

\$600,000 Removed From Armored Car; Two Men Arrested

Guards Drink Coffee While Vehicle Looted

Danvers, Mass.—(U.P.)—Three men looted an armored truck of \$600,000 Tuesday in the biggest cash robbery since Brink's Inc. and within two hours two men were seized in New Hampshire and a third was believed trapped in Everett, Mass.

Red Cross Drive Only 30 Per Cent Subscribed So Far

Only about 30 per cent of the \$27,000 goal of the Jackson county chapter of the Red Cross has been subscribed so far, it was reported today.

The funds cover all expenses of the chapter, and also this county's share in the national \$85,000,000 budget. Leaders of the fund drive today made a special appeal to residents of the county to increase their contributions for the vital work.

Checks can be mailed to the Red Cross Fund Drive, Leverette building, Medford, or handed to any Red Cross volunteer worker.

Tornado Aid Asked

In addition to the regular demands, leaders here were advised yesterday of a special request for an additional \$490 for assistance to residents of the tornado disaster area in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri. An emergency relief fund of \$1,000,000 has been appropriated for the work, and some \$4,000,000 more will be needed, according to estimates.

Doctors and nurses have been sent into the stricken area, blood and plasma delivered by plane, and cots, blankets, generators and water purifiers brought in to care for life and welfare.

The Red Cross has also handled messages from those who are anxious about friends or relatives in the disaster area, including several from Jackson county.

Phone Workers Vote To Strike

Washington—(U.P.)—The CIO Communications Workers announced Tuesday that more than 55,000 telephone workers, installers in 44 states, have voted to strike unless they get a "substantial" wage increase.

The union said the workers voted 4 to 1 to give CWA President Joseph Biernie authority to call a walkout after five days notice. No strike date has been set.

Voting to strike were 18,000 Michigan bell employees, 15,000 Ohio Bell workers and 7,000 employees of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in northern California, as well as 15,750 telephone installers and distributors of the Western Electric system across the country.

Those workers staged an 11-day strike in November, 1950, winning a six per cent wage boost. Their average hourly pay is \$1.53.

Portland—(U.P.)—Today marks the 40th anniversary of continuous United Press service to the Astorian-Budget at Astoria, Ore.

Personality, Help of Individuals Needed in Government, Gov. McKay Tells Chamber of Commerce Forum Here

"Government needs your personality and your help," Gov. Douglas McKay told members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and their wives and guests at a forum dinner meeting last evening at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

More than 180 persons heard the governor's talk, the first speech in a series of quarterly forum meetings, which will bring outstanding speakers to Medford.

"Businessmen have been neglectful of government," the governor said. "You must do more than vote, and occasionally contribute to some candidate's campaign fund. You cannot delegate your duties as citizens, as you delegate your business responsibilities, if we are to survive as a free enterprise community."

"Must Have Faith"

We must have faith, he said, faith in God and faith in the fundamental virtues on which this country was so successfully built, the governor emphasized. "If we do so, nothing can stop us," he said.

The governor's talk was preceded by a report from Chamber President Jorgen Jorgensen, who told of the work of a number of the chamber's committees.

Wilson Accused Of Trying To End Wage Stabilization

CIO Head Refuses To Consider Proposal

Washington—(U.P.)—CIO President Philip Murray Tuesday accused Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson of trying to "wreck the entire wage stabilization program" and bluntly refused to consider his new proposals for heading off a steel strike.

In an angrily worded statement that carried the threat of a future union boycott of the Wage Stabilization Board, Murray said his United Steelworkers will spurn an invitation to meet with Wilson.

Wilson Silent

Wilson said no immediate comment on Murray's blast. But some of his top aides were summoned to a hurried conference after midnight, and there were indications that a Wilson statement might be forthcoming.

The defense mobilizer returned Monday night from emergency conferences with President Truman at Key West, Fla., and announced that he would call in steel industry and union leaders to discuss "a whole series of plans" for settling the wage dispute which threatens to result in a nationwide strike April 8.

Recommendation Repudiated

Wilson repudiated the wage board's recommendation that the dispute be settled with a 17½ cent hourly wage increase plus "fringe" benefits adding up to another 8½ cents an hour.

He said the board's proposals—already accepted by the union—"would be a serious threat to our year-old effort to stabilize the economy."

The Wage Board ruled last week that the 26 cents-an-hour "package" increase could be granted within present stabilization rules.

Washington—(U.P.)—Mobilization authorities said Tuesday that President Truman may be asked to change the Wage Stabilization Board's steel wage recommendations if they are found to violate wage ceilings.

A spokesman for Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson said the board's wage recommendations are being reviewed by Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam.

