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Rain Is Torrential
On Anniversary of Worst River Flood

In One Ear..
Paul Hauser's Column

We went to Mr. Loring Schmidt's opera house the other night to see "His Girl Friday," a motion picture which used to be "The Front Page," but which has been rejuvenated by the simply device of turning Hildy Johnson, the reporter who couldn't quit from a man into a gal.

We were, in fact, thoroughly pleased by the whole play. There was only one thing that stuck in our craw (or epiglottis, if, as some people say, humans are crawless). That was at the very beginning when it was flashed on the screen that "this all happened in the good old days. None of the characters depicted here are like newspapermen you may happen to know."

That's our personal war with Hollywood today. Here they go in a hundred pictures and build up us reporters as a happy-go-lucky bunch, yet meeting death in the quarter-hour despite all perils; drunken, mayhap, but lovable in a silly sort of way.

Yes, Hollywood in its sweet fashion, gave us glamor. And now what do they do? They deny it all and in one flicker on the screen attempt to take away all they gave us! Can't they leave well enough alone, we ask?

Yah, Hollywood. Indian giver. Carl Charlton, Chief Minto's right bower, addressed a Parish junior high civics class on "Policemen and How They Get That Way" the other day. Charlton said he experienced no difficulty in discipline. "All you have to do," he said, "is lay a gun on one side of the table and a sap on the other."

With the opening of a new theater, the You Can't Do That to Me Twice club has doubled its efforts in its membership campaign, despite its dislike of doubles in anything, especially double features. The club considered offering two memberships for the price of one, but vetoed the plan as against public policy. The group also voted to exclude twins from membership.

City police were yesterday examining with interest a live barnacle, which Radio Operator Clive Scott claimed he found on the street. There are, however, no vacancies on the force at present.

It's Pringle Creek Park
Now; old Camp Gets Name

Pringle Creek park was last night approved by the city council as a name for the recreation grounds between South Church and South Winter streets formerly known as the municipal park. The name of Highland park was approved for the new recreation park opposite the Highland school.

Citizens Spurn Latest Plan for Prettying Up Postoffice

After expressing almost unanimous disapproval of landscaping plans for the postoffice grounds, a group of interested residents meeting at the chamber of commerce last night authorized Postmaster H. R. Crawford to ask Washington officials if an associate landscape architect from Salem might be appointed to work with government planners.

Main objection to the plan, the second sent from Washington, D.C. for local approval, was that it contemplates too heavy planting and that it is not in harmony with the plan of landscaping in the adjoining Wilson and Waverly parks. The first plan was disapproved because plants used were not suited to this climate.

Troller Is Rescued After Two Days In Heavy Rain

ASTORIA, Feb. 5.—(P)—The coastguard cutter Onondaga towed the missing 48-foot troller Sea Wolf into port tonight, completing the rescue of the craft and its two crewmen.

The boat was battered and waterlogged after a two-day buffeting in heavy storms. It left Newport last Friday for the Columbia river. An earlier report that there were three men aboard proved incorrect.

Capt. W. E. Nichols, Portland, said the fact that the inter-coastal freighter Willmott sighted the boat's distress signals at noon Monday and summoned the coast guard cutter saved the craft from going into the surf. The boat became disabled Saturday. W. O. Gordon also was aboard the Wolf, which is owned by A. Began of Portland.

It rained in Salem yesterday. The steady downpour after 2 p. m. brought down 1.60 inches, according to the weather bureau, which forecast rain again for today and Wednesday. Old-timers recall that 50 years ago Sunday (Turn to Page 3, Col. 7)

Britain Will Free Nine of 21 Nazis

Compromise on Japanese Protest Announced; Case not Closed

TKYO, Feb. 6.—(Tuesday)—Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita told the diet today Great Britain had agreed to return nine of 21 German seamen seized January 20 from the Japanese liner Asama Maru, but "I cannot say that the case is entirely settled."

The foreign minister said Japan would continue to negotiate for surrender of all the seamen and added: "Although the Japanese government does not fail to appreciate the desire on the part of the British government to seek speedy settlement of the Asama Maru case, it cannot express satisfaction because the number of Germans to be delivered to Japanese authorities is only part of those whose extradition was demanded."

Arita disclosed at the same time that Japanese shippers had been instructed to refuse to accept as passengers belligerent nationals who have "enlisted in military services, and those who may possibly be enlisted."

