

BLACK BLIZZARDS NOT CONFINED TO AMERICAN SHORES

South American Property Rights Confused by Great Dust Storms of 1827 to 1830 — Sahara Is Hub

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (Sp.) — Dust storms that have alternately scoured and smothered the prairie states this spring are labeled the worst in the history of the country. High winds have sucked up billions of tons of soil from the western plains and rolled it eastward, turning green fields to yellow deserts, stalling motor, rail, and air traffic, causing death and disease, and spreading a dry haze as far east as the Atlantic seaboard.

The great storm of May 11, 1934, which reached from Montana to the Atlantic, and hung a 10,000-ton dust blanket over the national capital, was merely a preface to this year's catastrophe.

Tree Belt From Canada to Texas "Severe winds and the only drought in several years are only secondary factors in the farm problem that faces the United States," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "During the World War, when wheat prices shot sky high, thousands of acres of semi-arid grazing land were ploughed under and planted to grain. Destruction of the natural cover for this soil, and over-grazing on the ranges that were left, exposed the land to wind and water.

"It is the same thing that has happened in Syria, Palestine, and North Africa. Experts declare that such regions, where the rainfall is less than 25 inches a year, should be left to livestock and not cultivated.

"Grass reclamation and reforestation are being advanced by government scientists as the best insurance against wind erosion. A \$15,000,000 shelter belt of trees, to stretch from North Dakota to the Texas Panhandle, is part of a plan to protect farms within its area. This forest barrier, 150 miles wide and over 1,500 miles long, following roughly the line of 18 inches rainfall, is designed to restore the water level, improve living conditions within the belt, act as a snow fence, and hold wind-blown dust.

"During the next ten years the Forest Service will plant 3,500,000,000 trees in hundreds of narrow strips, each a hundred feet wide and a mile apart. Only trees suitable to the climate will be chosen, and there will be gaps in the ranks, where the soil is too poor to justify planting.

"Over sixty years ago Russia began such a project to protect the wheat fields of the Ukraine from the 'black dust storms' that sweep across the southern steppes. Italy, Hungary, and France have recently reclaimed waste land and prevented erosion by reforestation.

"Red snow" and "Showers of Blood" "Dust storms are not by any means the exclusive property of the United States. Darwin reports that in South America, during the dry seasons of 1827-1830, so much soil was blown about that boundaries were obscured and property rights confused. In October, 1928, chocolate dust from Australia stained the snow peaks of New Zealand, 1500 miles away. In the spring of that same year, some 15,000,000,000 tons of earth from the Ukraine was scattered over Europe.

"The Sahara is the source of supply for most of the European dust storms. Hot sirocco winds carry the dust over the Mediterranean and northward as far as the Baltic. Homer, Virgil, and Livy mention these 'dry fogs.' When the northeast trades blow over Africa, they sweep this dust out over the Atlantic region, which sailors of ancient times called the sea of darkness.

"Sahara dust usually has a reddish tinge due to particles of iron compounds. A three-day storm in 1901 rouged the snow fields of the Alps, spread a reddish haze from the Canaries to Cape Verde Islands, reached England and northern Germany, and dumped nearly 2,000,000,000 tons of dust north of the Mediterranean. A similar type of dust may have caused the 'red snow' that alarmed the natives of northeastern Turkey recently, although this coloring can also come from microscopic plants.

"Red dust mixed with rain makes

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TWO KILLED, SEVEN WOUNDED AS UNEMPLOYED RIOT



Resentment aroused by the eviction of an unemployed worker from a dwelling was blamed for the fatal riot in Gallup, N. M., in which two men, including the sheriff, were fatally injured and seven others wounded. More than 300 unemployed persons rioted. Left to right: Deputy Sheriff Roy Boggs, clubbed and stabbed; Sheriff M. R. Carmichael, shot to death, and Deputy Sheriff Edison L. Wilson, shot in the chest. (Associated Press Photos)

the 'showers of blood' that have frequently terrified the people of southern Europe. Gregory of Tours tells of such a shower in Paris in 582. 'Showers of milk' are rain mixed with chalky dust. Colorado recently experienced a 'sulphur blizzard' which proved to be yellow pollen from pine trees.

