B. Ardery Colorado Springs, Colo., July 26.—(P)—Word circulated among Wendell L. Wilkie's associates today that an effort might be made to form a new party to support him in the Democratic south. Wilkie said he would make "an aggressive campaign" for southern votes.

Authoritative reports were that Wilkie managers were considering the formation of a third party which would permit Democrats to retain their party registration and at the same time vote for the Republican candidate, "Democratic Union Party" and "Democratic Unity Party" were titles mentioned as possibilities.

To Work in South At a press conference, Wilkie told reporters he would work aggressively for southern votes. He added that he had received many letters from that section pledging support.

The Republican nominee, pleased with his reception on a flying speaking tour through Wyoming and Utah, released a new list of persons who had messaged their support.

Thomas Jefferson Coolidge, former under secretary of the treasury in the new deal administration, telegraphed: "I give you my wholehearted support in your campaign. An end must be made of centralized power, personal rule and uncontrollable spending."

Wilkie remarked that President Roosevelt had commended Coolidge and John W. Hanes, another of his supporters, when they left the administration. "I am glad," he continued, "that I am in this kind of company rather than that of the Hagues and the Kelly-Nashes."

WESTERN PARKS GET VACATIONERS BARRED FROM EUROPE BY WAR

Washington, July 26.—(P)—Vacationing Americans, banned from traveling to Europe by the war, are flocking to western national parks in record numbers, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes said today.

Twice as many tourists visited Mt. Rainier National Park, Wash., this June as in June last year. In June, 1939, 20,046 persons visited the park. Last month there were 47,893. Travel to Crater Lake Park, Ore., rose from 28,876 in June, 1939, to 30,374 this June. Kings Canyon, Calif., had an increase from 23,043 to 27,164. Olympic National Park, Wash., reported an increase from 4,865 to 18,157.

DEATH OF LEAGUE SEEN BY AVENOL

Geneva, July 26.—(P)—Joseph A. C. Avenol, Frenchman who has been secretary-general of the League of Nations since July 1, 1933, announced his resignation today stating the "realities" of the present times made his office no longer necessary.

Thus Avenol signed what may well be the formal death sentence of the league as a political body—a death it has been dying steadily since 1932, when Japan's armies were sent into Manchuria.

Avenol submitted his resignation last night in a telegram sent to the governments of the league's member states.

STARK FAVORITE FOR FARLEY JOB

Washington, July 26.—(P)—Gov. Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri, one of President Roosevelt's close advisers, was reported today to have the "pole position" in the race for James A. Farley's job as postmaster general.

PROSPECTOR PAYS CLAUDE E. CLINE GOES TO DEATH CALMLY—SLEW PARTNERS IN EAST OREGON MINE

Salem, July 26.—(P)—Lethal fumes wafting out of a little crook beneath a steel chair ended the life of prospector Claude E. Cline, 46, slayer of two mining partners, in Oregon's state prison gas execution chamber today.

Cline, the second man to breathe the death in the tiny, sealed enclosure, paid with his life for shooting George W. Chetty, 35, of Xenia, Ohio, and hiding the body in a shallow pit in eastern Oregon sagebrush near remote Spanish gulch. He also confessed killing and burying Eugene Rosenstiel of Portland but was tried only for Chetty's slaying.

Calm at Last Cline, silent and calm, passed into the chamber at 8:26 a. m., and was strapped to the chair three minutes later. His head was shaved and he wore only shorts; a mask covered his face. Prison attendants pulled the cords at 8:30, dropping the deadly pellets into the bowl of acid. The fumes struck his face in half a minute and physicians listening at instruments extending outside the chamber wall said he apparently was unconscious at 8:31 1/2 and "certainly unconscious" a minute later.

The doors of the chamber were opened at 8:49, and the body was removed at 9 a. m., when Cline was officially pronounced dead.

Cline went to his death with a tiny crucifix in his hand, pausing briefly to talk with (Continued on Page Three.)

WAGE LAW SUIT IS FIRST IN KLAMATH

Portland, Ore., July 26.—(P)—The Lamm lumber company in Klamath county was accused of violating the federal wages and hours law in a suit on file here today.

