

In The Day's News

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From Washington:
The senate voted early today to throw open the hitherto secret payrolls of its employees to public inspection. By voice vote, it approved a resolution proposed by Chairman Hennings of the senate rules committee expressing the senate's willingness to make available to the public the names, titles and salaries of all senate employees.

What's it all about?
Well, it started early this year when a Washington reporter started digging into the long-standing practice in the senate of what over the decades has come to be known as nepotism—that is, hiring RELATIVES as aides.

This cozy little custom is strictly legal. But critics have charged that it can be abused if payrolls are KEPT SECRET. That is another way of stating an ancient truism that a lot of things are all right if NOBODY FINDS OUT ABOUT THEM.

It should be added here that the house of representatives already makes its payroll information available to the public, and so has not been involved in the ruckus.

In fairness to them, it should also be added that Oregon's senators have made voluntarily full disclosure of their own office payrolls, and so are not subject to censure in this secrecy business.

By way of further explanation, let's put it this way:

If you are a private employer, what you pay your help is nobody's business but yours. The wages you pay are paid out of your own pocket. But members of the U.S. senate are public employees. The wages they pay to their employees are paid out of the TAXPAYER'S pocket.

So—
The taxpayer is entitled to know who is being employed and how much he is being paid. When this information is officially made a SECRET, the taxpayer is entitled to become a trifle suspicious about what is going on.

At this point, a question:
How did the senate come to reverse its position on secrecy in the matter of the office payrolls of its members?

The answer is simple:
The secrecy business got a lot of publicity. It was unfavorable publicity. A lot of constituents of senators must have taken their pens in hand. Their letters must have expressed rather sharp disapproval. Senators who got a lot of critical letters must have changed their thinking about payroll secrecy.

At any rate, the vote to ABANDON secrecy is reported in the dispatches to have been decisively large.

That suggests a thought:
If you don't like what is being done by the congress, TAKE YOUR PEN IN HAND AND WRITE TO YOUR SENATORS AND YOUR CONGRESSMAN. Tell them what you think. If you don't like what is being done, tell them so.

If, for example, you're scared of reckless spending, SAY SO. If you want more economy in government, lay it on the line in a letter to your senators and your congressman.

Don't think your letter won't be read. IT WILL be—if it is sincere and thoughtful.

GARDEN VARIETY THIEF

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI)—Police said today they're looking for a garden variety thief. He stole a potted fern and four philodendron plants from a florist.

Tax Cut Bids Abandoned By Conferees

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate-House conferees today abandoned most of the tax slashing proposals the Senate put into a bill extending corporate and excise taxes at Korean wartime levels for another year.

The decisions of the conferees are subject to ratification by the Senate and House.

Their compromise bill will be brought up in both House and Senate Monday.

The net effect of the compromise is to make no change in budget receipts or expenditures in fiscal 1960.

Conferees killed out of the compromise bill two Senate-passed amendments which would have:

1. Increased federal grants to the state for old age assistance and other welfare programs by 142 million dollars annually.

2. Repealed the four per cent tax credit on dividend income above the first \$50 of dividends.

The House agreed to take part of two other major Senate proposals.

Conferees agreed to repeal of the 10 per cent tax on local telephone charges effective June 30, 1960. This could cut revenues an estimated 430 million dollars a year.

The present 10 per cent tax on long distance telephone tolls would not be affected.

As passed by the Senate, the 10 per cent communications tax would be repealed on all communications charges next year, with a revenue loss estimated at 735 million dollars.

The conferees also agreed to cut in half the present 10 per cent tax on transportation of persons effective July 1, 1960. The revenue loss would be about 12 million dollars.

The Senate had voted to repeal the entire 10 per cent passenger transportation tax.

The effect of the compromises is to place portions of the communication and passenger transportation taxes on a temporary rather than a permanent basis.

World News In Brief

United Press International

QUEEN — Montreal — Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower formally open the St. Lawrence Seaway.

LONG — Covington, La.—Gov. Long faces habeas corpus petition today and feeling is he will be free by sundown.

STEEL — New York — Industry and union proposals to extend steel contract beyond strike deadline collapse.

NUCLEAR — Washington — Congressional subcommittee told after the H-bombs had done their killing nature would exact a terrible vengeance.

