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In the Day's News

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slower-moving periods? In our pioneering days Indians could find frequently did hide behind trees and pop of members of isolated families when they came out of doors in the morning.

Life never has been wholly safe. Death or mutilation has always been a possible penalty for lack of adequate caution.

IN Columbus, Ohio, a household fire kindled a fire in a heating stove in the front half of a double house. The dispatches are cautious on that point, but it is probable that he used some sort of oil as an aid to quick heat.

Any way, there was an explosion, and flames spread like a flash. Two children died. Two adults were seriously injured. Seven children were severely burned, but are expected to recover.

DANGER has long been known to be present when fires are kindled in stoves—especially when volatile oils are used as an aid to the kindling process. But such accidents recur—year in and year out. They provide standard material for front-page headlines.

SAFETY in coal mines is a big headline maker at the present moment—partly because John L. Lewis has chosen to use it as a weapon in his war with the government and the coal mine operators.

Lewis' methods and his motives are often questionable. But when he demands all possible safety in mines he is on sound ground—no matter what his basic motives may be.

A miner's life, especially a coal miner's life, is "drab enough at the best. It is our plain duty to make his drab life as SAFE as is humanly possible.

IN Philadelphia, a retired policeman dies and leaves \$12,000 as a trust fund to maintain a Cuban parrot and a cocker spaniel that had been his pets. He names a neighbor woman as the administrator of the trust. He cuts off his niece with \$1,000 and his nephew with \$300.

Unusual? Maybe a little screw-balled?

Certainly. But it takes all kinds of people to make a world. That is the reason why all kinds of things happen—including kindling fires in stoves with oil when it is a known fact that death hovers alertly in the background when that is being done.

SUCH things are the frailties of ordinary human beings. They are fully matched by the foolishness of BIG PEOPLE.

The foreign ministers conference in Moscow, which has been trying among other things to make a peace with Germany, is said by today's dispatches to be generally regarded as a flop.

How could it be otherwise? We first made it impossible for the Germans to work and produce. Now we are quarreling over "reparations" that are being demanded of them. Reparations must come out of production. There is nowhere else for them to come from. No production, no reparations. That is flat and fundamental.

Howling for reparations from Germans whom we don't permit to work and produce any less foolish than kindling a fire in the front room stove with kerosene or gasoline?

Of course not. The big shots, in their big-headed way, are just as silly as the little people.

DROP THE RECALL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

County Clerk Roy Agee has refused to certify recall petitions filed against County Judge D. N. Busenbark and Commissioner H. B. Roadman on the ground that one of the sponsors of the recall movement—a man with a criminal record—is not a legal, registered voter and, therefore, not qualified by law as a sponsor, thereby invalidating the proceedings.

Sponsors have the right of appeal to the courts from the county clerk's ruling, but even though the matter be taken to court, there will be a sufficient lapse of time to permit tempers and aroused feelings to cool, in which case an election doubtless would fail.

The county clerk's action is based upon the Oregon law which disenfranchises any person convicted of a felony. Prior to 1945, the privilege of franchise could be restored only through a full pardon by the Governor, but in 1944 a constitutional amendment was approved by a small majority authorizing the legislature to provide a method for restoration of the rights of citizenship upon application. The law passed at the 1945 session permits the Governor, if convinced, after investigation, that the applicant is worthy of restoration to his rights of franchise, to restore such privileges, but not prior to one year after completion of the penalty imposed by the courts.

Attorney General George Neuner, ruling upon the rights of the person in question, held that his signature upon a petition would not be valid, but that such signature would not invalidate the names of other legal voters. The attorney general also upheld the right of this person to circulate a petition, as the law does not specifically require a person soliciting signatures to be a legal voter.

The technicality upon which the petitions were rejected by the county clerk, however, involves the fact that this person, after circulating petitions, signed the affidavit declaring that all signatures affixed to the papers filed by him were, to the best of his knowledge, legal voters. Such an affidavit, according to law, can be made only by an elector. Furthermore, the same person was a co-sponsor of the original recall petition, a status from which he is legally disqualified, the county clerk holds, by his forfeiture of civil rights because of conviction of a felony.

Had the county clerk approved the recall petitions and authorized the election, any action by voters in that election could have been subjected to court attack. Should the court in such case determine proceedings to be invalid, because of the status of the one sponsor of the recall movement, taxpayers would have been required to pay a considerable sum of money for a useless election.

