

SLOT MACHINES IN HIDING AGAIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE of the Herald and News (as you may have heard) have just lost a valued associate. Mac Epley came into this organization when he was a junior in college—which, I can tell you in confidence, was several years ago. He has been with us ever since.

Associations like that are not easily broken.

I THINK I owe it to Mac's friends in the Klamath country to tell them that he has gone to one of the nicest positions on the Pacific Coast. Long Beach, once a pleasant residential city best known throughout the country as a whole as the favorite spot for lawns to retire to and live happily ever afterward in the golden California sunshine, is now a bustling industrial city of a quarter of a million. Signal Hill, with its forest of oil derricks, started that. The amazing growth of Southern California, is putting the cap sheaf on it.

The Press-Telegram is a newspaper of almost the size of the Oregonian or the Journal in the days before the war boom came to Portland and made it over into a bustling-at-the-seams industrial center. It is owned and operated by a family of fine newspaper people.

The time will come when Mac will be at least the No. 2 man on the Press-Telegram.

YOU just can't discourage a good man from taking advantage of an opportunity like that. We of the Herald and News have grown over the years into something like a family—or perhaps "tribe" might be the word. When a family sees one of its sons going out into an important place, it is pleased.

That is the way we feel about Mac. We are pleased by his advancement. We are also pleased by the fact that when a good man was wanted it was to our organization that the seeker came.

HERE at the Herald and News we are not unaccustomed to seeing our bright young men go out to positions of trust and responsibility in the newspaper world. Many of them have done so.

It is not unusual in this country to see men leave the newspaper for other fields of work. Some of the biggest men in the United States have started in the newspaper. It seems to be good training for almost any kind of important effort.

And our people who have gone out from our organization to positions of responsibility have without exception STAYED with newspaper work. That pleases us also. It gives us the feeling that we have so deeply indoctrinated them with the importance of the newspaper in the American way of life that they can't even think of getting away from it.

That suits our pride as newspaper people rather deeply.

Crommelin Mercy OK'd By Truman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Truman today gave a nod of approval for the navy's decision against disciplining Navy Capt. John G. Crommelin for his recent public scolding of the military high command.

The president told a news conference that Secretary of the Navy Matthews has handled the matter capably, and that it will remain in Matthews' hands.

The navy said the change was not to be viewed as a disciplinary measure.

Secretary of the Navy Matthews said he "questions the judgment of Captain Crommelin" in selling the press that the navy's striking power is being "nibbled to death" by the military policy makers in the Pentagon.

Leaking Tug Abandoned

SEATTLE, Sept. 15 (AP)—Coast guard headquarters reported early today six persons had abandoned the stricken tug Afognak in the wind-whipped Gulf of Alaska.

The coast guard said the vessel radiated the six persons went over the side in a 14-foot life boat at 2:28 a. m. (PST). The message said no land was in sight.

The vessel gave her position as six to eight miles off Cape St. Elias located on Kayak island, about 175 miles southeast of Kodiak. The message said the craft was shipping water in heavy seas and winds of 45 to 60 miles per hour, but gave no other details.

Sports Bulletins

YANKS LOSE

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians beat New York 10-6 today, reducing the Yankees' lead over the idle Boston Red Sox in the American league to two and a half games.

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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy today and Friday with light showers tonight and Friday. High both days 78. Low tonight 58. Max. (Sept. 14) — 75 Min. — 41. Precipitation last 24 hours — .41

Minton Supreme Court Choice

Murray Lays Strike Push To US Steel

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—U. S. Steel refused again today to accept the presidential board's peace proposals to advance of new negotiations with the CIO United Steelworkers.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15 (AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers today charged the giant United States Steel corporation is "deliberately seeking to force a strike."

The accusation came in a telegram the union leader addressed to U. S. Steel President Benjamin F. Fairless.

Murray again insisted that U. S. Steel accept the recommendations of President Truman's fact finding board aimed at settling steel labor difficulties.

He wired Fairless:

"The union still hopes that a strike in the basic steel industry can be averted. It can be averted if your corporation and the rest of the industry will agree with the union and with public opinion to accept the recommendations of the steel industry board."

Murray's telegram replied to an overnight message from Fairless which stated U. S. Steel is unwilling to accept the board recommendations without bargaining.

The board recommended that labor and the industry work out company-financed pension and insurance plans but ruled out a wage increase for steel workers.

U. S. Steel took particular exception to the board's view that the pension plan be financed entirely by the industry. It said that "as a matter of sound principle any program of social insurance should be on a contributory basis."

Vishinsky Seen Seeking Big 4 Meet

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (AP)—Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, slated to head the Soviet delegation at the U.N. assembly in New York next week, is expected to press for a new meeting of the Big Four council of foreign ministers.

