

# CONTRACT SIGNED; STRIKE OFF

## In The Day's News

### Victim Of Fight Dies In Hospital

Melvin Larsen, 32, who was injured in a fight early Monday morning on Oregon avenue, died at Klamath Valley hospital shortly after last midnight, and his alleged assailant, Wayne Addison Fetters, 33, is held in the county jail, booked for disorderly conduct.

A felony charge of assault and battery was placed against Fetters yesterday afternoon before Larsen died, but this morning District Attorney Clarence A. Humble said that a more serious complaint would be filed against the man.

Larsen received a badly fractured skull and damage to his brain during the fight, allegedly when Fetters, wearing a pair of high-heeled cowboy boots, kicked him. Fetters, his wife and other witnesses made statements to the district attorney yesterday afternoon.

The fight took place at Fetters' residence, 2305 Oregon, and police arrived on the scene about 1:30 a. m. to find Larsen unconscious in the roadway in front of the house. He was taken to the hospital and died without regaining consciousness.

A physician performed a brain operation on Larsen yesterday afternoon, removing blood clots and several pieces of broken bone from the wound.

Fetters was arrested at the scene and it was a city police officer, R. N. Adkins, who signed the assault and battery complaint against him.

District Attorney Humble said that the only actual eye witness to the fray was Mrs. Fetters, and that under the law she is a privileged witness and does not have to testify against her husband. He said that apparently the fight took place outside the house, and that two other persons called as witnesses were inside the house at the time.

An autopsy probably will be performed on Larsen today, but Humble said that an inquest may not be called.

Melvin Larsen was an employee of the Hunt ranch at Spring Lake, while Fetters listed his occupation as horseman. The dead man's sister, Connie Larsen of Ellensburg, Wash., and brother, Ole Larsen of Portland, were notified last night and were due to arrive in Klamath Falls today.

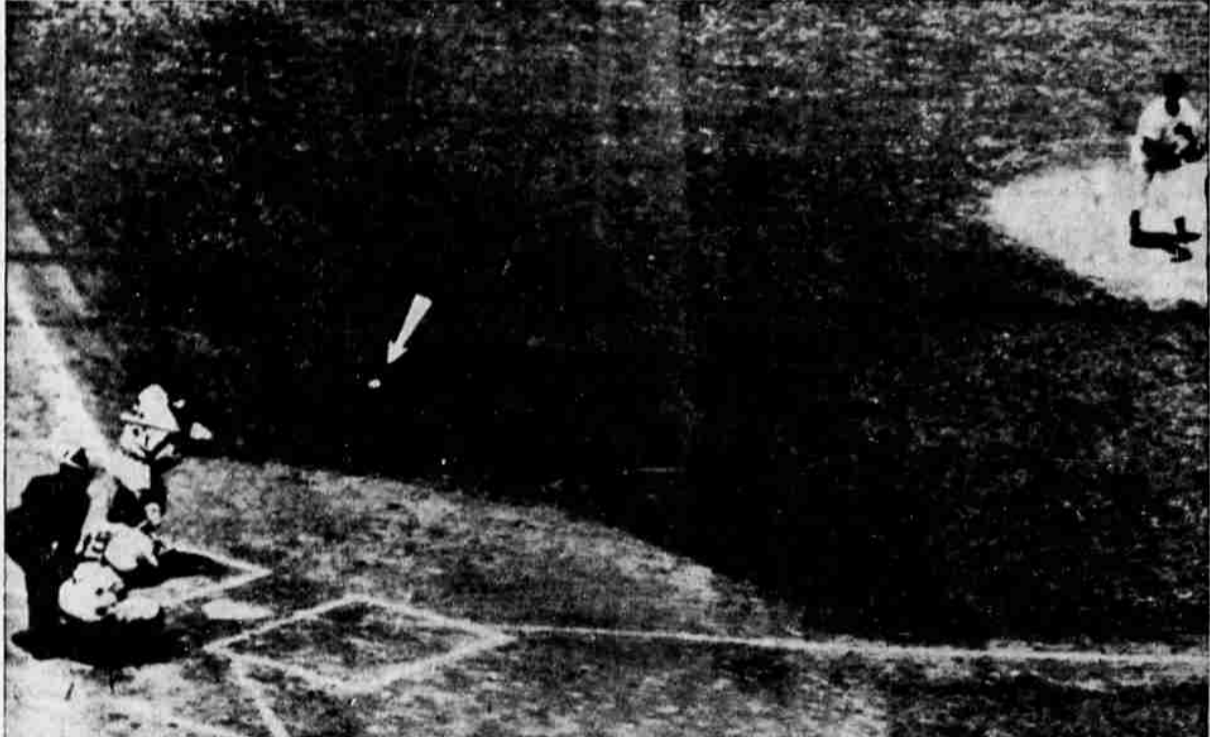
The body is at Ward's.

