

Search for John Pinson, Escaped Convict, Shifts to Eugene Area

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WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair and mild to night and Tuesday.
Temp. 38
Highest Yesterday 38
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COAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED; UNION GOES ON TRIAL ON CONTEMPT CHARGE

CONFEREES DETAINED FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS; UMW PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Washington, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Soft coal contract talks were suspended indefinitely today as John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers union went on trial for contempt of court and the strike entered its fourth week.

The recess was called after a 45-minute negotiating session which followed a 12-hour Sunday conference. Negotiators will remain in Washington. They are subject to recall on one hour's notice.

Chairman David L. Cole of President Truman's fact-finding board said the recess will give negotiators a chance to talk over with "their associates" yesterday's developments.

The UMW's contempt trial opened with the union entering a formal plea of not guilty and waiving a jury trial.

Less than an hour later, the trial was recessed abruptly until 1:45 p.m. (EST.) at the government's request. The reason given was that the government wanted to call as its first witness UMW Secretary-Treasurer John Owens, who, at the moment, was resuming contract negotiations with coal industry representatives.

The union went to trial before Federal Judge Richmond B. Keach on civil and criminal contempt of court charges growing out of the refusal of 372,000 striking soft coal miners to obey two back-to-work orders issued by Keach under the Taft-Hartley law.

President Truman discussed the coal situation at a weekly meeting with his congressional leaders. Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas of Illinois said the question of government seizure of the mines did not come up at the White House conference.

The nation's economic crisis deepened hourly. With more than 150,000 industrial workers already idled, U. S. Steel corporation announced that the coal shortage will force a sharp cut this week in operations at its Pittsburgh district mills. Other steel mills and automobile plants already were closed or their production curtailed. Some schools were closed. Railroads reduced coal-burning passenger train service. And many states and cities already had taken emergency conservation measures.

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In moving for dismissal of the contempt charges, Hopkins cited the arguments made in the union's formal answer to the charges last Friday. The union argued that the miners—individually—are staying away from work and that the union is not responsible for their refusal to obey the court order.

Phoenix, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Garden making time is approaching and Chief of Police Charles A. Kolbeck is receiving complaints from residents about cats, dogs, horses, chickens and other domestic fowl running at large.

Chief Kolbeck said today that on and after March 1 all such animals and poultry found unconfined will be picked up and disposed of.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—The Oregon department of veteran affairs reported today that more than 1,900 Oregon veterans of World War II borrowed \$7,884,100 from the state veteran's loan fund to buy their own homes and farms in 1949.

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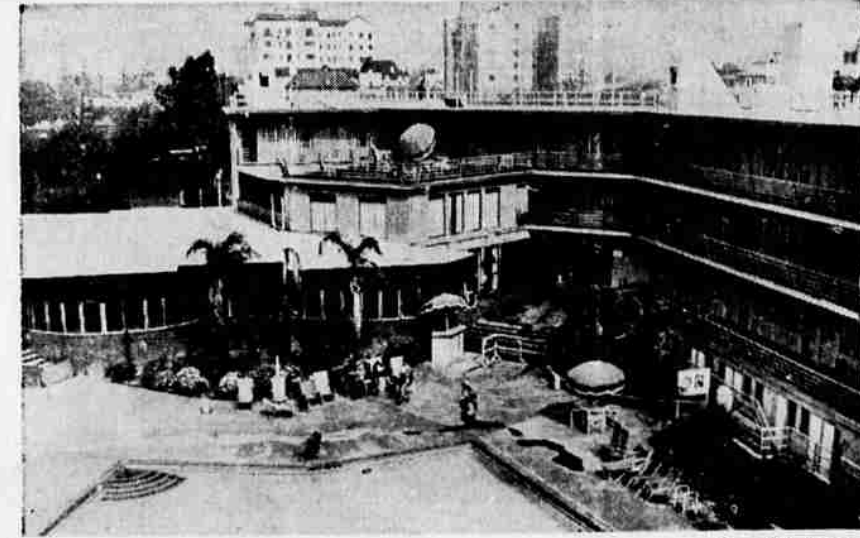
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PLACE OF FRAWLING AND DEBAUCHERY—The exclusive, newly-built \$2,000,000 County Civic Villa (above) in the Rossmore District of Los Angeles is under court order to be torn down or moved within 30 days after its builders, Maurice and Zimmel Miller complete 30-day jail sentences on charges of building without a permit, operating without a certificate of occupancy and conducting a public nuisance. They were sentenced by Municipal Judge Vernon E. Hunt, who branded the hotel a "place of brawling, drunkenness and debauchery." The judge said he parked his car near the hotel one night recently and: "I heard the blaring and moaning of saxophones. I heard woman screaming. I saw unescorted girls come and go constantly."

9-Year-Old Admits Setting Three Fires

A nine-year-old boy has confessed to lighting three fires, one Friday night and two Saturday night, Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner said today. The youngster is now in the custody of the county juvenile officer.

The fires all occurred in the 200 and 300 blocks of South Central avenue, two of them in garages and the other badly damaging an automobile.

