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In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

THERE is a humiliating note in the news today.

Ex-Congressman May of Kentucky and the munition-making Garsson brothers are found guilty by a federal jury of using for their own profit May's wartime influence as chairman of the house military committee.

The charge was that the Garssons offered and May took bribes. The purpose of the bribes was to get for the Garssons by political influence government contracts that they didn't seem to be able to get otherwise.

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THESE contracts were for munitions of war to be used on the battlefield by men who had given up their private lives and their private liberty to fight for their country. The proceeds of the contracts, presumably, went to enrich men who were staying safely at home.

Therein lies the humiliation.

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LET'S not, of course, EXAGGERATE the incident. For every Garsson and May who took easy money, there were THOUSANDS who refused to take it. (As everyone with eyes ad ears knows, easy money was lying all around during the war.)

We hear of a few soldiers who took loot on foreign soil. Well, everyone who was there knows that for every soldier who picked up folding money LOOT there were ten thousand who refused to pick up more than "liberated" souvenirs.

In our humiliation over the Garsson-May business, let's not make ourselves out any worse than we are. Looked at in the mass, our war record for personal honesty was good.

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WHILE we're at it, let's not overlook another lesson of the Garsson-May affair.

Many people who call themselves "liberals," but who rattle badly in their bearings, contend that private business is basically crooked whereas GOVERNMENT business is lily-white pure. Therefore, they say, government should run ALL business.

Well, this Garsson-May stuff was government stuff. Your history books will tell you, if you read them carefully enough, that down through the centuries government business has been far crookeder than private business.

Whenever you put too much power in too few hands too long, you invite corruption.

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THERE is also an ENCOURAGING note in the news today.

The city of Vicksburg is this year observing July 4 as Independence Day for the third time in its history. Up to two years ago, Vicksburg had remained in mourning on the Fourth of July because it was on July 4, 1863, that the city surrendered to General Grant and his Northern army.

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IF there is one thing that is as plain as the nose on your face, it is this: With the world situation what it is, we have neither room nor time in this country any longer to nurse ancient grievances among ourselves.

The people of Vicksburg recognize that fact.

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THE world picture is SHARPENING rapidly following Russia's refusal to participate in the restoration of Western Europe.

At Lake Success (in New York) Britain lines up solidly with us and tells the United Nations delegates that if they can't settle the Balkans trouble as recommended by the United States they might as well "tear up the U. N. charter, pack up their grips and go home."

That's putting it in words of one syllable. Britain has been wobbling a little here of late. Left-wingers in her labor party have been showing a strong tendency to flirt with Russia.

Russia's refusal to help in the rebuilding of Europe (preferring, breeds communism) has SOBERED obviously, continued chaos, which the English.

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FRANCE, moving promptly after Russia's rebuff, is preparing to invite 22 European nations to a meeting on July 12 to discuss the Marshall ("get to work and we'll help FINANCE you") program.

Her attitude is obviously: "If Russia won't help us, we'll go along WITHOUT Russia."

Painting Of Fairgrounds Slow

The Dodson Painting company in charge of dolling up the arena fences and grandstand at the fairgrounds ran out of time and things will go as they are with just one coat of white paint instead of two, the company advised today.

Painting continued up until a late hour Thursday in preparation for the big three-day western show sponsored by the Klamath Basin rodeo association, for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4, 5 and 6.

Money Lack Stops Water Land Survey

The Klamath drainage basin land and water resources investigation, which has been underway for the past year, was called to a virtual stop today by the U. S. reclamation bureau.

Ray Best, district manager for the bureau, said that orders had come down from above to halt the program. Lack of funds, presumably as a result of congressional attitude toward reclamation appropriations, was indicated as the reason for the stoppage.

C. W. Burningham, engineer in charge of the investigation, will continue on the job, getting together the loose ends of studies already made, but field work and other progress will be suspended for the present fiscal year, Best said.

25 Per Cent Done

Burningham said that the investigations are about 25 per cent complete. Studies so far, as they relate to land extension, have been centered largely on Butte valley and Swan lake in the Klamath area. Some tabulations have been made of water records, but the hydrology feature of the investigation is likewise only about one-fourth done, the engineer said.

