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Editorials - on the - Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS MARK these dates in red ink on your calendar—August 10, 11 and 12. They are important.

On these three days, the state convention of the American Legion will be held in Klamath Falls, and it is confidently expected that this convention will bring to our city at least three thousand people from all over Oregon.

We shall all be quite busy on these three big days in August.

THIS attendance estimate of 3,000 is conservative, and takes into consideration both the condition of the times, which may restrict people's inclination to travel this year, and the location of Klamath Falls at the extreme southern border of the state.

Attendance at state convention of the American Legion in Oregon in other years has run as high as 10,000. So it seems quite reasonable to expect at least 3,000 here this year.

JUST a word as to what this will mean in dollars and cents—for in these days we have to consider such things:

It doesn't seem possible that these visitors can spend less than \$10 each while they are here, for that would be only \$3.35 per day for those who spend the entire three days. That would amount to a total of \$30,000.

It is probable that the amount spent by this city's visitors at the Legion convention will run somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

IN CONSIDERING this sum, remember that it will be new money, brought here from the outside to be added to what we already have. That fact is highly important in these days of scarcity of money.

IN MANY ways, this convention will be unique.

It is the first convention of the American Legion ever held in Oregon where the business men were not asked to underwrite the cost. The Legion post is financing it wholly without assistance. No business house will be asked to contribute a cent, except for the decoration of its own premises.

The decorations are owned by the Legion post, and will be supplied at cost to the business houses. In this way, the cost of decorating the city attractively will be kept low.

IN STILL another way this convention will be unique. It was obtained without a struggle—handed to us, as a matter of fact, on a silver platter.

That came about in this way: For many years, the right of Klamath Falls to the state convention of the American Legion has been conceded, but as long as the beautiful Legion memorial building here remained unpaid for the local post did not put in its bid for the state convention. (Continued on Page Four)

RED SOX WIN

The Ewanna Red Sox defeated the Big Lakes Mill team Thursday evening, 16 to 8.

Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, June 2.—Editor, The Klamath News: Mr. Roosevelt has been for six weeks trying to find a Republican to put him on the Economic Conference and send him to London.

Well, he finally located one, Senator Jim Couzens of Detroit, and he only admitted to being one, just to get the trip. I tell you it takes bribery to get a fellow to write Republican after his name nowadays.

Well, they are leaving with high hopes. And it would be wonderful if they could do something besides just seeing the King when he delivers his address.

Yours, Will Rogers.

Highlight - Death Mystery



David A. Lamson of the Stanford University Press, and his wife, who was found dead in the bathtub of their Stanford campus home. Her head was crushed. Mr. Lamson was charged with her murder Friday.

Hawks Smashes His Old Record By Robot Control

NEW YORK, June 2. (UP) Flying by aid of a robot pilot, Lieut. Commander Frank M. Hawks, America's aerial speed king, tonight lowered his own record for a non-stop flight from coast to coast when he reached Floyd Bennett airport at 11:13 p. m.

Hawks had taken off from Los Angeles at 9:51 a. m., today for New York.

Reforestation Men Ordered to Camp By Saturday Night

The 63 young reforestation recruits of Klamath county between the ages of 18 and 25, were ordered tonight to be at the Silver Creek marsh camp, near Silver Lake, by Saturday evening.

The order from J. F. Campbell, Fremont national forest supervisor, was received by County Judge George D. Grizzle. Campbell asked that Klamath's full quota of young recruits be delivered at the camp Saturday.

Transportation Arranged. Judge Grizzle was hurriedly making arrangements for transportation of the men, and asked that they report at the court-house immediately to complete medical tests before leaving Saturday morning. Tentative plans are for transporting the men in three county school buses. Baggage will probably be delivered in one of the large county trucks.

British Policy In Foreign Affairs Is Rapped by Labor

LONDON, June 2. (AP)—The labor party attacked Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain and the government in the house of commons today for allowing the world economic conference initiative to "go to the United States."

