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In The Day's News

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ALTHOUGH Klamath Lake was one of the two principal objectives of Fremont's 1843 expedition, he missed it entirely, getting diverted to the east through the Klamath Marsh— with which he was greatly disappointed.

One naturally wonders why he missed it. Fremont was explorer-minded. He missed little that he really wanted to see. He relates in his journal that he talked to the Indians on Klamath Marsh. He took some of them along as guides for a short distance.

Why did he not ask them about the great lake he had supposedly come so far to see and that had turned out to be only a "wide savannah," as he described it?

These Klamath Indians could certainly have set him right in short order.

For an answer to these questions, one has to turn to guesswork.

Fremont's 1843 expedition was probably a BLIND. In the light of later developments, it seems likely that he was sent West with instructions to wind up in California (then a province of Mexico), size up the situation there and return with a report as to when would be the psychological moment to be on the ground with an American force sufficient to take over California for the United States.

Hence his haste to get on to the south, where his REAL mission lay.

FREMONT's father-in-law was Senator Benton, of Missouri, the leader of the expansionist movement in congress and one of the most powerful men in Washington. It was through Benton's influence that Fremont obtained the funds and the authority for his 1843 expedition.

It is fairly certain that Fremont carried secret instructions from Benton as to where he was to go, what he was to try to find out and how he was to explain his presence in California when he arrived there.

But if so, the secret was well kept. Fremont NEVER disclosed it. So far as we can determine

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40th Air Mission Over Axis Regions Completed by Capt. H.J. Hildeburn, Jr. Torrid Combat in Plane No. 13 Told

Captain Harry J. Hildeburn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hildeburn, 119 N. Main St., Roseburg, recently completed his 40th mission over enemy territory as deputy commander of an army air force B-26 Marauder formation which scored several direct hits on the Var river bridge just west of Nice, France, according to an official 15th army air force press release.

Captain Hildeburn, recently promoted from first lieutenant, has won the air medal with seven oak leaf clusters for participating in sea sweeps and raids over Tripoli, Pantelleria, Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, including the Rome raids, and France. He accomplished ten of his missions as a flight leader.

During a mission over Salerno, Aug. 22, his formation waged a lengthy running battle with German fighters, which attacked when the planes had finished their bombing and were en route to their home base.

"I saw tracers to the left of the wing and then saw them on the right," Hildeburn reported. "I could tell a fighter was attacking us from behind and, since our own guns were blazing, he was weaving to try to stay out of our fire. I had ship No. 13 that day and it came back

Supporters Girt for Last Ditch Battle

Compromise Likely to
Eventuate; Muster-Out
Pay Voted by House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Administration forces girded for a last-ditch fight to save President Roosevelt's \$1,500,000,000 food price subsidy program today as the opening of senate debate was set tentatively for tomorrow.

The administration absorbed a preliminary setback yesterday when the banking committee approved a bill by Senator Bankhead 10 to 9, to liquidate the present subsidy system by June 30, but the measure faces a flood of amendments from the floor to cancel and modify the ban.

Democratic Leader Barkley said the start of the debate on the legislation is contingent on disposing of the revenue bill by tomorrow.

Prospects were that the administration leaders would throw their weight behind an amendment by Senator Maloney to strike out the subsidy repeal section of the Bankhead bill—similar to the ban voted overwhelmingly by the house two months ago—and substitute a provision giving the Commodity Credit Corporation and other federal agencies authority to spend up to \$1,500,000,000 for food price stabilization in 1944.

This amendment was defeated 9 to 10 by the banking committee, but Maloney announced he would

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Two Plead Guilty Here To Gambling Charges

Reporting the filing of complaints, charging gambling, against Stanley Morris, both of Roseburg, District Attorney J. V. Long served notice today that officers throughout the county are being given instructions to attempt to break up reported widespread gambling games. Strict prosecution of all violators is promised by the district attorney.

On the same day, over Salerno, Hildeburn had a close shave with flak fragments which passed near him in front and behind.

He also has memories of a raid over Gerbini, Sicily, where, after the enemy flak boys had their turn, they shot up a "big red ball" to signal the fighters which attacked immediately. The plane ahead of Hildeburn's went down flaming, but he escaped unhurt.

Leave Cancelled
A graduate of Roseburg high school, Hildeburn attended University of Oregon, joined the Sigma Chi fraternity, and worked for a construction company at Hermiston, Oregon, before joining the army air force.