**WEATHER**  
 Max. (July 7) 81 Min. 44  
 Precipitation last 24 hours 4.00  
 Stream year to date 10.50  
 Last year 13.91 Normal 13.93  
 Forecast: Partly cloudy today, tomorrow.

**Klamath and News**  
 Klamath Falls, Oregon, Tuesday, July 8, 1947  
 (Telephone 8111) ★★ No. 14977

## House Passes Tax Slash Measure

Wirephoto Shot Of First Pitch In Big Game



This picture shows the first pitch in today's All-Star UHL Pitcher Ewell Blackwell of the National league loses the ball to Third Baseman George Kell, the American league's first batter. Kell fouled the first two pitches and then struck out swinging. Umpire is Jocko Conlon. Arrow indicates ball.

## Americans Edge Nationals, 2-1

CHICAGO, July 8.—The American league, pecking away with an eight-hit attack and ringing the bell with its pinch-hitters, continued its All-Star mastery of the National league by coming from behind for a 2 to 1 victory before a standing-room crowd of 41,123 at Wrigley field today.

Johnny Sain, top pitcher for the Boston Braves, was the loser, while Frank Shea of the Yankees got the decision.

Sain started hurling in the seventh with the score knotted at 1-1, gave up two hits and committed the only error of the game, a costly wild throw which let Bobby Doerr get to third base in time to score the winning run on Sam Spence's single.

Joe Cronin started Hal Newhouser for the Americans and Eddie Dyer chose Ewell Blackwell. Joe DiMaggio got the first hit of the game off Blackwell in the second inning, a single, but neither Newhouser or Blackwell gave up a run.

In the fourth inning Harry Breechen of the Cardinals went to pitch for the Nationals and gave up a double to Ted Williams and a single to Lou Boudreau before getting the Americans out.

The Nationals did the first damage in the fourth inning. Frank Shea, sensational New York Yankee freshman hurler from the Pacific Coast league, went in to pitch for the Americans, got by Dixie Walker and Walker Cooper but Johnny Mize, big New York Giant's first baseman, drove one of Shea's slants into the fifth row of the right center bleachers for a 380-foot home run.

The blast unnerved Shea a moment and he walked Enos Slaughter, first pass of the game, but retired the side on a force out.

Joe Gordon of Eugene, Ore., slammed a long double to left in the American side of the fifth frame, but died on base. The Nationals continued to touch Shea in the last of the fifth, but didn't score. Marty Marion punched out a single and Andy Pafko duplicated before the side was retired.

A pinch-hitter paid off for American Manager Joe Cronin in the top of the sixth. Luke Appling, aged White Sox infielder, replaced Buddy Lewis and drilled a single to left. Ted Williams

slapped another one-bagger, to right field, sending Appling to third. Joe DiMaggio hit into a double play but Appling came across with the first American tally. Score 1-1. Harry Breechen of the Cardinals gave up that run.

Johnny Sain came in to pitch for the Nationals in the seventh, with Bruce Edwards catching. With one out Bobby Doerr singled sharply to right, then swiped second, sliding in under Edwards' throw.

Trying to pick Doerr off second, Sain's throw hit Bobby in the leg and bounded into center field. Doerr went to third and an error was marked against Sain. Buddy Rosar struck out and Sam Spence, Washington outfielder, went to bat for Shea. Spence took two strikes, then singled to right center, scoring Doerr with the tie-breaking run for the Americans. Score, 2-1.

