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Editorials - on the - Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AS THESE words are written, the lumber industry's code of fair competition has not been approved, although its approval is momentarily expected, and may be received by the time these words are read.

THERE has been much delay in the adoption of the lumber code, which was among the first to be undertaken. The reason for this delay ought to be understood, especially here in the Pacific Northwest.

The South has been the big factor in the delay. The Southern pine lumber industry, along with practically all other industries in the South, has always paid low wages, and wants to go on doing so.

It wants the advantage of low wages in competition with the pine and fir of the Pacific Northwest.

THE lumber code, as finally submitted to General Johnson, provided a wage of 22 1/2 cents an hour in the Southern pine district, and a wage of 42 cents an hour in the pine and fir districts of the Pacific Northwest.

General Johnson, it has been reported, regards the 42-cent wage, as proposed for the Pacific Northwest, as fair, but considers the Southern scale of 22 1/2 cents much too low.

It is understood that this controversy is what has been holding up approval of the code.

THE minimum scale of 42 cents an hour proposed by the pine and fir lumber industry of the Northwest is the highest minimum scale so far proposed by any of the major industries.

The steel industry, for example, has proposed in its code a minimum wage of 40 cents, the electrical industry a minimum of 35 cents, and the shippers a minimum of 40 cents.

It will be a source of pride to all of us to know that our own great lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest has taken this position of leadership in the higher wage movement.

THE South, of course, wants the advantage of low wages in competition with the lumber industry of the Pacific Coast—it is in spite of the fact that already enjoys a considerable advantage in the way of lower freight rates, due to being closer to the great consuming markets.

It has fought determinedly for a lower wage even than that named in the code as originally presented, although the Southern minimum wage scale as finally agreed on in the code was only a little better than HALF the scale proposed for the Northwest.

THE latest reports indicate that there has been an extensive revision of the code, but what this (Continued on Page Four)

CALIFORNIA ACTS SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 2 (UP)—Kidnapers who abduct a person for the purpose of extortion will be liable to capital punishment or life imprisonment under terms of a new California law signed by Gov. James Rolph, Jr., today.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Aug. 2.—Editor The Klamath News: War Lord Bill Murray has called us Oklahomans to arms again. Most states use their National Guard for parading purposes, but Bill will call his out just like you ring for ice water.

There is a river between Oklahoma and Texas. Bill owns half of it and Ma Ferguson owns half. If they want to build a bridge let 'em build to the middle and turn around and go back. If they want a dam, let 'em dam their half, and let our half alone. So I guess the next time you hear of me I will be standing in water up to my ankles, right in the middle of Red river, with an old squirrel rifle aimed right at that giant octopus Texas, and if Bill says shoot I will shoot. We will show 'em their can't monkey with our half of the river. Yours, Will Rogers

Fehl Takes Stand To Deny Theft Of Jackson Ballet

County Judge Charged With Conspiracy Declares He Had No Interest In Race For Sheriff, Denies Taking Any Part

Earl H. Fehl, Jackson county sheriff on trial here charged with ballet theft conspiracy, took the stand in his own behalf Wednesday afternoon.

Fehl corroborated in partial detail some of the evidence presented against him, but denied that he had any part in the ballet robbery, that he had spoken derogatorily of Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth's decision ordering the recount, or that he had removed stickers from ballot pouches left in the clerk's office, to leave the impression that they had been tampered with to establish a basis for a denial of the recount.

Fehl admitted a conversation with Brecheen at the sheriff's vault, as testified to by Mrs. Catherine Daniels, jail matron, the Sexton brothers and C. W. (Cluck) Davis.

Lingers at Vault Fehl testified that he had lingered five or six minutes at the vault and talked to Brecheen, and while thus engaged the Sexton brothers came up. Fehl was on a route to the auditorium at the time.

Brecheen asked about the vault and its combination. The witness said he asked the Sexton boys what business he had with the combination and how he got it. The youth replied that he had watched the clerk while he opened it.

Fehl said the clerical topic of conversation was the county commission and Fehl said it was to be closed in March.

The accused official said just before he left to address the "Congress" he told the Sextons, "I don't want you boys monkeying around the vault or fooling with the records in this court-house." He said he went to the auditorium with A. L. Hug and proceeded to the platform.

Denies Knowledge Fehl testified that when he left for the auditorium he had no idea the ballots were to be stolen and if he had he would have attempted to stop it.

In regard to the testimony of Orlando L. Kring, that on February 1 Fehl had suggested to him that he steal ballots from the vault, Fehl testified he had not proposed such a thing, that he did not know Kring very well on that date, that Kring was a spiritualist and that he had met him during the campaign.