He indicated it would take about two years to complete the study which has been started. The job costs about $60,000 a year.

Finances for this survey and similar studies come from a congressional appropriation for "planning." It started at $10,000,000, but the house cut it to $125,000.

This was generally agreed to be absurdly low, and the last report was that the senate committee had boosted it back to $2,000,000. Final action has not been taken.

Klamath chamber of commerce is on record as favoring an increase in the planning item above the house-recommended $125,000. In the light of today's development, it is expected the chamber will consider pressing for a share of whatever fund is appropriated for carrying on the investigation in the Klamath basin.

Beaver State Election Set

CORVALLIS, July 3 (AP)—Political candidates for offices in the Beaver Boys state, American Legion-sponsored summer youth meeting, today warmed up their campaigns for tonight's election with two Medford youths heading the tickets.

Bob Gray was nominated for governor on the federalist slate and Al Gleason on the nationalist ticket.

Other nominees included:

Federalists: Beldon Owens, Salem, secretary of state; Rich Cramer, Corvallis, labor commissioner; Dave Fletcher and Bill Crow, Eugene, senate; Bill Wager, Roseburg; Dick Evans, Salem; and **Jim Griggs, Klamath Falls, house of representatives.**

Nationalists: Dick Cramer, Corvallis, senate; Don Parr, Roseburg; Fred Terrill, Eugene; Jack Suing, Salem; and Larry Stapley, Grants Pass, house.

Holiday Up In Travel Seen

By The Associated Press

A near record high travel on a peacetime holiday was indicated for the three-day Fourth of July holiday as millions of Americans finished plans today for trips by auto, bus, plane and railroad.

Spokesmen for many railroads, airlines and bus companies reported record reservations and many were adding all available extra equipment to meet the heavy demand.

In addition, millions of motorists will hit the highways to parks, beaches and outing places. The national safety council estimated that 30 million cars will be on the highways over the three days.

A forecast of generally fair weather for most of the nation was an added incentive for travel.

A survey across the country disclosed that in the larger cities an extra heavy flow of traffic was expected; with some transportation companies preparing for their heaviest weekend since the war time, when travel was at its peak.

Victims Of Yesterday's Auto Accident Improving

The three persons who were injured in an automobile accident yesterday which brought one fatality are improving today at Klamath Valley hospital. Most seriously hurt was Sadie Lobart, 14, who was unconscious for several hours after she reached the hospital with head and internal hurts.

Jose Herkshan and Enos Herkshan were less seriously hurt, and the latter's wife, Mrs. Leatrice Hoover Herkshan, 24, was killed instantly when the car in which they were riding plunged off a logging road and rolled end over end 300 feet down the slope.

All the occupants of the car were Klamath Indians, residents of Chiloquin. The accident was the sixth auto fatality for Klamath county this year.

State police said that Enos Herkshan was driving the car when it left the road, and that the vehicle smashed into a tree 300 feet down the slope or it would have rolled down another 500 feet.

The four occupants had to be carried up the mountain to the road by stretcher before they could be put in an ambulance. The ambulance made two trips to the scene of the accident, first bringing Jose Herkshan and Sadie Lobert to the hospital, then returning for Enos Herkshan.

The body of Mrs. Herkshan was taken to Ward's Klamath Funeral home.

State police said that they were not going to try to take the wrecked car out of the canyon.

The road which the car was traveling was a Kesterson logging road and fire trail about a mile south of Williamson river, off to the right of highway 97.

Pr... Scenes At Klamath Fairgrounds

Janet Dierdorff's (above) world is complete. On her horse Mike she and her dog Butch ride around the fairgrounds taking not of all the pre-rodeo activity. With a bottle of refreshment, there's nothing lacking for a perfect vacation day. Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas D. Dierdorff, 1523 Dayton.