With U.S. Secretary of State Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman all due to be on hand, informed circles here said Vishinsky will urge an early formal meeting of the council.

When the foreign ministers ended their Paris meeting on Germany last June, they agreed to meet informally during the U.N. session to discuss their next meeting.

The Paris session reached an agreement to end Soviet traffic restrictions (the blockade) in Berlin, but several other questions were left hanging.

Among major problems still to be solved are possible future economic and political unity of Germany, an independence treaty for Austria and reconciliation of divergent allied views on who should write a peace treaty for Japan.

The Austrian treaty was turned over to the ministers' deputies, but they have failed to reach an agreement, thus turning the matter back to the foreign ministers council.

Moscow informants said Vishinsky, who was turned down at the Paris meeting, probably will press again for action on a peace treaty for Japan.

Demos Win Trade Bill Senate Test

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—The senate batted down today efforts by republicans to add the "peril points" plank to the administration's trade agreements legislation.

The vote was 43 to 38.

It was a major victory for the administration in the scrap over extending the president's power to cut or raise tariffs under reciprocal trade agreements.

The "peril point" amendment, sponsored by Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) would have empowered the federal tariff commission to fix the tariff cuts could not go without endangering U. S. producers. The president could have granted concessions going beyond the "peril points" if he wished, but he would have had to report all such cases to congress.



Bureau Plans More Basin Farm Tracts

By RUTH KING

Land under the Tulelake irrigation project leased in large blocks to individual grain operators over a period of years will be broken up and made available in small units for settlement, according to William Warne, assistant secretary of the interior.

Warne, on a tour of western reclamation projects met at Newell yesterday with a small gathering of homesteaders representing the several land openings since 1932.

His statement was in answer to questions on plans of the reclamation project for further expansion in this area, particularly the Frog Pond or League of Nations.

Good Land

This area, one of the richest in the basin is being held by the bureau for emergency flood control. It will probably not be opened up for settlement until a flood control program is completed. No immediate plans are now being considered.

He also suggested in answer to queries that preliminary communications with the bureau be set in motion for establishment of an irrigation district on the project. However, he stated that too early setting up of such an agency would create increased taxes to the operator.

Under the present irrigation system, water users pay only costs of operation and maintenance to the USBR through rental fees. On organization of a district, land owners will begin paying overall costs.

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Greek Threat Stirs West, East Nations

ATHENS, Sept. 15 (AP)—Greece's decision to invade Albania is a serious decision if necessary appeared today to have Washington, London and Moscow worried.

There were indications that the western powers might try to get the Athens government to alter its position.

On Tuesday, a high-ranking member of the Greek delegation to the coming United Nations general assembly said Greek troops would invade communist Albania if guerrilla forces launched any new attacks on Greece from Albanian soil.

Today, both the American and British ambassadors in Athens were scheduled to confer with Vice Premier Constantin Tsaldaris.

Foreign observers in Moscow said Russia would take a grave view of any Greek invasion of the little country on her northwest frontier.

Engine Blast Kills Man

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 15 (AP)—A diesel engine exploded today in the Southeastern Indiana Electric company's generator plant, killing at least one man and stopping electric power in parts of 11 counties.



HOMESTEADERS OF THE TULELAKE area met Wednesday afternoon with Assistant Secretary of the Interior William Warne. Above, a group of homesteaders gathered at Newell to await Warne's arrival with U. S. bureau project manager, E. L. Stephens of Klamath Falls. Below, Warne shakes hands with State Representative Hank Semon.

State Demo Leaders Sing 'It Wasn't I'

BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—Multnomah county Sheriff Mike Elliott's bond will not be cancelled if the bonding company follows its attorney's advice, and presumably it will.

Calvin N. Smith, attorney for the Maryland Casualty company, said today he had advised the company to leave the \$110,000 bond in effect.

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—Four democratic state senators from Multnomah county have said, in effect—"it wasn't I."

They were referring to charges by Sheriff Elliott that two unnamed state democratic senators had warned he would have trouble hanging on to his office unless he used the sheriff's office in raising a party war chest fund for a gubernatorial campaign.

The campaign, Elliott said, was to have been in behalf of State Treasurer Walter Pearson. The state official yesterday said Elliott's story was ridiculous.

State Senator Jack Bain said he was positive it wasn't he who Elliott meant. State Senator Austin F. Fiegel Jr., said he doubted the whole story.

Senator Thomas Mahoney declined to "defend" Elliott's charges. Senator R. L. Neuberger said "I'm sure Mr. Elliott's story is untrue."