Cars Have Trouble On Road Into Lake

A telephone call from Lake of the Woods to Bert Hall, president of the lake association, early Friday morning, informed that five or six cars attempting to make the trip to the lake Thursday are badly stuck in the mud flat and will not be moved until assistance of some kind is received.

Hall made a trip to the lake last week-end inspecting road conditions and has since informed all inquirers the road is not passable. Warm weather has thawed the drifted snow along the road, causing the roadbed to become soft.

LAMSON FACES MURDER COUNT

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Calif., June 2. (UP) Arrested near the Herbert Hoover and David Lamson homes, a man giving the name of Harry Hugo, San Francisco and Los Angeles, was held on order of campus police tonight.

"He said he was hanging around to talk to Mr. Hoover," Fred Frehe, chief of the campus police, said. "In some ways he answers descriptions of a man seen loitering around the Lamson home before Mrs. Lamson was found dead, but I'm not willing to say he's suspected of being connected with the case."

Husband of Dead Woman Held on Warrant; Police Arrest Loiterer

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Calif., June 2. (UP) David Lamson, termed "the perfect husband" by campus intimates, today was charged with the alleged murder of his 25-year-old wife, Allene Thorpe Lamson.

Sheriff William Emig signed the murder warrant. It accused the 30-year-old sales manager of the Stanford Press of crushing his wife's skull with some blunt instrument, then placing her nude body in the bathtub of their home.

Kansas Prisoners Who Stayed Home Receive Rewards

LANSING, Kan., June 2. (UP) More than 1000 convicts at Kansas state prison were rewarded today for refusing to join 11 men who kidnaped Warden Kirk Prather and two of his guards and escaped on Memorial day.

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BILL TO HELP LUMBER ASKED BY FITZGERALD

West Coast Expert Calls For Federal Subsidy on Mortgage Security

Movement of Home Renovation Throughout Nation Sought by Group

By JAMES S. SHERIDY United Press Staff Correspondent SEATTLE, June 2. (UP)— Passage of an urban mortgage bill by congress was recommended today as a panacea for lumbering—basic industry of the Pacific northwest.

"Lumber, the barometer of northwest prosperity, would be brought back with a bang under such a bill providing loans to modernize dwellings on second mortgage securities," John B. Fitzgerald, statistical expert of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, told the United Press.

Men Back on Job. Lumber men are hopeful of the future since about 3,500 men have gone back to work in the northwest camps and sawmills since March 1. Fitzgerald warned that the increased lumbering activity was due to speculation, there being no sign of increased home building or building construction.

"There is every reason why the government should subsidize home modernization," Fitzgerald said. "Germany has spent one hundred million marks in home rehabilitation and England about a billion dollars in the past 10 years. Poland also has been active. Some cities in the United States have started their own campaigns."

Lumbermen contend American homes need a gigantic "face-lifting" operation. It was estimated in 1931 that of 17,328,567 single family dwellings, 11,800,000 or 68 per cent were erected more than 10 years ago.

Oregon's Industry Booming; Payrolls Growing Greater

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2. (AP) Increased employment in industrial plants of Oregon was noted today in a report by the federal reserve bank for April, involving 124 firms in that state.

The report showed a 7 per cent increase in wage earners and 13 per cent in total payrolls as applying to the average weekly wages paid. Slight declines were reported in the paper and printing trades and miscellaneous groups.

Legionnaires Go To Salem Meeting

Four Klamath Falls Legionnaires, all prominent in state American Legion affairs, left on Friday night for Salem to join in the welcome to Louis Johnson, national commander.

Klamath High Graduate Sees Story Book Miracle Come True

Friends and companions of Raymond Porter, a young Klamath Union high school graduate in 1932, thought the youth must be a little "off" last summer at Odell lake when he showed respect for an eagle couple spending the summer at the Cascade mountains summer resort.

Richmond Issues Bench Warrants

A number of bench warrants have been issued to local barbers who have failed to pay their city license fees, according to an announcement from Police Judge Clifton Richmond.

These barbers are subject to fine for non-payment, and if they fail to respond to the bench warrants, will be liable to fine and imprisonment as well, the police judge said. License fees became due on January 1, 1933.