Luther Jones, W. E. Ward and L. F. Lusk, having painted the heavy wire arena fence in preparation for the Klamath Basin Rodeo at the fairgrounds, are fixing a wide band of white sheeting the length of it to keep horses from knocking their riders off against it.

Basinites Report Seeing Mysterious Flying Discs

Klamath basin people began seeing strange things in the sky last night, adding their contribution to the many reports that followed a declaration a week or so ago by an Idaho flier that he had seen a group of strange, flying discs.

Most of the people of Beatty, eastern Klamath county town, turned out last night to look at two bird-like patches of light which swung back and forth across the western sky. Frank Schmidt, calling up from Beatty, said the strange objects appeared at times to cross each other, and occasionally would hang suspended for a short time in the air. They made no noise.

Beatty folk rejected a suggestion that what they saw was beams of light thrown on cloud formations by two searchlights used for advertising purposes by the carnival-circus showing here at night. Beatty is about 35 miles east of here, and it was pointed out that beams from the searchlight might be visible there on clouds, whereas the column of light would not be in evidence. But the Beatty people doubted that theory.

Meanwhile, Don Bradley of Malin, driving home from Klamath Falls, saw two or three strange objects cross the sky between his eyes and the moon. He said they appeared to be flying discs, and seemed to leave a trail of smoke or vapor. They were going very fast.

Yesterday at 3:40 p. m., Harold Clemens of 4622 Homedale heard a whish and roar in the sky. The sun was in his eyes, but he said that some object, which seemed to be a jet-propelled projectile, went clear across the sky in a minute flat, headed due north. He didn't see the object, but heard it.

A day-time disc observation was reported this afternoon by Al Harvey, soil conservationist, and Bob Evans, engineer, both with the reclamation service.

Just before noon today, they said, they saw disc-like objects flying through the sky at a terrific rate of speed, and very high. They said the objects didn't look like pie tins or coffee can lids, but distinctly were disc-like in appearance.

Farley Dates FDR Breakup

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—James A. Farley said today his split with Franklin D. Roosevelt became final in the summer of 1940 when the president decided to run for a third term.

A year earlier, Farley said, Roosevelt had told him he would not do so.

The former democratic national chairman and postmaster general told of his "showdown with the boss" in the fourth of a series of articles in Collier's. The conference took place at Hyde Park, N. Y., sometime before the July democratic convention.

Farley said he never had any doubt that Roosevelt made up his mind to run long before and added:

"I am certain he had sold himself the idea that he was the only one qualified to serve during that particular period of the nation's history. He believed, I am sure, that the world was in a terrible plight and he hated to turn over the reins of government to someone else."

Trailways Bus Faces Strike

Pacific Trailways bus service in and out of Klamath Falls and from Portland through Eastern Oregon to Bend, Burns, Boise and Salt Lake City is threatened with complete shutdown tonight at midnight. Pay of drivers and pay and hours of shop men are at issue.

The ticket office here has been instructed to sell no tickets for trips that can't be completed by midnight.

Two Trailways busses come into Klamath Falls daily from Bend, and two leave out for Bend. This is the end of the line for the route in this direction, though none of the drivers live here.

The line offers the only public transportation in many parts of Central Oregon.

T. S. Beguin, business agent for the AFL motor coach union in Portland, said drivers are now getting 5 and 5.5 cents per mile and are asking a pay hike to 5.85 cents a mile which he said was the same rate paid drivers of all other bus lines in the area.

Shop men now work 48 hours a week, getting $1.35 for 40 and time and a half for the other eight hours. Beguin said they are asking $1.60 an hour and a 40-hour week.

Beguin said that M. P. Hoover, president and general manager of the line, made an offer based on a passenger load factor which the union couldn't consider. The main office of Trailways is in Bend.

Island Plan Speed Urged

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to give early consideration to legislation enabling the United States to approve the trusteeship agreement for Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan.

The agreement was approved unanimously by the United Nations security council last April 2.

In a separate statement, the president said the pact provides that the Marianas, Caroline, and Marshall islands shall be placed under the international trusteeship, system of the United Nations and administered by the United States.