The county clerk, therefore, was fully justified, we believe, in requiring determination of the legal technicality by the courts before submitting taxpayers to the expense of a special election.

Sponsors can take the matter into court to test the county clerk's decision, which, however, was not made without a most thorough examination of the law. It is also possible to toss present petitions into the discard and initiate new proceedings, using care that sponsors, circulators and signers shall be legal electors.

It is our personal opinion that the whole unpleasant affair should be dropped and forgotten. If there are people who feel that changes should be made in the court's personnel—and the fact that 1400 signatures were obtained indicates that there are many such persons—the time to make the desired change is at the next regular election. Even if sponsors renewed their recall attempt, several months would be required to secure a court decision, or to circulate new petitions. Regular elections will be held in 1948. Thus only a few months would be gained, at best, in obtaining a change in personnel, should there be sufficient strength on the part of dissidents to defeat the incumbent commissioner. The comparatively short time involved in effecting a possible change makes it impractical, in our opinion, to revive the attempted recall.

Weidner Defeats Dusette; Ross and Parks in Hot Tilt

Scoring two out of three falls, Billy Weidner, the Arizona air plane spin specialist, retained his Pacific Coast junior heavyweight wrestling championship at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night against the challenge of Georges Dusette, the French-Canadian full-nelson expert. Weidner's vaunted airplane spin, applied in the first round of the bout, failed to bring him a fall, but he won the next two rounds by concentrating his efforts on Dusette's left leg, and by punishing twists forced the challenger to give up. The card was witnessed by about 800 fans, many of whom booed the title-holder lustily on the several occasions when he either lunged into the ropes or over them to rid himself of Dusette's powerful nelson hold.

Braints as well as brawn won the first fall for Dusette after being dumped on his back in the following up to the airplane spin. With one shoulder raised from the mat, Dusette patted Weidner on the back, deceiving him into believing it was the hand of Referee Elton Owen, awarding him the fall. As Weidner rose to his feet, Dusette quickly bounded up and finished him with a nelson clamp. Time, 31:32.

Weidner annexed the second fall in 7:05 and the third and deciding one in 3:10.

Semi-Final Torrid Substituting in the semi-final for Pete Belcastro, who was unable to appear, Tony Ross took on Herb Parks in one of the roughest battles ever seen at the Armory. Referee Owen halted the bout at 3:05 in the third stance with Parks left eye in a

writer of gore, as much the result of his own head butts as from Tony's wallops. Parks insisted on continuing the brawl, but Owen, fearing serious and perhaps permanent injury to the wrestler's eye, refused permission. Owen rendered no verdict on the bout, and the boxing-wrestling commission announced "no contest."

Parks won the first fall of the tilt in 13:13 with repeated toe holds and stomps. Tony retaliated in 4:35 in the second round with a back-breaker, after Parks twice took refuge in the ropes to nullify abdominal stretches. During the combat in this period, Parks huffed Tony through the ropes and onto the floor. Moments later Tony hurled Parks over the ropes, then followed him to the floor in front of first-row spectators, with Owen at his heels. A half-minute fistic battle followed before Owen could get the grapplers separated and back onto the mat.

Owen announced that the main event next week would see a rematch of the Gray Mask. His opponent will be Buck Weaver.

Duck-Geese Population At Lowest Since 1938

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Albert M. Day, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said today the North American duck and-geese population has declined to 54,000,000, the lowest since 1938.

The drop during the past year, Day said, was 28,000,000, the sharpest slump on record. The 1945 duck kill was estimated at 23,000,000.

But despite the decline, Day told a reporter, there almost certainly will be a hunting season this fall. The Audubon society recently recommended that duck-hunting be prohibited this year as a conservation measure.

San Diego Clings To League Top at End of 1st Week

(By the Associated Press)

The San Diego Padres ruled the Pacific Coast League tonight after an opening week replete with extra inning thrillers, some hefty slugging, occasional fancy flinging and—warming the hearts of the club owners—healthy attendance.

Supplying most of the early season fireworks, the Padres ran up six straight victories before Oakland, behind Gassaway's six hit pitching, managed to salvage the final game of the series.

Four of San Diego's wins were nabbed in extra innings, with southpaw Seats' blinning, 1-0 shutout of the Oaks in yesterday's opener the standout performance. Oakland won the final game.

