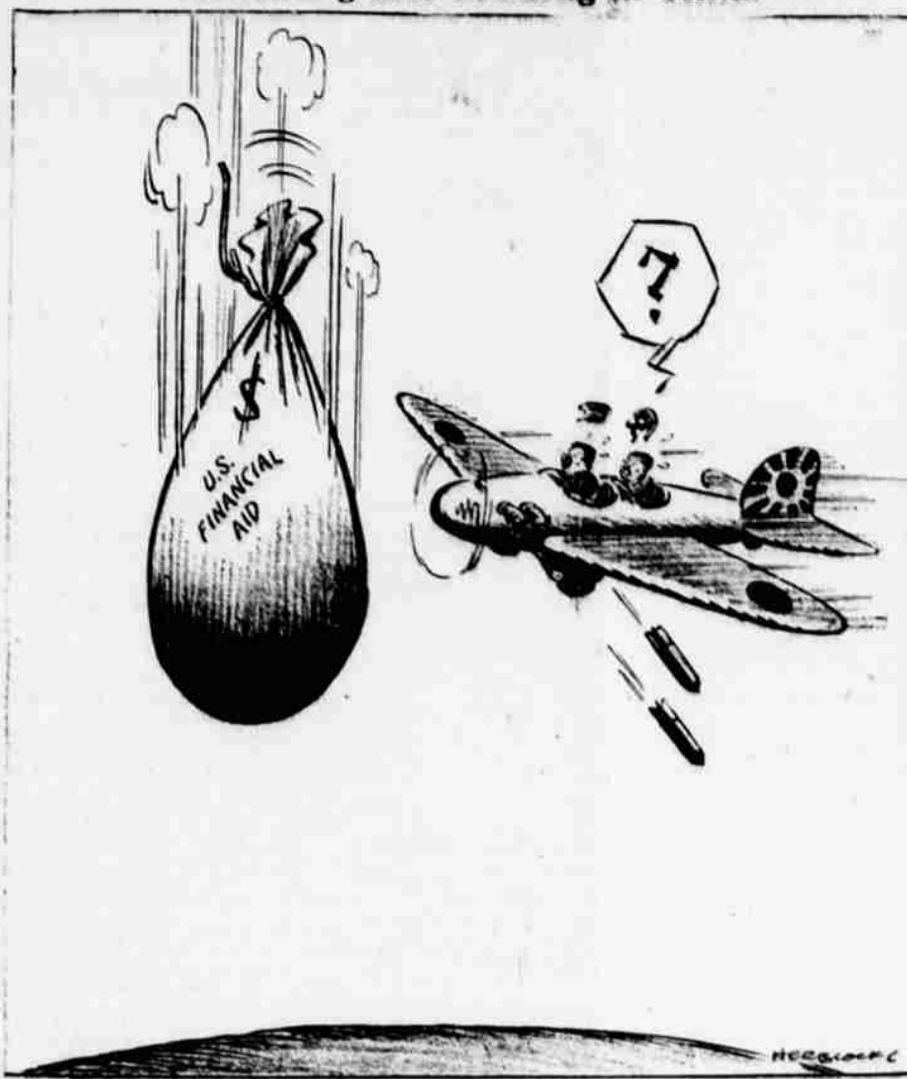


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Something Else Landing in China



Catton's Washington Column

By Bruce Catton
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington—Best job the Royal Air Force has done recently, in the opinion of pro-ally observers in Washington, was the shooting down of the plane which was carrying Jean Chiappe, former prefect of the Paris Surete, to Syria.
In Syria there are something like 200,000 or more French regular troops. With General Maxime Weygand steering a cautious course of non-involvement in the war, these troops are marking time. If they are to be had, the side which gets them will get what might well be a decisive advantage in the eastern Mediterranean area.
Chiappe, according to advices in Washington, had become a sort of super Fouché since the establishment of the Vichy regime. Cold, canny and calculating, he is credited with having "cleaned up" Paris for the Vichy-nazi forces. General belief is that he was being sent to Syria to do a similar job there. A couple of months of Chiappe's ministrations, it is believed, would have left the army in Asia Minor ripe for the use of the Laval-Hitler combine. Hence Chiappe's death at sea is regarded as one of the important events of the war.

POWERFUL RULER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a man.