In a signed confession given to police and firemen Sunday, the boy said that both nights he had been at a moving picture, and set the fires on the way home.

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The Willamette crested at Salem and Albany late Sunday and early today slightly below flood stage of 18 feet and started falling steadily. The river moved up to 14.5 feet at Portland and forecasters said it probably would go only a foot higher by tomorrow.

The Santiam at Jefferson dropped 2.7 feet in 24 hours to 13.5 feet this morning.

Clear skies in the Portland area caused a temperature drop to 33 degrees early today and the heights around the city had a coating of frost.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—A methodical burglar who spent the week-end looting the jewelry cases of a Washington department store was captured today when he climbed out the wrong window and landed in a barred area.

Police identified the man as Joseph George Albert Jr., 28, of Seattle, Wash. He told them his wife and four children live there. Police said Albert flew here from Boston on Saturday and planned to fly to New York today with a load of jewelry.

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Rathborne On Stand To Testify Against Longshore President

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Mervyn Rathborne, once a close friend of Harry Bridges and a high-ranking officer in the CIO, took the witness stand today to testify against the longshore union president who is accused of perjury by denying he was or ever had been a communist.

Rathborne's name has been mentioned many times during the 59 days of the trial. He once was secretary-treasurer of the state CIO council and formerly

headed the American Radio Telegraphers association.

The friendship between Rathborne and Bridges dated back to the days of the San Francisco waterfront strike of 1934, which saw Bridges rise to power as president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union. But Bridges testified last week during his 10-day marathon stint on the stand that he and Rathborne had a falling-out.

Bridges called Rathborne a drunkard, an embezzler, a union-buster—even though Rathborne once was head of the Bridges defense committee.

Rathborne testified before the grand jury which indicted Bridges and two other ILWU officers on charges of perjury and conspiracy. The other two defendants are J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt.

Rathborne figured in a sensational aside to the main trial when two women were arrested and charged with trying to influence his testimony by threatening to tell his wife he had been intimate with them.

Mrs. Jean Simmons Murray, 33, and Mrs. Betty Teixeira, 29, of Sunnyvale, Cal., were indicted by a federal grand jury December 29 and are awaiting trial on the charge of trying to influence Rathborne. Rathborne reportedly told his wife about the threats and then went to federal authorities.

Rathborne's appearance on the witness stand was expected to prolong the lengthy trial at least another week or 10 days. The defense, all along has promised an all-out cross-examination of Rathborne if he testified.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Two American merchant ships were bombed and strafed today in Tsingtao, China.

The ships were the Isbrandtsen line's Flying Clipper and the United States line's Pioneer Dale, an 8,000-ton vessel.

The state department said that the Flying Clipper, which has been in trouble before in Chinese waters was bombed at communist-held Tsingtao. There were no details as to damage.

The United States lines announced at New York that the Pioneer Dale was strafed and that a bomb fell a ship's length astern of the vessel as it approached the Tsingtao breakwater. One crewman was slightly injured by the strafing. Damage to the ship was described as "trifling."

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—(U.P.) The Oregon state milk marketing administration announced today it will hold two public hearings this week. Today the administration is receiving testimony on the advisability of re-establishing milk marketing regulations in Baker county.

The hearing is at the Baker county courthouse. A similar meeting will be held Thursday at the Wallawa county courthouse, Enterprise.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 27.—(U.P.) The search for a wild escaped leopard—which may be drugged with sleeping medicine—moved out of the Lincoln park zoo today after seven "lion dogs" from Colorado failed to pick up the scent in the area.

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Fruit Men Oppose County Fair Here, Elect Dave Lowry

Members of the board of directors of the Fruit Growers League of Jackson County elected new officers and went on record as opposing a county fair here this year, at the monthly meeting of the group last week-end.

It was pointed out that the decision on the fair was taken due to apparent lack of sufficiently sound financial prospects. A spokesman said that in addition to current expenses of operating a fair, a very substantial amount of money would be required to put the present physical plant at the fairgrounds into condition.

Dave Lowry was named president of the league for the coming year and Larry Hull was elected vice-president. Robert Root and Lyndel Newby are the past president and vice-president.

The directors voted to give full support to the annual 4-H club show and livestock sale, and it was suggested at the meeting that the league sponsor an annual horticulture exhibit to acquaint new residents of the Rogue river valley with the high quality of fruit produced in this area.

Action on the proposal was deferred for further study.

Directors of the league for 1950 include W. G. Beard, Paul Culbertson, Rodney Keating, Robert Root, Floyd E. Baker, Charles Gardner, Orville Hamilton, Gordon Kershaw, Martin Luther, Dunbar Carpenter, Cecil Clemens, Joe Meyer, Lyle Kinney, Chris Wolff, Lyndel Newby, Stephen G. Nye, Larry Hull and Dave Lowry.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—(U.P.) Nostalgic trolley patrons sat up most of Saturday night to take last rides on streetcars named "Willamette Heights," "Twenty-third Avenue," and "Council Crest."

In sentimental trips up Portland's west side hills the passengers took turns running the trolleys and snapping photographs of the veteran conductors.