He said Putnam is expected to submit a formal report to Wilson in the next 48 hours and that Putnam then can turn the question over to Mr. Truman.

U. S. May Modify 7th Fleet Policy

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—U. S. Navy Secretary Dan Kimball hinted Tuesday the United States may consider modifying its policy under which the U. S. Seventh Fleet has been operating in the Strait of Formosa.

Kimball told a press conference there has been no modification yet in President Truman's directive charging the Seventh Fleet with protecting Formosa from the Communists and preventing the Chinese Nationalists from operating on the mainland of China.

"There has been no modification in the directive, but times are changing," he said.

Finnegan Sentenced To Two Years in Jail

St. Louis, Mo.—(U.P.)—James P. Finnegan, former Internal Revenue collector, Monday was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$10,000.

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Vet Bonus Payment Near

Six Men Perish As Blaze Sweeps Los Angeles Hotel

Clerk Given Credit For Heroic Effort

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A flash fire swept the upper floors of the St. George hotel in the heart of Los Angeles skid row early Tuesday, killing at least six persons.

Only the heroic efforts of night clerk Leland Whitehouse kept the toll from soaring higher.

50 Overcome by Smoke

More than 50 of the hotel's residents were temporarily overcome by smoke. But only 10 persons were hospitalized. Others were treated at the scene by fire department inhalator squads.

The dead, all men, were first deposited on the street in front of the five-story structure. Later they were removed to the city morgue where efforts were made to identify them.

Dead identified were A. J. Bernhart, Seattle, who fell to his death from a fifth floor ledge and Charles Ellis Black, 50, and J. R. Moore, 40, both address unknown. Three others were unidentified.

Clerk Spreads Alarm

The blaze was reported to clerk Whitehouse shortly after 3 a. m. when a tenant on the top floor phoned, screaming:

"The entire top floor is on fire." Whitehouse rode the elevator to the fourth floor and then raced from room to room, awakening the unsuspecting residents with shouts of: "Fire, fire."

Then he returned to his switchboard post, phoning tenants in the lower floor. The lobby was untouched by flames but flooded by smoke.

Screaming victims were heard two and three blocks from the hotel and much of the Los Angeles downtown area was silhouetted by the flames which attracted thousands of curious.

Court Order Hearing Delayed Until Friday

A hearing on a temporary court order to restrain picketing and other practices at the Southern Oregon Planing Mill company, Central Point, has been held over until Friday, attorneys for the firm said today.

The defendants, two unions and seven individuals, were originally ordered by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna to appear at 9:30 a. m. today to show cause why an injunction should not be imposed. The hearing was delayed to allow Portland attorneys interested in the case to have further time, they said.

Named as defendants in the case are Local 3030, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, AFL; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; Ralph M. Davis, A. E. Jungans, William E. Kuhlwein and Gene Tedrick, officials of the lumber workers union, and Harold McKenzie, Joe Kulas and S. D. Nelson, representatives of the carpenters' brotherhood.

Tabby's Long Jaunt May Win Alaska Trip

A big white tomcat that traveled some 80 miles in about 14 hours has just about won himself a trip to Alaska.

The cat, which is a family pet of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Cox, Talent, was taken to the home of relatives in Klamath Falls Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Cox. They are planning a trip to Alaska this summer and wanted to make sure the animal had a good home during their absence.

When last seen in Klamath Falls by the Talent couple, the cat was drinking milk from a saucer in the kitchen. When next seen, it was on their back porch in Talent Monday morning looking for more milk. How it made such a fast trip is a mystery. Mrs. Cox now thinks it will be easier to take the cat to Alaska than to leave it here.

Prisoner of War Issue Discussed In News Blackout

Panmunjom—(U.P.)—Allied negotiators met with the Communists under a newly-imposed news blackout and made a new attempt Tuesday to break a deadlock in the prisoner of war discussions.

UN staff officers submitted a "preliminary statement" on a Communist proposal made March 5 to continue negotiations for exchanging prisoners of war on the basis of lists already exchanged.

New Version Seen

There was no indication what the United Nations command said, since the statement was made in secret session. But observers believed it was either a new version of a previous statement, rejecting Communist proposals, or an invitation to the Communists to alter their original proposals.

Ports Issue Disposed

Meanwhile, staff officers in the next conference tent disposed of the ports of entry issue and resumed debate on a Communist proposal to name Russia as a "neutral" truce inspector.

UN and Communist officers took only 20 minutes to decide to make the prisoner talks secret. Each side had previously expressed the view that the stalemate might be broken if negotiators were granted "limited privacy."

