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GOP Senators Sure Of Vote

Leaders Claim Sufficient Strength To Override Labor Bill Veto

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—Senate Republicans, certain they will win tomorrow over President Truman's veto, reported today they had picked Senator Ball (R-Minn.) to head the act's "watchdog" committee.

The measure provides for a 14-member Senate-House committee to review the whole field of labor-management relations. Senator Ball (R-Ohio) told a reporter he expected it to be organized immediately and to study the operation of the new legislation as well.

"I should be the watchdog committee to determine from the bill's operations whether there are any changes in the law that ought to be straightened out," he said. "If any failures or obvious injustices develop, we can consider revisions at the next session of Congress in January."

Vote Today

The Senate has agreed to vote on overriding the Presidential veto at 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) tomorrow. This agreement was engineered by Senator Wherry (Neb.), the Republican whip, yesterday after 25 1/2 hours of a continuous session. A little group of the bill's bitter-end opponents gave up a filibuster.

The Republican chiefs claim three or four votes more than the required two-thirds majority. And Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), a supporter of the President's position, told newsmen he thinks there is only an "outside chance" to sustain the veto. The House had smashed it down Friday, as soon as it was delivered, 331 to 83.

A favorable vote on the bill in the Senate automatically would put it into effect, bringing the first Labor Relations act since its passage early in the Roosevelt administration.

Bans Closed Shop

Included in the measure's provisions are bans on the closed shop, jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, foremen's bargaining units and union-controlled health and welfare funds established since Jan. 1, 1946. The measure also carries provisions governing "a national paralysis" strikes, suits against unions, union dues, and free speech for employees.

Ball generally has been disposed to go further in attempting to curb the activities of unions than Taft and some other members of the Senate Labor committee. He urged the Senate unsuccessfully to adopt an amendment curbing industry-wide bargaining, a provision the House approved but which was lost in the final compromise version.

PARENT-TEACHER BOARD TO MEET

Important Session Will Precede Institute Opening At Greensboro

GREENSBORO, June 22.—(AP)—Prior to the opening session tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the building of Woman's Parent-Teacher Institute, will be an all-day meeting of the board of managers of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The board will consider tomorrow recommendations made by the executive committee, which met tonight in Gibsonville at the home of Mrs. J. W. Burke, executive secretary, with Mrs. E. B. Hunter, Charlotte state president, in charge. Included in the agenda are reports from officers, chairmen and directors; filling of chairmanship vacancies and the election of a nomination committee; discussion and possible action on suggestions for special projects to implement the congress program; revision of standard rules; and selection of convention date and site for next year. These topics are to be voted upon tomorrow by the board managers, which includes the executive committee, district directors, and committee chairman.

Philips To Preside

Tomorrow night's opening session will be presided over by C. W. Phillips, of Woman's college, director of the institute, to which over 350 delegates from all parts of the state are expected. Greetings will be extended by

The Weather

FORECAST
South Carolina—Mostly cloudy and with occasional drizzle west and north Monday morning followed by partly cloudy and not so cool Monday afternoon. Tuesday partly cloudy and slightly warmer. North Carolina—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Monday and Tuesday.

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.
Temperature: Maximum 76; Minimum 59; Mean 67; Normal 66.
Humidity: 77; 7:30 a. m., 74; 1:30 p. m., 53; 7:30 p. m., 56.
Precipitation: .04 inches, ending 7:30 p. m., .04 inches.
Total inches the first of the month, 4.25 inches.

Tides For Today
From the Tide Tables published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey:
Wilmington: High 1:17a, 8:32a, 1:30p, 8:22p; Low 7:15a, 1:45p, 7:55p.
Wilmington Inlet: High 1:47a, 8:30a, 1:30p, 8:22p; Low 7:45a, 1:45p, 7:55p.
Sunrise 5:01; Sunset 7:37; Moonrise 10:46; Moonset 4:00.

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Road Gangs Rattle Snowbound Tourists

Former Army Ski Troop Aid In Leading Sixty People To Safety; Blizzard Traps Scores Killing Three

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL Park, Wyo., June 22.—(AP)—More than 60 tourists, survivors of a raging summer blizzard which trapped them more than 24 hours atop a mountain pass and killed three persons, were led to safety today by road gangs and a volunteer patrol of former army ski troopers.