In the last of the eighth frame Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians robbed the Nationals of a score. With one out, Willard Marshall walked, Phil Cavaretta fanned and Joe Page of the Yankees was waved in to pitch to Johnny Mize.

Page is a lefthander. Mize drove a single to right, sending Marshall to third. Phil Masi went in to run for Mize. With a chance to get the Nationals back into the game, Slaughter bounced weakly to Doerr for the third out.

The Americans went down in order in the ninth, and the Nationals came up for their last chance. Page fanned Whitey Kurowski, Peeewe Reece walked to put the potential tying run on base. Eddie Stankey hit to Bobby Doerr who executed a beautiful throw to Boudreau to force Reece. Schoolboy Rowe, batting for Warren Spahn, ended the game by fouling out to Tommy Henrich.

The win was the tenth in 14 All-Star games for the American leaguers, and was a pitching battle through and through. Only Ted Williams and Johnny Mize were able to get more than one hit.

Shortscore:  
 American 000 001 100 2 8 1  
 National 000 100 000-1 5 1

## Cafeteria At OVS To Open

The cafeteria at the new Oregon Vocational school at the marine barracks will start operation on Thursdays or Friday of this week.

Henry Swisgood is the cafeteria supervisor, and today was rushing arrangements for the first servings of meals. The dining room at the BOQ building is to be used for the cafeteria. Staff members and workers on the plant will eat at the cafeteria at the beginning, and students arriving for the classes starting July 15 will be accommodated for meals at the new eating house.

Swisgood will also serve as instructor for the cooks and baking classes.

State police who will be at the school campus next week for a state police school will eat at the guest house.

## Referendum On Fag Tax Okay

SALEM, July 8 (AP)—The referendum petitions against the two-cent cigarette tax have sufficient signatures to put the tax on the October 7 special election ballot, Dave O'Hara, chief of the state elections division, said today after a recount of the signatures.

## Salem Merger To Await Court Action

SALEM, July 8 (AP)—Merger of Salem and West Salem will await a court test of a 1947 law which permits merger of cities in different counties, but where those cities have a common boundary.

The court test will be to determine whether Salem and West Salem, which are separated by the Willamette river, have a common boundary under terms of the law.

Petitions for the merger were rejected last night by the West Salem city council in order to pave the way for the court suit.

## Circus Train Jumps Tracks; One Worker Killed; Animals All Saved

HUBBARD, Neb., July 8 (AP)—Eight cars of Clyde Beatty's 15-car circus train were derailed in the early-morning darkness today, killing one circus worker and injuring at least six.

The accident happened on the northeast outskirts of this village as the circus billed as "The World's Greatest Wild Animal" show was en route from last night's Sioux City, Ia., showing to an engagement at Norfolk, Neb., tonight.

Beatty himself was one of the first out of the wrecked train. He assigned several of the elephants to dragging away torn ties and rails and pulling in replacements. His cargo, he said, includes the "largest, fiercest mixed group of savage jungle-bred male and female tigers I have ever handled." But the animals, most of them in the fore part of the train which stayed on the tracks, did not escape their cages.

A number of the performers jumped to safety as the train began to leave the tracks.

The animals took the accident calmly although some of the 40 lions and tigers roared a bit and the elephants trumpeted as they went about their strange task of dragging rails and ties. About 560 feet of the single-track rail line was torn up.

## Coast Guard On Hunt For Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8 (AP)—The coast guard began a search today for a Russian tanker, the Apharon, overdue on a voyage from Petropavlovsk to San Pedro.

Officials of Amtorg, Soviet trading agency, requested the search yesterday when they were unable to radio the vessel, which was due at San Pedro July 5.

Coast Guard Capt. S. P. Swisgood said he did not believe the ship was on, and many office workers brought the situation under control after using tear gas and firing into the milling rioters.

Trams and buses ceased operating on most routes while the riot was on, and many office workers stayed away from work to avoid passing through streets.

## Indian Riots Take 3 Lives

CALCUTTA, July 8 (AP)—Continuing Hindu-Muslim rioting claimed three more lives today, bringing the official toll of casualties since early yesterday to 28 dead and more than 141 injured.