HOME RULE QUESTION RAISED
PUD districts of Oregon and Washington are by no means unanimous on the proposition that Dr. Paul Raver should be their sole representative in negotiating for purchase of the properties of the Pacific Power & Light Co. While a news release early in the month stated unqualifiedly that the Washington districts would support such a plan, the unreliability of the report was clearly shown at the meeting at Goldendale this week of directors of districts of the two states. The meeting was, in fact, of the northern PUDs which had already formed a corporation to deal through a private negotiator. Others were present on invitation. The same clash of opinion which developed at a called meeting at The Dalles last month continued. Also, the issue was more closely drawn and partisans were more partisan.
Now none of these directors was against the theory of people's utility district operation. But those of the Washington corporation were, in the main, in favor of the districts running their own businesses. The idea, it was apparent, was beginning to be entertained in Oregon as well.
Ostensibly the program for purchase negotiations by the Bonneville administrator originated with the districts, specifically with the Northern Wasco county PUD. Actually there can be little doubt that the movement intended to bring all the districts in the P. P. & L. area into line as endorers of the program was inspired by the Bonneville administration. It ties in too closely with the Columbia Valley authority bill which, among other things, would place \$200,000,000 at the disposal of the administrator for acquisition of plant and line facilities, to be otherwise.
Under the provisions of the bill, the purchaser of company facilities would be the administrator (for the federal government) of the combined Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects. Under the plan which would delegate district negotiating authority to him, he (for the federal government) would become the virtual administrator of the districts as well. To all intents and purposes the districts would become a part of the Columbia Valley authority.
A Hood River director expressed it at the Goldendale meeting when he said, "It looks to me as if the show is being run from Washington."

SERIAL STORY DUDE COLLEGE BY OREN ARNOLD

Yesterday: Flying south with Andre and Lona, Ronnie sees the Border Patrol autogiro, moves to obey its signals to land. Lona turns on her in fury. Andre jerks her from the controls, flies the plane himself. Lona kicks Andre's Indian drum out of the plane. Unobserved, Ronnie seizes a parachute, fastens its straps, dives from the plane.
OFFICER STARR EXPLAINS CHAPTER XXIX
"Her parachute's open, she's safe!" Wesley shouted frantically at the two officers in the autogiro. "Thank God!"
"Use your rifle!" the pilot yelled. "Aim at the front of the cabin, the controls!"
But Officer Starr was already aiming, and he began firing with meticulous care. Crack! Crack! They just had to stop that monoplane now before it could outdistance the government ship!
"His hit!" the pilot yelled. "He's got to land!"
There was no open field, no cleared spot. Obviously Girardeau was striving desperately. He did guide the crippled monoplane over huge boulders—then all at once it struck the earth, bounced twice and finally halted tall up against thick yucca growths. The autogiro was settling right near it.
Girardeau jumped from his plane and started running. The moment the autogiro touched earth Wesley York leaped out in pursuit, carrying Officer Starr's gun.
"HALT!" Wesley yelled.
Girardeau shot back twice, ran on. The chase continued half a mile, each man dodging cacti, greasewood, rocks. All at once Wesley saw they had been running at an angle toward the spot where Ronnie landed, saw her unstrapping her chute to be free. She saw them then and began shouting.
Girardeau stopped abruptly behind a rock and shot back again and again, and Wes in turn dropped prone to resume shooting. He saw Girardeau's head go out of sight, and so he quickly sprang up and ran again. When Girardeau's head next showed, only a few feet separated them.
He himself couldn't have said what strange fury drove him, but Wes was on the feeling man with a peculiar exultation. Both guns had been emptied. Wes literally dived at Girardeau in the last few feet to make a flying tackle such as any man who has played football knows.
They fought there furiously. Ronnie came running toward them fast.
Girardeau suddenly gained his feet but Wesley straightened upward, swinging under Girardeau's guard. Splack! The man's head snapped back; he fell limp. In 50 seconds more Wesley had Girardeau's hands tied with his own necktie.
"Wesley!" Ronnie Bailey was shouting nearby now. "Oh Wes!"
The officers had found Lona Montoya dazed but not critically hurt, even though in the landing she had fared worse than Girardeau. Mr. Starr gave first aid. The Border Patrol pilot took to the air and when he saw that Girardeau was safely captured—with

take it from under his very nose!" Lona glared now at Girardeau in obvious contempt. "Engaged to three Ronica, and make the love with me!"
Ronnie gasped. "No! I have never been engaged! Never! Why I—"
Starr resumed talking. "We know a lot more than we told anybody. But Dr. York, you sure saved us! We could get nothing clinched either way. I see now this Lona was working her treachery in two directions. And they would have gotten out of the country with this bomb sight to you as sure as sin! An Indian drum—ha! And Bailey's own daughter!"
"I feel utterly flat," murmured Ronnie. "Wes, however did you know? You came—when I needed you most!"
Inspector Starr grinned. "You two kids talk that out while me and the pilot take the prisoners in. He'll come right back for you. Ship won't hold all six of us."