Bridges Advised To Clear Up Tax Role

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. John W. Byrnes, R-Wis., suggested Tuesday that Senate Republican leader Styles Bridges "clear up" his role in the \$7,000,000 tax case of a Baltimore liquor dealer.

Byrnes, a member of the House ways and means subcommittee investigating tax scandals, indicated that he would not press the issue if Bridges is not disposed to testify. But the Wisconsin congressman told newsmen:

"I think the committee should hear Senator Bridges to clear up any questions concerning his activity in this case."

Bridges has acknowledged that he conferred with Internal Revenue Bureau officials about the big tax assessment against the liquor dealer, Hyman Harvey Klein. But he has not yet shown any desire to talk to the subcommittee about the Klein case.

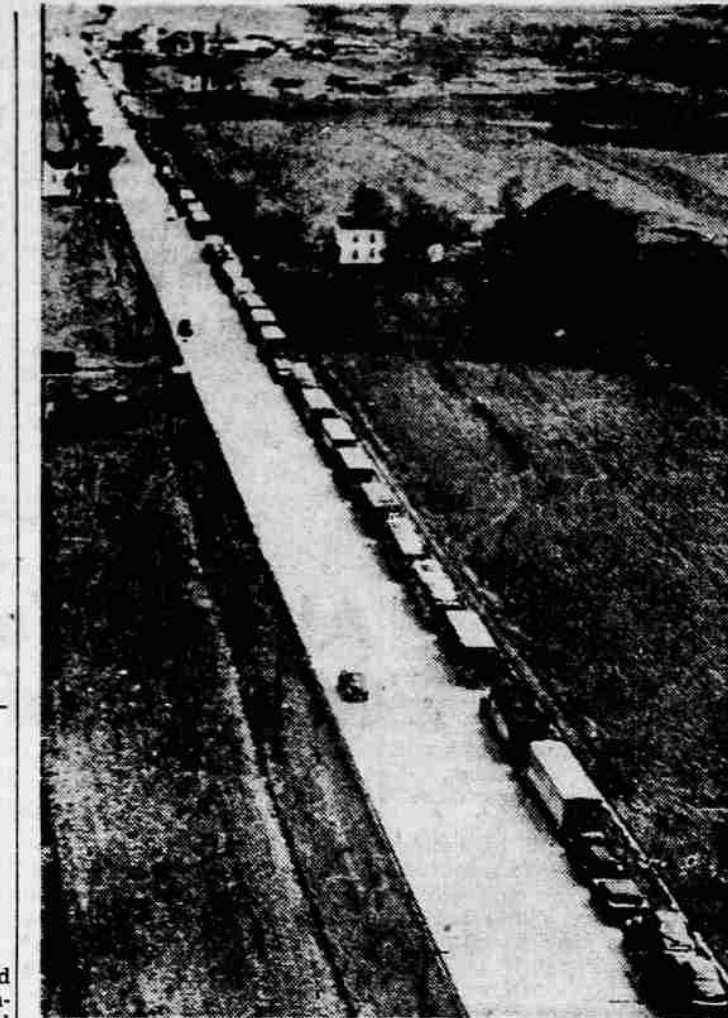
New Appeal Made For Wilson Brothers

Portland—(U.P.)—Attorneys for condemned kidnap-slavers Turman and Utah Wilson Tuesday made a new appeal to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington to commute the death sentences against the two brothers to life imprisonment.

Irvin Goodman, chief counsel for the Wilson brothers, said new evidence showed "these boys are absolutely innocent" of the kidnap-murder of 18-year-old JoAnn Dewey of Meadowdale, Wash.

The new evidence Goodman said, concerned a beer bottle found near the scene of the abduction on a downtown Vancouver, Wash., street.

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay said Tuesday he has reappointed Charles H. Reynolds of La Grande as a member of the State Highway commission. The appointment is for a three-year term.



BORDER BLOCKADE—Trucks line up for almost two miles along U. S. Route 20 at Conneaut, O., as the drivers halted in protest against Pennsylvania's 45,000-pound truck weight limit law. The blockade began at midnight and scenes like this were reenacted at many points along the Pennsylvania border.

Police Probe Story Of Actress' Beating

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Actress Anne Sterling, savagely beaten during "an hour of hell and humiliation," was treated at Hollywood Leland hospital Tuesday while sheriff's officers investigated discrepancies in her story.

The platinum blonde television actress told sheriff's deputies four "thugs" pounced on her and drove her to a house above the Sunset strip early Monday where they "beat and humiliated" her.

Lost Consciousness

Miss Sterling said she lost consciousness and the next thing she remembered was running down a road and stumbling into a friend's apartment.

