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Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE AFL-sponsored teamsters' union refuses (in Oregon and Washington) to haul beer made by the CIO-sponsored brewery workers.

As a result, the brewers and the beer-handlers (not to mention the public) are caught in the lurch of the line.

They're in trouble with labor whichever way they turn.

THERE are many, of course, who will say that whatever happens to the beer business is good enough for it. But beer is a LEGAL industry, representing a considerable payroll and large expenditures for materials.

UP in Seattle, the AFL-sponsored teamsters' union refuses to recognize a strike called against the Seattle Star by the CIO-sponsored Newspaper Guild.

The Star isn't unfair to labor. It wants to deal with the unions, as required by the Wagner labor act, if it can find a union that can deliver peace and production. But if it recognizes CIO it is in the dog-house with AFL. If it recognizes AFL, it is in the dog-house with CIO.

It is out on a limb with SOMEBODY, whatever it does. As a result, it has to SUSPEND PUBLICATION.

IN PORTLAND, Meier & Frank, (the city's largest department store) has long been picketed by the CIO warehousemen, because it recognizes the AFL teamsters' union. If it recognizes the CIO (Continued on Page Six)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' UNION ANNOUNCED BY JOHN L. LEWIS WASHINGTON, July 12 (UP)—Formation of a union to embrace 2,000,000 state, county and municipal workers was announced tonight by John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization. In the face of a warning from President Roosevelt that collective bargaining privileges of the Wagner labor act cannot be extended to federal employees.

It raised the question of whether state, county and municipal officials would issue similar edicts since their jobs, like federal workers, hold their jobs at the discretion of appropriation-making bodies such as congress which is empowered to increase or abolish appropriations at will.

The union will be known as the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. It was formed by a nucleus of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

The union's jurisdiction covers workers throughout the country and completes the first phase of Lewis' drive to unionize the government machinery except for those federal employees who come under the "military" classification.

Lewis, in a formal statement, specifically forbade the union strike or picketing privileges. He said: "The general methods to be employed (Continued on Page Six)

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Stewart Dittsworth, California Oregon Power company linesman recovered their bodies and applied first aid.

LOW INTEREST ON LAND BANK LOANS VETOED

Roosevelt Downs Bill To Extend Present Rates Over Two-Year Period

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt vetoed today a bill to extend for two years low interest rates on federal land bank loans.

In a message to the house announcing his action, he said the veto was based on a general lowering of farm mortgage interest rates, an increase in the ability of farmers to pay interest and on the administration policy of trying to balance the budget during the fiscal year 1938.

The bill also would broaden the field of loans on which interest reductions were granted by including a 4 per cent rate on land bank commissioner loans. This would be a cut from 5 per cent.

"Risky" Loans Explaining that a majority of these loans were on second mortgages and that there were other "factors of risk" involved, the president said the 5 per cent rate was not excessive.

The bill would have extended through this fiscal year the 3.5 per cent rate on federal land bank loans and through the second year, ending June 30, 1939, would have provided a 4 per cent rate.

"I believe," the chief executive told the house, "that there is no justification for continued government subsidy of federal land bank interest rates below the unprecedently low rate these banks are now offering farmer-borrowers on a business basis."

"Furthermore, the ability of farmers to pay interest at the rates provided for in their mortgages with the federal land banks has been very substantially improved, due to an increase of more than 100 per cent in the level of farm prices since the emergency period of 1932-33."

Discussing costs involved in continued low rates, Mr. Roosevelt said "the reduction of the rates of interest on federal land bank loans to 3 1/2 per cent for the fiscal year 1938 and to 4 per cent for the fiscal year 1939, as required by the bill for loans made through national farm loan associations, would, it is estimated, necessitate payments from the treasury in the amount of approximately \$31,700,000 for the former year and \$21,200,000 for the latter, a total of \$52,900,000."

"The contemplated reduction (Continued on Page Six)

QUEEN HELEN OF TENNIS SEEKING DIVORCE, REPORT

RENO, Nev., July 12 (UP)—Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, retired queen of the tennis courts, reported by her sister-in-law as seeking a Reno divorce from Fredrick S. Moody, Jr., San Francisco broker, consultant and prominent divorce lawyer here late today.

Robert M. Price, Reno lawyer, confirmed that the brunette, sun-tanned tennis champion had conferred with him but declined further comment.

Mrs. Moody was reported earlier today by Mrs. Corbett Moody, wife of her husband's brother, in San Francisco as having come to Nevada "to get a divorce."

She arrived at Glenbrook, Lake Tahoe resort, alone today, laden with luggage and accompanied by her pet dog, and told a United Press correspondent that she had come for a "rest."

