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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair today and Saturday. High today 65, low tonight 50; high Saturday 67, low 52. Precipitation last 24 hours .00.

Lakeside Road Jobs Get Push

Five Percent Probe Turns To Gambler

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today he will insist that Frank Costello of New York, reputed "slot machine king," be called as a witness in the senate investigation of "five percenters."

"I think Costello is a very necessary and important witness," McCarthy said in a statement today.

McCarthy is a member of the senate investigations subcommittee which has been digging into the question of whether there has been improper influence in letting of federal contracts. He has mentioned Costello's name several times during the hearings.

On one occasion, McCarthy asked Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's military aide, whether Vaughan got any campaign funds from Costello.

Vaughan said he had never even heard of Costello and that he was sure none of the money came from him.

Today, McCarthy said he wants to ask Costello "about a number of things that have cropped up in the investigation but I can't disclose them now or it would foul things up."

The senate hearings are in recess now, probably for about a month. Meanwhile, the staff and investigators are running down a number of tips and collecting data that may be disclosed later at public sessions.

Government agencies are moving to shut their doors against five percenters.

SEATTLE IS THE NEAREST POINT TO RUSSIA IN CONTINENTAL AMERICA.

ONCE we get these factors clear in our minds, we can understand that Seattle is the poorest place in the United States at which to produce this weapon upon which we are staking our military future—perhaps even our future as a nation.

It is obvious from a glance at the map that places like Wichita, in the very heart of the vast interior of the United States, will be easier to defend against determined enemies than places like Seattle, located on the rim of our country—and the rim nearest to Russia at that.

That is the situation in a nutshell.

WE can't blame Seattle for having to lose the great Boeing payroll. There isn't a one of us that wouldn't feel about it exactly as Seattle people do.

But it isn't a problem of Seattle development. It isn't a problem of the industrial development of the Pacific Northwest—or even of the Pacific Coast.

THE PROBLEM IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

OC&E Cars Said Moved By Non-Operating GN Crew

Non-union officials of the Great Northern reportedly moved several cars on the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad early this morning, the first direct action taken by the company in the five-day-old strike.

Operating employees of the OC&E went on strike last Monday morning in a dispute between the order of railway conductors and the OC&E owners, the Great Northern and Southern Pacific.

Great Northern currently is operating the 45-mile-long road and the Southern Pacific apparently is taking no part in the work stoppage.

Early this morning a GN engine reportedly hooked onto loaded cars which had been stranded by the strike on the OC&E tracks and switched them over to GN tracks, while several strikers on picket duty looked on.

Neither company officials nor officers of the conductors' union could be located for comment on the action, although it had been expected since the strike started.

Whether GN crewmen will be asked to move the cars in question could not be determined. The cars presumably may be labeled "hot cargo" by the striking OC&E employees.

When the strike broke several partially loaded cars of lumber products were stranded here and cars of grain were idled at Dairy Shippers have pressed both the union and the carrier to get cargoes rolling.

Weyerhaeuser Timber company, big user of OC&E service in hauling logs to the mill here, reported no difficulty arising from the strike. Weyerhaeuser has sufficient logs stored at the plant to keep operating and is getting logs from sources other than its camp 6. No logging is being done now at camp 6 near Bly as equipment is being moved to another location.

'Lifer' Free To Hear His Composition

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 2 (AP)—An habitual criminal, sentenced to the Tennessee state penitentiary for life, will go to Texas next month to hear a big choir sing his cantata.

Frank M. Grandstaff, convicted under Tennessee's seldom-used habitual criminal act after a life-long career of petty crime, was thrown in solitary confinement one day for breaking a prison rule.

There he thought of the wide spaces, the immense rolling hills of a Texas he had once known. In his mind he heard a melody and as it grew, he scribbled the notes on his cell wall. That was the birth of his cantata.

He named it "The Big Springs Cantata" in honor of the Texas town that had inspired the song—it was a history of the town written in music.

It was copied down on paper and later sung. Persons in Big Springs heard about it and wanted it for their centennial celebration October 2.

James Green, an official of the chamber of commerce at Big Springs, called on Governor Gordon Browning here to ask Grandstaff's temporary release so that he might attend the centennial and hear his cantata for the first time.

Texas Governor Allan Shivers said he would pay all expenses necessary to bring Grandstaff to Big Springs.

Yesterday Browning gave his okay.

House Holds Brief Session

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Fourteen members of the house showed up today for a two-minute session, half of which was used by the chaplain's opening prayer.

Acting Speaker Cox (D-Ga.) adjourned the session on motion of Rep. Sheppard (D-Calif.).

The house meets again next Tuesday under the schedule requiring weekly sessions, with no business, until September 21.

Report Big Fire Under Control

McCALL, Idaho, Sept. 2 (AP)—Last of the big fires in the Payette national forest, the 15,000-acre blaze on the south fork of the Salmon river, was officially reported under control today.

Forest Supervisor John T. Mathews said all lines are holding tight on the south fork blaze and men are able to do some mopping-up inside the lines.

"We feel pretty safe, and men still are being released," he said.

CHOLERA CONTROLLED

SALEM, Sept. 2 (AP)—An outbreak of dreaded hog cholera in western Oregon has been controlled, the state agriculture department said today.



NEAR DEATH — Supreme Court Justice Wiley B. Rutledge was reported near death early this afternoon. An Associated Press dispatch said the 55-year-old jurist had lapsed into a coma in a York, Me., hospital where he has been confined since last Saturday. He is suffering from a circulatory condition. At the hospital today as Justice Rutledge's life ebbed were his wife, their son, Neal, and their daughters, Mary Lou and Jean Ann.