Fehl said he told the audience in the auditorium that complaints had been filed and asked "the audience to keep their feet off the walls." Fehl, under further questioning said that he applied to all organizations holding meetings at the "Congress" and not alone to the "Congress."

Fehl said that after the address, he had gone to his office on the second floor, and talked with John Glenn, acquitted county jailer, about a loan for (Continued on Page Three)

Moley To Direct Attack on Kidnap Gangs For Nation

HTYE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt today requested Raymond Moley, assistant secretary of state, to make a special study of kidnaping and racketeering with the understanding that he retain his state department and return to it in the winter.

Mr. Roosevelt said he was asking Moley to undertake the special survey of methods of combating crime at request of Attorney General Cummings, who communicated with him today by telephone. Moley is an authority on crime study.

Hull Returns Incidentally, the appointment of Moley to this new assignment is timed with the return of Secretary Hull from the London economic conference, where he and Moley were understood to have had sharp differences.

But, the president insisted there is nothing behind the Moley appointment to the kidnaping survey. He emphasized that Moley would retain his office as assistant secretary of state while (Continued on Page Three)

Wind Saves Wheat From Destruction

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—A sudden and unexpected change in the wind today saved about 1,200 acres of wheat from being destroyed by fire on the Collins-Banfield ranch near Adams.

The fire is believed to have started from the exhaust of a truck in the harvest fields. It gained headway rapidly and burned 100 acres of grain before the wind shifted to favor farmers and harvest hands who had been working desperately in an attempt to smother the flames.

It had appeared for a time that the ranch buildings, equipment and two sections of ripe wheat might be destroyed.

SEES FLOOD AREA SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3 (UP)—Congressman James Mott had left here tonight for Kelo, Wash., to inspect the area near the lower Columbia river which was flooded in June.

TWO VICTIMS RELEASED BY 'P GANGS

Nathan Baskowitz Freed by Captors on His Promise to Pay \$2000

Wyoming Sheriff Nabbed, Robbed of \$185 by Bandits on Highway

NEW YORK, Thursday, Aug. 3 (UP)—Nathan Baskowitz, real estate dealer and fight promoter better known as Nat Bass, was released by kidnapers and arrived at the Fugazy bowl in Brooklyn at 12:30 a. m. today.

No money was paid for his release which came at 11:30 o'clock last night "some place in Queen county," it was said.

The release was said to have been effected on the condition that his abductors be paid \$2000 in the near future. They had demanded first \$25,000 and then \$25,000 ransom.

Bass was taken Monday night from his automobile in Hensonshurst, L. I. The demands for ransom were made on his brother Arkie Bass, who is the partner of Humbert Fugazy, sports promoter.

SHERIFF NABBED KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 2 (UP)—Gilbert Housley, Wyoming sheriff on vacation, reported to police today that he had been kidnaped and robbed of \$185 by three bandits who held him up in western Kansas.

Housley, whose home is in Casper, Wyo., was driving near Ellis, Kan., late yesterday when his wife and two children with a car with three men in it overhauled him, he told police. He believed they were officers and made no attempt to escape when they brandished guns and told him to stop, he said.

The bandits forced him to enter their automobile, robbed him, and released him about a mile down the road, he related. He walked back to his own car.

TO TELL STORY ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 2 (UP)—Lieutenant John J. O'Connell, Jr., who was held by kidnapers 23 days for \$45,000 ransom, probably will tell the details of his abduction to a grand jury next week, District Attorney John T. Delaney disclosed today.

San Diego Youth Admits Slaying Of Boy, Young Woman

SAN DIEGO, CALIF., Aug. 2 (UP)—A 19 year old San Diego youth was questioned by police tonight on his alleged confession to the torture slaying of Dalbert Aposhian, 7, and two other unopohian, 7, and two other unopohian, 7.

Arrested in Los Angeles, the youth, who said he was "Phillip Edwards, assertedly told of killing Dalbert a fortnight ago and then amazed officers with statements that he killed Hazel Bradshaw in San Diego in 1932 and a five year old boy some years before that.

Edwards was divulge whether they were convinced he was the person they wanted. "It's all true, every bit," Edwards was quoted as saying. "It's all true, every bit."

"We Will Do Our Part"



Here's pictorial evidence of the support American business is giving President Roosevelt's plea for adherence to the blanket code. After burrowing through these thousands of telegrams pledging support, General Hugh S. Johnson (left), Industrial Recovery Administrator, declared "Nothing can stop the President's program." Shown with him are Miss Ruth Robinson, his assistant, and Marvin McIntyre, secretary to the President.