RACKETEERS — Washington — Hoffa to be confronted today with rogues gallery of Teamsters as challenge to his clean-up claims.

ARMSTRONG — Spoleto, Italy — Satchmo responding to treatment; jokes with wife and nurses; hopes to get back to New York soon.

Flood Rivers Said Receding

TOKYO (AP)—Flood-swollen rivers receded slowly at Canton today, Peiping radio said.

Peiping credited "millions of heroic people of Kwangtung province" mobilized to raise the dikes 1 1/2 to 3 feet, with saving the city 1 1/2 million from one of south China's worst floods.

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LOFTON LAKE IN COLOR is the subject of a watercolor painting by B. B. Blomquist, KUHS instructor. This color production is the initial effort by the Herald and News Engraving Department. Ernie Hedlund, chief engraver, and Jack Metz produced the color cuts without any special equipment. Lofton Lake is located on Quartz Mountain in Klamath County. The lake is also listed as a rock hunter's paradise, and is in an area full of native verdure, cedar, sage, juniper, pine and fir.

RR Explosion Fatal To Two

OAKRIDGE, Ore. (AP)—A railroad box car loaded with watermelons packed in straw caught fire and exploded southeast of here last night. Bodies of two men, believed transients, were found in the debris.

Conductor P. W. Conley of the southbound Southern Pacific freight train said he saw smoke and fire coming from the 29th car back of the engine. He notified the engineer who was heading the train onto a siding at Heather station when the flaming car exploded.

State police and railroad officials offered this theory: The transients started a fire with canned heat, it spread to the straw and the men were overcome before they could escape. Soon intense heat turned the moisture in the melons to steam and this explosive force shattered the car.

Earl Morton, a transient who gave Texas as his address, said he saw two men get on the train when it stopped here about 50 miles southeast of Eugene. Four tins of what appeared to be canned heat were found in the ashes of the car.

None of the train crew was injured and no cars were derailed but traffic on the main line was held up about four hours.

Hospitality Trap Is Police Switch

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP)—Mount Airy officers have pulled a switch on the speed trap. It's a hospitality trap here.

Every Wednesday a patrolman picks a tourist group by the out-of-state license plates on their car and stops them.

The hospitality trap includes supper at a restaurant, an overnight stay in a hotel or motel, a movie and a tour of the city—all free.

Timber Sales Accelerated To Fill Slack In Logging

The Forest Service has advised Sen. Richard L. Neuberger that they have approved an accelerated national forest timber sales program to fill the interim slack for Klamath Basin loggers pending disposal of Indian reservation timber.

In a telegram to the Herald and News Friday morning, Floyd Tupper, administrative assistant to Senator Neuberger said, "Forest Service Chief Richard E. McArdle today advised Senator Neuberger an accelerated national forest timber sales program has been approved to provide an expanded log supply for lumber companies in the Klamath Basin area pending disposal of Indian reservation timber."

Court Orders Long Release

COVINGTON, La. (AP)—A state court today ordered Gov. Earl K. Long of Louisiana released from the Southwest Louisiana (mental) Hospital at Mandeville. Long is now free to resume his duties as governor.

Judge Robert Jones of the 22nd Judicial District signed a dismissal of the order committing Long to the hospital at 10:44 a.m. (CST).

Jones took the action after Joe Arthur Sims, ramrod of the 63-year-old governor's 11-man legal staff, told the court the State Hospital Board dismissed officials opposing Long's release.

The board met in an emergency session on Long's order before the hearing and voted the removal of State Hospital Director Jesse Bankston.

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Execs-Union Talks Sought

NEW YORK (AP)—The United Steelworkers Union refused today to hold further meetings with the steel industry's bargaining team. The union, instead, invited direct talks tonight with steel company executives.

David J. McDonald, the union's president, said there was no point in continuing what he called "a farcical filibuster" with the industry's four-man bargaining team. He said two union settlement offers have been made and rejected, but that the four-man industry team had refused to make any contract-gain proposal of any character.

