

Copco Announces North Umpqua Power Project

Requests For Preliminary Permits Filed

Link With Substation at Dixonville Will Involve Investment of \$4 Million

Application for a preliminary permit to develop hydroelectric power on the North Umpqua river, involving a construction project estimated at \$3,359,000, has been filed by the California Oregon Power company, it was announced today.

H. C. Wells, manager for the Douglas county district, reported the company has filed its application with the Oregon hydroelectric commission to appropriate approximately 1200 cubic feet of water to develop 53,600 horsepower to be connected to the Dixonville substation east of Roseburg with 40 miles of 125,000-volt line. The output of the plant would be fed into the Copco system at Dixonville.

Dam, Tunnel Proposed. Development of power is proposed through construction of a head dam, 35 feet in height, to be located in the North Umpqua river above Toketee falls and a short distance downstream from the mouth of Clearwater river, a North Umpqua tributary. From the dam water would be carried by tunnel, for a distance of 7,600 feet to a powerhouse site in the Toketee falls canyon, about midway between the falls and the mouth of Slide creek.

The proposed head of water

(Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The war in Europe this week is at a critical stage—a stage at which ANYTHING might happen.

The Russians, in a little less than three weeks, have smashed the Germans' central Poland line, cut off East Prussia, and as this is written are drawn up at (and in places are probably over) the Nazis' last-stand line of the Oder. No military achievement since the world began has been more amazing.

On the western front, we and the British seem to have recovered from what now appears plainly to have been a desperate gamble on the part of our enemy, and are back where we were when it started after having inflicted disproportionately heavy losses on von Rundstedt.

We suffered, of course, in this drive into Belgium, but there is every reason to believe that our enemy suffered more.

If we are to believe Moscow's figures (and we have no reason not to) the losses suffered by Germany in the eastern front fighting have been staggering. In 12 days up to last mid-week

(Continued on page 2)

Juveniles Accused of Murder in Jail Beating

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Three 16-year-old youths accused of torturing and fatally beating John Emborg, 16, in a dispute over money in the county jail juvenile ward January 16, were charged with second degree murder today. Prosecutor Lloyd Shore named them as Charles E. Thomas, Donald Beal and Chester Mabe. He said morals charges would also be filed against four other youths. Several investigations are under way and the state senate unanimously passed a measure yesterday for a committee to study the juvenile detention problem.

U. S. Failure to Boost Meat Supplies Abroad May Impair Relations, Economist Warns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A government food official said today this country may be in for "some embarrassing moments in international relations" through a foreign demand for more American meat.

These moments may arise, said M. K. Bennett of the Foreign Economic administration, if the United States fails to make a larger portion of its now declining meat production available abroad.

Bennett raised the point in questioning Agriculture department estimates that Americans may get from 5 to 50 pounds per person, less meat in 1945 than in 1944. He declared the reduction in civilian supplies may be much greater. Bennett did not explain what he meant by "international obligations" in food, nor did he elaborate on the possible "embarrassing moments" which might follow should those obligations be unmet.

He recalled, however, that early in the war this country indirectly promised liberated Europe with huge quantities of food in connection with its slogan of "American food will win the war."

Roseburg News-Review

Established 1873

ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1945.

No. 45-26

RED TIME WITHIN 55 MILES OF BERLIN

2nd Yank Invasion of Luzon Cuts Off Bataan Peninsula From Japs

Landing Made Without Loss; Air Base Won

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Landing unopposed from 150 ships 60 miles northwest of Manila, strong U. S. Eighth army forces blasted any hopes the Japanese may have held for a large scale withdrawal to Bataan by driving swiftly east today toward a juncture with the Sixth army which would seal off the historic peninsula.

This second invasion of Luzon, timed with a Sixth army push now within 30 miles of Manila, was disclosed in today's communiqué of Gen. MacArthur. The 38th division and a combat team of the 24th, which fought so heroically on Leyte in the central Philippines, were put ashore Monday on Zamboanga province in the 10 miles between the Santo Tomas river mouth and San Antonio without loss of a man, plane or ship.

Three American survivors of the "death march" from Bataan—Capt. George Crane, Topeka,

(Continued on page 6)

Midwest Still in Cold Wave's Grip

(By the Associated Press) Bitter cold kept the Midwest shivering today and Chicago weather bureau forecasters said the outlook was for fair and continued cold for at least another 24 hours.

The mercury dropped as low as 20 below zero at St. Cloud, Minn. Lone Rock, Wis., reported 19 below and Rochester, Minn., 18 below. The sub-zero minimums extended through the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin to central Illinois and Indiana. Chicago had 4 below.

New England generally had a respite from Monday's storm which piled drifts as high as 15 feet in some sections of western Massachusetts and southern Vermont.