Arita expressed the belief this action would prevent a recurrence of a similar incident. The Germans were taken from the Japanese liner 35 miles off Yokohama after the vessel had been hit by a Japanese warship with a shot across her bow. They were interned at Hongkong, British crown colony.

Tracing the diplomatic exchange that resulted—consisting of a Japanese protest, a British answer, a Japanese reply to the answer and finally the settlement—Arita said Britain insisted the seizure was legal and proper.

The British acknowledged, however, Arita said, that some of the prisoners "were short in their military service and adaptability." Apparently the foreign minister meant that not all those seized could be considered eligible for German war service.

Several stated that, while the extensive planting which the government is willing to do is appreciated, easterners probably do not realize how rapidly this growth in the climate and soil and so have planned too extensively.

Called for in the plan are 108 laurustinus, 11 English holly, 1060 ivy, 36 white rhododendron, 60 holly osanathus, eight Norway maple, 20 Japanese skimmia, 77 Mexican orange, 54 white camelia, 679 abelia, 14 red oak, six sweet gum and 56 firethorn.

About 15 people, representing landscape gardeners, nurserymen and others interested, attended the meeting, called by Manager F. D. Thelsen of the chamber of commerce at the suggestion of Postmaster Crawford.

Jefferson Mayor Called by Death



Dentist-Musician Well Known Here

Dr. H. C. Epley, 71, mayor of Jefferson and former Salem dentist, died at his Jefferson residence at 10:40 last night following an illness for which he had recently been under care at a Salem hospital.

On moving from Salem to Jefferson two years ago, Dr. Epley was elected mayor and carried on a vigorous, successful campaign to have the pioneer Conser hotel converted into a city hall and library.

During his many year's residence in Salem, Dr. Epley attained prominence as a song leader and worker in the First Christian church. He served as choir director at the church and song leader for the Salem Rotary club.

He was former president of the state dental association, a member of the Salem Elks, the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and a charter member of the Salem Cherrians.

Also interested in the affairs of the Cornelia A. Davis estate at Turner, Dr. Epley was a member of the Turner Memorial home, an institution provided for by the estate.

Henry Clifford Epley was born in Seio, April 8, 1868. He was first married to Minnie N. Shaw, daughter of pioneer Judge J. J. Shaw. (Turn to Page 3, Col. 5)

Progress Lacking On India's Demand

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 5.—(P)—Mohandas K. Gandhi and Viceroy Lord Linlithgow failed today to agree on Indian demands for independence, the third such stalemate since the European war started.

Gandhi apparently stood firm on the congress (nationalist) party demand for immediate consideration of India's independence while Lord Linlithgow reiterated Britain's stand to postpone final action until after the war.

The tall British statesman and the wry little leader of India's millions of Hindus conferred two and a half hours but a communiqué indicated the only point of agreement was "to defer for the present further discussions."

The communiqué said the viceroy repeated British assurances India's independence would be considered "when the time came"—presumably after the war—and suggested "the federal scheme act while at present in suspense afforded the swiftest stepping stone towards dominion status."

Odd Fellows Are Thanked by Craig For Fine Funeral

PRINEVILLE, Feb. 5.—(P)—George Craig sent Prineville Odd Fellows a note of thanks today for the fine funeral they gave him Saturday.

Started lodge men checked up, found that Craig, patient in a local hospital, was both alive and amused.

The effort occurred when Craig's relatives were erroneously notified after Al Nichols, old-time Prineville resident, died last week. The mistake was discovered before Nichols' body was sent east to Craig's relatives.

British Losses At Sea Mount; Big Ship Sinks

Canadian Beaverburn Is Torpedo Victim; Crew Is Believed Saved

Minesweeper Also Down and Fear Expressed Half Crew Gone

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Tuesday)—(P)—Britain counted new losses today in the relentless war at sea as the 9,874-ton Canadian Pacific steamer Beaverburn was reported torpedoed off the Irish coast a few hours after the minesweeper Sphinx, crippled by German air raiders, sank as she was being towed to port.

Mystery shrouded the sinking of the Beaverburn, which was announced in a terse bulletin by the authoritative British press association. No details on the number of casualties was immediately available.

Shipping circles said it was unlikely that full details would be known until rescue vessels had picked up survivors.

Owners of the ship, a fast freighter plying between Liverpool and St. John, New Brunswick, said she carried a crew of between 100 and 200 men.

A competent source said there was reason to believe that all except one had been rescued.

The order for a special venire, which marked the end of a long and tedious day spent in interrogation of prospective jurors by both sides, became necessary when the number of jurors remaining on the list shrank below the number of challenges still held by counsel for both sides.

