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The War Story



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 10—A sub-regional director of the CIO steel workers organizing committee from Pittsburgh appeared the past week at a plant of the American Locomotive works which has large defense orders—mostly army.

He told the management their contract with CIO was satisfactory. He had no objections. He was not demanding the closed shop or check-off, but, he said, many union members in the plant were behind several months in their dues, and some employees had failed to join the union. He announced he would put pickets at the entrance, collect those back dues before the men could get in to work, and cause non-conformists to join the union.

The name of the CIO officer was Curtis (initials unspecified in reports here.) The basis for his picketing threat, he said, was Donald Nelson's stirring appeal for greater production, urging creation of labor-management committees for each plant.

Mr. Nelson said nothing about enforcing check-offs and closed shops where none existed, but apparently Mr. Curtis took it to mean the time was ripe for him in all respects. He said he hoped it would not be necessary for him to shut the plant.

This sent the management scurrying to the long distance telephone, seeking advice from its master contractor—the government in Washington. Officials here did not hesitate. They told the management to inform Mr. Curtis they would send troops in to see that the workers got a chance to turn out the precious war materials so vitally needed. Even the president's labor adviser, Sidney Hillman got in touch with Curtis and told him to abandon his notion.

The last heard here was that Mr. Curtis had retired with the warning he would be back and start picketing in ten days if the matter were not cleared up to his satisfaction.

"SHOCKING" REPORT

Now comes also Irving Abramson, CIO councillor for New Jersey, with a report to Nelson, which he calls "shocking," to the effect that plants in the northern part of his state are working only 49 per cent of capacity.

The report may force some needed corrections if the facts justify Mr. Abramson's assertion, but in submitting it to the press first, he attributed the deficiency to management's "profit motive." He said they did not want to pay time-and-a-half for overtime.

Nothing could make the situation clearer. Mr. Abramson believes it is all right for him to have a profit motive for labor—even an excess profit motive. He wants a 50 per cent wage increase for all overtime work. But for an employer to have any similar motive in protest is a disgusting and unpatriotic thing—to Mr. Abramson.

The time and a half that Mr. Abramson wants, would come out of the treasury and the taxpayers of the country, if passed along in the price of tanks, planes, etc., or out of the pockets of consumers in the price of non-defense products. Yet he did not recommend that labor abandon its 50 per cent overtime extra fee on orders to turn out guns for the nation's defense in time of national peril.

This is the day of labor. It has been freed, as its leaders say,

SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, those sandbags! The children were playing bomb defense—but really you should be more alert in wartime!"

Too Much Orange Paint

WHILE there is likely to be some protest in individual cases, surely there will be approval in general of the work of the special committee which surveyed the downtown district and brought in recommendations for changes in loading zones, special prohibited areas, and short-time parking spots.

A great deal of orange paint has been slapped on the curbs of the downtown district through the years. For the most part, special restrictions have been applied to different areas on an individual basis, and without regard to a general plan. The result has been that space for general public parking has steadily shrunk, and in some instances prohibited zones have survived after the reason for their establishment has ceased.

It was no small undertaking to survey the entire area covered by the committee's recommendations, and these citizens deserve the thanks of the city officials and the community in general. There is no evidence in their report of personal favoritism; rather, it appears the committee undertook to do a job in the public interest. It is the first comprehensive attempt of the kind here and, with or without minor revision, it should survive council consideration. At this week's meeting the council adopted the recommendations, but their final effectiveness does not occur until they are embodied in an ordinance and passed through regular legislative procedure.

The recommendations propose the elimination of many of the prohibited areas and will increase available parking space by several dozen cars.

Retail Trade Analysis for Oregon Made at University

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON Eugene, March 10 (Special)—An analysis of retail trade in Oregon based on bureau of census figures has just been completed by W. C. Ballaine, assistant professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, and released through the bureau of business research.

Professor Ballaine found that three classes of stores accounted for a total of 55 per cent of the state's retail sales. They were food, with 23 per cent; department-variety with 15.7 per cent, and automobile, with 15.7 per cent. The remaining 45 per cent was divided among many different kinds of operations, the most important of which were filling stations with 7.8 per cent, eating houses with 5.4 per cent and apparel stores with 4.9 per cent.

