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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 21

The White House wangled this agreement from the house labor committee to increase the national labor relations board by two members. Senator Wagner did the actual bulldozing for Mr. Roosevelt.

The compromise is not as deep as the trouble nor as wide as the issue, but 'twill serve democratic campaign purposes if the AF of L and others who want a fresh five-man deal on the board can be drawn into line.

The trick of the proposal is that the two additional members with William Leiserson will give the White House a majority of three. The present board rulers, J. Warren Madden, and Edwin S. Smith, would be squeezed down into a minority by the packing process.

NOTE: Senator Bob Wagner, father of the legislation, put the administration's new viewpoint on NLRB classically when he said behind his hand:

"You can remain, deaf, dumb and blind only so long."

SIGNS OF SPRING
Government economists are scanning their statistics with magnifying glasses looking for signs of spring buying power upon which the immediate course of business is likely to turn.

RETREAT
The British blockade grip on the skaggerak will be relaxed as a result of the latest successful German air raid on Scapa Flow.

SPANISH QUEST
High diplomatic personages have flown back here with information that while Mussolini has been losing influence with Franco in Spain, Hitler has been needing in rapidly. They tell this story:

General Franco had planned an elaborate parade and invited all ambassadors to appear at the reviewing stand one hour ahead of time—that is all except the German. He was to walk in just before the parade started and get the applause.

the proposal placed upon the primary ballot. The names of 450 petitioners were readily obtained.

SIDE GLANCES



"Perhaps it wasn't shoes you were looking for in the first place? . . . Maybe a hat or something?"

planning to withdraw from it again, leaving that part of the blockade largely to destroyers and submarines.

ZIG-ZAG ROUTE
More mystifying than even Mr. Roosevelt's juggling of the third term issue has been Chairman Jim Farley's zig-zagging course.

Some toll bridge attendants now use paper bags to prevent a shock of static electricity. Motorists are asked to drop their toll payment into the bag, the paper serving as insulation against the shock.

Beer always delicious when label says "Wieland's."

AGED INDIAN FOUND DEAD AT GOLD MINE

Death in the snowswept mountains where he had spent many years in a quest for gold has claimed Port Summers, 70-year-old Indian of the Klamath reservation. His body, half covered with snow, was found Tuesday along a mountain trail by a party of skiers who investigated when the aged Indian failed to return from his remote mine at an appointed date.

Summers, who made his home on the Klamath reservation for 33 years and was widely known in Klamath county for his law enforcement work as an Indian officer, was last seen alive by Bill Sisson, of Klamath Agency, who accompanied him to his mine February 8. He was to have returned alone March 17.

Falls to Appear
When that date passed and the old Indian failed to appear, a searching party was formed of Victor Sisson and Lawrence Sisson of the Agency and Bob Summers, the Indian's son.

Packsack Found
When the men had skied half the distance by trail to the mine, they discovered Summers' packsack lying in the snow at the base of a tree. Nearby they found the Indian's body, half buried in the partially melted drifts.

Prominent at Reservation
Summers came to the Klamath reservation in 1907 and was aged 70 years, 11 months at the time of his death. He had been identified prominently with many activities of the reservation.

He is survived by three sons, Robert, Frank and Ora, all of Chilcoquin; one sister, Effie, and a brother, Ace, both of Myrtle Point, Ore.

Funeral services will be announced at Ward's Funeral home upon returning to the mine des-

The Family Doctor

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN
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THERE are innumerable superstitions and beliefs concerning the hands.
In the first place, there are the superstitions about the left hand:

(1) A left-handed person must work three days for the devil.
(2) If your left hand itches, you will pay out money, be disappointed, or expect company.
(3) If you shake hands with your left hand, it will bring you bad luck.

All of the omens associated with the right hand mean good luck, and with the left hand, bad luck. These beliefs have not the slightest basis in fact but are wholly dependent on the failure of primitive people to appreciate the fact that a certain number of people incline to left-handedness.

According to experts, men were probably ambidextrous in the first place—able to use both hands with equal facility. It has been argued that the ancient Hebrews and all the Semitic peoples were left-handed because they wrote from right to left. Then as civilization advanced, men had to expose themselves to new hazards, including the exposure of the vital organs of the body. Therefore, men protected the left side—the side on which the heart lies—and turned the right side toward their foes. Death removed those

who could not make the adjustment so that the right hand became dominant.
One identical twin is likely to be right-handed and the other left-handed. Among the Dionne quintuplets, three (Yvonne, Annette and Cecile) who were born separately, are right-handed. The others (Emilie and Marie) were born like twins so that Emilie is left-handed and Marie is right-handed.

If the right palm itches, one is supposed to be lucky at getting money. Indeed, the symbolism of an itching palm comes down from the earliest times. The reason is that, when the palm itches, there is a tendency to close the hand, which is a gesture associated with miserliness.

One of the hardest superstitions to explain is the idea that cold hands mean a warm heart. Actually cold hands mean nothing except that the circulation in the hands is not as good as it ought to be.

NEXT: Superstitions about toenails.

Try the Cases

FROM the time of the adoption of the law automatically suspending driver's licenses of persons convicted of drunken driving, pressure has been brought on prosecutors and judges occasionally to reduce such charges to reckless driving. Police Judge Carl Cook, at the close of a trial on drunken driving charges here this week, mentioned that such pressure had been brought on him and said it came in part from an unnamed public official.

The rules on drunken driving are admittedly severe in this state. Public opinion, however, has been strong in support of drastic dealing with drunken drivers, and there has been no public demand for lessening the stringency of the laws.

Usually, the plea for a reduced charge is based on the assertion that the defendant earns his living by driving, and a conviction removing his license to drive would be tantamount to depriving him of his means of livelihood. The law, however, does not at present recognize this as an extenuating circumstance. It is possible some probationary permit plan, for the benefit of persons who actually must drive as a part of their work, might be devised, but this might also give rise to abuse and a question of fairness to all.

It is not out of reason to suppose that there are cases in which the sensible thing to do is to reduce a charge as originally filed. A charge of murder is frequently and justifiably reduced to manslaughter. But such reductions should be made on the basis of facts that appear in the case, and not in response to political or personal pressure.

Ordinarily, the proper and fair thing for all concerned is to try the charge on the facts, as was done in the case here this week. Attempts to bring pressure, no difference how sincere and well-meaning they may be, have the effect of casting suspicion on those they are intended to benefit.

Prospects for Color

WITH 10 days remaining before the primary election filing deadline, local politicians are coming out of the brush and preparing for the great struggle which biannually thrills the residents of this neighborhood.

There will be more contests in this year's elections than were at first indicated. Sheriff Low and County Clerk Mae K. Short, who had a clear field for their respective nominations, both drew opposition candidates Thursday. Others may follow.

The state legislative situation is being watched with considerable interest. Representative Harry Boivin and Henry Semon are without opposition in their candidacies for the democratic nomination to the lower house, and Dr. A. A. Soule is unopposed on the republican side as yet. State Senator U. S. Balentine has a clear field in both parties so far in his senate candidacy, despite repeated rumors that some one might come out against him. Klamath shares its senator with Lake, Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

With the exception of the circuit judge race, the local contests promise less fireworks than has been customary in elections here. But maybe the judge affair will make up for what is lacking in color elsewhere.

Fairgrounds Issue Placed On Ballot

LAKEVIEW—Voters of Lake county will have an opportunity at the coming primary election to express their opinion on

the proposal to acquire a county fairground and to adequately finance an annual fair. The Lake county granges and the Lake county chamber of commerce cooperated in circulating the petitions in order to have

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