BULLETIN

MILAN, Italy (AP)—A TWO-four-engine airliner with 59 passengers and a crew of nine crashed in flames 15 miles north of here today. First reports from the scene said there was no indication of any survivors. Witnesses said the plane was struck by lightning at about 1,500 feet as it ran into a violent thunderstorm on taking off for Paris. The flaming wreckage crashed into an open field. The plane was from Athens en route to Chicago by way of Rome and Milan.

Bank Rate Hike Seen

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregonian today said major commercial banks here probably will increase to three per cent the interest paid on savings accounts.

The newspaper said it received its information from unnamed banking circles here, and added:

"Any move to up interest rates here is expected to result in the higher rate becoming virtually statewide in commercial banking circles."

"At present, most of the commercial banks in Oregon pay 2 1/2 per cent."

The increase, the newspaper said, is needed to "stay in competition" for the three per cent rate is prevalent in California, Idaho and major cities in Washington.

"The banks need additional savings to take care of the increasing demand for loans and hope the higher interest rate will bring in the necessary funds," the newspaper said.

LINGUISTIC LARCENY

CHICAGO (UPI)—The thief who stole two typewriters from a gift shop on the Northwest Side Wednesday may have to brush up on his languages to make crime pay. The typewriters are made for the Ukrainian alphabet.

Huge 'Scope Views Stars

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)—The world's second largest telescope has gone into partial operation at Lick Observatory, giving California the two most powerful eyes into the distant heavens.

President Clark Kerr of the University of California announced completion of the big telescope project Thursday. He said the aluminizing of the 120 inch telescope was accomplished Wednesday night, meaning that astronomers and opticians are finally satisfied with the optical qualities of the mirror and its aluminum backing.

The new telescope, located on Mt. Hamilton, is second in size to the 200 inch telescope at Mt. Palomar.

Weather

Northern California — Fair through Saturday except fog on the coast and partly cloudy in extreme north. Continued cool. Northwest winds 10-20 miles an hour near the coast except southerly 3-10 miles an hour north of Point Arena.

Klamath Falls and vicinity—Variable cloudiness with sunny periods through Saturday. A few afternoon showers. Continued cool. Low tonight 45-50; high Saturday 65-70.

High yesterday 72
Low last night 48
Precip. last 24 hours 8.08
Since Oct. 1 5.82
Same period last year 18.54

FOREST FIRE DANGER TODAY



Lawrence Seaway Lauded By Chief As Peace Symbol

MONTREAL (AP)—President Eisenhower, at ceremonies formally opening the St. Lawrence Seaway today, called the new water route "a magnificent achievement to the entire world of the achievements possible to Democratic nations peacefully working together for the common good."

The President joined Queen Elizabeth II here for a five-hour cruise through 31 miles of the seaway aboard the royal yacht Britannia.

In her speech the Queen emphasized that the seaway is a product of the joint efforts of the United States and Canada, a "monument to the enduring friendship of our two nations."

Both the Queen and the President spoke from brief prepared texts.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower flew from Washington to Canada's St. Hubert Air Force Base near Montreal this morning. Elizabeth and Prince Philip, who are on a six-week tour of Canada, met them there. Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and his wife were present when the presidential party arrived.

The main ceremonies took place at St. Lambert Lock, the eastern gate of the seaway, on Montreal's doorstep.

Eisenhower said Americans cherish a record of cooperation and the development of reciprocal trade with Canada.

"There have been and are still problems to solve between us," he said. "But in the past as now we never have faltered in our conviction that these must be settled by patient and understanding negotiation, never by violence."

Eisenhower saluted the architects, planners and workmen who brought the seaway to reality and said former President Herbert Hoover and Canada's former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett "helped create the sentiment for this great development."

The Queen opened her speech with a personal tribute to the President. She said thousands of British Commonwealth fighting men were "proud to serve under your leadership until the ultimate victory was won. We have a special welcome for you as Gen. Eisenhower."

Elizabeth recalled centuries-old dreams and plans for a deep-water route to the Great Lakes and praised the common efforts of Canada and the United States in bringing them to reality.

"The two nations built it together and the two nations will share its benefits," she said. "More than all this, it is a magnificent monument to the enduring friendship of our two nations and to their partnership in the development of North America."

It was a great day for both chiefs of state.

For President Eisenhower, it was the mark of his success in getting U. S. participation in the St. Lawrence Seaway approved by Congress—after other presidents before him had failed.

