

SENATE RAPS PROPOSAL IN MAJOR FIGHT

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fornia and Washington, asserting there is not a single cross-state road that could safely carry the larger trucks.

McKay, however, denied this. "There could be no uniformity even if this bill passed," Zurcher said, "because Oregon roads couldn't carry these big trucks."

Danger to Roads

"Regarding the argument that this bill would abolish trade barriers at our state lines, I might point out that California has shown no disposition to do that. It passed its fruit quarantine law without consulting Oregon."

"Excessive loads would slowly but constantly break the roads down, and the bill would impose a burden of police duties on the state police and highway commission that could not be performed. The expense of policing should not be incurred by the state for the benefit of only seven per cent of the truckers, who would drive the rest of the truckers out of business."

Referendum Threat

He denied that the people wanted the bill, and hinted that if the legislature approved it, there would be referendum petitions filed against it to put the measure on the ballot in November, 1942.

"Are you interested in a few dollars for a few large trucks concerns which would drive the little truckers out of business and would drive the public off the highways?" Zurcher asked.

Protection Formula

McKay explained that in past sessions he has opposed such legislation, but that he reversed his position because the highway commission has developed the axle formulas to protect the roads.

"This bill would reduce freight rates. One of the big penalties we pay is our distance from markets. This bill would not create a monopoly, but is a means of keeping open competition," McKay said.

"You have been deceived," he continued, "by the propaganda from the counties and railroads. The League of Oregon Counties is spending the taxpayers' money for lobbying against this measure."

He read petitions from granges, which said bigger trucks would reduce the cost of moving farm products to market; shippers, and taxpayers.

McKay said the bill, by permitting big trucks to operate between Washington and California, would break down trade barriers, and added that even the railroads, because they operate large trucks, would benefit by the bill.

Tax Split Tabled

The house tabled an unfavorable report from its highway committee on a bill to give cities under 100,000 population \$1.50 per capita from annual gas tax funds, and cities over 100,000 population one dollar per capita for city street maintenance. The measure was sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities.

Debate on measures to create a fourth congressional district will be held at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. At first, it was scheduled for today, then changed to Friday, and finally set for tomorrow.

The house voted to hear the debate tomorrow after Reps. J. D. Perry (D-Columbia) and Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) submitted a minority report asking that Neuberger's bill, to create a fourth district comprising all coastal counties, rural Multnomah county and northwest Oregon, be substituted for the reapportionment committee's measure.

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Shaggy Mountain Guide Enlists

DENVER, Feb. 19 (UP)—A 24-year-old mountain guide came to town from Williams Fork river today to volunteer in the army and sacrifice for national defense the finest head of hair in Grand county—14 inches of blond, wavy curls.

The locks haven't felt the touch of steel for four years because, Tommy Roberts explained, "they keep my ears warm on hunting trips."

When he wandered into the recruiting station, several draftees—in various stages of undress for physical examinations—grabbed for their pants and ran to shelter.

"May I help you, Miss?" the draft board clerk asked when he walked in.

"I want to enlist," he replied in a deep voice that made the clerk jump.

KNUDSEN ADVISES NO LABOR CURBS

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tion on his own observation of what happened in France when the Blum government fixed wages and maximum working hours by decree. The United States has established minimum wages in some industries and does not limit the number of hours that can be worked.

Asked whether he foresaw any "substantial stoppages" for the future, as a result of conditions now developing, Knudsen replied in the negative.

By The Associated Press

William S. Knudsen told a house committee in Washington today that he expected settlement of the Allis-Chalmers strike at Milwaukee by tomorrow.

He did not give the reasons for his belief. Representatives of the management and the CIO-UAW at Milwaukee went back to conferences to settle the month-old deadlock.

On the whole matter of labor difficulties in defense industries, Knudsen said that what delays had occurred had not kept "the job of production" from proceeding fairly well.

Knudsen remarked to the congressmen, without elaboration, that "we thought we had it (the Allis-Chalmers strike) settled Saturday night, but they thought up another one on the way home."

Prospect Child Found After Six Hours in Wilds

MEDFORD, Feb. 19 (AP)—

Five-year-old Kenneth Bagley of Prospect, lost in the timber near his mountain district home for six hours Tuesday, was found late Tuesday afternoon by Edward Skeeters, logging contractor, and one of the 50 men and boys hunting for him. Kenneth was accompanied by his dogs on his wanderings.

Searchers who followed the tot's tracks estimated he had traveled 12 miles, and was headed for home when found walking down a trail.

The boy was none the worse for his experience, but had developed a terrible appetite, attempting to eat a proffered orange without peeling it. He said he had "gone hunting" and told a tale about seeing "lots of bears and wolves."

Administration Fails in Move For Aid Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The administration leadership failed late today in an effort to obtain a vote on British aid bill amendments recommended by the senate foreign relations committee.

Senators Johnson (R-Calif.), Wheeler (D-Mont.) and others objected that the senate had not been given ample time for consideration, and Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky assented to further debate later on.