His parents recently received letters reporting that he had been relieved from active duty for a rest period, and expected to return home on leave, but the last message reported that leaves had been cancelled and he was being held in the area although on inactive status.

ROOSEVELT FOOD SUBSIDY PLAN FACING SHOWDOWN

Shore Signals Aided Jap Blows at West Coast, Says General DeWitt in Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Japanese attacks on the west coast during the early stages of the war were aided by signaling from the shore, says Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who as commanding general of the western defense command supervised the removal of the Japanese from that area in 1942.

In his final report yesterday on the transmigration, DeWitt adds that it brought virtual elimination of the signals and a reduction in the number of submarine attacks on ships sailing from west coast ports.

For several weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the report said, every ship leaving west coast ports was attacked by enemy submarines.

The subs, DeWitt said, also apparently were apprised of the range of coastal defense guns and on one occasion an enemy vessel surfaced and shelled the coast from the only position in which it would not be in range. The report cited three specific instances of attacks by enemy submarines or airplanes, each upon unprotected spots.

The report also noted that invariably, Japanese communities on the west coast flanked strategic installations while there were no Japanese in nearby, available farming sections.

ALLIED RAIDERS SMASH SHIPS, PLANES AT RABAU

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Forty allied torpedo and divebombers covered by 60 fighters smashed through heavy Japanese plane interception and anti-aircraft fire to sink three big

merchant ships and damage five more in Simpson harbor at Rabaul, New Britain.

More than 100 enemy planes tangled with the raiders in the assault Monday, General MacArthur's communique said today. Eighteen of the Japanese planes were knocked down for sure and probably 15 more. Allied losses were 12 planes.

Besides the three ships which were seen to blow apart and sink, two others were left burning and probably sinking while three more were seriously damaged, the communique said. Some returning pilots expressed belief six ships were sunk.

The vigor of enemy interception Monday drew a headquarters' spokesman's comment that "we can't be lulled into the false sense of security that the Jap is deteriorating."

Marines Repulse Attack.

At Cape Gloucester, on the northwestern coast of New Britain, American marines who captured strategic hill 660 Friday hurled back an enemy counter-attack before dawn Monday, adding 126 more Japanese dead to the approximately 3,000 counted there since the invasion December 26.

American army troops at Empress Augusta bay on Bougainville island, where new allied airfields in the Solomons are located, crossed Tokina river to the north of the bay under artillery support and seized new positions near East Lagoon.

Bombers pounded enemy supply points and airfields in the Hansa bay and Madang areas on the northeast coast of New Guinea.

Silver Star Awarded To Richard P. Barrett

Richard P. Barrett of Roseburg has been awarded the army's Silver Star for exceptional bravery in combat, according to an official release received today from the War department.

Barrett, a private first class, was in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, July 31, 1943, when his ammunition ran low, the report states.

Without sufficient ammunition to continue in the fight, he crawled 50 yards through an area being heavily swept by enemy fire, replenished his supply, made the dangerous crossing back to his position and continued to fight the enemy, who was forced to withdraw in the face of the American fire.

4th War Loan Drive Here Given Rousing 'Kick-Off' by Top-Notch Vaudeville Show

Oregon Quota Pays Less Than 10 Hours War Cost

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The \$99,000,000 which Oregon is struggling to raise in the fourth war loan drive was described today by the state war bond chairman as not even a drop in the bucket.

At the present rate of spending, said E. C. Sammons, Oregon's quota will cover the war costs for exactly nine hours and 25 minutes.

An interview of Ed Gurnuchi, recently returned from the African campaign, who suffered a wounded leg and broken neck in combat and wears the Purple Heart.

Use of the theater was donated to the War Savings staff, by Donn Radabaugh, manager.

During the late afternoon the band played a short concert on the street and was then entertained at the theater by Manager Radabaugh, who presented a special picture show for the army personnel.

U. S. Aid To Latin America Again Target

Senator Butler Offers
Figures to Back Claim
Of Govt. Boondoggling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Reiterating an earlier assertion that the United States has spent "extravagant" sums of money on Latin America in furtherance of the good neighbor policy, Senator Butler (R., Neb.) submitted in the senate today a second accounting placing total U. S. "spending, commitments and extensions of credit" at \$5,733,953,543 during the last three years.