Scene of Big Kansas Holiday Penitentiary Break



Air view of the Kansas state penitentiary, Lansing, Kan., scene of a spectacular break by 11 convicts Memorial day, with subsequent kidnappings and terrorizing of a wide area. Above, left, is Kirk Prather, warden, who was kidnaped by the prisoners and carried with them until they eluded pursuers. Below, Harvey J. Bailey, one of the convict ringleaders in the escape.

RECOVERY BILL LOSES WALLOP

Senate Finance Committee Eliminates Roosevelt's Club; War Seen

WASHINGTON, June 2. (UP) The senate finance committee tonight extracted the teeth from President Roosevelt's national industrial recovery bill by voting to eliminate the licensing provision, which constitutes the administration's only weapon in enforcing minimum wages, maximum working hours and trade agreements.

Chairman Harrison of the committee said every effort would be made to restore the licensing clause when the bill—already passed by the house—reaches the senate floor.

"Repealing is the only hedge-on in the bill," Harrison said. "You can rest assured that every attempt will be made to restore it."

Mill Man Injured In Knife Battle at Plant in Klamath

Vern Thomas, 21, employe of the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company, is recovering in a local hospital today from knife wounds believed received in a fight Thursday.

Thomas' injuries are not serious. He received cuts on the right arm. Tendons above the right wrist were completely severed and he is recovering from loss of blood. A cut in the shirt worn by Thomas, now in the possession of Sheriff Lloyd Lew, revealed an attempt was made to stab Thomas in the chest.

The fight, it is alleged to have started from a friendly scuffle early Thursday evening at the Shaw-Bertram mill. Both were employed on the mill green chain crew.

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Doe Dies Trying To Recover Lost Fawn In Stream

BEND, June 2. (UP)—A frantic search for her lost fawn which finally brought death to a distracted mother deer in Paulina lake, even though fishermen three times towed her to safety, was recounted here today by anglers.

Chased by coyotes, the doe and fawn plunged into the icy waters. The fawn turned and swam back to shore. The doe, unable to find her young, swam desperately in circles. Anglers saw that she was tiring and took her to shore.

Without hesitating, she plunged back into the lake. Again the fishermen rescued her. Two more times she returned to the lake waters, but the fourth time the anglers were unable to reach the exhausted animal and she sank below the surface. Her fawn stood on the bank.

Shepherders of Klamath County May Call Strike

Five hundred sheep herders of Klamath county were called to strike for higher wages Friday by a committee representing a newly formed sheep herders' association.

A general mass meeting of all sheep herders in the county has been called for Tuesday evening, to protest against the low wage scale and to elect permanent officers for the organization.

A large number of the herders in the county have quit their jobs, which have been replaced by men less competent and experienced from other counties, according to Tom O'Keefe, John Sullivan and Con O'Brien, committee representing the new organization.

Irrigation District Board Has Session

The Klamath Irrigation District board held a regular monthly meeting Friday in the office in the court house basement. Only routine business was cared for, according to A. L. Crawford, secretary.

Postmaster McCall To Ask For Bids

John A. McCall, postmaster and custodian of the federal building of this city, has completed a check of concrete walks and curbs surrounding the building, and in the near future will advertise for bids for repairs to these walks.

Winter ice and snow caused cracks in the concrete, and it is necessary to make repairs immediately, according to the postmaster.

KIDNAPED GIRL NAMES CAPTOR

McGee, Taken In Texas Identified, Admits He Holds Stolen Money

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 2. (UP)—Miss Mary McElroy tonight identified pictures of Walter McGee as those of one of the men who kidnaped her last Saturday. Her father and brother also identified McGee as one of the two masked men who received \$20,000 ransom money, it was announced by police.

AMARILLO, Texas, June 2. (UP)—Walter McGee, one of the five persons held here as suspects in the kidnaping of Miss Mary McElroy, 25-year-old daughter of the city manager of Kansas City, Mo., signed a statement tonight, according to police, that \$9200 found in his possession was "hot money."