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tween Thailand and French Indo-China.

(Unconfirmed reports reached Saigon that two Japanese flotillas were in the Gulf of Siam, the body of water lying between Indo-China, Thailand and the Malay peninsula. One was said to be off the mouth of the Theme Nam river, leading to Bangkok, the other south of the Thai island of Koh Chang, on the eastern side of the gulf near the Thailand-Indo-China border.

(Bangkok lent some support to these reports, telling of present or imminent visits there of four Japanese destroyers. At least three Japanese cruisers are known to have been in Indo-China waters in the past few days.)

The numerical strength of the Australian contingent was a military secret, but it was beyond doubt the largest and most powerful force of men, guns and munitions ever to arrive in Malaya in a single convoy.

Large quantities of artillery and motorized equipment were unloaded as the singing, grinning Australians disembarked from the great gray liners in which they had sailed 3000 miles from their homeland under protection of British and Australian warships.

Australian officials said the force was equipped completely for immediate front line service, and would be dependent on Malaya only for fuel and rations.

Britain's China fleet commander, Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, hailed the arrival of the Australians as a demonstration "of the power given by British command of the sea, which enables us to station our forces where they are most needed."

"It is a clear indication," Sir Geoffrey declared, "of the growing strength of the empire forces, which now need leave no portion of the empire inadequately defended."

NLRB Examiner Arrested in Ford Dispute, Released

DETROIT, Feb. 19 (AP)—A national labor relations board attorney and the city's commissioner of police were at loggerheads today over the arrest and quick release of an NLRB field examiner and charges that the police refused to "protect" board witnesses.

Policemen took into technical custody the field examiner and a companion, described as an organizer for the CIO's United Auto Workers, at an apartment building yesterday.

Harold A. Cranefield, attorney for the labor board's regional office here, said the two were about to bring a Ford Motor company employee to board of offices "for an interview" regarding an unfair labor practices charge against Ford. He claimed the police action was unprovoked.

Commissioner Frank D. Eaman replied that the Ford worker had complained of being annoyed by the two men. He said, according to Eaman, that he had told the men "all he knew" but that they insisted on "hanging around his apartment all hours, from midnight on."

No charges were filed, however. Within 45 minutes the field examiner and his companion were released.

Meanwhile, Cranefield charged in a prepared statement that the police had refused to aid in the "protection of witnesses." Eaman heatedly denied the accusation.

Italians Fired On By Own Men Greeks Claim

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they captured heights northwest of Tepeleni forming the most important bulwark of the Italian defenses in the central area.

London Bans South American Exports

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The government announced today that it was prohibiting the export of goods from Britain to Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru except by license, effective March 6.

The announcement, by the board of trade, said the order was issued "in order that the utmost possible benefit may be derived from United Kingdom exports and with a view to ensuring that the volume of exports is kept within the means of payment."

Camera Catches Up With 'Scarface Al'



Here's the first picture taken of Al Capone, Chicago gang lord of prohibition days, since his release from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay after serving a sentence for income tax evasion. "Scarface Al" looking thinner and wearing dark glasses, is shown leaving the Federal Building at Miami, Fla., with his attorney, left.

KLAMATH DRAFTEES TO LEAVE MARCH 7

March 7 has been set as the date for the departure of approximately 30 draftees from Klamath county board 2 for a year's army training under the Selective Service act.

The roster had not been completed Wednesday by draft officials but it was announced they would all be volunteers.

Meanwhile 24 selectees from board-1 were preparing to leave the city next Monday for a final physical check and induction into the US army in Portland.

Surgical Tool Companies Face Trust Charges

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 (AP)—Twenty-four surgical instrument manufacturing companies, the American Surgical Trade association and 12 individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of conspiring to fix prices in violation of the anti-trust act.

The indictments, climaxing a six-month investigation by federal authorities, charged that those named, through membership in the association, controlled the sale of approximately 95 per cent of all surgical supplies, both from manufacturer to dealer and from dealer to hospitals and physicians.

The defendants are charged specifically with conspiring to limit and prevent the production and sale of surgical supplies which were imitations or copies. This was accomplished, the indictments allege, by adopting a registration plan under which any member of the association could register any article which was first produced by a member. Then they agreed, the indictments added, that no other member would produce or sell this item or any imitation for five years.

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Aged Prospector Reported Ill in Hilltop Cabin

CANYON CITY, Feb. 19 (AP)—Prospectors heard disquieting reports today that Ike Guker was ill in his cabin atop Little Canyon mountain. Some of them started up the mountain.

Ike Guker, well past 80, is considered living proof hereabouts that a prospector must prospect. The fact that he strikes it rich has nothing to do with the case.

Guker hit it rich once, taking a cool \$50,000 out of the ceiling of a mining shaft. In the tradition, he quit and went to Paris. But Europe's gay places were flat fare to a man who had lived on a mountain with a forest for a front yard and good promising dirt to dig in, so he came back to his camp up on Little Canyon mountain to stay.

