

MCMINNVILLE AND COLUMBIA PREPS DISTRICT CHAMPS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—The big, fast Klamath Falls Pelicans fought off a stubborn band of Bend high Lava Bears for a 28 to 25 victory here tonight, winning entrance into the state classic again.

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—The McMinnville high basketball team catapulted itself into the state high school basketball tournament with a driving 29 to 17 victory over Tillamook high here tonight in the district six tournament final.

McMinnville high's defense slowed Baumgartner, Tillamook speedy forward, down to one field goal.

McMinnville went ahead 8 to 4 the first quarter and increased its advantage 14 to 4 by halftime.

Gliddings was high scorer for McMinnville with 16 points.

BABE'S HITS GIVE BOSTON VICTORY

TAMPA, Fla., March 9.—(AP)—Babe Ruth made his first competitive appearance in a National league uniform today and drove in a run with a single his first time at the plate as the Boston Braves defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 5 to 3, before a crowd of 3,500.

The Babe, playing first base, was at bat four times during the five and one-half innings he played but his single in the first, scoring Bill Urbanski, who had doubled, was his only safe blow. He grounded out twice and sent a high foul to Catcher Erickson the last time at the plate. His hit was off Danny MacFayden, who was Ruth's teammate with the Yankees.

GREEKS GIRD FOR GENERAL OFFENSE AGAINST REBELS

ATHENS, Greece, March 9.—(AP)—The government claimed successes tonight after bombing and shelling rebel positions in Macedonia in the beginning of what was expected to be a decisive battle of the eight-day-old revolt.

Airplanes rained bombs upon enemy concentrations in the department of Seres, Drama and Kavalla, center of the tobacco growing industry, loyal officers reported.

They said seaplanes flew to the rebel island of Crete and bombed Canea, home of former Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, 70-year-old leader of the insurrection.

A hint of foreign intervention was heard for the first time in Athens when the newspaper Hestia intimated the likelihood an unspecified power would act in the interests of Balkan peace.

A general attack is planned tomorrow upon rebels in the Struma river valley of Macedonia. Premier Panayotis Tsaldaris said "it is possible that the enemy would lay down their arms." He claimed that there have already been many desertions in rebel ranks.

GERMAN PULPITS PLAN MASS DRIVE AGAINST NAZISM

BERLIN, March 9.—(AP)—National socialism as a philosophy of life will be denounced as anti-Christian, idolatrous, and subversive from pulpits of Lutheran and reform churches of Germany tomorrow.

The document comprising the blast against Hitler's creed constitutes the most outspoken organized attack since he took power.

The congregational synod of Prussia which met for extensive sessions during the last week today dispatched its amazing manifesto to all its congregations and made it mandatory upon all adhering pastors to read it from their pulpits either tomorrow, or if a copy should not reach them in time, on one of the ensuing Sundays.

On presenting the document each pastor is to explain that no attack upon the state is intended, but that the church is charged with the duty of saving souls, and must make this last attempt to save the state from development which is bound to lead straight to the ruination of the fatherland.

JEAN HARLOW TO DISCARD ROSSON: HE READS IN BED

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—(AP)—Hal Rossion, the man who read in bed, is about to become the third ex-husband of Jean Harlow.

The willowy film actress, whose sultry, smouldering beauty made screen history overnight, will ask a divorce court, Monday, to grant her a degree on grounds of cruelty—one item of which, as noted in her complaint, was that the cameraman persisted in reading after they retired.

Two questions now intrigue the film colony:

1. Where does William Powell, suave, best-dressed actor, lately Miss Harlow's constant companion, fit into this picture? Has their friendship ripened into romance?

2. Why did Miss Harlow file her complaint in Los Angeles? The interlocking decree lasts a year in California: it is only six weeks in nearby Nevada.

The answer given by the actress and Powell to the first is the conventional one: "We're just good friends." But of all Miss Harlow's men friends, Powell has been in most frequent attendance.

BAY CITY AIRMEN PLAN TRIP HERE

COLE HOLMES, chairman of the convention committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday that the invitation recently sent to the San Francisco Bay Airmen at Alameda relative to the proposed summer tours on the Pacific coast had been accepted for Medford.

A letter from R. U. St. John of the San Francisco Bay Airmen, Limited, states he has accepted Medford's suggestion and that a visit of the air-planes would be made to this city during the summer.