The correspondent questioned her whether her stay would lengthen into the six weeks required for a Nevada divorce. She smiled and did not answer.

The Moodys were married Dec. 25, 1929. He is a San Francisco brokerage employe.

Noted Jazz Composer Dies



George Gershwin (above), 35, whose work earned jazz a place of respect in the musical world, dies Sunday in Hollywood of a sudden brain disease.

STORM DELAYS EARHART HUNT

Planes Kept on Aircraft Carrier Decks By Low Visibility on Arrival HONOLULU, T. H., July 12 (UP)—Squalls and low clouds over the mid-Pacific tonight held up the search for Amelia Earhart and her navigator, missing since July 2, as the aircraft carrier Lexington, carrying 62 planes, moved into the search area.

The storm forced the Lexington planes to remain on the broad decks of the carrier, and advised to "naval headquarters said that unless the weather clears the swift scout ships and bombers would stay on board again tomorrow."

The Lexington reached the searching zone, around Howland island, during a period of poor visibility and low ceiling, making flying virtually impossible. It was indicated that most of the search would be in the area west of Howland toward the Gilbert island group and to the south. The coast guard cutter Itasca was proceeding toward Arora island in that area, and the minesweeper Swan also was bound west toward Exposition island in the Gilbert group.

OLD KING RANCH FEUD FLARES IN CONTEMPT TRIAL

RAYMONDVILLE, Tex., July 12 (UP)—An old feud between the management of the vast "Walled Kingdom" King ranch and farmers living nearby tonight flared again as four peace officers were found guilty of contempt of court.

The officers were cited in the county court of Judge W. E. McCheren because they arrested and removed from the county a 50-year-old special investigator, Luis Lamadrid.

Lamadrid had announced he was making progress in his study of the case of Lather and John Blanton, a father and son who disappeared while hunting near the ranch.

The Blantons disappeared last Nov. 18. Relatives and friends asserted they had gone to hunt on the King ranch game preserve. It was feared they had been slain by one of the fence riders, vaqueros, or private game wardens of the ranch.

After neighboring farmers demonstrated here, a force of Texas rangers searched portions of the million acre ranch property without success.

DYER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, July 12 (AP)—Manacled and heavily guarded, Albert Dyer, 32-year-old WPA worker, pleaded innocent today when arraigned on charges of murdering three little girls. Judge Thomas Ambrose set his trial for August 6.

Public Defender Frederic Vercoe, representing Dyer, made an eleven-hour change in his plans to plead his client innocent and innocent by reason of insanity.

The court announced the reports of five psychiatrists who examined him for his sanity would be made public later. The sanity experts all found him competent to judge between right and wrong, and to be responsible for his acts, in it.

RAIN TEMPER HEAT WAVE IN EASTERN AREA

Survey Shows 337 Deaths As Cloudbursts, Showers Relieve Suffering

By the Associated Press Thundershowers brought local relief today to many sections of the nation sweltering in a protracted heat wave that has left 337 dead.

Government forecasters predicted there would be more showers but that generally the hot, humid weather would continue at least another day in the northern half of the nation and in southeastern states.

Winds Help New England Easterly winds and showers broke the hot spell in New England states. Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y., enjoyed 68 degree weather. The first rain since mid-June tempered the heat in northern South Dakota.

But the mercury rose again toward the scorching nineties in Chicago and other parts of Illinois, Georgia, Wisconsin, Indiana, Washington, D. C., and many other sections.

Drainages contributed at least a score to the heavy death list. \$500,000 Damage Between 200 and 350 families in six West Virginia communities were driven from their homes yesterday when two creeks overflowed, with damage estimated at half a million dollars.

Showers, and, in some places, rainfall that reached cloudburst proportions, were reported in sections of Illinois, Oklahoma, Iowa (Continued on Page Six)

BENTRIM RESIGNS POST ON BOXING COMMISSION

Ralph Bentrin, secretary and treasurer of the Klamath Falls boxing commission, has resigned the office after more than four years in the position, according to Mayor Clifton Richmond, who received the resignation late last week.

Bentrin has been transferred to San Jose, Cal., by the Southern Pacific, and left Saturday to assume his new duties.

The mayor will name Bentrin's successor at the Monday evening's meeting of the city council.

It is understood that three names are up for consideration by the mayor—R. G. Stein, who has managed the box office at wrestling and boxing matches at the armory for some time; M. L. Bratton, secretary of the Eagles lodge; and Commander Book of the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Bentrin was appointed to the commission by W. E. Mahoney during his term as mayor of Klamath Falls and was re-appointed by Mayor Richmond when he took office.