Clad mainly in light summer clothing, they huddled together in stalled autos and in a tiny trailer while the swirling snow, carried by winds up to 75 miles an hour, buried them in drifts.

Entombed in a truck on the 11,000 foot pass Northeast of Yellowstone Park were the bodies of Vernon Kaiser, about 55, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Richard Huckles, Akron, Ohio; and John P. Baker, about 40, Grayling, Mont.

Bodies of the three park road camp employees were found late yesterday in a truck covered by 15 feet of snow during a 24-hour blizzard of 60-mile-an-hour wind and snow which partly blocked 40 miles of mountain highway between Cooke and Red Lodge, Mont. near the Northeast corner of the park.

They died after their truck stalled while seeking help for stranded tourists Friday night. Rescuers discovered the buried truck by accident while walking over its snow covered top.

Three or four unidentified tourists were treated in park hospitals—one man for frostbite, another for a heart attack and a woman for hysteria. None required hospital admittance.

About 43 persons were taken from snowbound cars.

Park superintendent Edmund Rogers said he believed all stranded tourists had been accounted for but there was possibility that some might have left their cars and become lost during the storm which brought near freezing temperatures on the first day of summer.

Soap Box Derby Cars Must All Be "Boy Built"

FORTY INJURED

NEW YORK, June 22.—(AP)—Forty persons were injured 10 seriously, when a Fifth Avenue Coach company bus en route from Queens to Manhattan, blew out a tire tonight on the Queensborough bridge spanning the East river and crashed into a bridge stanchion, police reported.

The bus, carrying 71 seated passengers and eight standing, did not overturn but the front right side was badly crushed.

OLD MAN WEATHER FORGETS SUMMER

Temperatures Tumble In Sunny South On First Official "Warm" Day

By The Associated Press

The first day of summer found the Southeast shivering from the coldest June 22 on record as heavy rains kept Spnday motorists indoors from the Carolinas to Mississippi.

The weather bureau blamed it all on a strong high pressure area in the Northeast that sent a cold wave down the Atlantic coast, fanning wind as far as Tennessee and central Alabama.

By mid-afternoon Atlanta had two inches of rain and a temperature reading of 56.9 that shattered a June 22 mark of 51 degrees in 1893.

Southern Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana escaped the blast of cold air with several points recording 90 degrees or better, and the Weather bureau predicted the three states would continue fair and warm.

But the outlook for the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Eastern Tennessee was as gloomy as yesterday's skies. Slow recovery from the cold wave was predicted with not much change in temperature or precipitation until Tuesday.

There were 2.7 inches of rain in Jacksonville and, within a six hour period, 3.8 inches fell in Memphis and 3.6 inches in Tuscaloosa.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES EXHUME 6,000 BODIES OF WOMEN PRISONERS

BERLIN, June 22.—(AP)—Authorities in Russian-occupied Mecklenburg today reported the exhumation of the "first of many" mass graves containing the bodies of 6,000 women said to have been clubbed to death by SS guards in the last weeks of the war.

A dispatch of the Soviet-licensed German news agency said the victims were mostly women imported as slave labor from Poland, France, Norway and Holland and that they formerly were held in a concentration camp at Biendorf, near Magdeburg.

As the allied armies approached they were loaded into freight cars for transport, then, the account continued, their SS guards slew them with clubs and buried them along the route.

Bulging Biceps Value Proved 'Can-Opener'

DALLAS, June 22.—(AP)—Edward J. Simons of Dallas, newly crowned "Junior Mr. America," proved the value of bulging biceps today by opening a stubborn jar of olives in one minute, ten seconds flat.

It was Simons all the way—the olives never had a chance. The blonde, handsome, 25-year-old war veteran won the title early this morning at the conclusion of the National A. A. U. weightlifting championships and the remorseless way in which he tackled the jar drew gasps of admiration from spectators.

Muscles rippled and played over his great 47-inch chest and his powerful arms looked like a convention of miniature mountains.

The jar cap gave just as it appeared that the bottle itself would be wisted into a new design.

"I've got it," Simons cried triumphantly.

"You can see he's handy around the house," his 22-year-old wife echoed.