Call for Budgets For '41-'42 Given State Heads Asked to Turn in Requests and Draft Their Bills Early

In a move toward speeding proceedings for the 41st legislative session, Governor Charles A. Sprague yesterday sent out letters urging all state department heads to complete by December 15 any bills they may have to present and to turn in their 1941-42 budget requests by August 1.

"In there has been complaint that executive departments failed to have ready at the opening of the legislative session, bills which they wished to have enacted, with the result that the legislature was delayed in its work," the governor's letter explained.

"I want there to be no cause for such criticism in connection with the next legislative session. Accordingly, I request that all department heads schedule their work in 1940 so that material they desire to present to the next legislature will be ready for that body when it convenes."

Governor Sprague said the outline of all department bills should be ready for review by his office no later than September 1.

The governor indicated that the department heads in connection with preparing their budgets would assist him in completing his material for the legislature.

Finns Deny Russ Unit Annihilated

HELSINKI, Feb. 6.—(Tuesday)—(P)—Finnish soldiers watched the Karelian isthmus and the Lake Ladoga region today for the next major development in the war with Russia, but reports abroad that the Russian 18th division had been destroyed were denied by a headquarters representative.

The spokesman said the report of the annihilation of the division apparently arose from the fact that a decisive development north of Lake Ladoga, in the Kiteia area, had been awaited for days since the soviet offensive there had been stalled and many Russians were cut off from their supplies.

Some observers interpreted a heavy Russian attack at Summa, on the Karelian isthmus, as a Russian attempt to divert the Finns from the Ladoga region and relieve the two divisions reported stranded there.

Municipal Power Issue Study Is Launched by City Council

9 More Jurors Called in for Drager's Trial

Drawing of Trial Panel, Uncompleted Monday, Resumes at 9:30

County Treasurer Faces Charge of Larceny of \$23,520 Sum

Drawing of nine special jurors was ordered by Judge L. H. McMahon when it became apparent yesterday afternoon that the regular January term venire would be exhausted before a jury could be agreed upon to hear the case of David G. Drager, county treasurer indicted on a charge of larceny of \$23,520 in county funds, which opened yesterday in circuit court.

The order for a special venire, which marked the end of a long and tedious day spent in interrogation of prospective jurors by both sides, became necessary when the number of jurors remaining on the list shrank below the number of challenges still held by counsel for both sides.

In consequence County Clerk U. G. Boyer and Sheriff A. C. Burk presided at the drawing of the nine "good and lawful persons," some of whom, attorneys agreed, will probably become jurors when the panel is completed today.

The nine chosen included Fae I. Kuensting, housewife, St. Paul; Florida A. Crittenden, housewife, Englewood; Helen M. Pemberton, housewife, East Woodburn; Amos C. Branch, truck driver, Salem; Stella N. Alsmann, housewife, Salem; Joseph M. Kavanagh, legislator, Salem; Jessie M. Davidson, housewife, Pringle; Phillip J. May, farmer, East Mt. Angel, and Leif Bergsvik, superintendent, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Violence Occurs In Toledo Strike

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 5.—(P)—Armed guards at the West Central avenue plant of the Ohio Fuel Gas company were stoned tonight in the first outbreak of violence in Toledo's five-day gas workers' strike.

No injuries were reported. Police Capt. Charles Henney attributed the stoning to the appearance of the guards with shotguns. A picket line had been maintained around the fenced property since the strike was called last Wednesday but the guards had not been armed prior to today.

Police reserves were called out as the first stones were hurled, but there were no arrests. The plant has been operating with the aid of company workers summoned from its other Ohio units.

Carpenter Gives \$2000 to Finland

SEATTLE, Feb. 5.—(P)—A humble Washington state carpenter's donation of approximately \$2000 to Finland's relief was disclosed here today.

Alagic W. Quist, Finnish vice consul here, received a letter from Ivar Gull, a native of Finland who has lived 20 of his more than 50 years in the United States, with a passbook on a bank in Finland. The letter expressed the wish that the funds "be paid out for civilian relief or for needy people."

Quist said Gull, a naturalized citizen who resides on Whidbey Island in Puget sound, inherited the money and never had removed it from the bank at Wask, 200 miles northwest of Helsinki.

Hannah Martin Eying City, County Clerks' Positions; Undecided

Only Duncan, Steelhammer Expected to Run for Reelection to Lower House; North End Legislative Material Sought

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER Hannah Martin, one of Marion county's four state representatives, probably will not seek reelection to her present position but two fellow members of the last session, George R. Duncan of Stayton and John F. Steelhammer, of Salem, will, it appeared yesterday.