Snow fell in western and southern New York, and one person was killed in a collision in a near-blizzard at Buffalo.

Family Saved When Cat Reveals Gas Pipe Break

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The family cat gets an assist. Norman Pallas' father called to her from the basement that he was ill. She helped him to a cot. Then she noticed the family cat staggering across the floor toward the door. That settled it. Mrs. Pallas dragged her father and her invalid mother-in-law from the house. Inspectors found a broken gas pipe.

U. S. Failure to Boost Meat Supplies Abroad May Impair Relations, Economist Warns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A government food official said today this country may be in for "some embarrassing moments in international relations" through a foreign demand for more American meat.

These moments may arise, said M. K. Bennett of the Foreign Economic administration, if the United States fails to make a larger portion of its now declining meat production available abroad.

Bennett raised the point in questioning Agriculture department estimates that Americans may get from 5 to 50 pounds per person, less meat in 1945 than in 1944. He declared the reduction in civilian supplies may be much greater. Bennett did not explain what he meant by "international obligations" in food, nor did he elaborate on the possible "embarrassing moments" which might follow should those obligations be unmet.

He recalled, however, that early in the war this country indirectly promised liberated Europe with huge quantities of food in connection with its slogan of "American food will win the war."



NAVY BATTERS JAPS IN SOUTH CHINA SEA—For the first time the task force of Admiral Halsey's fleet entered the South China sea to send the Japanese shipping reeling under the might of carrier-based aircraft. In this smashing action, 41 ships were sunk, with 28 enemy vessels damaged. The haul included a light cruiser, destroyer escorts, oilers and cargo ships as navy planes sent their bombs into four convoys along the French Indo-China coast. U. S. navy photo.

Wallace Nomination Splits Democrats of U. S. Senate; Opponents Seek Showdown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The biggest democratic party split since the 1937 court fight appeared to be developing today around Henry Wallace's cabinet nomination.

Stripped of its window dressing, the battle is fundamentally one between those who regard themselves as a liberal element of the

party headed by Wallace and the old line democrats represented by senators Byrd (Va.), George (Ga.), Bailey (N. C.) and others. Legislative leaders readied a compromise they hoped would keep pitted-up animosities from spilling out on the senate floor. But there was every indication both sides intend to have their say before the issue of Wallace's appointment as secretary of commerce is fully settled.

In the absence of any direct word from President Roosevelt, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, planned to ask that Wallace's nomination be sent back to the commerce committee. There it would await the final enactment and signing of a bill divesting the Commerce department of control over RFC and other lending agencies.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) and other Wallace supporters have conceded that only by giving up the monetary bureau can the former vice president win confirmation. Showdown Delay Fought

But Byrd told a reporter that any administration move to delay a showdown would be greeted by a substitute motion to call up the nomination for a test vote. He forecast a senate majority would demand immediate con-

(Continued on Page 6)

Auction Proceeds Far Short of Rents Deficit

VANPORT CITY, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Everything from airplane models to a baby buggy has been auctioned at Vanport City to regain part of the \$2,154.65 loss suffered at the federal housing project through "rent jumpers."

Property left by the vanished tenants netted only \$300—less \$132.50 to advertise the sale. The 53 jumpers owed from \$140.85 to 50 cents. One bill of \$68.30 was represented by a broken down ironing board.

Nomination of Wallace Urged by CIO Board

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Appointment of Virgil Burtz, Bucoda, Wash., as vice president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America held approval of the union's executive board today.

The board unanimously urged nomination of Henry Wallace as secretary of commerce with RFC powers, and called for action on the CIO request for a manpower conference of industry, labor and government.

Dads' Meeting Canceled EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Annual meeting of the university of Oregon Dads Club here February 10-11 has been canceled at the request of the Office of Defense Transportation.

The executive board will meet as scheduled.

Stettinius, Hopkins Pave Way for Big Three Meet

ROME, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius and Harry Hopkins, who next to president Roosevelt may have most to do with shaping the United States' international policy, conferred at allied headquarters in Italy yesterday and today with two American military leaders and then departed for undisclosed destinations.

Their flying visits were said by Hopkins to be part of the preliminaries leading up to the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill meeting.

Bribing of Hoop Quint Charged in Indictment

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Kings county grand jury today handed down an indictment charging Harvey Stemmer and Henry Rosen with conspiracy in connection with the alleged bribing of five Brooklyn college basketball players to throw tonight's game with Akron university in Boston.

Both men were held under \$25,000 bail and their trial was set for Feb. 13.

Herbert L. Clarke, Noted Solo Cornetist, Passes

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Herbert L. Clarke, 77 solo cornetist with John Philip Sousa for more than 25 years, died in a hospital last night.