Simons really owes his title to his wife.

"I got these muscles," he confessed.

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California Coastal City Suffers \$10,000,000 Damage By Oil Blast; Flash Flood Takes Eleven Lives

Creek Waters Swamp Town

Many Residents Of Cambridge, Neb., Caught In Beds; Bodies Found

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., June 22.—(AP)—A 24-hour siege of rain, wind and flood claimed at least 13 lives in Nebraska today — 11 of the victims drowning in a flash flood here.

The number of missing dropped to four as rescue and relief operations continued. Hollingsworth said it was feared the death toll eventually would reach 15.

Waters receded rapidly during the day, leaving what the insurance man described as a "devastated scene." He estimated the damage at \$500,000. Huge slabs of pavement were tossed about and mud covered everything, he said.

Boats and trucks were used to rescue 196 marooned persons, some of whom had taken refuge in trees and on housepoles.

The city water system failed and water was hauled in from nearby towns.

Two motorists drowned 60 miles Northeast of Cambridge when their car plunged into a creek after hitting a highway washout.

Tornadoes near Loomis and Gettysburg, Neb., injured at least nine.

Heavy rains moving Eastward were general throughout Nebraska. Soil already saturated by previous rains was unable to absorb the downpour and flood conditions were general. Omaha received three and a half inches of rain during the afternoon.

With a few exceptions, rail travel was virtually paralyzed in Eastern Nebraska and telephone service was disrupted in the flood-hit areas. Several highways and bridges were washed out.

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A COUPLE OF TUGS PUSH THE HUGE battleship U.S.S. Washington towards the dock at the naval depot at Bayonne, N. J. The big ship will be inactivated, but held ready should there be use for her in the future. At top are the battle cruisers U.S.S. Guam and U.S.S. Alaska, also taken off active duty.—(International).

Truman Creates Committees To Study Foreign Aid Impact

PROFESSOR VISIONS TRAVEL TO PLANETS IN PRESENT ERA

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 22.—(AP)—Travel between the planets may be possible "during our lifetime" through use of a rocket which has atomic power as its source of energy, Dr. Lyman Spitzer, Jr., associate professor at Yale University predicted tonight.

Spitzer, who teaches astrophysics, said on a broadcast sponsored by the university that the first interplanetary trip would almost certainly be to the moon and because the moon is closest to the earth.

He said, however, that man would probably set foot on Mars before he lands on the moon because "we know that the moon is a dead and airless world and not much would be gained by the landing there." He forecast that instead of landing, "the space ship" would circle the moon once and return to earth.

STORK WINS CONTEST OF SPEED WITH NAVY PLANE NEAR NORFOLK

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND Va., June 22.—(AP)—The stork and a small Navy transport plane raced against time in the early hours today — but the stork won.

Mrs. James Francis Summers, 22, wife of a chief petty officer based at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station, gave birth to an eight-pound three ounce girl 15 minutes after the plane left here on its way to Norfolk and a hospital. Thirty minutes later the plane landed at Norfolk with its passengers—the mother, and father, a Navy doctor and nurse and one small baby.

The Summers, whose home is in Alaquippa, Penn., have named their air-born child Judy Marie.

The child was Mrs. Summer's second; the plane trip her first.

TAXI OPERATORS GATHER FOR MEET

Some 200 Register At Ocean Terrace; Ballentine Speaks Tonight

Special To The Star

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, June 22.—Some 200 members of the North Carolina Taxicab Association last night gathered at the Ocean Terrace Hotel here in preparation for the annual state convention which opens officially at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow with an address of welcome by Mayor E. L. White of Wilmington.

The convention, termed the largest ever held by the cabmen in the state, by Marshall C. Kurfess, Winston-Salem, executive secretary, was unofficially opened tonight with a display of taxi equipment. On display were cab lights, motor parts, two-way radios and the cabometer, a form of taxi meter.

Movies of previous cabmen conventions were shown as part of the display.

Ballentine To Speak

This morning an explanation of obtaining city operating franchise and discussion of policy matters will be held at 11 a. m.

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VIOLENCE TAKES LIVES OF SEVEN

Drownings Account For Three Of Death Toll In North Carolina

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least six persons died violently in North Carolina during the weekend.