"On this occasion" he said, "I should like to reaffirm what I have said on other occasions, that the policy of the United States is to support the United Nations with all its resources as a permanent partnership; this policy has the support of the over-whelming majority of the American people.

Prayers Of Nuns And Priest Halt Flames At Chapel

BURBANK, Calif., July 3 (AP)—While a Catholic priest and two nuns knelt in prayer, a wall of fire advancing on a wayside chapel suddenly halted and subsided, leaving the little edifice unharmed, police reported today.

"It was the strangest thing I have ever seen," said Lieut. Kenneth K. Kipers of Burbank police. "The flames came within 20 feet of the chapel then died out. There was no noticeable change in the wind."

The flames, which had burned approximately 1,200 acres, last night swept toward the chapel, on a hill above the Mother Cabrini school for girls.

Father Innocent Mangus and two nuns rushed from the school to the chapel to remove sacred objects but before doing so bowed in prayer that the building be spared.

No Parking On Main For Parade

Police Chief Orville Hamilton has decreed "no parking" on Main street, between 2nd and Spring, tomorrow morning after 8 o'clock until the Fourth of July parade is over. Any cars left on the street after 8 a. m. will be towed in to the station.

Coal Miners Win Big Concession

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—John L. Lewis was reported today to have won from major soft coal producers the biggest concessions in mine union history for his workers.

The agreement, which now is being put into contract form for ratification by northern commercial bituminous operators and steel company interests, was reported to include:

1. A 44½ cents an hour increase in the basic pay rate;

2. A ten-cent-a-ton royalty levy for his union welfare fund—double the amount provided in his contract during government operation of the mines which ended Monday.

Terms Studied

Soft coal operators of the Midwest, far West and South are studying terms of the agreement. Whether the nation's mines will return to full-scale production next Tuesday apparently depends upon their acceptance of the provisions. The mines are now out on a 10-day vacation.

The United Mine Workers 200-man policy committee will meet here Saturday to pass on the proposed contract with the northern operators and big steel companies, which operate so-called "captive" mines feeding coal directly to their plants.

Directors of the Southern Coal Producers' association are to meet here tomorrow to discuss the matter and determine whether to accept.

Railroads Ask Rate Boost

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—The nation's railroads today asked for a new increase in freight rates estimated to yield approximately $1,091,000,000 a year in additional revenues.

A total of 699 carriers, representing all the operating lines, filed a joint petition with the interstate commerce commission asking the increase and terming it necessary to "bridge the gap" between present railroad revenue and increased costs of operations.

The lines involved have estimated their freight revenues for 1947 at $6,812,000,000, based on present rates.

Garssons, May Found Guilty

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—Ex-Congressman Andrew J. May and the ex-munition making Garsson brothers, Murray and Henry, were convicted today on charges of using for their own profit May's wartime influence as chairman of the house military committee.

Defense counsel promptly served notice of appeal and sentence was deferred pending the outcome of that action. May, who received the verdict calmly, commented that it was "only round one."

The 72-year-old former democratic congressman from Kentucky was accused of accepting more than $50,000 in bribes for getting war department favors for the Garssons brothers' $70,000,000 munitions empire during the war years.

A federal jury that heard 11 weeks of testimony deliberated only one hour and 50 minutes before returning its verdict. The maximum penalty for each would be six years imprisonment and $30,000 fine.

Waterfront Watches Boat

ASTORIA, Ore., July 3 (AP)—Leon Glolay built a boat and the waterfront here is amazed.

The truck driver never had built a boat before but when he signed to catch fish for the Seaside Clam company, he went to work with only a saw, hammer, screwdriver, ax and sledge hammer. The result is a craft about 18 feet long that looks something like a Columbia river seining skiff.

Three 2x4s are the keel. The bottom is almost flat. The sides are plywood over shiplap, caulked with paper.

Glolay hasn't gone out for a trial spin, but waterfront observers are dubious. If it stays afloat—an inch and a quarter hose played into the hull for an hour failed to raise water above the floor boards—they insist it will go only in a circle.

