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In the Day's News

off the great river's mouth for several days the captain gave it up and headed for San Francisco bay, which he reached safely.

HE anchored about where the bay bridge now touches land on the San Francisco side, and the padres came off from the mission to meet him.

It sounds hard-hearted, but the captain and his crew, recovering their health quickly on a diet of California's fruits and vegetables, seem to have forgotten temporarily their scurvy-ridden comrades up in Sitka.

JUDGING by what has come down to us in the old chronicles, there has perhaps never been a period more socially glorious than Spanish California.

Both were steeped in the romance that accompanies a feudal civilization in languorously delicious climates.

WE mustn't forget that these idyllic, feudal, aristocratic civilizations, all down through the world, seem to have been founded on human slavery in some form or other.

It was so in Athens. The historians tell us that in the Athens of Pericles every CITIZEN was competent to rule the state.

So it was in the romantic, pre-war American South. The black slaves did the work. The white masters lived the idyllic life.

And so it was in Spanish California. The semi-slave native Indians performed the labor and their Spanish masters enjoyed the gay parties.

IN time, however, the Russian captain of the ship remembered his countrymen in scurvy-infested Sitka, loaded his vessel with the fruits and the lush vegetables of the great valleys and turned his prow homeward, arriving in time to save those who were still alive.

OUT of this excursion, it is interesting to recall, arose an odd but for its day and time a considerable commerce.

The next Russian ship to head for California carried a cargo of ICE from the foot of the mighty Taku glacier. This ice was exchanged for the wheat of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin valleys, which was carried back to Sitka and ground on the stone mills the Russians had set up and the flour in its turn was taken back to San Francisco bay and exchanged for more agricultural produce of the rich California soil.

This trade was welcomed by the padres, who had no mechanical skills and whose Indian servants had hitherto ground the wheat in rude stone mortars.

It is well to remember that such a foreign trade, which is actually TRADE—accomplished by the trading of the products of the special skills of one people for

AN INCOMPLETE REPORT

Yielding in part to requests of Umpqua River sportsmen, the Oregon State Game Commission at its meeting in Portland Saturday lifted its complete prohibition against fishing for spring Chinook salmon.

While sportsmen doubtless will feel that the limitation is unnecessarily drastic, there is sound basis for emergency measures to protect the spring Chinook run, which has become seriously depleted.

The commission proposed complete closure of spring Chinook salmon fishing upon basis of a report and recommendations compiled jointly by biologists from the game department and the fish department.

The legislature two years ago instructed the commissions "with their staffs and such additional personnel as may be necessary," to conduct a study of Oregon coastal streams south of the Columbia River and "together" bring in a report to the forty-fourth legislature.

This study was started on the Umpqua River late in 1945. Findings cover one full year. The report of the biologists has appeared in preliminary form, but still is in process of final revision before being submitted to the legislature.

We believe the Game Commission has erred in several respects with relation to the report, and, more particularly, in using the report as a basis for regulations of the sport fishery, pending further study of the findings and application of those findings to recommendations for management of the river for the best interest of the greatest number of people.

While the legislature directed that the commissions submit a joint report, it did not necessarily mean that the report must show the commissions nor their biologists to be in agreement on matters of policy.

The biologists are not to be criticized, for they were definitely limited by the wording of the act under which the study was made. The legislature specified that they should consider steelheads as having primary value as a game fish, and salmon, shad and striped bass as having primary value as food fish.

The report in its present form, following directions contained in the law to treat salmon as a food fish, approaches the study from the angle of preserving the commercial fishery. It does not attempt to point out what we believe to be an obvious fact that the Umpqua River is potentially more valuable to the "greatest number of people for the greatest length of time," if maintained strictly for recreational rather than commercial fishing.

We believe it evident that the Umpqua River cannot support both recreational and commercial fishing. It can, however, with proper management, become an outstanding sports stream.

It is our opinion that the report soon to be presented to the legislature is not complete. The act directs that the commissions "with their staffs, etc." shall bring in a report. The staffs—the biologists—have prepared their report but we have heard of no recommendations by the commissions.

The Game Commission, we believe, would be justified in recommending to the legislature that the Umpqua River fisheries resource be used exclusively for recreational fishing. The Fish Commission, in turn, would be expected to urge maintenance of a commercial fishery.

Truman Gave Nod To Use A-Bomb

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—President Truman personally made the decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan.

He divulged this in a letter to Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, published in the Atlantic Monthly.