Industry Of America To Show Boom

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP)—Industrial activity in July exceeded the high rate of June despite a slight downturn toward the end of the month, the department of commerce reported today in its monthly survey of business.

Output in July, the survey said, would show a further increase over June when industrial production was at the highest point since the middle of 1930 and was at 59 per cent of the 1923-25 average.

The survey again warned, however, that indices of distribution indicate a continued lag in consumer purchases, a discrepancy that was expected to be corrected through the NRA agreements to bolster wages and employment.

LOCAL ARMORY PLANS PUSHED

Public Work Group to Seek Cooperation of State, Federal Men

The public works committee for the county appointed to recommend local proposals to Marshall Dana, regional administrator, announced at a meeting with the chamber of commerce board of directors Wednesday that in building of the armory it would attempt to secure the cooperation of the state for 50 per cent of the cost and 25 per cent from the city and county.

Each work of the public works act at whereby 30 per cent of the cost of material and labor is a grant from federal emergency funds. The cost is set at \$100,000.

Canal Project Up The project of covering the government irrigation canal through the city will also be recommended to the regional director for consideration after briefs are prepared concerning the work.

The city water works proposal will be investigated and reported on at the next meeting. Members of the public works committee are R. H. Bosse, M. S. West, C. A. Dunn, R. E. Bradbury, G. C. Lorenz and J. W. Kerns.

The board of directors of the chamber received a letter from Dan E. Gould, chairman of the reception committee for the U. S. Frigate Constitution which is scheduled to arrive in Portland today and remain until August 22. Gould issued an invitation to residents of Klamath Falls to visit the historical ship while in Portland.

Coast Baseball

R. H. E. Missions 5 7 2 Portland 3 9 0 Johnson and Fitzpatrick; Gibson, Fitzen and Palmsano.

Hollywood 14 21 3 Seattle 12 16 1 Shellenback, Wetzel and Basler; Fillette, Ulrich and Bradbury, Cox. (Second game postponed, wet grounds).

First Game R. H. E. Oakland 4 8 2 Los Angeles 9 13 2 McEvoy, Veitman, Wald and McMullen.

NAVY PROGRAM DELAYED; BIDS SAID "FIXED"

Senator Charges Ship-Building Firms Got Together On Estimates

Secretary Swanson and President Look Over Bids Before Acting

By DUANE WILSON U. P. Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP)—The navy's ship construction program, largest in the history of the department, was delayed tonight pending investigation of charges of irregularities in bids submitted by private builders.

Secretary Swanson ordered a thorough departmental investigation of the charges made by Senator Park Mamm, Dem., Fla., chairman of the senate naval affairs committee that four major shipbuilders exchanged information concerning their bids on two cruisers prior to submission to the navy last week.

Price Goes Up Trammell in letters to President Roosevelt and Swanson urging rejection of the bids further charged that the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation offered to build a heavy cruiser last December for \$3,500,000 less than the bid submitted last week and that the corporation, the apparent low bidder, was protected by the bids submitted by the remaining yards.

In addition to Bethlehem, the cruiser bidders were the New York Shipbuilding company, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company and United Drydocks, Inc.

Contracts for the construction of the cruisers along with 19 other warships were to have been awarded tomorrow but the investigation may delay action for some time.

Confer With President Swanson revealed three high navy officers conferred with the president concerning the contracts at Hyde Park, N. Y., this afternoon.

Admiral Standley, chief of naval operations and Rear Admirals Land, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Robinson, chief of the bureau of engineering are meeting with the president today. They probably will discuss Senator Trammell's charges.

East Suffers As Mercury Remains At Top of Column

By the Associated Press The east continued to sizzle yesterday as a torrid spell went into its fifth day with a death toll in the neighborhood of 100. The rest of the country was fairly comfortable and there was a word of cheer from eastern forecasters who promised fair and cooler weather tonight.

The middle west generally was cool after showers of the night. The southwest was "cloudy and fairly cool. Temperatures on the Pacific coast were normal and the Salt Lake region had showers to break a 25-day stretch of above 90 weather. Oregon was generally cooler.

Resorts Crowded Continuation of the eastern heat-calm, sorely tried tempera, made sleeping next to impossible and induced millions to crowd beaches and water resorts. Temperatures of the day in the metropolitan area averaged higher than yesterday by 5 degrees. The thermometer registered 90 at 10 a. m., eastern standard time.