She was rushed to the hospital where she was "getting along nicely" and probably will be released Tuesday. Officers said they would question her again when she was released.

Doctors said the actress' body was "bruised from her feet to her neck" as if she had been beaten with a cane."

Dr. Henry W. Ephraim, who treated Miss Sterling, said she

Drizzle Expected Through Wednesday

By United Press

It was warm but damp throughout the Pacific Northwest Tuesday and the weatherman said drizzles could be expected through Wednesday.

Forecasters said temperatures generally would be higher Wednesday with highs up to 65 degrees west of the Cascades and 48-42 east of the mountains.

All weather stations in Oregon reported minimums above freezing Tuesday morning. Lowest temperature reported was 34 degrees at several southern and eastern Oregon points.

The coastal strip had the heaviest rainfall during the last 24 hours with Newport, Ore., reporting .62 of an inch. Portland had .48 at the airport.

Fresh Storm Moving West Toward Nevada

By United Press

A fresh storm moved over the Rocky mountains Tuesday toward snow-smothered Nevada as the tornado-ravaged sections of the South worked at their massive cleanup job.

The weather bureau said the new storm packed rain and snow squalls.

Forecasters would give no promise that "Operation Haylift" could be resumed so that planes could drop urgently needed fodder to the starving cattle of the area.

The snow—worst in 60 years—blocked the movement of seven transcontinental trains. Major cross-country highways were partly blocked, with one-way traffic permitted in a few cases.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a few widely scattered showers. Low tonight 43; high Wednesday 62. Highest yesterday 53. Lowest this morning 33. To 4:30 a. m. today 44.

Credit Restraint Order Removed by President's Action

Bonds Now Must Be Advertised and Sold

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon will start payment of its bonus to veterans of World War II as soon as bonds can be advertised and sold, now that President Truman has ordered the credit restraint removed, Gov. Douglas McKay said Tuesday.

Bonus Checks May Start Rolling Within 60 Days

Gov. McKay, confined to his home with the flu Tuesday, told the United Press that the president's statement of Monday that he had instructed Mobilization Director Charles Wilson to remove credit restriction of state and local government financial actions meant that Oregon could start advertising for bids at once.

Machinery Set Up

As soon as the \$40,000,000 bond issue is advertised and bids received, Oregon can start at once to pay the bonus.

The machinery is already set up. The bonus division of the State Department of Veterans Affairs has been processing applications as they have come in, and Hub Saalfeld, manager of the bonus division, reminded veterans again that they had better get their applications in as soon as possible, for they are numbered as they are processed and it's a case of first come, first served.

Reaction of Satisfaction

The first reaction around the capitol to the President's action was one of satisfaction that Oregon finally can pay the bonus.

The second reaction was one of eyebrow-lifting at the president's timing. Some observers said they could not understand why the President should make his announcement Monday instead of waiting until Oregon State Treasurer Walter Pearson, a fellow Democrat, visited the national capitol Wednesday. Pearson's purpose was to ask Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder and federal reserve bank officials to approve the Oregon bonus so that the credit restraint committee could approve the Oregon bonus. They said the president's action "knocked the wind out of the sails" of a fellow Democrat.

Oregon voted at the November, 1950, election a bonus to its veterans or their survivors of \$10 a month for domestic service and \$15 a month for foreign service, to a maximum in either case of \$600. Officials have estimated total cost of the bonus would run between 50 and 60 million dollars.

Greyhound Declares Demands Fantastic

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Pacific Greyhound lines has accused the striking AFL bus drivers union of trying to "bludgeon" the company into granting "fantastic" demands.

The demands, if granted, would boost fares to prohibitive levels, the company said. Presumably, officials were referring to the union's demands for a five-day week and wage increases.

Union spokesmen declared the company's charges were untrue. They said the company is trying to set up a "smoke screen of bankruptcy" to confuse the issues.

Funny Money Not Funny, Treasury Department Says

Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—It was up to the treasury department Tuesday to say whether Houston's funny money men can continue their lucrative business.

The department was expected to issue a formal opinion later in the week on the legality of the fake money being sold at a good profit by printer Jack Fulshear and an associate.

Not a Bit Funny

But the Secret Service let it be known informally again that it didn't consider either Fulshear's "Mink Standard" gag money or printer Leo U. Kaiser's "Texas Buck" even a little bit funny.

The Secret Service also emphatically denied from Washington that it had the slightest interest in the political implications of Fulshear's funny money—which carries a picture of "Smiling Harry" that resembles President Truman and bears such inscriptions as "Mink, standard of value" and "tax waste."