DEFENSE BOOM HELPS COTTON

The defense boom is giving the cotton industry a much needed shot in the arm, although a still bigger one is badly needed.
It looks now, say agriculture department experts, as if total domestic consumption of cotton for the present marketing year will run a little better than 8,500,000 bales—perhaps as high as 9,000,000. This would be from one and one-half to two million above the average consumption over the last five years.
That doesn't make up for the loss of exports due to the war. Total exports for the year will be close to 1,500,000 bales, which is some 3,800,000 under the five-year average. With a current crop of 12,500,000 bales anticipated, stocks on hand in the U. S. are likely to exceed the all-time high of 13,000,000 bales set in 1939.
The cotton problem is still there, in other words. Increase in home consumption provides the only ray of light.
Town Police Chief Urges Court for Bicycle Traffic
LeRoy, N. Y. (U. P.)—A bicycle traffic court may be established here to provide "better enforcement" of bicycle rules and regulations set up by village trustees a few years ago.
"It is hard to fine the boys for law infractions," Police Captain Fred J. Rider told the local board. "If we fine them the money has to be paid by their parents and does not make the desired impression on the children. A severe admonishment by the presiding bicycle court judge and perhaps suspension of the offender's registration would result in more obedience to the law."

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, Dec. 21, 1925.)
The Bend country holds many geologic attractions which, if given proper publicity, will greatly enhance the region as a tourist center. Ira Williams, formerly connected with the state bureau of mines and geology, declared when speaking here today.
New automobile license plates for 1926 made their appearance in Bend today. White numerals appear on a black background. J. C. Rhodes has license number 6500.
When Clifton Mears Rosin, Jr., visited his traps in the Millican country on Thursday he found a huge lynx in one of them.
M. E. Van Sickle, Bend fire department member, was injured yesterday when he fell from a Christmas tree. He was assisting in placing colored lights on a pine tree at the pavilion corner when he slipped and tumbled through the branches.
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, Dec. 22, 1925.)
M. L. Hunter, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest for the past three years, has been promoted to be supervisor of improvement work in the national forests of the northwest.
Sale by D. E. Hunter of the Pilot Butte hotel to F. W. Sullivan and P. R. Brooks, of Vancouver, B. C., was announced today. It is the intention of the new owners to proceed slowly with the development of the property.
The state game and fish commission has closed the Deschutes river and its tributaries to year-around fishing.
In honor of their fourth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. DeArmond entertained at a dinner Monday.
THIRTY YEARS AGO
(From The Bulletin, Dec. 21, 1910.)
Many of the merchants in Bend are lamenting the fact that they have Christmas supplies at Shaniko or stuck in the mud on the road to Bend. Several loads of freight are known to have left Shaniko the middle of last month, but they have not yet reached Bend.
The Pilot Butte hotel has been wired for electric lights. There are three lights on the porch and a large light on the side-walk.
The Rev. Father Luke Sheehan, one of the Capuchin brothers who visited Bend early last spring, has returned to this place to remain permanently.

Crook County Schools Closed by Epidemic

Prineville, Dec. 21 (Special)—Due to the large number of pupils absent as the result of the number of cases of flu and bad colds, school officials closed the Prineville grade school for two and a half days last week in the hope that attendance would improve by Monday of this week. But when school was resumed Monday attendance showed that nearly 50 per cent of the pupils were absent. On Tuesday, attendance showed no improvement and it was deemed best to close the school again, some 255 pupils being away from their studies out of a total of 539.
On Wednesday, school officials decided to close the local high school, as well as all rural schools in the county, where likewise large numbers were reported absent. The schools will remain closed until after the Christmas holidays and during that time all school programs which had been planned for the Christmas season, as well as all basketball games, have either been cancelled or postponed.
A scientist classifies ice into six kinds, according to the amount of pressure producing each kind.

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