Mr. St. John was one of the aviators who took part in the air caravan to Medford during the Diamond Jubilee and his letter states that he is looking forward to another visit to this city. No definite time has been set for the proposed air tour, but immediately this is determined arrangements will be made for its reception.

SALES TAX VOTED BY WASHINGTON; EFFECTIVE MAY 1

OLYMPIA, March 9.—(AP)—By action of the house today a two per cent retail sales tax is scheduled to be collected from the public beginning May 1.

At the same time the lower chamber voted 54 to 38 to include the sales tax in the administration's proposed \$39,000,000 revenue bill, the senate started the legislative wheels turning for flood control, adopting one measure creating flood control districts and another providing for the issuance of \$15,000,000 in bonds if approved by the voters at the general election next year.

FOOD PRICES NOW UP 34 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—The rise in retail food prices since February, 1933, was estimated officially at 34.2 per cent.

This was a countrywide figure calculated by experts of the department of commerce. It was made clear that the increase was smaller in some sections and larger in others. Figures for the different regions were not available.

The increase in food prices has been steady over the past two years, the table revealed, but now apparently is continuing at a somewhat slower rate.

PORTLAND VICTOR IN FIRST SET-TO

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 9.—(AP)—Portland defeated Seattle, 6 to 1, in the opening game of the exhibition program for the Indians here today.

The Beavers ganged on Roy Dumbrey, rookie pitcher, in the fourth and fifth innings and scored five of their runs in those two frames. They gathered 11 hits off four young hurlers, while the tribesmen collected six off "Pudgy" Gould, who went all the way for the Beavers.

Nino Bonaventura, Portland outfielder, led the victors' barrage with three safeties in five times up. Manager "Dutch" Ruetter of Seattle used 17 men, trying out rookies at the infield posts. The teams meet here again tomorrow.

KANSANS ROILED BY WHAT BEST TO KILL JACKRABBIT

DODGE CITY, Kas., March 9.—(AP)—A threat of secession came from western Kansas today—all because of a hungry horde of crop eating jack-rabbits.

The threat wasn't very serious, of course, but it was suggested as a sort of warning to eastern Kansas and its club women and game warden protests against plans of farmers to hold the "biggest hunt ever staged" in western Kansas Sunday.

"It's cruel, brutal and un-sportsmanlike," protesters cried as an army of 10,000 farmers and sympathetic townspeople gathered to base-bait bats, axe handles and anything that might be used for a club in the big hunt.

Hunt leaders plan to cover 40,000 acres in Barton and Stafford counties. They expect to round up between 50,000 and 75,000 rabbits, herd them into pens and club them to death.

Eastern protests have served to arouse the plainsmen. As for clubbing them to death, the westerner thinks there is little to choose between being plugged by a bullet and slugged over the head. The clubbing method is less expensive and much safer for the hunters.

Defending the hunts, the Goodland Daily News hints that a little secession talk might soften the protests.

AUTO TOLL PERILS INSURANCE RATES

The all-time record of more than 1,000,000 traffic injuries and 35,500 fatalities established in the United States in 1934, threatens a further rise in automobile accident and liability insurance rates, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association.

Mr. McDaniel, whose organization is sponsoring the "Let's Quit Killing" safety campaign in Oregon, said latest reports reveal that traffic deaths accounted for more than one-third of the entire 1934 accident death total, and were more than twice as large as the total of occupational fatalities.

Automobile insurance rates already are at almost prohibitive levels in many localities, he declared, but even with these high premiums many companies have lost so heavily from underwriting auto insurance that they have been forced to go out of business, merge with a stronger institution or to cease altogether taking this form of insurance.

"Unless there is a definite reversal in the upward trend of auto fatalities, motorists may soon find that automobile insurance is impossible to obtain, or obtainable only at rates so high as to make a policy economically inadvisable.

Adoption of safety responsibility laws in Oregon and throughout the country is one of the most important steps that should be taken to prevent further increases in auto insurance rates. States with safety responsibility laws have made much better safety records than those not having such a statute, and eventually good safety records are reflected in the insurance rates charged the motorist."

A new non-combustible motor, designed especially for the boats of a coast guard unit engaged in chasing liquor smugglers, has been tried out successfully under the supervision of a government committee. The motor is of the low-pressure naphtha variety, requiring no carburetor.