Cigaret Tax To Face Big Battle

PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—With the deadline only 24 hours away, sponsors of the cigaret tax referendum worked steadily today to get another 2600 names on petitions.

Tobacco dealers said they had 9200 signatures certified by county clerks, but needed 11,856 to place the referendum on the ballot and prevent the tax from going into effect July 5.

Meanwhile officials at Salem said they were getting last-minute requests for the stamps that must be affixed to all cigaret packages if the tax goes into effect.

They said they had 11,000,000 of the 2-cent stamps on hand, and more would arrive if the referendum is not filed. The tax is expected to net the state $2,000,000 annually if it goes into effect.

Demos Promise Veto Of Action Despite Shifts

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—The new republican-backed bill to cut income taxes $4,000,000,000 annually was approved 18 to 6 today by the house ways and means committee.

A shift of democratic votes in favor of the measure brought immediate predictions that the house and senate could override another presidential veto.

The bill is identical with the measure vetoed by President Truman June 16, except that the effective date of the proposed tax reduction is changed from July 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) set a new house showdown vote on the measure for next Tuesday.

Ways and Means Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) author of the legislation, said that under the tax cutting bill federal revenues in the fiscal year starting yesterday would be $39,900,000,000—"enough to pay at least $5,000,000,000 on the national debt."

Demo Veto Seen

The committee action came in the face of democratic predictions that another veto awaits the measure, which would reduce income levies for 48,000,000 taxpayers from 10½ to 30 per cent, depending on income level.

When the ways and means committee reported the first tax cutting bill several months ago the vote was 16 to 9, with only one democrat joining the republicans in support of the legislation.

With the effective date changed to next January 1, three democrats joined 15 republicans in support of the legislation today. Six democrats voted against it.

Millhand Hurt In Accident

Bernard Vaillancour, 22, of 1823 Earle, is in Klamath Valley hospital recovering from injuries received in an unusual and extremely painful industrial accident Wednesday evening.

Vaillancour had reported for his first night's work at the Ewauna Box company's sawmill last night, breaking in as a tail sawyer. First known of the accident was when other workmen saw the young man walking up a carriage on one of the machines holding his head and stumbling as if in a dazed condition. In his state of shock he apparently reached for one of the machines for support, and put his hand into the saw, cutting off the left index finger.

Company officials surmise that Vaillancour might have been hit on the forehead by the carriage without anyone seeing the accident.

In addition to the hand injury Vaillancour is suffering from a fractured skull in two places above his right eye, but hospital attendants say that he is doing fairly well. He never lost consciousness. He was brought to the hospital by fellow workmen.

Army Fund Gets Boost

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—An increase of nearly $600,000,000 over house allowances for the war department's operating fund was approved today by a senate appropriations subcommittee.

Senator Gurney (R-SD) told reporters that the senate group had "unanimously approved" an increase of $599,126,376 over the $5,560,000,000 previously voted by the house. equipment," Gurney said.

"Most of this would go to the air forces for modern new planes and

The increases include $335,636,376 more cash than voted by the house and $263,000,000 additional contractural authority for the fiscal year starting Tuesday.

Gurney said the full senate appropriations committee will pass upon the increases—biggest made in any supply bill this session—at a meeting Monday.

Gurney said part of the senate increases would be offset by a reduction in unspent appropriations for 1946 and prior years. (He said the house had slashed these $1,000,000,000 while his group recommended rescission of an additional $439,139,201.

When both cash and contracting authority are lumped, the senate group recommends an outlay of $6,060,000,000 for the army during the fiscal year that began July 1.

This was above President Truman's budget recommendations of slightly less than $6,000,000,000.

Firemen, Police Rescue Youth

PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—Bobby Riggs, 3, climbed a tree, as all boys will.

Then he called for help.

It took the fire department and two police patrolmen to free his leg, imprisoned in the descent.

The male eye has always been attracted by the sight of a beautiful woman adjusting the seams of her hosiery—at least that's what the 9 o'clock photog thought this morning as he took this picture of Mrs. Emma Prendergast giving a last look to her seams while waiting for the bus on South Sixth street.