The freshman senator attached to the report a 20-page itemization stating the figures were gleaned from government departments, official reports and letters, and congressional testimony; and described the findings as "a complete refutation" of administration denials of his earlier estimates that various forms of American aid to Latin America topped \$6,000,000,000.

Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.), chairman of the senate appropriations committee, recently countered Butler's original estimate with administration figures putting total outlays a \$1,483,000,000.

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Speakers Dated in Douglas County to Spur Bond Sales

War bond speakers are appearing at a series of community meetings now in progress throughout the county, it was announced today by Dr. Ed Boring, county chairman for the Fourth War Loan drive. Attorney H. A. Canada spoke at a meeting at the Melrose grange hall Tuesday night and at the Garden Valley Woman's club building Wednesday night. State Senator Tom Parkinson is speaking tonight at a program sponsored by the Glide P. T. A. and will be at a meeting of the Riversdale grange Friday night.

Other meetings and speakers are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 22, Glengary school; Monday, Jan. 24, Evergreen grange; Attorney Paul Geddes.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, Curtin; Wednesday, Jan. 26, Leona; Harry Cool, Drain.

Thursday, Jan. 27, Scotts Valley; Friday, Jan. 28, Wilbur P. T. A.; Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Saturday, Jan. 29, Kellogg grange; Monday, Jan. 31, Days Creek; H. C. Berg.

At each of these meetings E. A. Britton, county 4-H club agent, will display the motion picture, "Soldiers of the Soil."

Socialite is Wounded by Mystery Shot

Federal Official's Wife
Near Death; Daughter
Missed by 2 Bullets

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Starr Williams, wealthy and socially prominent wife of an attaché of the State department in Washington, was reported near death today following a mysterious shooting in her Drake hotel apartment last night. Mrs. Williams, 55, was shot in the head by an unidentified woman she described as "middle aged and well dressed."

There was no apparent motive for the shooting, said police and state's attorney's investigators. Officers obtained accounts from the wounded woman before she lapsed into a coma and from her daughter, Mrs. Patricia Goodbody, 28, also a target of the assailant.

Police said that members of Mrs. Williams' family, including her first husband, Edgar R. Born, wholesale clothing company executive, and a second daughter, insisted they knew of no persons who would want to harm her. Williams was commercial attaché of the U. S. embassy in Tokyo from 1933 to 1942.

Examination of Mrs. Williams at a hospital, said Dr. Thomas J. Coogan, showed a bullet had gone through the right side of her head.

Shortly after Mrs. Williams and her daughter returned to their apartment early last night, a

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Motorist Killed In Collision at Kelley's Korner

James D. McCarthy, Oakland, Calif., died at Mercy hospital in Roseburg today from injuries suffered this morning in an automobile collision at Kelley's Korner, south of Roseburg. The car driven by McCarthy reportedly collided head-on with a vehicle occupied by a group of Consolidated Freightways mechanics en route to repair a freight truck stalled a short distance south of town.

Max R. Garrett, Grants Pass, one of the mechanics, was treated at the hospital for minor injuries resulting from the accident.

McCarthy was rushed to the hospital by ambulance from the scene of the accident, but died within a short time after his arrival. An investigation of the cause of the accident is being made by the state police.

McCarthy's body was removed to the Douglas Funeral home, where it is being held while an effort is made to contact relatives.

Slated to Direct Demo Campaign



Commissioner of Internal Revenue Robert E. Hannegan, above, is to succeed Postmaster General F. C. Walker as chairman of the democratic national committee upon the latter's resignation, expected soon. Hannegan, a Missourian, faces the predicted tough task of managing a fourth term campaign for President Roosevelt.

Foundry Strike's End Promised in Slated Union Vote

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Scheduling of a vote on the back-to-work issue brought new hope today for a possible speedy end to the strike of 6,000 workers in Washington's and Oregon's war vital foundries.

The negotiating committee of the Molders and Foundry Workers' Union (AFL) agreed last night, in a conference with government and military officials, to call the union's locals together tomorrow for a decision on a War department offer to ask the National War Labor board to hold a public hearing on the wage dispute.