Clarke, ranked by critics among the greatest instrumentalists of all time, was the composer of many frequently played cornet solos.

Ellsworth's Bill Opens O. & C. Lands to Mining

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) has introduced a bill to reopen to exploration and entry under the mining laws of the reversioned Oregon and California railroad and conveyed Coos bay wagon road grant lands.

Fireman, Pinned Between Engine, Boxcar, Killed

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Death of Harry C. Geerling, railroad fireman, when pinned between his engine and a loaded boxcar was reported today by the coroner's office.

The coroner said the boxcar sideswiped the engine Monday.

Shipyard Worker at Albina Electrocuted

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Eric Anderson, 44, was electrocuted at the Albina shipyard yesterday when he came in contact with a live power line, the coroner's office said.

Patrol Car Hits First, Then Jaywalking Ticket

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Salt Lake police knocked down Tabby White, an Indian, with a patrol car, took him to an emergency hospital for treatment, then presented him with a ticket for jaywalking.

17 Children, Woman Die in Maine Blaze

AUBURN, Me., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Seventeen young children and a woman, trapped after an exploding stove sent flames raging through a wooden boarding home for war and factory workers' babies, were suffocated or burned to death today.

Most of the victims ranged in age from three months to three years. They died in their cribs—their heads thrust through the spaces between the slats in their futile struggle to escape.

Only eight of the 26 occupants of the converted farmhouse were able to flee the fast-spreading flames that swept the interior of the building.

One of them was Mrs. Eva LaCoste, operator of the home, who sobbed "we don't have any more babies," as she told of trying to flee from the burning building with two cribs, of falling, and losing the babies in the fire.

"I had them in my arms," I lost them when I fell down," Mrs. LaCoste cried after telling how a stove had exploded.

She was badly burned on both arms.

Firemen later found the remains of the two cribs and the bodies of the babies at the door entrance.

One mother had placed her eight-month-old twins in the home only last night.

Fire Chief Ralph Harnden, with firemen, stood helpless as sheets of flame barred them from the building.

Seventeen bodies were found. The boarding home, formerly a farm, it consisted of a one and a half story main building, and "el" and a barn.

Mrs. Roosevelt Thanks to Nation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt stepped up the number and pace of her appearances at the president's birthday balls held for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Once again representing her husband at the celebrations last night in the nation's capital, the first lady appeared at a dozen places, made as many speeches and cut a mammoth birthday cake for visiting entertainers.

Mrs. Roosevelt broadcast the president's birthday message to the nation.

"Tonight," the president said, "we are able to report that because of your cooperation the very best in medical care and treatment has been assured for everyone. . . . stricken by this disease. All of them have great hope and confidence today—because they know you are with them and giving them powerful support in their fight."

"Yes," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "we can well be proud of the work of the national foundation in its chapter. But as our fighting man will tell you, we can not rest on defense alone. . . . We must continue to devote our attention evermore to attack. We must give our scientists and research workers the necessary equipment to find this insidious enemy, to corner and destroy him. . . ."

Reckless, Drunken Drivers Penalized

Pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving, Theodore D. Mathews, alleged to have been operating a motor vehicle at a high rate of speed in the Roseburg business district, was fined \$50 in the Roseburg justice court, being granted suspension of a 30-day jail sentence, and suffering revocation of his driver's license for a period of one year, Judge Thomas C. Hartfield reported today.

A fine of \$100 was paid by Al-mont H. Smith, Judge Hartfield said, on a plea of guilty to a charge of drunken driving. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended but Smith's permit to drive an automobile was revoked. Arthur L. Patrick paid a fine of \$25 for being drunk on a public street.

Fala's Wooing Comes to Sad End; Lady Love's Bite Sends Him to Hospital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Fala's honeymoon, the Post said today, sent the presidential scottie to a hospital for treatment of a bite inflicted by "his blue-blooded lady love."

Maj. Warner Hall, public relations officer at the army medical center, confirmed that Fala had been treated very recently for "external injuries" by an instructor in the veterinarian school. But, he added, "not in a hospital bed and no army man or dog was pushed out to allow him to be cared for. Never!"

Mrs. Roosevelt recently told a group of wounded war veterans touring the White House that the president's pet was in the country "and we hope he's having a wedding."

In its account today, the Post said "Fala and his blue-blooded lady love were incompatible. Actually, the lady bit him."

Liquor Deal Bill Passes in Warm Tilt

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Oregon senate, after an hour's hot debate, passed 19 to 10 and sent to the house today the bill appropriating \$25,000 for expenses of the three-man legislative committee named to investigate the 1943 whiskey purchases by the state liquor commission.