Commenting on Dr. Compton's article that the atomic bomb saved "hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions—of lives, both American and Japanese" and short-

ened the war several months, Mr. Truman wrote:

"Your statement in the Atlantic Monthly is a fair analysis of the situation except that the final decision had to be made by the president, and was made after a complete survey of the whole situation had been made. The conclusions reached were substantial by those set out in your article.

"The Japanese were given fair warning, and were offered the terms which they finally accepted, well in advance of the dropping of the bomb. I imagine the bomb caused them to accept the terms."

American life insurance companies reported 25 per cent more life insurance in force in 1945 than in 1941.

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S. F. Hill-Climbing Cable Cars Must Quit, Mayor Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Mayor Roger D. Latham said yesterday that the little old cable cars, which have boosted civic pride as high as the hills they've clattered up for more than half a century, must be replaced by modern transportation.

The issue of replacing or retaining the system, which at the outset was hailed as an ingenious triumph over the horse-drawn streetcar, is private company has divided San Franciscans into two camps for years.

The miniature cars, operated by "gripmen" and towed by a cable sunk between the tracks, have been advertised like the Golden Gate bridge to the tourist trade. They are a prime subject for amateur photographers, and artists have done them in oils many times.

Today the city has only 38 cable cars operated on Sacramento, Powell, Washington and Jackson streets. A private company operates another cable line.

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Additional Power Dams Opposed By Fisheries Group

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr., SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The legislative interim fisheries committee yesterday opposed construction of more power and reclamation dams on the Columbia River until present dams are utilized to their full capacity, and opposed some phases of the Willamette Valley flood control and power project.

The commission added that additional power dams might not be needed at all in view of the development of atomic energy.

The commission said that no dam can be built without hurting fisheries, and said that even though Bonneville dam has the finest system known for raising fish over the dam by use of ladders and elevators, it still has caused great loss to fisheries.

It opposed McNary dam, asserting it would cause even more fishing loss than Bonneville. The committee, taking note of the argument that more dams are needed because of the power shortage, said 12 more generators can be installed at Grand Coulee and six more at the Rock Island dam, near Wenatchee, Wash.

"Talk of an imminent power shortage unless more dams are built seems to the fisheries people to be in the nature of propaganda," the committee said.

It also attacked the argument that more dams are needed for reclamation, asserting "not one acre of the more than 1,000,000 acres under Grand Coulee has yet been reclaimed."

On the subject of atomic energy, the committee said that in the near future "Giant dams as a source of industrial power may become obsolete."

Two Projects Diverted The committee said it endorses the principles of the Willamette project, and said its fight against the proposed dams in the McKenzie and South Santiam rivers apparently has been successful, since the U. S. Army engineers have adopted plans for alternate dams in tributaries.

The committee still is opposed to the North Santiam dam, but it said protests will cease because the dam has been authorized and some appropriation made for it. It will continue to fight, the committee said, against the plan for the high dam at Meridian, asserting it would "forever shut off the stream above for migrating fish."

The committee said it will seek legislative approval for Oregon to enter with Washington and California for a compact to control offshore fisheries, and sponsor a bill to give the state fish commission power to have more regulation over fishing seasons.

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Senator Suspects Russia Working On Atomic Plant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) said yesterday he "suspects Russia is developing an atomic fission plant" in the Ural mountains while American and Soviet officials are debating plans for worldwide atomic control and disarmament.

The former chairman of the special congressional committee on atomic energy added in a speech in the Senate that this country must "swap atomic knowledge for atomic control" immediately or face eventual destruction by the awesome new weapon.

McMahon, who three months ago proposed a compromise control plan designed to get around Russia's insistence upon the right of veto, pleaded anew for its acceptance, declaring:

"It is in the interest of our own security, to get inspectors behind the high walls now so that we may know what is going on now, before it becomes possible for us to be shocked into awareness by the sudden explosion of an atomic bomb in our midst.

"Today we have no way of knowing what other countries are doing about atomic weapons or how far they have advanced. But this much we do know: Other nations are working night and day on the problem. So long as we do not have exact knowledge, we become prey to fear and suspicion."

Scout Troop Projected YONCALLA — A meeting was held in the city hall recently for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout troop in Yoncalla. Committee members present included: Everett Teikamp, Lucien L. Feeleau, Clifford Bice, Ben Emery, Jean Cowan and Tom Wallace.

At Mercy Hospital—K. D. Adams of Roseburg has been admitted to Mercy hospital for medical treatment.

Deadline Cited to Vets SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The State Department of Veterans' Affairs today reminded World War II veterans that February 1 is the deadline for reinstatement of their National Service Life Insurance without the requirement of a physical examination.

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