Elsewhere during the week there were three overtime games. One of those was San Francisco's 8-7 conquest of Seattle in 11 innings in a Sunday opener. But the Rainiers nabbed the nightcap, 3-2, to keep the Seals from climbing into a first-place tie. The Seals trailed San Diego by one game, with five won, two lost.

Bridges Stops Angelinos Largest crowd to date—15,766—at Los Angeles saw veteran Tommy Bridges, ex-Detroit curveball ace, pitch Portland to a 2-1 nightcap win after the Angels nabbed a 7-3 verdict. Bridges allowed two hits, Los Angeles took the series, four games to three.

Sacramento held the same series edge over Hollywood after another split. A 5-4 finale victory put the Solons in a third place tie with Los Angeles after dropping the opener 10-7. Home run production got off to a fast start, with 32 round trippers in the first week. Three ex-major leaguers, outfielder West of San Diego, and Los Angeles infielders Stringer and Oroski, shared the lead with three apiece. Esobar and Storey, both of Portland; Clay of San Diego, and Kelleher, Hollywood, each hit two.

This week's schedule, with play resuming tomorrow after the customary Monday off, finds the same teams at home. Portland covets at San Diego, Oakland at Los Angeles, Seattle at Sacramento, and Hollywood at San Francisco. All the home teams, incidentally are in the first division.

Democracy Faces Hard Propaganda Tilt With Russia

By PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent WASHINGTON, D. C.—The much-heralded showdown between democracy and communism brings up the matter of what the U. S. proposes to do about selling its particular brand of freedom in a naughty, misguided world.

It is generally agreed that the Russian Communies are better at this propaganda racket than anybody else. There is no breakdown of the Russian budget to show what the Soviet government spends on its "educational" activities in other countries. It has been estimated at high as \$100 million a year—more than all the rest of the world put together spends on informational and cultural relations.

About 30 leading governments now indulge in this national good-will building in other countries. That the Russian propaganda builds more ill will than good will is beside the point. The point is that they seem to get their line across in ways that do the most damage to democracy, which is their purpose.

In connection with the proposed grants of \$400 million aid to Greece and Turkey, the question for the U. S. is how to offset in those countries the Communist propaganda that this is American imperialism seeking control of their governments and economy. To counteract that propaganda, what is to be sold is American democracy.

On purely informational programs to tell Greek and Turkish people about the U. S., the American government is this year spending \$115,000 in Greece and \$192,000 in Turkey. That's enough to keep a couple of people in each country busy telling on special information cables from Washington, contact the native press and radio, keep open libraries and information centers in Ankara and Athens.

Britain Spent Heavily Broke as the British are, they have been spending 10 times as much as the U. S. for information work in Greece and Turkey. On a world-wide basis the British informational program calls for about double this year's U. S. appropriation of \$25 million.

The \$6 million U. S. cultural relations program is now limited by law to Latin America, the Philippines, and Liberia. This is the program set before the war, when American foreign policy was largely concerned with the western hemisphere. This limitation may now be said to be seven years behind the times. For the newly-declared Truman foreign policy has as its principal aim the spread and protection of democracy around the world.

year as the Bloom Bill, which never got passed. But the Greek and Turkish crises make it more than timely now. Estimated cost of this program is \$12 million, plus the \$6 million for Latin America.

Four Methods Proposed Four types of activity are proposed. First, exchange of students and professors, books and other educational materials.

Second, assignment of American technical experts to foreign countries for aid to agriculture, health or industry. Most expenses for these scientific missions are paid by the countries receiving the aid. In the present plan to aid Greece and Turkey, however, expenses for the extraordinary technical assistance would be paid for out of the \$400 million appropriations.

Third, setting up joint scientific services, such as weather stations, aids to navigation and civil aviation. Expenses of these projects are usually shared between two or more governments.

Fourth, expansion of the international information service. This is the toughest project of all. It has been severely criticized as government propaganda. There is some sentiment in Congress for abolishing it altogether.

Got an Old Water Barrel? Here's Request for One Anybody got an old water barrel? The kind they used in early day logging camps to keep steam donkey engines running.

Ken Ford, Roseburg lumberman, is looking for the oldest one in existence to send to H. J. Cox, secretary of the ninth annual Willamette Valley Logging conference at Eugene May 2 and 3. The conference will pay special honor to this historic relic. Ford announced, and preserve it for posterity.