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Legion To Be 'Important' Chief Pledges

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2 (AP)—The American Legion's new national commander—40-year-old George N. Craig of Brazil, Ind.—stood pledged today to make that organization "an important voice in the nation's political and social life."

"The Howler lawyer—the first World War II veteran ever named to head the Legion—was chosen yesterday in a slip-and-tuck race with three other candidates. The job pays \$15,000 annually and carries with it a \$25,000 expense allowance.

In November the Legion's national executive committee will decide where the 1950 convolve will be. Los Angeles, Boston and New York are bidding for the site.

Catholics Argue About 'Salvation'

BOSTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—A five months dispute between the Boston hierarchy and a Roman Catholic group over whether there is salvation outside the Catholic church still appeared unsettled today despite a Vatican ruling upholding Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

The decision was announced by Archbishop Cushing in "The Pilot," official publication of the Boston Catholic archdiocese. The announcement said the ruling was made by the supreme sacred congregation of the holy office, over which the pope presides.

The controversial group, led by the Rev. Leonard J. Feeney, S. J., has persisted in the contention non-Catholics could not be saved.

The church holds otherwise. The sacred congregation ruling ended with a solemn warning to Fr. Feeney's adherents to abandon their position immediately "at the peril of their souls."

Fr. Feeney indicated he would stand pat pending an ex cathedra announcement from the pope himself.

Sports Bulletins

TURNESA LONES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 2 (AP)—Rufus King of Wichita Falls, Tex., defeated Willie Turnesa, 2 and 1, today and plays Charles Cox of Oklahoma City tomorrow for the 1949 title as U. S. amateur golf champion. Cox eliminated William C. Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., 3 and 1.

WUXTRA, WUXTRA!

DOVER, Eng., Sept. 2 (AP)—No one tried to swim the English channel today. Maybe tomorrow.

Party Bigwigs Move To Cancel Sheriff's Bond

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—A group of prominent Oregon democrat leaders opened fire today on Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Elliott, and the sheriff faced a powerful move to bring about cancellation of the bond that is necessary for him to continue in office.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson, who had helped Elliott get his bond following his election, announced he had changed his mind about the sheriff and called for cancellation of the bond.

Pearson, a democrat, said other democratic leaders agreed with him in his new view of the sheriff, who is already a target of a bipartisan recall movement.

Pearson's announced shift came after a meeting of 13 democratic party leaders at the home of State Sen. Austin Flegel.

"Until this time, the majority of democratic leaders have believed Marion L. Elliott to be entitled to prove his ability to serve . . . Mr. Elliott has had a chance to prove himself. He has made poor use of it. There is increasing evidence that the cause of good government will not be served by prolonging the probationary period."

"Therefore the democrats who sign this statement have recommended to Walter J. Pearson that Mr. Elliott's bond be cancelled."

Pearson's statement said, "As an insurance agent I obtained the bond for Elliott last December at the request of several democratic leaders. Cancellation of the bond has now been recommended by responsible leaders of the party. I have therefore requested the Maryland Casualty company to cancel the bond."

If the bond were cancelled—and no other bond obtained—the office would be declared vacant. The board of county commissioners would appoint a successor. The board has pledged, in such a case, to name a democrat.

Democrats who took part in the meeting and signed the statement were: Monroe Sweetland, Oregon national committeeman; Nancy Honeymann Robinson, national committeewoman; William L. Joshi, state party chairman; State Sen. Jack Bain; Mrs. Leonie Brooks, secretary of the Multnomah county democrats; Robert D. Davis, state president of the Young Democrats; Ed W. Eggen; Flegel; Pearson; State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney; State Rep. Howard Morgan; State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger; George S. Tourtellotte, treasurer of Multnomah county democrats.

DeCicco Wins Legal Bout In Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—Mike DeCicco, Portland democratic leader, won a legal skirmish today on a charge of harboring a fugitive.

The charge was filed yesterday in connection with the case of Walter H. Bergen, Los Angeles, sought by police. Bergen was arrested today at Vancouver, Wash., and shortly thereafter the charge against DeCicco was dropped.

Later yesterday DeCicco was charged with harboring a fugitive from Los Angeles. The man, Walter H. Bergen, was arrested in Vancouver, Wash., today and a short time later the charge against DeCicco was dropped.

Deputy District Attorney Charles Charles E. Raymond said, after DeCicco appeared in his office: "The information will be withdrawn and the warrant will be recalled." He added that as the case developed, it might later be necessary to ask a grand jury to look into it.

Japan's Storm, Flood Toll, 95

TOKYO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Landslides and floods in the wake of a violent typhoon boosted the death toll in Japan to 95 today.

The latest national police estimate was 417 injured and 49 missing. More than 50,000 were homeless in the Tokyo-Yokohama area because of floods or because the typhoon smashed their dwellings.

Heavy rain fell throughout the day. It was the heavy rainfall, not overflowing rivers, which caused the floods in low areas of Tokyo.

GOVERNOR OPENS FAIR—Governor Earl Warren and traditional Mother and Father Lode, officially open California's state fair at Sacramento (September 1). Shown at main gate (left to right) M. E. Reed and Jack Pfor, Roseville, Calif., as prospectors with donkeys; Mother Lode, Mrs. Sam Turk of Plymouth; two Turk children, Carol Marx and Leah J.; Gov. Warren with Will C. Wright, president fair board, and Sam Turk as Father Lode.



CAUSE OF FIRE—Gino Gheller, city fireman, inspects a pile of rags in the kitchen of the recreation hall belonging to the Congregational church in Mills addition. These oil-soaked rags were said to be the source of the fire that did some damage to the attic of the building early Thursday night.