

Interests Oppose Water Diversion

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 21.—Strong opposition to the diversion of water from the Klamath basin to the Central valley watershed of California was voiced by both Oregon and California interests represented at a hearing conducted here Tuesday by the U. S. engineers.

Speakers from both states challenged the possibility that any water-tight guarantee could be given that irrigation in the Klamath basin would receive the minimum flow of water in circumstances where the supply was insufficient for both this basin and the diversion program.

Klamath basin spokesman emphasized the importance of agricultural expansion in the future economy of this basin, with a lumber industry decline in prospect, and argued that there will be ultimate need for every drop of water in the Klamath watershed.

The American Legion hall here was jam-packed for the hearing, which is the first of three to be held by the engineers on a forthcoming report covering the use

of waters in the entire river basin from its origins in Oregon to its mouth in California. Other hearings will be held this week at Yreka and Eureka.

Colonel Kenneth M. Moore, district U. S. engineer at San Francisco, presided at the hearing and at the outset the engineers explained three possible schemes for Klamath watershed development. No. 1 provides for diversion of 600 second feet of water into the Central valley project from the upper area, with a new storage reservoir on Sprague river and other developments downstream; No. 2 provides for the Sprague reservoir and downstream developments but no diversion; No. 3 leaves the upper area much as it is, but pertains to the development of the Trinity river, with a diversion from that area into the Sacramento watershed.

Morse Says Imported Farm Labor To Increase
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Allocations of imported farm labor may be "a little larger" for the northwest this year, Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) said today.

Brig. Gen. Philip G. Branton, war food administration's labor officer, is now in Mexico recruiting farm labor for the current season. Morse said, adding that he had been assured no change was contemplated in the methods used the past two years in supplying farmers with additional help.

W. H. Talbert will be in charge of the northwest labor office at Portland, Ore., he said. Talbert, who has been connected with the Los Angeles office, succeeds R. T. Magleby.

Dow-Jones
Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: industrial 159.66, up 0.09; railroad 51.95, off 0.12; utility 28.28, off 0.16; 65 stocks 59.80, off 0.05.
Sales totaled 1,720,000 shares compared with 1,770,000 shares yesterday. Big board bond sales aggregated \$9,330,000 against \$12,170,000 yesterday. Curb stock turnover was 670,000 shares compared with 670,000 yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Dow Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 108.29 up 0.13; 10 1st grade rails 114.20 up 0.16; 10 2nd grade rails 94.19 up 0.19; 10 pub. utl. 109.05 up 0.04; 10 indus. 107.71 up 0.13.

PRISONER LIST COMING
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The transmission of names of Americans liberated from Japanese prison camps in the Philippines is being delayed by the top priority given urgent war messages on army radio channels.

The war department, explaining this today, said 4,200 names are on file in the Philippines and are being sent as conditions permit. In addition, couriers are bringing lists to Washington to prevent loss of any names.



WM. R. RICKETTS

Missionary To Speak

William R. Ricketts, who for the past year has been engaged in missionary work in Alaska, will be the speaker Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. at the Fairmount Church of Christ. He will tell of his work, and of the future of missionary endeavor in the Alaskan territory, where saloons outnumber churches, four to one.

Stationed at Juneau, the missionary's work mainly was with the white population. On his return, he will go to Fairbanks, representing the Church of Christ, a new field with varied problems. Chief need is for consecrated personnel to preach the gospel, he declares.

An offering for this new field will be taken at the meeting.

Wilt-Resistant Weed Gives Hope To Smoker

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Now take it easy, don't expect any immediate increase in cigars at the corner drug store—but the agriculture department has run on to a new way to boost tobacco yield.

Department scientists have informed growers of a new wilt-resistant cigarette tobacco which may increase the acre yield by 25 per cent. It won't cost the producer any more, either, except possibly a little more for seed, the department said.

The tobacco specialists had one chance in 1,024 of locating the resistant strain, the department explained. Experiments began in 1934. Out of 1,034 varieties tested, only one—from Columbia, South Africa—showed high wilt resistance. That variety was the granddaddy of the seed now offered southeastern tobacco raisers.

The first coal mines in America were opened in Virginia about 1750.

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Terrier Filling GI Master's Job As Head Bellhop In Hotel

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LOCKPORT, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Butch, the head bellhop—and the only one—at the Park hotel, is a black and white fox terrier. Butch was troubled today. Her bellhop business was going to the dogs.

For one thing, Butch wished Mrs. Nellie Pierce would come to her door and get the morning paper. The small dog delivered it as usual, then stood down the hall with her head cocked on one side wondering why it wasn't picked up.

Mrs. Pierce, you should have talked to Butch before you hurried off to Sierra Madre, Calif., after hearing of the American invasion of the Philippines.

Butch is pinch hitting for the young man who went into the armed services, and she does her work better when she's told what's going on.

She doesn't know you are the mother of Brig. Gen. Clinton Pierce, who was captured by the Japanese when the Philippines fell. She doesn't know Gen. Pierce was taken to Manchukuo with Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright and won't be freed by current Yank victories, and that you just want to be nearer him.

Butch never failed to show Mrs. Pierce to her room during the months she stayed at the hotel. The lonely mother and the dog spent many hours together. Butch got her job two years ago, when the regular bellhop was drafted. Charles C. Bartley, manager of the hotel and Butch's master, gave the little terrier the job after she showed her aptitude by putting a batch of mail in front of the right door.

"At first, it was a little difficult for Butch," Mrs. Bartley, the dog's mistress, said. "But now—well, there isn't another bellhop in Lockport who can hold a candle to Butch when it comes to taking care of a guest."

The persevering pup never fails when it comes to delivering mail, newspapers, or keys to patrons of the hotel. One resident has lived in the same room for three months and Butch hasn't missed a call yet.

"She's efficient," Bartley declared. "Outside of chasing our black cat, Slipper, she really knows no other joy than her work—and what more can an employer ask these days?"

Butch gets candy, dog biscuits, and other tips. Just yesterday, a guest gave her 40 red ration points—a T-bone steak!

Bill Restricting PUD Deals Favored

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Senate bill 62, which would prevent public utility districts from buying utility properties outside of their own districts without the approval of the voters in the area affected, was on the senate floor today with a "do pass" recommendation by the railroads and utilities committee.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Merle R. Chessman, Astoria, and Rep. Ralph Moore, Coos county. It has been hotly contested by some PUD representatives as an undue restriction on the rights of the districts to expand.

an 18,000-ton converted merchant ship.

This latest submarine haul included two transports, three cargo transports, and 17 cargo vessels, the communiqué said.

Sinkings by American submarines since the beginning of the war now total 1,025 vessels. These include 100 warships.

25 More Jap Ships Bagged by Subs
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—American submarines have sent a Japanese escort carrier, a large converted cruiser, a destroyer, and 22 merchant vessels to the bottom in new operations, the navy announced today.

The cruiser was believed to be

ROONEY UNDER CONTRACT

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21.—M. G. M. studios announced today that on his discharge from the army demerit, screen star Mickey Rooney will begin a seven-year contract at \$5,000 a week.

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