For Elizabeth, it emphasized place as Queen of Canada, and was the high point of her current tour across her North American territory. The Seaway has been in actual operation since April, but the ceremonial opening was delayed for the Queen's participation.

Today's highlight, after brief remarks by the President and Queen, was a 31-mile cruise into the seaway through some of the locks which enable ocean ships to rise from sea level to the Great Lakes and proceed as far as Duluth, Minn.

Vessel Sinks In Seaway; Crew Saved

ALPENA, Mich. (AP)—A radar death watch by 29 rescued crewmen of the collision - battered freighter Monrovia ended today when the stricken vessel went down in fog-covered Lake Huron.

The Coast Guard reported that the freighter Norman W. Foy lost radar contact with the doomed Liberian ship at 1:15 a. m. EST, more than 11 hours after it collided with the Canadian freighter Royalton in heavy fog Thursday.

The Foy backed into the collision area after losing contact and reported heavy debris in the water. There was no sign of the Monrovia.

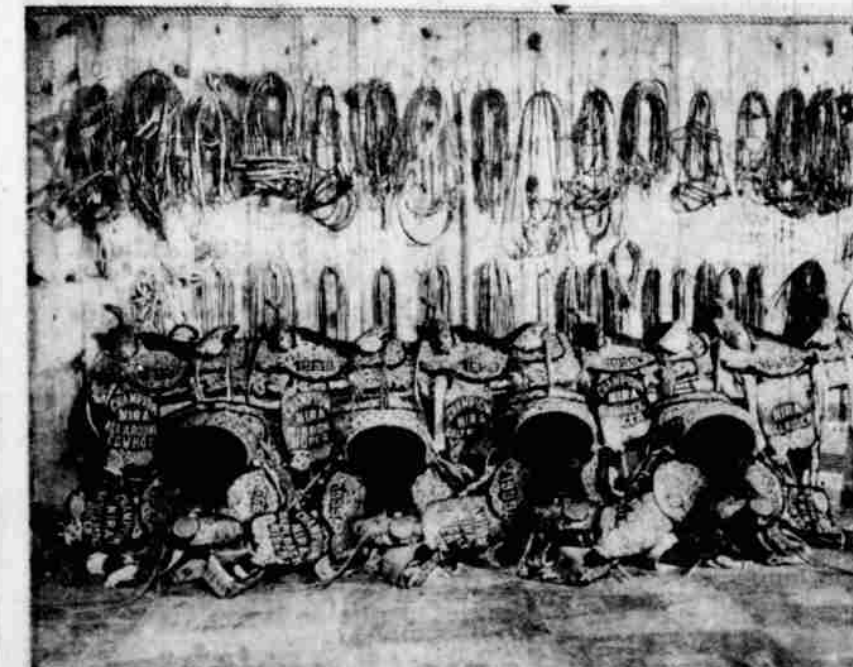
The collision, off Thunder Bay Island in northern Lake Huron, was the first major shipping accident in the Great Lakes since the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The Coast Guard cutters Mackinaw and Acadia continued to patrol the area after the sinking. Markers were put in the water to warn other ships and the Foy proceeded toward Detroit.

The Monrovia's hours-long struggle for survival was watched from her condition replayed to crewmembers who were brought after the accident.

Fast action by the Foy, which ignored fog dangers, resulted in the rescue of the Monrovia's crew some 60 minutes after an order to abandon ship was flashed.

The Monrovia suffered deep gashes below her waterline. Her engine and boiler rooms and two holds flooded quickly. Her refusal to sink earlier baffled veteran lakes seamen aboard the Foy.



TROPHY SADDLES will be awarded winners of the nine main events in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo in Klamath Falls June 3, 4, and 5. Each winner will be the top college buckaroo in the nation. The saddles are offered by various merchants and rodeo suppliers. They were made by famous saddle and bootmaker L. White of Fort Worth.



BACK ATOP the Esquire Theater goes the immense metal sign that was removed so dramatically last January after being loosened by terrific winds. Theater manager Biff Gelatly said it's the same sign, rebuilt and repainted. It was erected Tuesday and Wednesday by the W. D. Miller Construction Company, same crew that lifted her down before interested and frightened crowds a few months ago.