Unofficial reports of the casualties ran as high as 50 dead and more than 300 hurt.

Police and the military finally brought the situation under control after using tear gas and firing into the milling rioters.

## GOP'S Beat Back Demo Substitute

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The house passed today the republican-backed bill to cut income taxes by \$4,900,000,000 annually for 49,000,000 taxpayers, beginning January 1.

The vote was 302 to 112, or more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential veto.

It goes to the senate where approval also is forecast.

The action, which may encounter another presidential veto, came after Speaker Martin (R-Mass.), personally appealed to the house to pass the bill by such a decisive vote "as to persuade the president that the people should have this delayed justice."

Same Measure  
 The measure is identical with one vetoed by President Truman June 16 as "the wrong kind of tax reduction at the wrong time." Except that the effective date is changed from July 1, 1947, to Jan. 1, 1948.

Congress leaders expect to have the revised bill on Mr. Truman's desk before the week ends.

The house passed the bill after the republicans beat back a proposed democratic substitute that would have reduced taxes by \$3,379,000,000 and removed 4,000,000 low-income persons from the tax rolls completely.

Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee shouted at democrats opposing the bill:

"For 1 year you voted for every appropriation bill, and only now, when we are trying to give relief to the harassed taxpayer, do you suddenly remember there is a public debt."

"The president says in effect we can't have tax reduction and let the people spend their own money. No, he says, that would be inflation. Tax reduction is not inflation."

He contended that taxes can be reduced by \$4,000,000,000 and a \$5,000,000,000 payment can be made on the public debt next year.

## Phone Hearing In Second Day

SALEM, July 8 (AP)—Traffic expenses of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Oregon are up 307 per cent from 1940. F. D. Tellwright, company vice president and general manager for Oregon, testified today before Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg.

The hearing, in its second day today, is on the company's application for \$2,249,000 in annual rate increases.

Tellwright said the increased expenses were caused by a 53 per cent increase in the number of calls, increased wage rates, and a 300 per cent increase in the number of employees.

Tellwright said maintenance expenses have increased 21 1/3 times over 1940, while expenses of the company's commercial department are up 202 per cent from 1940.

## Water Use Hits Peak

Water consumption reached a high so far this season of 7,450,000 gallons on July 1, but the figure is expected to go still higher before summer's end, according to the California Oregon Power company.

The figure exceeds the 1946 summer high which was 7,417,000 gallons. The consumption peaked on the 4th of July week-end when most people were out of town, and the total 24-hour consumption on July 4 was only 5,100,000 gallons.

Meanwhile, the temperature continued its recent heat streak in the '80's, there were 7,040,000 gallons of water used.

## Indian Heads To Talk Fund Slash

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8 (AP)—Superintendents from Indian reservations in five western states today discussed the coming 50 per cent reduction of administrative forces.

E. Morgan Price, chief of the Indian agency here, said the cut had been ordered because of reduced appropriations.

He told reporters that figures on the number of employees to leave the payroll would be available at the end of the session.

The superintendents from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California also were to discuss a housing program for Indian veterans and needy families.

## "Flying Saucer" Reports Continue To Pour In From States; Mystery Unsolved

By The Associated Press  
 America's "flying saucer" jag reeled on today. Staff necks and goggle eyes were the order of the day. Sky watchers was a new profession.

North Carolina joined the disc parade.

For the first time the discs were reported whirling through the atmosphere over Asheville in western North Carolina and over Greensboro and Raleigh in the north central portion.

As reports continued to pour in from all over the nation tabulators ran the tally of states in which the saucers had been seen to 44. Observers in the District of Columbia and Canada also said they had sighted the mysterious objects.

The only states whose skies were still clear of the discs were Nevada, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Explanations. Take your choice: They were radio controlled flying missiles sent aloft by U. S. military scientists. Or they were merely light



One of the most familiar 9 o'clock sights around town is the Klamath Garbage company staff collecting their previous day's refuse. Caught by the 9 o'clock lens this morning while he hoisted a barrel aboard the truck on Michigan street was Bill Jensen.

9 o'clock Special