Dust Built China's Farmland "A dust storm is really a sort of atmospheric flood, an intensive phase of something that goes on all the time. A farmer never plants his crops in the same soil two successive years. No air is ever free from dust. It settles on Antarctic snows and Greenland ice. Near the earth this dust is chiefly wind-blown soil, high above, it is 'star dust,' from the millions of meteors that enter the earth's atmosphere each day or volcanic ash, blown skyward by eruptions. Any dustfall is composed of this local air content mixed with foreign material brought by the storm.

"China is famous for her dust storms. In winter they sweep over the North China Plain, covering trees, houses, crops, and people with yellow sediment. It is estimated that in 1932, during one dust storm in Peiping, over 2,700 tons of dust fell within the city walls. The Yellow River and the Yellow Sea are well named. Even the imperial color was yellow!

"Dust storms of another age built the Loess Highlands that lie between the North China Plain and the deserts of Central Asia. This fertile, yellow earth, often reaching a depth of 300 feet, covers thousands of square miles in the northern provinces. Crops may be raised on loess without fertilizing; wind renews the soil as the Nile does in Egypt. The fine, yellow silt has a tendency to split in a vertical direction, furrowing the region with steep cliffs and canyons. The natives often carve cave dwellings in these cliffs, climbing to the roofs of their homes to plough their fields.

Dog Lives 15 Years KENTON, O. — (UP) — "Ponce," beagle hound belonging to Charles Glenn here, is dead at the ripe canine age of 15.

ENJOY PROGRAMS AT BUTTE FALLS

BUTTE FALLS, May 10. — (Sp.) — Two enjoyable programs were given here recently. On May 6 the Christian Endeavor entertained at the high school auditorium with the following taking part: Violin, cornet, duet, Percy O'Neill and LeRoy Smith; skit, Jim Tungate, Opal Wooley, Ruth Smith; solo, Maxine Jackson; cornet solo, LeRoy Smith; skit, Thelma Jackson, Percy O'Neill; piano solo, Elizabeth Lay; reading, Lowell Patton; violin solo, Percy O'Neill; skit, Elsie Helms, Juniors Driskell, Ed Gallagher trio, Mrs. James O'Donahue, Rose Smith, Frances Smith; reading, James O'Donahue; violin, cornet duet, Percy O'Neill, LeRoy Smith.

On May 3, the Butte Falls P-T-A. enjoyed the following program: Selections by high school orchestra; girls chorus; recitation, Viola Dalley; talk by Mrs. Stoddard; stunt, by students of Miss Newburg; vocal duet, Rose and Frances Smith; style show by Miss Newburg's sewing class. Refreshments were served in the domestic science department.

SOVIET FARMERS GET ORDERS GROW COTTON

MOSCOW — (UP) — Soviet farmers will be expected to deliver to the government next fall 1,404,910 tons of cotton, according to a resolution just adopted by the Council of Peoples' Commissars and the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

This quota, known as the "1935 delivery plan" does not include cotton which must be paid by the farmers for using agricultural machinery

TALENT BAND DRAWS ACTIVE INTEREST OF S. OREGON MUSICIANS

TALENT, May 10. — (Sp.) — Talent band-men are displaying an enthusiastic and active interest in the band recently organized and composed of musicians from all over the valley.

The new band which has not been officially named as yet, is non-sectarian and is not sponsored by any one organization, however, it will be available for all organizations and is open to all band men in southern Oregon who wish to join.

There are about 30 members in the organization at present, but plans are to increase the membership to about 60. All band men desiring to join are urged to see Roy Marx of the Shell Oil Co., in Medford, or Ray Shumacher in Talent. They meet Tuesday evening of each week at the armory in Medford for practice.

This organization is a noteworthy result of music week, and from all indications promises to develop into a first class band that southern Oregon can be proud of.

BUZZ SAW HAIR CLIP NEARLY COSTS LIFE

MANTUA CORNERS, O. — (UP) — Having his hair clipped by a buzz saw was a new experience for Jesse Geil, 37, and one he doesn't want to repeat.