HUEY LONG GETS SECOND BUM BOMB

WATERBURY, Conn., March 9.—(AP)—Waterbury postal officials awaited the arrival of an inspector from Boston today before deciding what to do about a "fake" bomb addressed to Senator Huey P. Long.

A package containing a ticking alarm clock and wires, but no explosives, caused several hours of tense suspense yesterday, when found by Chas. H. Platt, superintendent of mails.

Acting postmaster James T. Kelley, who, with Platt, opened the parcel, after soaking it in a bucket of water, said it was a "cleverly constructed 'fake' bomb which was harmless even before being soaked."

The package attracted Platt's attention because of its excess postage and the ticking of the clock.

It was described by Kelley as having been prepared with great care and lettered in clear style.

MICHIGAN FIEND SLAUGHTERS BOY

YPSILANTI, Mich., March 9.—(AP)—A fiend killer who wields a two-edged knife was sought by local and state police today for the murder of seven-year-old Richard Streecher, Jr., whose body was found stuffed under a footbridge leading to an island park in the Huron river today.

Prosecutor Al Rapp said authorities were without a clue, and in an effort to pick up a lead, had questioned and released several suspects.

Dr. Mark Howard, pathologist said he found by his examination that the boy's body bore 10 stab wounds inflicted by what appeared to be a double-edged knife.

KLAMATH SCHOOL LEADER RESIGNS

KLAMATH FALLS, March 9.—(AP)—Paul T. Jackson, for ten years the principal of Klamath Union high school, announced before a faculty meeting last night that he would not return here for the next school year.

Jackson, who is president of the state high school athletic association, made no announcement of his future plans.

The school head came to Klamath Falls from Olympia, Wash., to take charge of the old Klamath County high school, when the new Union high was formed he was named principal.

He is a graduate of Linfield college and also holds a master's degree from Stanford university.

The canning spinach crop of California for 1934 was estimated to have a value of \$415,000.

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The Columbia Preps won the Multnomah county high school basketball championship with an 18 to 11 win over St. Stephens here tonight in a rough, close checking game.

The win entitled the Preps to enter the district playoff.

UNION, Ore., March 9.

The Baker and La Grande high basketball teams survived the semi-final rounds here tonight and will meet Monday in the finals of the district one double elimination tournament.

Baker overwhelmed Nyssa high 42 to 17 and La Grande ripped Union apart, 45 to 21.

Baker's previous win over La Grande in this double elimination tournament established the bulldogs as slight favorites to win Monday and represent this section in the state tournament at Willamette university.

WILLAMETTE GETS PWA GRANDSTAND

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—C. C. Hockley has been instructed by PWA to include on the schedule of projects for Oregon a \$50,000 item for improvements to the athletic field of Willamette university at Salem, a special Washington dispatch tonight to Oregon said.

Inclusion of the project in the itemized list does not guarantee the money will be allocated for the university, but puts it in position to be considered when public works funds are being distributed.

KANSAS STATESMEN QUIT LAWGIVING

TOPEKA, Kan., March 9.—(AP)—Its record written—a record mostly on the side of negative action—the Kansas legislature wound up the work of the 1935 regular session tonight but with prospects members would return in the spring for a special session.

Consistently refusing throughout the 9-week session to enact any revolutionary or startling new proposals, with the exception of re-establishment of capital punishment, the legislature wrote final to its work without any great change in the status quo.

With only a few hours remaining before the session ended, a third conference committee still held the fate of the anti-beer bill and every indication was the committee could not even agree to disagree.

Should oil wells become depleted, science might manufacture gasoline from lightning, says Dr. R. A. Gortner, chief of the division of agricultural biochemistry at University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

JAP MILITARISTS STAGE FESTIVAL

TOKYO, March 10.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The powerful Japanese army today celebrated its own particular festival day.

This was army memorial day, anniversary of the Battle of Mukden in 1905, which turned the tide of the Russo-Japanese war in Japan's favor.

Because the anniversary is the 30th, because Japan's army is greater numerically than at any time within the last decade, because its equipment has been modernized, because its martial spirit is at fever heat, because its influence in shaping imperial policy, together with that of the navy, is more dominant than this generation has known hitherto, the celebration was on a larger scale than ever before.

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