Then the streetcars were rolled back to the barns to stay before the first motor coaches set out on the runs, eliminating the last of Portland's old clattering electric trams.

On the last Council Crest car run, two extra trolleys had to be ordered out to carry the waiting farewelling crowd which ripped off anything of souvenir value.

One trolley failed to make a round trip. Its patrons took a headlight, pieces of window glass, seat cushions, cowcatcher and the cover from a 500-volt control box.

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Richard pointed out this morning that the lack of a detention home for delinquent or dependent children is a direct cause of the boy's difficulty. The child of a broken and neglectful home, the boy was first taken into custody by Richard last week when he was reported as a runaway.

The juvenile officer said he should have been placed in a home at that time until his case was disposed of by the court but no facility was available.

He was returned to his home where further neglect led to further trouble, Richard said. The boy is apparently not a criminal type nor a chronic delinquent but a child without a home life or adequate family ties.

Another Case Cited

In addition to the need for a home for delinquents, there is also an urgent need for a facility for dependent children, Richard said, and in this regard he cited the recent case of three flagrant juvenile delinquents, all under 11 years of age, who were taken from their home when they were found to require immediate medical care. The oldest girl was suffering from acute appendicitis when the case first came to the attention of the juvenile authorities. An emergency operation was performed. Another child in the family was on the verge of pneumonia when he appeared in juvenile court and the third child was suffering from the effects of malnutrition and lack of care.

Bed care in an adequate home was obviously called for but was not available for several days, and Richard said their home had been without lights, water or heat because the father had grown delinquent in utility payments.

Not Answered

Out of necessity these cases, and "dozens like them," Richard said, are referred to the welfare commission, although that office has no proper jurisdiction over them. Some families have thrown open their homes for some children that have become wards of the court, but the need has not been allayed, he said. A home for temporary detention is required in instances where children are taken from their parents until the court can dispose of their cases permanently, and Richard points out that the county jail, already nearly filled with felons, is not the right answer.

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Innocent Plea In Sex Case Entered

Earl Gorman Edison, 51, of 1180 Crater Lake avenue, this morning pleaded innocent to a grand jury indictment for statutory rape, according to circuit court sources. The case involves a girl under 16 years of age.

In the same circuit court session, Rex Joseph Coy, 28, of 839 Washburn avenue, was arraigned on a grand jury indictment charging him with assault with intent to commit rape on an 11-year-old girl. He was given until Wednesday to enter his plea and attorneys Manville Heisel and Stanley C. Jones Jr. were appointed by the court to represent him.

The grand jury that will consider several other criminal cases pending in the district attorney's files was sworn in this morning. The old jury completed its work Thursday.

Jurors who will serve for the next term were:

John F. Moran, Raymond A. Morton, Ray K. Wolff, Myron C. McEwen, James T. Pool, Ralph T. Hutchins and Jack D. Wood, foreman.

Portland Installs One-Way Grid System

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—(U.P.) A new one-way grid system went into effect in Portland today and police said they were convinced it had doubled the speed of traffic in the downtown area.

The first test of the system under heavy traffic during the morning was monitored by 124 patrolmen.

Capt. Eugene Ferguson said his traffic division hadn't received a single call about the system at 8:30 a.m.

The grid system went into effect at 12:30 a.m. Crews worked through the morning uneventfully and what few mixups there were caused only laughs from tolerant officers.

DOG POISONED

Mrs. Loren Scmel, 113 Cottage street, informed police today that the family dog was found poisoned Sunday morning. Police also were told that another dog was poisoned at 15 Corning court in the same neighborhood.

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Sir Harry Lauder, Famed Scot Minstrel, Dies Peacefully After Long Illness

Strathaven, Scotland, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—The songs and sparkling wit of Sir Harry Lauder, the bow-legged Scot minstrel with the kilts and crooked walking stick, were stilled by death today.

Sir Harry died peacefully and without pain in his home here yesterday from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered last August. He was 79.

Funeral services will be held Thursday. The first memorial will be at his home for the family and relatives at 1 p. m. The other will follow an hour later by invitation to some of his public at Cadzow church, Woodside Place, Hamilton, with the Rev. S. Harpess Graham conducting.

Sir Harry will be buried at

dent cemetery, Hamilton, beside his mother and his brothers, Alec and George, in the beloved Scottish hills which he immortalized in his song, "Roamin' in the Gloamin'."

Sir Harry wrote the song after the death of his wife, Nance, in 1927.

"Roamin' in the gloamin' on the bonnie banks o' Clyde, Roamin' in the gloamin' wae my lassie by side."

Since the death of Lady Lauder, Sir Harry's devoted companion has been his niece, Greta, daughter of his dead brother Alex.

Prowler Arrested As He Leaves Residence

Morris T. Burelew, 35, was arrested and jailed last night for entering the residence of Mrs. Lorene Brazier, 414 West Jackson, city police said.

Mrs. Brazier was awakened by a noise and, investigating, found the man in the house, according to the report. She immediately called the police. A patrol car was only three blocks away at the time of the incident and Burelew was leaving the kitchen when apprehended, officers said.

Police said Burelew apparently entered the front door using a pass key.