Mrs. Martin does not, however, intend to quit public office; she is "shopping around," yet ready to decide what office she may seek.

Queried yesterday, Mrs. Martin said persistent reports that she would file for the republican nomination for county clerk were inexact in that she had not decided to do so. She might instead seek the Salem city recordership or possibly some other salaried office.

While Representative Martin is looking over the likely offices, reports come in that a candidate from the north end of the county, not necessarily one of the ex-legislators there, is being sought, aside from the efforts of the committee of farmers and business men which has been meeting weekly to sift out election material with the avowed intention of promoting good government.

Steelhammer is keeping silent on the question of his again seeking election to the lower house of the legislature but it is considered certain that such urging, from within or from without, would be required to put him in the republican primary race. He resigned a few months ago to accept an assignment by the Marion county court to prosecute tax foreclosures; the court has not filled the vacancy he left behind.

Duncan is known to intend putting up his name again. The fourth lower house member representing the county at the last session, Walter F. Uher, has moved to San Francisco and is out of the picture for the coming election.

H. R. "Farmer" Jones will take another try at the legislative race but Ed R. Jory, who has run several times, plans this year to skip the primaries and run as an independent at the November general election.

First to enter the republican nomination ring formally is L. M. Ramagosa of Salem, who filed his notice of intention Saturday.

Frank P. Murphy Seated on Bench

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(P)—Frank Murphy of Michigan, 46-year-old bachelor, took his seat on the supreme court today, giving it a majority of Roosevelt-appointed justices.

As the newest justice, the former attorney general took the chair at the extreme left of the bench while Justice William O. Douglas moved over to the right flank. Murphy was appointed to the vacancy created by the death of Pierce Butler and became President Roosevelt's fifth appointee to the nine-man tribunal.

The session produced only one decision—a unanimous ruling delivered by Justice Reed, that private users of the mails who suffered loss can not sue to collect on a postmaster's surety bond.

The court held that postmasters' bonds were primarily to protect the government and that "congress intended that claims on the bonds would be handled through the government rather than through suits by individuals."

Chicago's nearest competitor, in fact, was Philadelphia, which also offered \$150,000. For a moment, it appeared that Philadelphia might win, but then members from western states who had cast their votes for San Francisco and, in some cases for Houston, switched to the Illinois city. The final count was Chicago 48, Philadelphia 38, San Francisco 7 and Houston 2. One of the last two votes was cast by Garner himself.

Definite Plan To Be Drafted By Committee

O'Hara Resolution Gets Support; Bonneville People Offer Aid

One-Hour Parking to Be Resumed; Reserve of Police Approved

Municipal ownership of electric power facilities again became a live issue for the city council last night as it passed a resolution introduced by Alderman David O'Hara authorizing the public utilities committee to investigate and determine the cost of erecting or acquiring a municipal power system.

The resolution also called on the committee to submit to the council a proposal for such acquisition which may in turn be submitted to the people.

Alderman O'Hara, in presenting the resolution, reviewed the case of public power before the council, recalling that about a year ago Bonneville authority representatives agreed to investigate and determine the cost of erecting or acquiring a municipal power system.

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City Income Tax Upheld by Court

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—(P)—The Pennsylvania supreme court upheld today the right of Philadelphia to impose a 1 1/2 per cent tax on wages and earned income, but failed to end a fight which labor groups have waged against the levy since its inception.

Council for a 110-a-week widowed shirt factory worker, whose attack on the validity of the tax was dismissed, announced they would carry their battle to the U.S. supreme court on the ground the federal constitution was violated.

The tax—an important pillar in the city 1940 "pay-as-you-go" financial program—became effective January 1 for one year as an "emergency" measure. It is expected to yield \$15,800,000.

Bill for Repeal Of City Stadium Act Introduced

The municipal stadium for which Salem citizens voted a \$50,000 bond issue in 1938, will probably never be built, because effective January 1 for one year as an "emergency" measure. It is expected to yield \$15,800,000.

SOUTHERN CAL. EXPERIENCES DELUGE

Torrents of rain, accompanied by freak electrical storms, smashed the face of southern California again recently in one of the section's wettest winters in years. Lightning struck two homes, injured a Los Angeles woman. Photo shows hub-deep roads near Van Nuys, in which going appears to be tough for mired motorists.—JIN photo.