Chamber To Push OTI Grid Ducats

The first meeting of the chamber of commerce board of directors since August 24 took on an athletic flavor yesterday with Winston Purvine, Oregon Tech director, requesting the all-out support of the chamber in the sale of Owl grid tickets.

A special committee will be named to work with Purvine on formulating plans for an effective sale. Tickets are \$7 for five home games. The pastebards are now on sale at Matt Finnigan's.

Rudy Jacobs outlined the merchant's Christmas program, and Chamber Manager Charles Stark labelled the air show "successful" in other business before the board.

Walsh To Be Morse Foe?

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Journal said today that State Sen. William E. Walsh of Coos Bay is considering a race for the U. S. senate seat of Wayne Morse in the republican primary election.

The newspaper, in an article by Larry Smyth, its political editor, said Walsh had been assured of adequate financial backing, principally from Portland republicans opposed to Morse.

It quoted Walsh as saying those urging him to run "would like to know by the end of this year" what his decision is. It added that he was "considering the proposition carefully."

Car, Train Hit, Snarl Traffic

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—A railroad switch engine and an automobile collided in the midst of heavy home-bound traffic last evening. In the tangle, one man went to a hospital. Traffic was snarled for several blocks and backed up on two Willamette river bridges.

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GOP Solons Programmed For Rally Here Tomorrow

Paul L. Patterson, state senator from Hillsboro (11th district), will present state legislative issues Saturday night during an open meeting and forum to be held at the Willard hotel under sponsorship of the Klamath Falls Young Republican club.

Arrangements have already been made to have Lowell Stockman, Oregon's 2nd district congressman, on hand for a discussion of national legislation and issues.

Local republicans are opening their political activity toward the 1950 elections with this "report week-end" Saturday and Sunday, and a number of out-of-town party leaders will take part in the two-day program.

Vivian McMurtrey, chairman of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon, is also slated to speak during the Saturday night public session, reporting on actions and policies of the federation in Oregon and nationally. Earlier in the evening

HST Gives Vacancy Nod To Hoosier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Sherman Minton of Indiana, who battled in vain for the 1937 Roosevelt plan to put younger blood on the supreme court, today was chosen by President Truman to serve on that bench.

Minton, in 1937 a democratic, pro-new deal senator, now is a judge of the seventh U.S. circuit court of appeals. That court has headquarters at Chicago and embraces the states of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Truman announced his decision at a news conference today. He said Judge Walter C. Lindley of the U.S. court for the Eastern district of Illinois will succeed Minton on the appellate court.

Succeeds Rutledge

Minton, 58, will fill the supreme court vacancy created by the death of Justice Wiley Rutledge.

A democrat and a Protestant, Minton served in the senate from 1935 to 1941. He had the desk next to Truman's when both were in the senate.

Minton is a Protestant but his wife is a Catholic.

There has been no Catholic on the supreme court since Justice Frank Murphy died in July. There had been speculation that the president might choose another Catholic until he named for Attorney General Tom Clark, a Protestant, to succeed Justice Murphy.

Atomic Talks On Secrets Rescheduled

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Britain, the United States and Canada will reopen the question of their atomic secrets in talks opening in Washington, September 20, the foreign office said tonight.

The discussions, the statement said, will be "entirely exploratory," and any agreements reached will be subject to approval by the three governments involved.

About two months ago the British government formally requested the United States to extend the range of cooperation between the two countries on the subject of both atomic weapons and atomic energy.

The coming meeting appeared here to be one result of that request.

Today's announcement follows last week's meeting of atomic experts of the three nations at Harwell, England, Britain's atomic center to study safety precautions connected with the handling of atomic products and stockpiles.

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State Cops May Close All Games In Klamath, Lake

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Slot machines, illegal but numerous in Oregon, were fast going into hiding in Klamath Falls and Klamath county today.

The latest shutdown has come at the insistence of state police and probably the closure will extend to Lake county since the jurisdiction of the local state police organization includes both Klamath and Lake counties.

Sergeant E. W. Tichenor set midnight last night as the deadline for all illegal-type machines—the one-armed bandits as well as cash-paying consoles and pinballs—to move out and all tavern operators questioned yesterday afternoon by a reporter for The Herald and News said they "had received the word" and would fold up their machines.

There probably will be no arrests if the shutdown order is obeyed. Private clubs and fraternal organizations as well as poolrooms, taverns and cafes are included in the closure, which is the second here this year.

Last December the slots were ordered out and did not reappear for about four months. A month later, after Main street tavern owners protested to the city council that they were "being discriminated against," slots were allowed to be placed in half a dozen places along Main street and the city began trying to work out a plan of licensing the machines to tap that source of revenue.