Opponents of the appropriation claimed the investigation is unnecessary, and that the funds would take old age pension revenues from the people.

The house killed 51 to 8 a bill by Rep. E. Harvey, Portland, which would limit all state salaries to the \$7500 a year paid to the governor.

The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to let justices of the peace keep the first \$250 a month in fees they receive. They now can keep \$200.

New bills introduced today would give school teachers a minimum salary of \$1200 per nine-month school year, instead of the \$75 a month they now get; provide for non-partisan election of district attorneys; compel vitamin enrichment of flour and bread, and allow savings and loan associations to loan money to veterans if the loans are guaranteed by the federal government.

The last of the big controversial measures—the three-way industrial accident bill and the one creating a veterans department—were drafted yesterday.

After tomorrow, the 25th day, (Continued on page 6)

Coal-Saving Brownout Effective at Midnight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A brownout designed to save 2,000,000 tons of coal annually goes into effect in most parts of the country at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow.

Jumping the Feb. 1 deadline for compliance, some cities put the brownout into effect on a voluntary basis as early as mid-January.

The states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah, where hydroelectric energy is plentiful, have been granted an exemption. Other major exemptions include most of Texas, southern Louisiana, and most of Arizona, Nevada, and California except for San Diego and Catalina Island.

Warship Oregon Steel Melted for New Service

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Steel which learned the feel of gunfire in the Spanish-American war is going back to battle, deserting the famous old battleship Oregon to become a part of new United States fighting craft.

An iron worker here reported today it was melting down 900 tons of armor plate from the old battleship and pouring ingots to be made into steel shafting.

Fourth Circuit Judge in Second District Sought

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Lane county legislative delegation introduced a bill today in the house to add a fourth circuit judge in the second judicial district, which includes Douglas, Lane, Coos, Curry and Lincoln counties.

The fourth judge, who would have to be a resident of Lane county, would be given jurisdiction over probate matters in a companion bill.

Buy 'Em, Hold 'Em

War bonds—for victory now, for security in the future. Sell out for a knockout. Lay 'em away for a rainy day.

Gloomy Talk Comes From Nazi Fuehrer

Gen. Eisenhower's Army Matches Red Thrust by Gouging Siegfried Line

(By the Associated Press.) Red army spearheads have reached Zielentzig, 55 miles from greater Berlin and 20 miles from the Oder river, last major water barrier before the German capital, the Nazis said today, declaring that fierce fighting raged in a blizzard around the Zielentzig area.

Moscow reported that Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army overran Stoenberg in Brandenburg, 73 miles from the capital, in a 20-mile dash along the Netze river valley, and had driven to within 50 miles of Stettin, Berlin's Baltic port.

A German broadcast said Zhukov's northern wing had reached Soldin, only 36 miles from Stettin. A push to Stettin would cut off northeast Germany and place Zhukov in position for a drive on Berlin from the north. Striking southwestward, another Zhukov column reached the Oder about 38 miles southeast of Zielentzig, close to a link with First Ukrainian army forces storming the Oder in Silesia.

Hitler's gloomy exhortation (Continued on page 6)

Silver Thaw Hits Edge of Portland, Closing Schools

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Gresham and Corbett schools were closed today by a silver thaw which iced eastern Multnomah county roads and the hills fringing Portland.

The schools were ordered shut because of slippery roads, but freight trucks were still traveling over main highways. Motorists were warned to use chains over the Columbia river highway, blanketed in ice from Springfield to Bridal Veil, and in a light snow from Bridal Veil east.

A freezing rain falling during the night left streets, trees, and shrubs sheathed in ice throughout the west side hills near here. County road crews sanded streets during the night, only to find ice reforming above the sand. A bus—one of many skidding vehicles turned broadside on skyline boulevard, blocking traffic temporarily.

Ice began melting as the day advanced, but the weather bureau predicted another freeze during the night. Temperature at the Portland airport was 38 in the late morning.

Copco Rate Slashes for California Area Okayed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The California railroad commission today authorized utility-proposed rate reductions for northern border residents served by the California-Oregon Power company. The commission estimated the voluntary reduction would mean \$76,000 savings annually to the California customers of the firm.

The territory affected includes the Alturas region and sections of Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou and Modoc counties.

Columbia Valley Bill Wide in Application

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A bill which would establish the Columbia valley authority for the drainage basins of the Columbia river and streams flowing into the Pacific north of the Oregon-California line has been submitted by Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.).

It was a reintroduction of a bill he introduced two years ago and would create, in addition, seven other authorities, all similar to the Tennessee valley authority.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

In his broadcast yesterday, Hitler warned the herrenvolk that a "horrid fate is in store for the east." Doubtless a foreseen result of the nation's winter affliction of a severe cold aggravated by a Zhukov.