"Don't get the idea that the water barrel was used only for the donkey, though," Ford said. "Old-time timber beasts also used the water to wash their hands. Sometimes their faces too. But, most important, they went to the barrel to drink. They worked pretty hard in those days and got thirsty."

The ceremony honoring the oldest barrel will be conducted by the ancient Order of Elbow Benders in what used to be known as the "snake room" of the Osburn hotel, just before the annual banquet.

Plane Passenger Saved After Slip From Cockpit

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—An airplane passenger fell part way out of the cockpit while stunting at 3,000 feet elevation over Portland Saturday but was pulled back to his seat by the pilot.

Henry T. Troh, pilot and operator of a suburban airport, said Tom Wallace, 43, slipped from the rear seat when his safety belt became uncoupled during an outside slide. Wallace's leg hooked in the cockpit and he was suspended momentarily while Troh righted the plane and pulled him back into the cockpit.

Wallace was treated at a hospital for a wrenched leg.

Oregon Prof Golf Tourney Will be Revived at Bend

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—A purse of \$1,000 has been posted for the revival of the Oregon state open golf tournament to be played at the Bend Country Club, May 29-31.

Larry Lamberger, president of the Oregon Professional Golfers Association, said the 72-hole medal tournament may be stretched to three days if the Bend Chamber of Commerce succeeds in boosting the purse to \$1,500 or \$2,000. The field will be limited to 80 entries.

Did you know the American cranberry was being used by the Indians as a relish served with venison, when the first colonists landed on Plymouth Rock? Friendly Indians showed the new settlers how to find and use it.

Two Traffic Violators Fined in Justice Court

Fred John Vogel, 52, Dallas, Ore., was fined \$100 Friday on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and \$10 for no operator's license, Justice of the Peace Hartiel reported.

Albert Hale Vand De Veer, 29, Medford, was fined \$60 Friday for operating a motor vehicle without motor vehicle license and without carrying a declared weight receipt for his load. Hartiel also reported. The fine was \$30 on each charge.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1947

- 6:00—Farm Bulletin Board. 6:30—Yawn Patrol. 6:45—The Country Agent. 6:55—Scherer Auction. 7:00—Frank Hemmingsway, J. A. Folger Co. 7:15—Bess and Shine, Sterling Drug Co. 7:20—State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck. 7:35—The Beehive. 7:45—Shampooed in Wax. 8:00—Haven of Best, Good Ship Grace. 8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Motor. 8:45—Victor H. Lindlar, Healthdays. 8:55—Art Baker and His Notebook, Songmaster Ward. 9:15—Morning Melodies. 9:30—Man About Town, Jesse and Lowell's. 9:45—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Marshall-Wood. 9:55—Musical Interlude. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:15—Music and Music, Roseburg Color Center. 10:30—Joe Robinson, Orch. 10:45—Easy Listening. 11:00—Character Clinic, Presbyterian Church. 11:15—Smile Time. 11:30—Queen for a Day, Miles Labs. 12:00—Musical Interlude. 12:05—Sports Review. 12:15—Rhythm at Random. 12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank. 12:50—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Ward. 1:00—Man on the Street, Hemmingsway's. 1:15—The Johnson Family. 1:30—As Requested. 2:00—Florists Show, Umpqua Florists. 2:15—Freddie Martin, Montgomery Ward. 2:30—Music. 2:45—Dining Sisters. 2:55—Behind the World News. 3:00—Say It With Music. 3:30—Around the County, International News Events. 3:45—Musical Matinee. 4:00—Pulton Lewis, Jr. 4:15—Bess Miller, Nabisco. 4:30—Good News Program, Assembly of God. 4:45—News. 5:00—Musical Interlude. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's. 5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co. 5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina. 6:00—General Heatter, Healthdays. 6:15—Musical Interlude. 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:30—Songs by Laura Lee. 7:00—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 7:15—Special Investigator, Commercial Credit. 7:30—Spelling Bee, Lawson's Jewelry. 8:00—Court of Music, Christie. 8:30—The Falcon, American Safety Razor Corp. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 9:15—James Crowley, Wildroot. 9:30—Evening Serenade, E. G. High. 9:45—Henry Busse, Orch. 10:00—Pulton Lewis, Jr., Umpqua Valley Hardware. 10:15—Nocturne. 10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's. 11:00—Sign Off.

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