TULELAKE RANCH HAND DROPS DEAD SUNDAY NIGHT

TULELAKE, July 12—Heart failure took a second victim, suddenly, within a period of two weeks when Robert Clark, 55, dropped dead at midnight Sunday while irrigating potatoes on the Wes Davis place farmed this year by C. J. Chamberlain.

With Chamberlain and another employe, Charles Young, Clark was at work apparent in good health. He had been employed only that morning, coming to Tulelake from Dorris where he is well known. In the darkness he was seen to stumble and fall but was dead when others reached him.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Dyer was called to take charge of the body until Monday morning when Sikkiyou County Coroner Koons arrived from Yreka. The body was taken to that city to await word from relatives.

Papers found on Clark revealed that a sister lives in Hollywood and a wife lives at some undetermined place in California.

The first victim to die suddenly was W. T. Williams, who dropped dead on the E. W. Staunton ranch June 25, a few hours after being employed to irrigate. His body was shipped to Pasadena.

STATE POLICEMAN KILLS BURGLAR

PENDLETON, July 12 (AP)—State Policeman Roy Hafstad of La Grande shot and killed an unidentified man early yesterday as he was attempting to break into Thompson's drug store here.

Elmer Hogan, local police officer, stalked the man with Hafstad. He said the trooper shot when the man became aware of their presence and started to run, falling to heed commands to halt. The bullet pierced his heart.

The man was fair and curly haired, about 23 years, old and weighed about 170 lbs. He was clad in blue and a sweater.

Harry French Tells Court Of Reaction To McCracken Slurs; Alienists Aid Defense Claim

ALTURAS, Cal., July 12 (UP)—Henry French, convicted slayer of Claude L. McCracken, Alturas publisher, engaged in angry debate with District Attorney A. K. Wylie today when he testified at his own sanity hearing.

Defense Attorney S. Luke Howe of Sacramento placed French on the stand in a surprise move. He questioned the former state tax official on the actions by McCracken that led up to the mountain feud slaying.

No Libel Case French told of going to McCracken's office to question him regarding an article that had appeared in the editor's paper, the Modoc County Times, in which it was said that "a certain equalization board member was about to lose his job."

"McCracken told me the article referred to me but there was no chance for libel since I couldn't prove it meant me," French said. "I became very mad, disgusted and sick to my stomach and left the place. The articles made me furious."

French testified that he wanted to get a club and "go settle with McCracken" but his mother would not let him do so.

Rape Prosecutor Howe then turned the defendant over to District Attorney Wylie for cross examination.

Wylie brought out that French's work as an auditor of the state equalization board had been satisfactory up to the time of the shooting. Angered under Wylie's questioning, French asked the district attorney "if I can tell you what I think of your office."

Wylie told him to continue. "I hold your office in contempt," French said. "I know of instances when you were under McCracken's thumb politically."

Alienists See Insanity "As a matter of fact, Harry, Wylie said "I can tell you what I think of your office."

Dr. Paul McKenney of Alturas and Dr. Edward Twichell, San Francisco, professor at the University of California, both testified (Continued on Page Six)

Protest On Liquor Store Site Too Late

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—The state liquor control commission headquarters stated today the complaint from the Klamath Falls Ministerial association against the new location of the state liquor store there came too late.

Officials said the lease for the building had been signed and the Klamath city council had approved the site prior to the receipt of any complaints.

The ministers protested the location as being too close to the city library. The protest, first sent to Governor Martin, was referred by him to the liquor commission.

Signed by J. Clarence Orr, president of the ministerial association, the letter stated that "many of our business men and better citizens are protesting such a store being placed near our public library, which would mean our children must wind in and out among the men congregated there to get to the library."

ALBANY, July 12 (AP)—Arthur McMahon, chairman of the liquor control commission, said today he had not received notice of a complaint from the Klamath (Continued on Page Six)

CLOUDBURSTS HIT WYOMING; FLOOD THREATENS CITY

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., July 12 (UP)—Approximately 100 volunteers marshalled from the ranks of a CCC camp, the American Legion and coal miners struggled tonight to strengthen a wobbly, flood-torn dike, the breakage of which authorities said would inundate the entire business district of Rock Springs.

Floodwaters from two successive cloudbursts produced a sudden 15-foot rise in the normally shallow Bitter Creek, which was re-channelled by dikes approximately 15 years ago to transfer the course of the stream from directly through the business district to a path around the city.