A half dozen more deaths in the area brought the total for the past few days to more than two score. Reports from other (Continued on Page Three)

Kansas Bandits Terrorize Town

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Aug. 2 (AP)—The search for robbers who terrorized Weir City four hours this morning and stole the State Bank safe, was intensified this afternoon when members of the posse searching for them near Parker reported two of the fugitives had been sighted on the Etchen farm southeast of Coffeyville.

The robbers, with machine guns after imprisoning by citizens, including four women and the night marshal, were pursued by national guardsmen ordered into the chase by the adjutant general.

Drys Spend \$541 In Oregon Drive

SALEM, ORE., Aug. 2 (UP)—Opposition to repeal of state and national prohibition at the last election cost united drys of Oregon \$541.23, according to figures filed here today.

Printing and advertising were the biggest expenditures, E. M. Heacock, Portland secretary, reported. Klamath county Pomona grange expended \$50 opposing the sales tax.

Lumber Mills Of Klamath To Start Up Again Friday

Twelve Operators Decide To Run On Wage and Hour Scales Proposed By Industry In Code Given Gen. Johnson

Klamath's lumber mills will resume operations Friday! Twelve operators decided last night to operate on the basis of a code proposed by the western lumber industry to General Hugh Johnson, national recovery administrator.

That means the minimum hourly wage will be raised to 42 1/2 cents for mill and camp crews and 40 cents for box factory workmen. The maximum hours a week will be 40 in mills and factories and 48 in the woods.

Mill operators who joined in announcing the new wage scale included all those whose plants have been shut down on account of the strike and a number whose mills and factories have been in operation.

Long Wait Ended Action of the lumbermen will send a period of weeks of inactivity in some of the big mills and will put the industry here on an even keel again.

Companies which will start operations Friday under the new wage plan are the Algoma Lumber company, Big Lakes Lumber company, Chiloquin Lumber company, Crater Lake Lumber company, Ewansa Box company, Ivory Pine company, Lamco Lumber company, George McColium, Pelican Bay Lumber company, Shaw-Bertram Lumber company, Walker Hovey company, and Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

The lumber operators announced that in case their code is altered by the administration at Washington they will abide by the code as it is changed.

Scale Retroactive They announced that the new pay scale would be retroactive to August 1.

Wednesday the Mill and Timber Workers' union sent a telegram to the secretary of labor asking that any action her department plans be taken immediately.

WAGES INCREASED LONGVIEW, Wash., Aug. 2 (AP)—Higher wage scales proposed today by the mill and woods workers of the Weyerhaeuser (Continued on Page Three)

Cotton Industry Points Way For Labor Settlement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—An unprecedented step toward peaceful relations between capital and labor was taken today by the cotton textile industry in cooperation with the recovery administration, through creation of a board to compose present and future labor troubles.

In this move the recovery administration saw a possibility of similar structures for all big industries, so that in the future American employers and their workers may sit down with a representative of the government and an intermediary to deal with mutual problems fairly and with a minimum of strife.

Adoption Unanimous The national union board was provided by an amendment of that industry's code of fair practice. This was done by unanimous adoption of a report by a committee which had been named especially to deal with the "stretch-out" system by which mills have been speeding up individual workers' output through requiring them to attend many machines.

Johnson declared in temporary force, pending hearings, codes of fair practice which will shorten work hours and increase wages in thousands of the country's banks and in factories manufacturing electrical products, radios, bedding and rayon.

Millions Benefit. By these orders, more than half a million additional workers are intended to be given quickly the benefits of the recovery program. The bank code applies to the 14,000 members of the American Bankers' association and may be subscribed to also by the 6,000 additional banks not affiliated with the association. By complying with its terms the bankers will be able to display the blue eagle insignia.

The industrial board of the cotton industry will be composed of three members, representing the government, labor, and the industry. (Continued on Page Three)

Press Time News Flashes

RENO, Nev., Aug. 2 (UP)—Nick Krutovich, 18-year-old Oakland, Calif., boxer, fighting under the name of "Speed Sparks of Seattle," was killed tonight in the first 22 seconds of his bout with Johnny Blanchard, Reno, who was appearing in his first professional fight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (UP)—Jimmy Matern, whose attempted solo flight around the world ended in a crash in St. Louis, will take off from Floyd Bennett airport at 9 a. m. tomorrow for Chicago, where he is to be presented a medal at the Century of Progress exposition.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (UP)—Huge oversubscription of this week's \$850,000,000 security issues was seen by treasury officials tonight as a vote of confidence in the "new deal."