ASCAP Agrees to Accept Government Trust Indictment

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—The directors of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, today agreed to a consent decree providing for payment of \$24,000 in fines, thus paving the way for settlement of the federal government's anti-trust action against the organization.

In anticipation of the board's approval, a meeting of the general ASCAP membership at which the agreement would be submitted for ratification, was called for tomorrow night.

The principal terms of the proposed consent decree, a responsible source disclosed, were:

ASCAP to pay a \$5000 fine and 19 directors individual fines of \$1000.

The exclusive agency provisions of ASCAP to be modified to permit a member to license any of his works to any individual or company; ASCAP also to retain licensing power.

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HOUSE PASSES NAVAL REQUEST FOR SEA BASES

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that if she did, the protest would be "unwarranted, unmerited and should, in my opinion, be totally disregarded."

"After all," Stark's letter said, "Guam is United States property and it seems to me our actions should be determined by what is best for the United States and not dictated by any foreign power."

Stark said the proposed expenditure of \$4,700,000 at Guam would be chiefly to make the harbor safe for the landing of big patrol planes and usable by surface vessels. The rest of the work, he asserted, was a purely defensive character.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The navy announced today its new 35,000-ton battleship Washington would be placed in commission May 15, six and one half months ahead of schedule.

Undersecretary James V. Forrestal also said that orders had been issued to Captain Howard H. J. Benson to take command of the new vessel at that time.

After the commissioning there will be a period of trial runs, then the Washington probably will join the fleet in September, 1941. The keel was laid at the Philadelphia navy yard June 14, 1938, and the original date of commissioning as fixed in the contracts was December 1, 1941.

Arctic Weather Continues Through Midwest Regions

By The Associated Press
Arctic blasts again kept the mercury at sub-zero levels in sections of the midwest today and brought freezing temperatures to most of the north-eastern quarter of the nation.

Sub-zero cold was felt in seven midwestern states, with Minnesota and North Dakota reporting the lowest readings. Continued cold and snow flurries were forecast for most of the northern states.

Before dawn the temperature was 27 below zero at Bemidji, Minn., 25 below at Roseau, Minn., and Devils Lake, N. D., 17 below at Watertown, N. D., 10 below at LaCrosse, Wisc., 9 below at Charles City, Ia., and zero at Moline, Ill. Upper Michigan also had sub-zero readings.

Temperatures remained above normal on the Pacific coast, in Texas, and the Rocky mountain region. Among high temperatures reported yesterday were: 74 at Yuma, Ariz., and Miami; 72 at Abilene, Tex.; 71 at Shreveport, La.; 68 at Los Angeles; 67 at Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Calif.

Maryland looked forward to its coldest weather of the winter as forecasters predicted a 10 degree drop today.

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CITY BRIEFS

John Beal Here—John Beal, barber at Swensen's who has been seriously ill for some time, is home from a San Francisco hospital and is showing steady improvement.

At Merrill—Sheriff Lloyd Low went to Merrill Tuesday on official business.

LARCENY ADMITTED, MAN GETS 2 YEARS

Pleading guilty to larceny from the person, Thomas Reynolds was sentenced to two years in prison Wednesday by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Reynolds was arrested in California and brought here to face a charge that he stole money from the pocket of H. C. Casebeer, when he, Casebeer, and two CCC boys were out together. He was at first charged with larceny by force and violence, but the charge was changed to larceny from a person.

Reynolds admitted taking \$50 from Casebeer, but denied he had taken a larger sum as alleged by Casebeer.

Lui Mario Chavez, charged with petty larceny, was sentenced to one year in the county jail and paroled. He stole money from a service station at Gilchrist.

Agencies Probe Cause of Four Deaths in Fire

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Jumped out of a second story window. Eleven-year-old Verner Jarvis was examined at the Emergency hospital, but was found to have escaped unhurt. Betty Schmiedeskamp, 10, skinned her leg shinning down a tree.

Estimates ranged from 35 to 100 persons who were in the building engaged in its varied activities when the fire got its start, probably near the auditorium stage. There were some boys in the gymnasium, a boys' band, a girls' sewing group, a cooking class, and a group of women doing volunteer sewing for the Red Cross—making clothing for disaster victims in England.

Fire Chief Charles Brennan said the fire might have started in the wiring of a fuse-box in a hallway adjacent to the stage.

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BRITISH CAPTURE ETHIOPIAN TOWN

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natives were reported yesterday to have driven the Italians from several towns.

An RAF communique said air-drops on the Dodecanese islands were raided Sunday and Monday nights.

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Feb. 19 (AP)—British forces have increased their pressure along the bitterly contested Juba river in Italian Somaliland, flinging back a counter-attack in which 40 men, including two Italian officers, were killed, the British announced tonight.

The communique said difficulties were being overcome in carrying water, food and munitions to the British invaders over desert country.

Earlier South African headquarters announced the royal air force had dive-bombed an Italian headquarters and supply depot southwest of Bardera, in Somaliland, scoring "several" direct hits.

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