Shipbuilders and military officers have expressed concern of a possible serious setback to ship construction and repair work since the walkout started in approximately 80 plants Tuesday. The strike was voted in protest against the regional WLB's rejection of a union demand for an 8-cent hourly pay increase in the \$120 scale for journeymen in the industry. The board granted increases in lower brackets. The national WLB, in ordering the foundry workers to resume production, criticized the union for striking without carrying an appeal to it.

Deaths in Argentine Quake Mount to 3,500

SAN JUAN, Argentina, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Authorities announced today that 3,500 bodies have been cremated since the devastating earthquake last Saturday.

This toll was expected to be increased by the finding of additional victims as the work of clearing away debris continues and by deaths among 300 persons known to have been critically injured.

Complete evacuation of four blocks surrounding the main plaza in the center of San Juan has been ordered, and the government, fearful of epidemics, has urged all who can to leave the city.

Fingerling Salmon Are Released at Scottsburg

Approximately 350,000 fingerling salmon were released Wednesday by the state fish commission in the Umpqua river at Scottsburg. It was reported today by Frank I. Taylor of Reedsport, Mr. Taylor, author of the conservation program recently proposed by the Reedsport chamber of commerce, reports that the release of fish by the game commission was partly influenced by the work being done in connection with the program recently adopted at Reedsport. Mr. Taylor's idea to set up a conservation and propagation district, embracing entire county, is now before other groups throughout the county for study.

Trap Threat Faced by Army Of 250,000

Russians Slay 20,000 of
Foe in 6 Days of Drive
To Lift Leningrad Siege

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The German command announced today the evacuation of Novgorod, a strong Nazi bastion 100 miles southeast of Leningrad and important barrier to a Soviet drive into the Baltic states.

Novgorod lies on one of the main north-south railways leading from Leningrad and on another line leading west to Luga, a junction on the Leningrad-Pskov railway. The railway was cut north and south of the city yesterday, the latest Russian communique disclosed.

The Germans captured the city on August 22, 1941, and had converted it into a strong hedgehog defense position. Russian offensives of last winter carried into the vicinity of the town.

Novgorod lies just north of Lake Ilmen and the thick ice on those waters facilitated Russian maneuvers.

MOSCOW, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Gen. Govorov's Leningrad offensive, rolling across fields wet with a January thaw, today threatened with encirclement a great German siege army of perhaps 250,000 men—dug into a vast honeycomb of defenses to hold the eastern tip of Nazi lines which formerly embraced the landward approaches of the city of Peter the Great.

The northern Red army grabbed the bulk of the specially designed long-range guns which had hurled steel and death and destruction into the former Czarist capital of Russia for more than two years of siege.

The troops joined forces after striking out in two powerful prongs south of Leningrad and from Oranienbaum, the Soviet bridgehead on the gulf of Finland to the west of the city.

(This juncture, closing a seven-mile gap between the two spearheads, either trapped Germans who had held a narrow stretch of the gulf of Finland coast just west of Leningrad, or drove them out.)

20,000 Germans slain. The troops under Govorov blasted a hole 25 miles wide southwest of Leningrad and advanced from seven and one-half to 12 miles in regaining some of Russia's most historic ground from the invaders, a Soviet war bulletin announced.

The Russian communique estimated that 20,000 Germans have been killed in the great northern offensive, now in its sixth day, and that more than 1,000 Nazis have been captured, together with 195 guns, including the 36 heavy siege pieces which bombarded Russia's second city.

Three hundred miles below

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Liquor Runner is Fined \$250 Here

Quentin V. Browning, arrested December 24 on a charge of transporting liquor, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$250 in the Roseburg justice court today, it was reported by Judge Thomas Hartfield. Browning and Robert L. Brown, both negroes, were arrested by a state policeman while transporting a large cargo of liquor, which in the opinion of officers, was destined for the black market. The cargo, it was stated, was en route from California to Seattle. The pair furnished \$1,000 cash bail each, pending arraignment, and returned today for appearance in court. Evidence failed to link Browning with the crime, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court in moving for dismissal of the complaint against the defendant. Browning assumed full responsibility and paid the fine. He also paid \$10 after pleading guilty to a charge of failure to stop at a railroad crossing.

Richard Spiering, who allegedly carried away some wood from the fuel pile at the Glengary schoolhouse, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of personal property and paid a fine of \$10, Judge Hartfield said.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

If you must ignore wartime inhibition by unrestrained talk, let the letters G-A-B stand for "Gimme Another Bond."