In two similar cases H. Clyde Manning, 40, of Tabor City died while swimming in the Lumber river near Williamson Crossroad Friday and James Robertson 13, died while swimming Saturday in a pond near Scotland Neck. In both cases, death was attributed to a heart attack.

Henry C. Taylor, 27, and his wife, Florence, 28, of Roanoke Rapids, were killed Saturday at Roanoke Rapids when their car was hit by a Seaboard train. Mrs. Taylor's mother was killed at the same crossing a year ago.

Lee Miller, 24, of near Richlands, was drowned Saturday when he fell out of a boat while fishing in the Neuse river near Fort Barnwell.

Frank Robertson, 44, of Burlington, was beaten and shot to death in Burlington late Friday night.

Robert Ragan, 22, of Boone, was killed in a fight at Boone Saturday night.

ALONG THE CAPE FEAR

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EARTHQUAKE HITS WEST COAST CITY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—(AP)—An earthquake rocked San Francisco and the bay area today at 3:31 p. m. PST, rattling windows and dishes in residential areas and swaying downtown buildings so much that some occupants of upper floors hurried downstairs.

The police department had received reports of damage by 4 p. m., and only a few calls from residents. A quick survey showed the tremor was felt throughout

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Tanker Blows Up At Dock

Four Men Killed, 12 Missing, 30 Injured In Wilmington Explosion

WILMINGTON, Calif., June 22.—(AP)—The tanker Marway, which had just taken aboard 2,840,000 gallons of fuel, blew up at a loading dock today, rocking the harbor with a triple explosion and spreading fire to several shore installations.

Four men were known dead, 12 were missing and 30 were injured, 12 sufficiently to be hospitalized. Property damage was estimated at more than \$10,000,000. Most of the ship's company was ashore at the time of the early morning explosion.

The fire was controlled six hours later. Cause of the explosion was undetermined but crew members charged the operating company with negligence. A company representative declared the contrary that "all ordinary safety precautions and many more" were observed.

No Comment

William Anderson, division superintendent for the Keystone Shipping co., operators of the Marway, said he would have no comment until after a thorough investigation. "First of all we are interested in finding the survivors and taking care of the dead and notifying the next of kin," he added.

A pall of terror and thick smoke hung over the harbor today, reminiscent of the Texas City disaster as shaken survivors recounted their experiences in the early morning explosion of the tanker.

Survivors, most of them without clothing or clad only in the burned or shattered fragments of garments with which they escaped the ship, told National Maritime union officials that they found themselves leaping 10-foot stretches of water to reach the dock, and vaulting eight-foot wire fences in a desperate effort to gain freedom from the spreading spray of fire.

Many Heroes

Hoddie Herrick, member of the NMU auxiliary who checked hospitals in compiling the survivor list gathered many stories of heroism. Men on the far side of the ship leaped into the channel, saved another in the water, while others helped their fellow ship-

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RAILROADS HAVE BEATEN SHORTAGE

Carriers Will Be Receiving 170,000 Boxcars Monthly By September

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 22.—(AP)—The nation's boxcar shortage, characterized less than a year ago as the "worst in 20 years," is near a solution, William T. Farley, president of the Association of American Railroads, said today.

Farley, here in connection with conventions of the AAR mechanical and purchases and stores divisions and of the Railway Supply Manufacturers association, said railroads currently were meeting "practically 100 percent of shipper demands for boxcars."

10,000 Per Month

In addition, he said, he anticipated that the program to supply 10,000 new freight cars a month would be achieved in September. Heretofore, the railroads have been retiring over-age freight-carrying equipment faster than they have been able to obtain deliveries of new cars.

Healing achievements of the railroads this year, the AAR head said that so far in 1947 they had carried more carloads of freight than in any similar period even during the war. And they are moving more tons of freight more miles than ever before in any peacetime period, he added.

May Seek Hike

Asked at a news conference how soon the railroads may apply for a further freight rate increase, Farley said he "wouldn't be surprised" to see such requests filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the regional carriers groups "before a great while."

"We don't see how an industry whose ton-mile charge is only 15 percent above 1939 will be able to make money when its costs for labor and materials have increased by several times that rate," he said.

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