Between 300 and 400 residents of the lowland sections of Rock Springs hurriedly evacuated their homes this morning when word of (Continued on Page Six)

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE PHILADELPHIA, July 12 (AP) With Manager Bill Terry getting chased out of a game for the first time in his career, the New York Giants opened a two-game series today by dropping a 6-3 decision to the Phillies.

The Giants' pilot got in an argument with Umpire Bill Klem in the ninth inning over Klem's judgment of a strike called on Mel Ott.

The score: R. H. E. New York . . . . . 2 1 1 Philadelphia . . . . . 6 11 1 Schumacher, Smith, Gumpert and Mancuso; Lamaster, Jorgens and Atwood.

St. Louis . . . . . 6 11 1 Pittsburgh . . . . . 2 12 1 Wolland and Odrodowski. Owen; Weaver, Bauers, Brown and Todd.

SECOND SOVIET PLANE ROARING ACROSS ARCTIC

Passage Over Pole Hours Ahead of Time Set By Previous Hop to U. S.

SEATTLE, July 12 (UP)—In the first message received by the U. S. signal corps at Seattle, three Russian fliers attempting to set a new distance record by flying from Moscow to San Francisco, radioed at 10:20 p. m. PST, all was well.

"My position is latitude 81, longitude 110. Everything all right," the message read. It was signed by Danilin, the navigator.

Signal corps experts said the position indicated placed the fliers 630 miles south of the north pole and approximately 300 miles from Prince Patrick island.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12 (UP)—Three Russian fliers crossed the north pole tonight and roared southward toward the United States in an attempt at a new world's non-stop record and a new time mark for the trans-polar flight.

Five hours after crossing the pole at 4:14 p. m. PST, the airman, led by Michael Michaelovich Gromov, reported all was well on a flight that was hours ahead of the best previous time of the aerial vault across the top of the world.

Fast Time Made The 9:40 p. m. report, relayed to the U. S. army radio station at Anchorage, Alaska, from Anadyr, Siberia, did not give the position of the fliers.

They reached the pole 23 hours and 50 minutes after taking off from a Moscow airbase on the second of a series of Russian flights over the frozen northern wastes. In the first flight, led by Valeri Chkalov, the fliers passed (Continued on Page Six)

AMERICAN YOUTHS PUSH LOYALIST CAUSE AT MADRID

MADRID, July 12 (UP)—American youths, many of them youngsters in their teens, tonight received a bloody baptism of fire when they waded across the swollen Guadarrama river west of Madrid under machine-gun fire and routed rebel legions.

The youths, getting their first taste of war at its worst, were new recruits of the famous international brigade which led the loyalists in an assault on insurgent positions south of Bruneta.

The Americans drove across the river in an effort to isolate thousands of insurgents whose eight-months siege at Madrid's gates has heaped death and destruction on the city.

Alongside the "raw" recruits from the United States were others from Britain and Ireland as well as young Spaniards called to the colors by the big battle to free Madrid.

Gen. Jose Miaja's loyalist headquarters said the new volunteers "performed excellently" in hand-to-hand fighting that all principal objectives had been attained.

The International brigade, which marched through the streets of Madrid last Nov. 8 and dramatically threw back the enemy at the gates, is the spearhead of Miaja's drive southward from the Escorial-Madrid highway toward the Estramadura road.

COUNCIL FILLS BOXING BOARD

R. G. Stein Named Secretary; Police Patrol Of Beer Parlors Discussed

Business of the city council was quickly dispatched by the council at Monday evening's meeting, but discussion relative to patrolmen policing city beer parlors dragged on until an extra hour was consumed.

Councilman J. E. Van Camp objected to having a city patrolman designated to patrol pool halls and beer parlors as a part of his regular work, and declared that a policeman had no place in such establishments unless he were called by the proprietors in case of emergencies.

Special Officer Hired Chief of Police Hamm explained that the beer dispensers paid the salary for one such patrolman who is subject to the department for all orders, and that it was their intention to hire a second patrolman, but that there were insufficient funds to do so. For that reason he has designated one of his regular men to carry on the regular patrol in addition to regular duties.

This action was approved by the majority of the council, and after lengthy argument the matter was allowed to remain in its present status.

Stein Appointed R. G. Stein was appointed to the position of secretary and treasurer of the Klamath Falls boxing commission by Mayor Clifton Richmond, and the appointment confirmed by the council.

Stein will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ralph Bentrin, which was accepted by the council.

Traffic Discussed Monday evening was set as the time for hearing of objections to the vacating of Lake street, and there being none, either written or verbal, the ordinance calling for vacating street was passed to second reading.

The council called for a report from the recent state highway traffic survey which has not yet (Continued on Page Six)

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