Denies Abduction. McGee vigorously denied, however, that he was implicated in any way in the abduction of the vivacious society leader, who was kidnaped by two men who forced their way into her home while she was taking a bath, and who released her after \$30,000 ransom had been paid by her father, H. F. McElroy.

Morgan Inquiry In Recess; Attorneys Clash Over Query

By NATHAN ROBERTSON WASHINGTON, June 2. (AP)—The senate investigation of J. P. Morgan and company was abruptly recessed for the week-end today after John W. Davis, counsel for the firm, protested against a question directed at Thomas S. Lamont, junior partner, apparently relating to his income tax return.

The white-haired Davis, former presidential candidate, leaped to his feet to object when Ferdinand Pecora, aggressive senate committee counsel, called young Lamont to the stand and asked him about sales of stock December 30, 1930.

"This is not fair play," Davis protested, asserting Lamont had not been advised he would be questioned about the stocks. Chairman Fletcher finally ruled the question was pertinent. Lamont then said he did not recollect about the sales and he was directed to look them up over the week-end.

Press Time News Flashes

FLOYD BENNETT FIELD, New York, Saturday, June 2. (UP)—James Mattern, Texas flier, announced early today that he would take off at 5 a. m. for Berlin on the first leg of a proposed solo flight around the world.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., June 2. (UP)—Explosion and fire demolished 11 planes tonight in a spectacular blaze which caused damage estimated at \$200,000 and attracted thousands of persons to the field.

TULSA, Okla., June 2. (UP) Former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri was injured today when an airplane in which he was riding crashed to the ground. Reed, most seriously injured, was rushed to Morningside hospital where two stitches were taken in a severe head wound.

20 KILLED IN OIL EXPLOSION IN CALIFORNIA

Fire Follows Blast in Long Beach Richfield Refinery; Scores Hurt

Destruction Worse Than That of Earthquake; Million Dollars Damage

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 2. (AP)—A terrific explosion swept the Richfield Refinery at 1:59 o'clock today causing death and destruction, the toll of life being estimated at twenty.

The compression plant with ten compressors and eight 1000 barrel tanks are burning fiercely at 2:30 p. m. The damage to the plant is estimated by workmen at over a million dollars.

Derrick houses on practically all wooden rigs in the Signal Hill section were demolished and many wells damaged. Witnesses said that houses were crumpled worse than in the recent earthquake. Sides of buildings saved in an area were blown into the streets.

The blast broke windows two miles away in the downtown section of Long Beach, and created intense excitement throughout the city, which was struck by an earthquake, last March.

Flames in great sheets shot high into the air, and before fire apparatus could reach the scene a crowd of some 15,000 people blocked the streets and delayed the fire apparatus.

Injured Survivor Of Oil Fire Tells Story of Tragedy

LONG BEACH, Cal., June 2. (UP)—Blinding sheets of flame and deafening explosions which accompanied the disaster at Signal Hill were described from a hospital cot tonight by M. D. Glover, 35, a survivor.

Suffering from burns which may cause his death, Glover told the United Press of his experience in the center of the blast. He was at work with three other men on the D'Angelo tract, within half a block of the Richfield compressor plant.

"The first I felt was a terrible concussion," Glover said. "I was blown up against the side of our engine room, or I'd be going yet. The wall fell on me and knocked me out. When I came to, the fire was at my feet and all I could do was to crawl away. I was hurt and spent my last strength digging out from under the timbers."

Press Time News Flashes

PHILADELPHIA, June 2. (UP)—Cyrus H. K. Curtis, noted publisher, was reported near death at his home here today. Physicians held little hope for his recovery and said the end was "only a matter of hours."

NEW YORK, June 2. (UP) Capt. J. Errol Boyd announced tonight that he will take off Wednesday morning from Floyd Bennett airport in an attempt to fly non-stop to Haiti, a distance of 2400 miles.

ASTORIA, June 2. (UP)—The strongest Columbia river fishing strike appeared near an end tonight after Arthur Anderson, president of the Columbia River Salmon company, said he would pay fishermen 8 cents a pound for their fish.