Geil and several other men were "buzzing" wood. Geil stumbled over a piece of cordwood and fell toward the dizzily revolving saw blade. Zips! A swath of hair disappeared from his head.

Geil's friends were frozen spell-bound with fear. Geil recovered his balance and gave a sigh of relief. Had he fallen a fraction of an inch nearer the saw it would have been his last haircut.

Saved by Inebriation CAMBRIDGE, MASS. — (UP) — Luckily William Ferguson, Jr., was intoxicated, or otherwise he might have been convicted on a hit-run charge. Because he was drunk and didn't knowingly leave the scene of an accident, the jury acquitted him. He was given a month in jail for drunken driving, however.

Lighting Rips Clothes; Lives GALLIPOLIS, O. — (UP) — Lightning ripped the clothing of John Delille, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delille, but injured him only slightly.

Egg Shaped Like Pumpkin BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — (UP) — A freak egg laid by a Buff Orpington hen here is in the shape of a miniature potato pumpkin and appears to have no yolk.

Held For Slaying



Marion King, 23-year-old writer, was held in New Orleans for the fatal stabbing of John Irving Pierce, 33, also a writer, who was found dead in the French quarter. According to police, Miss King plunged Pierce's knife into him, in giving her version of the story Miss King said Pierce "died like a gentleman."

Latest Bride to Lead Dance BELSTON, England — (UP) — Helston soon will celebrate with the "Furry Dance," the people capering through the streets led by the most recent bride. They also enter houses and are supposed to bring good luck in their wake. The origin of the custom is obscure, but the word "furry" is believed to have come from the Cornish word for "hair."

Oldest Ohio G. A. R. Yet Dead CLEVELAND — (UP) — John L. Armstrong, oldest member of the G. A. R. in Ohio, is dead. He was 94.

COTTON INDUSTRY IN PERIL FROM IMPORTS

NEW ORLEANS — (UP) — The American cotton industry stands in jeopardy of foreign competition, in the opinion of Walter Parker, New Orleans cotton economist, who blames government interference with the industry for the decline in American cotton exports.

Peruvian cotton, which in the past never has been regarded as a competitor of the United States in the world market, now has begun to figure in the news as just that, said Parker.

In 1934, exports of Peruvian cotton, in 500-pound bales, amounted to 269,000 bales, exceeding the previous record exports in 1933 by 48,148 bales.

WHAT'S A LADY TO DO?

Whether you're knitting or not knitting, mosquitoes are pests. You can't kill 'em one at a time — you won't live that long! The trick is to kill all insects in your home, wholesale! It's easy to do!



CIVIL WAR VETERAN KEEPS UP WITH BOYS

SUPPLY, Okla. — (UP) — J. M. Bakesley, who voted for Abraham Lincoln, and who is a veteran of the Civil War, is not letting the "youngsters" outstrip him when it comes to enjoying life.

Bakesley, although 92, is quite active, and gets considerable pleasure in driving his own car and engaging in other activities too strenuous for most men of his age.

He has been a Mason for many years, and believes he is the oldest active Mason in Woodward County, if not in the state.

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BOY THANKS CCC FOR JOB TRAINING

WASHINGTON — (UP) — Leland Winchester is one youth who some day may say, "I owe it all to the Civilian Conservation Corps."

Winchester recently got a job as a result of his CCC experience. He voiced his gratitude in a letter to John R. White, superintendent of Sequoia National Park. White forwarded the letter to Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work.

"I am now working on the San Gabriel Dam, getting seven dollars a day doing the same work as I did while in the CCC," Winchester wrote. "The work is very hard and very dangerous in comparison to that I did while in camp."

"Had I not had the training I received there I would have been unable to have had this opportunity. I am writing each of my foremen who were in our camp to thank them personally for their patience and kindness toward teaching me the work, and to thank the officers of the CCC camp."

Winchester is a native of Hollywood, Cal.

SIAM TURNING FROM ENGLAND TO JAPAN

SINGAPORE — (UP) — Siam, although concerned just now with the problems connected with her change of rulers, has been showing signs that she may be giving up her traditional alliance with Great Britain.

Fewer Siamese students are going to Britain for their education and more are traveling to Japan and the



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