These figures are based on 1939 statistics, the latest available from the bureau of census, and do not reflect the effect of the war on retail sales.

Portland stores accounted for 41.5 per cent of all Oregon retail sales. Because of its drawing power, Portland has a larger share than population figures might indicate. The proportion for the various types of retail outlets was not at all uniform. Portland food dealers sold only 36.9 per cent of the state's total while department-variety stores accounted for 67.4 per cent.

The remaining cities of the state of more than 10,000 population ranked as follows: Salem, 4.6 per cent; Eugene, 4.1 per cent; Klamath Falls, 3.9 per cent; Medford, 2.2 per cent; Astoria, 1.8 per cent; and Bend, 1.5 per cent.

In comparing 1939 retail trade figures with a similar compilation in 1929, it was found that the number of stores had increased 22 per cent, from 13,544 to 16,458. During that time, dollar volume of sales remained about the same, showing a decrease of 0.3 per cent in the 10 years. The number of employees dropped 6.9 per cent and payrolls were off 5.4 per cent.

The decade witnessed the virtual elimination of the general store, where food constituted a substantial proportion of total sales, as an important retailing outlet in Oregon. There were 21,777 of these stores in 1929 and only 7254 in 1939, a decrease of 66.9 per cent. Filling stations showed the greatest increase, from 16,957 to 34,642, or 104.2 per cent.

Portland's share in the state's trade, measured in dollar volume which disregards changes in

price level, declined during the 10-year period. It was 45.6 per cent in 1929, 43.9 per cent in 1935, and 41.6 per cent in 1939. However, there were substantial price declines during this period and it is doubtful whether physical volume showed any decrease.

Some of the particular kinds of trade in which Portland's share declined most were food, from 46 to 37 per cent; apparel, from 63 to 57 per cent; and furniture, from 51 to 43 per cent. Sales in Portland department-variety stores ran counter to the general trend, increasing their share in the state's business from 66 to 67 per cent in the decade.

Fight Against Inflation On, Reports F. R.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP)—President Roosevelt Monday warned industry, labor and agriculture that continued price increases will precipitate inflation that will hurt the entire nation, hamper the war effort and ultimately plunge everyone into "ruinous" deflation.

Speaking briefly over the major radio networks in commemoration of the ninth anniversary of the new deal farm program, he said the fight against inflation calls for cooperation and restraint by all groups.

"It calls for mutual good will and a willingness to believe in the other fellow's good faith, he said. "It calls for unflinching vigilance and effective action by the government to prevent profiteering and unfair returns, alike for services and goods."

Getting Cooperation
Thus far, he said, there has been only a moderate rise in the cost of living. There have been instances where a few businessmen or a few workers, or a few farmers, are demanding and getting "more than they ought," he conceded.

"But, in general, the increase to the different groups has been kept fairly well in balance." "It seems to me," he said, "that we ought to feel proud of the undoubted fact that we are getting cooperation and a reasonably fair balance among 90 per cent of our population and that if less than 10 per cent of the population is chiseling we still have a pretty good national record."

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican March 13, 1902

The company recently incorporated for the construction of the big ditch from Big Klamath lake will meet in Merrill Thursday. It is a great undertaking, and if carried out doubtless will be one of the grandest things that ever happened to Klamath county. The first blow of the pick will double the value of the 40,000 acres to be irrigated.

Several capitalists have been here to look over Klamath county timber. H. H. Smith of Richmond, Wis., and C. A. Simons, timber cruiser of Ashland, were here this week. G. W. Johnson and C. F. Lattimer, capitalists of Wisconsin, came into town with John Gilpin, a timber cruiser of Klamathon.

From The Evening Herald March 10, 1932

A storm of protest arose here today over a ruling by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur that no whites may have grazing rights on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barth left early this week for Portland.

The Kiwanis club today gave a birthday party to R. E. "Pat" Patterson, music director of the club. Dr. G. A. Massey made a gift presentation of a tuxedo suit for the music leader.

According to scientific computation, the prospective mother has one chance in 8800 of giving birth to triplets.