Don Weathersbee, a tractor mechanic and greaser for the firm, seeks \$1012.95 which he alleges is due him for labor in excess of the 42 hour work week provided by the law. He seeks an equal amount in liquidated damages and \$350 in attorney's fees. The case is the first of its kind to be filed here.

JAPAN WILL INVESTIGATE U. S. CURB ON EXPORT OF OIL, IRON

Tokyo, July 26.—(P)—The Japanese foreign office instructed its ambassador to Washington today to investigate the United States curb on oil and scrap iron exports after a spokesman had described Japanese reaction as likely to be "very great."

Dornel, Japanese news agency, said that while the presidential order requiring licenses for such exports "may be aimed at Germany and Italy," it was evident it also was "intended to curb Japan."

The embassy, besides making a report on the licensing order, was expected to urge that careful consideration be given the question by the United States in order to prevent a worsening of trade relations.

Farley, whose resignation as Democratic national committee chairman takes effect August 17, may step out of the president's cabinet at the end of next week, friends said.

Stark, a leader in the fight to upset the Pendergast political machine in Kansas City, has long been a close friend of Mr. Roosevelt.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and their records (R, H, E).

MAN FOUND CARRYING WOMAN'S REMAINS IN TURTLEBACK OF CAR

Los Angeles, July 26.—(P)—Police today took graying, shabby Ralph W. Griggs, 45, into the desert where they believed he had slain his alleged mistress two weeks ago with a single blow from a sharp axe. Until last night, when he was captured he had been driving about with the body in the luggage compartment of his automobile.

Officers said he had admitted killing the woman because "she was going to leave me," but refused to say where he had slain her. She was identified as Laura Long, 35, estranged wife of John Blanford Long, nightwatchman on singer Al Jolson's estate at Van Nuys.

Griggs, a mechanic, was still "fuzzy," police said. He had told them that he had "been drunk most of the time" since the slaying.

He asked Ecke Hedin, a passerby, to drive his automobile to a street corner where he wanted to meet a man who would give him some money. Hedin said he noticed a suspicious odor following the automobile, and got out and lifted up its turtle back. He found the partly nude, partly decomposed body of the woman.

ANNA WONG'S SISTER HANGS SELF IN GARAGE

Hollywood, July 26.—(P)—Anna May Wong, Chinese actress, and her grief-stricken family were unable to explain the suicide of the film player's sister, Mary Wong, 25, the body of whom was found hanging from a garage rafter yesterday.

The actress collapsed when she learned of the suicide, but after composing herself could offer no motive. "I have no idea," she said.

COOL WIND FANS TORRID MIDWEST

By the Associated Press Cool winds brought lower temperatures to most of the heat-stricken midwest today, marking the breakup of the season's longest heat wave.

A trough of low pressure extending from Utah and Arizona to the lake region moved slowly eastward and southward, pushing before it the stagnant air responsible for the torrid spell.

Although high temperatures still prevailed south of the belt of cool air, the weather bureau said moderate temperatures were in prospect for all sections of the nation by Sunday.

A total of 419 deaths were attributed directly and indirectly to the protracted heat wave. They included 190 heat fatalities and 229 drownings, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania suffered the heaviest losses.

MEDFORD SIZZLED YEAR AGO TODAY

The whims of Nature were illustrated in a comparison of today's temperature with that of a year ago.

A year ago today Medford suffered from a dehydrating heat of 108 degrees, only two lower than the all-time recorded maximum temperature of 110 degrees. Today, in contrast, the mercury was able to get up to only 73 degrees by 2:30 with the prospect the day's maximum would not be much above 76.

The highest yesterday was 85. Official forecast was for showers tonight and tomorrow.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Cappy Billy Driscoll being a trifle too late with his request to insert two simple words in the sports page story about the CCC swim school's closing exercises tomorrow night, the words being "weather permitting."

Ruth Tye, blushing prettily and admitting she was getting practice keeping house for that date in September.

E. E. (Mac) McKinney bravely and manfully cooking his own meals in the absence of his better half, and even eating what he prepared.

Frankie Clark, nursemaid for the Rialto bear, agreeing that the cub is harder to handle than Tony Galento.