Reportedly the plan was to collect \$25 a month per machine in operation within the city limits, plus a substantial license fee from distributors.

The grand jury, in session in mid-July, mulled over the licensing plan without comment.

Distributor Unloaded

Recently one distributor put his machines up for sale, consequently many of the slots going into hiding today are owned individually by tavern and club operators.

The state police office, sheriff and district attorney have had many complaints about gambling over the county and recently a prisoner brought into circuit court for passing bad checks testified he cashed the checks at a tavern in Obenut in order to play in a blackjack game in the tavern.

Main Street Poken

He was placed on probation and two days later was back in custody, relating he broke his probation by entering a poker game conducted in a Main street poolroom.

Several taverns in the northern part of the county, from Fort Klamath north, moved their machines out a week ago.

Presumably the current crackdown will be extended to card games, punchboards and racehorse betting although they were not specifically mentioned in the midnight ban.

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It asserts this was done by obtaining discriminatory price preferences over retail competitors "by exercising a dual threat permanently to withhold its patronage (from suppliers) or to manufacture for itself."

US Against Gold Hiking, Says Snyder

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder has notified the International Monetary fund that the United States will not agree to a boost in the price of gold.

His declaration indicates that this country will, if necessary, use its veto power to kill any general increase which might be favored by the board of directors of the 48 nation fund.

Africans Stalled

Snyder made his statement, it was learned today, at a closed meeting of the fund's committee on gold. It helped to quash—for the moment—a South African proposal for a fund study of a new, higher price. It is now \$35 an ounce.

But the Union of South Africa, plainly had plans to raise the issue again before the annual governors' meeting of the fund and the World Bank ends tomorrow night.

And it became clear that the lines were drawn for a major assault—prolonged if need be—against the gold-price policy of the United States, the world's major buyer.

Lehman Gets Senate Sign

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—Herbert H. Lehman, 73-year-old former governor and Wall Street financier, today was nominated by the democratic state committee as a candidate for the U. S. senate in next November's election.

Lehman will oppose Senator John Foster Dulles, republican foreign affairs spokesman who was appointed to the interim term by Governor Dewey.

Dulles will be nominated by the republicans later today in Albany.

State Bar Meets In Gearhart

GEARHART, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Oregon state bar convention opened here today with sessions planned through Saturday.

Members of the board of governors met yesterday in a customary pre-convention session. They decided to wait until after the convention to elect a new president. Sworn in as governors were Gordon Sloan, Astoria; James Landye, Portland; and Richard Kriesien, Burns. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, will be sworn in later.

U.S. Moves To Cut Big Food Chain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Attorney General J. Howard McGrath today filed suit to break up the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company's nationwide food chain.

The civil action was brought in federal district court at New York City this morning.

It is a follow-up to a criminal conviction of the A. and P. company under the anti-trust statutes at Danville, Illinois, three years ago.

The conviction was affirmed in the U. S. court of appeals at Chicago early this year and the company paid fines totaling \$175,000.

Proposed Breakup

The action in New York requests a court order requiring A. and P. to separate its manufacturing and processing business from its buying and selling business and to separate its present even retail store divisions into seven independently owned retail food chains.

Under the proposed break-up A. and P. itself would not be permitted to own more than one such chain, probably of about 800 stores, in contrast to the 6000 retail outlets it now operates.

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Bank Debits Show Western Business Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (AP)—A strengthening business pulse, including seasonal influences, is indicated for the 12th federal reserve district by August bank debits, a measure of money flowing through the banks. States in the district are Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The San Francisco federal reserve bank reported the August total at \$9,474,601,000, only 3 per cent under August, 1948. This compares with a decline of 6 per cent in July, worst showing of the year.

Ten out of the 33 reporting cities reported improvement over August of last year. They included, with percentage of increase: Bakersfield, 21 per cent; Boise, 7; Sacramento, Seattle and Salt Lake City, 2 each.

Declines from last year ranged downward from 17 per cent in Portland and 16 per cent in Bellingham to 12 per cent in Eugene, 11 per cent in Oakland and 2 in Los Angeles.

Construction In West High

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (AP)—New construction in the three Pacific coast states totaled \$1,350,000,000 in the first half of the year, placing the area third among the various regions of the country. The figures were compiled by the commerce department.

The West coast area was outranked by the East North Central region, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, and the Middle Atlantic region comprising New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Construction in the East North Central area was estimated at \$1,360,000,000 and in the Middle Atlantic area at \$1,293,100,000.

The west coast region includes the nation's construction leader, California. California's first half new construction was estimated at \$1,042,300,000, Washington's at \$207,900,000 and Oregon's at \$109,800,000.