Up Come the Buttons

SOME months ago, this column came forward with a proposal that traffic buttons be removed from street intersections as a means of saving tires. We are too modest to claim we started something, but it is noted that button-removal has now been undertaken in many cities, and newspapers in towns where it hasn't been done are calling for it. Fresno, Calif., as an example, has just ordered the buttons yanked up.

Not all of them have been taken up from the streets of Klamath Falls. Presumably, that is because the upright "stop" signs have not been installed at these intersections. The sooner these buttons come up, the safer the streets will be for precious tires. Such obstacles in the streets were never a very good idea, anyhow.

Game Appointment

TED R. CONN of Lakeview, appointed to the game commission to fill the vacancy caused by the unfortunate death of Francis R. Olds, is widely known in Klamath and Lake counties. He is the first Lake county man ever named on the game commission.

Klamath people, naturally enough, hoped for the appointment of another Klamath county man to the position. Although that did not happen, there is satisfaction here in the selection of a man from this general area, and Klamath and Lake counties have always been closely related, with many common interests and problems. We feel certain that Mr. Conn will consult the sportsmen's groups in this area in all matters that affect them, and we strongly urge that he do so. In particular, we suggest frank consultation on those matters in which there is divergent opinion and about which there has been honest controversy.

As a lifelong resident of Lake county, Commissioner Conn is conversant with all phases of the game problems of this region. He knows the country as well as anybody living in it. He is public-spirited, has good judgment, and should turn in a first rate job as game commissioner.

Cargo Vessel Torpedoed Off Eastern Coast

NORFOLK, Va., March 10(UP)—An axis submarine—probably Italian—torpedoed and sank the 26-year-old Brazilian cargo ship Arubutan off the North Carolina coast Saturday and then crashed when two U. S. navy planes appeared overhead, survivors revealed yesterday.

All but one of the Arubutan's 55 crew members survived the attack and landed here safely. They were rescued by a warship after 26 hours afloat in four lifeboats. Killed by the torpedo explosion as he slept in his bunk was Manoel Florencio Gombra.

The 7874-ton vessel was the 31st reported thus attacked or presumed attacked off the U. S. Atlantic seacoast since mid-January and the 28th sent to the bottom, but this was the first known instance in which an Italian submarine was believed to have participated in the under seas warfare.

Without Warning
(Rome claimed last week that Italian submarines had sunk some 27,500 tons of allied shipping recently in the western Atlantic.)

Belief the attacker was an Italian was expressed by Jose Lobo de Madeiros, third officer, who said:
"The submarine came possibly

within 200 yards of the lifeboats. Four men were in the conning tower. They were small of stature, of swarthy complexion and all appeared to have black hair. This led us to believe they were Italians."

Madeiras said the submarine struck without warning in mid-afternoon. He was on the bridge with the captain.

"The captain," he said, "notified all aboard to stand by the lifeboats. We stood there for about five minutes and then he gave the order to abandon ship. We were loaded in four lifeboats."

"We pulled about two or three hundred yards away from the ship and waited until she sank, which was about 20 minutes after we had abandoned ship."

FUNERAL

FRANK ANDER WILLARD

Funeral service for the late Frank Ander Willard, who passed away in this city on Sunday, March 8, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath funeral home, 925 High street, on Wednesday, March 11 at 3 p. m., the Rev. Victor Phillips of the First Methodist church of sitting. Commitment service and interment in Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Nearly 12,000,000 persons in Great Britain use gas, despite the growing popularity of electricity.

RAINBOW

Wednesday and Thursday

The Screen's Newest Sensation

George Montgomery

in

"Accent On Love"

and CONRAD NAGEL in

"GOLD RACKET"

Ends Today

"BURMA CONVOY" and "DOWN MEXICO WAY"

DIAL 5562

PINE TREE

ENDS TODAY

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Jack GAKIE
Martha RAYE
Jack HALLY

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ROBERT CUMMINGS

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Directed by HENRY KOSTER
Produced by JOE PASTERNAK

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LOOK WHO'S Laughing

Fiber McGEE and MOLLY

Edgar BERGIN & Charlie MCCARTHY

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STARTING TOMORROW

KAY AND HIS GANG BANG THE BELL AGAIN!

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MAY ROBSON - PATSY KELLY
PETER LIND HAYES
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