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# LEAKING DAM PERILS JOHNSTOWN



**News Behind The News**  
By Paul Mallon  
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CLEVELAND, O., March 18.—Senator Borah game to build himself up in the public mind as the people's choice. His opportunity of doing it is limited practically to two states, Illinois and Ohio. He will file in others, but these are the two big ones for him. Unless he can make a popular showing in these two central primary states, he is through as a major force. Insiders of both camps believe that.

## 25,000 HOMELESS AS FLOOD WATERS COVER WIDE AREA

Swollen Ohio, Potomac, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers Swirl Over Towns — Schools Are Dismissed

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 18.—(AP)—Major Lynn Adams of state police told his office today he was informed that the Quenahoning dam in Johnstown "is leaking badly and likely to go out at any minute."  
The dam holds nine billion gallons of water.  
Later Adams said the information concerning the dam came from one of his troopers within sight of the dam.  
Major Coleman B. Mark, superintendent of the Mt. Gretna military reservation, reported to Harrisburg later that an operator of an emergency radio station, set up by the National Guard, near the dam, advised him at 3:20 p. m. that water "had burst through" the Quenahoning dam, but that the main structure still was intact.

By R. H. Hippelbauer  
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At least 34 persons were dead, upwards of 25,000 more were homeless and property damage was mounting hourly into millions of dollars, as devastating floods raged through the eastern states today.  
Along the Ohio, Potomac, Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, steadily rising, swirling waters brought fears of even greater destruction, death and misery.  
Fire Add To Havoc  
Pittsburgh, inundated by the high—  
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## CHANGES IN CCC CAMP LOCATIONS TOLD BY EKWALL

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Representative Ekwall (R., Ore.) said today the Civilian Conservation Corps informed him its recommendations under President Roosevelt's curtailment program calls for a net reduction of 100 in the number of CCC camps in Oregon.  
The reduced program is to become effective April 1. The recommendations for Oregon call for the withdrawal of 19 camps and the establishment of nine. The state now has 55 camps.  
Camps to be withdrawn are:  
Lowell, Lane county; Trail and Ruch, Jackson county; Reedport and Drain, Douglas county; Blaine, Tillamook county; Grants Pass and Kirby, Josephine county; Powers and Camas Valley, Coos county; Camp Sherman, Jefferson county; Powers and Camas Valley, Coos county; Camp Sherman, Jefferson county; Sublimity, Marion county; Timber, Washington county; Ontario, Malheur county; Cannon Beach, Clatsop county; Port Orford, Curry county; Otter Rock, Lincoln county; Blinchy, Lane county; and Fort Stevens, Clatsop county.  
Camps to be re-established after April 1, including camps previously closed and existing camps, are:  
Crescent Lake, Klamath county; Weston, Umatilla county; Diamond Lake, Douglas county; Canyon City, Grant county; Drain Douglas county; Burns, Harney county; two camps, Crater Lake, Klamath county; and Bridal Veil, Multnomah county.

Ekwall said he understood final decision on the camps to be eliminated would not be reached until the CCC recommendations are filed with the president and the forest service has passed upon the program.

## EAGLES TO PUSH PENSION PLAN

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—A new old-age pension proposal appeared in Oregon today, backed by the Oregon series of the Fraternal Order of Eagles which will circulate initiative petitions for the measure.  
D. D. Hall, lodge executive, said the pensions would be given without beneficiaries having to sign over their property as security, as under the present state-federal pension plan.  
All persons 65 years of age or over who own less than \$5000 of property would receive from \$15 to \$35 a month.

## Pennsylvania Center of Wide Flood



This general air view of the greatest flood in years at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., that covered the city under several feet of water and caused scores of families to flee their homes shows 247 houses isolated by high water. (Associated Press Photo)

## ITALY REFUSES JOIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NAZIS

LONDON, March 18.—(AP)—Joseph von Ribbentrop, head of the German delegation to the Locarno discussions here, told the Associated Press tonight he would tell the league council tomorrow that "Germany is in the Rhineland to stay, regardless of any moves by the league or Locarno powers."

## PHONE OPERATOR GIVES STORY OF FLOOD PERIL

A telephone operator in flood stricken Johnstown talked last night with Joseph Wasney, United Press manager at Philadelphia, over the last remaining long distance line out of the flooded city. Her story follows.  
By Operator T. Johnston, Pa. (Copyright, 1936, by United Press)  
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 18.—(UP)—It's terrible. The water must be 20 feet deep. The Snook building is full of water past the first floor, and almost up to us on the second floor.  
I don't think we will be safe much longer.  
There are only a handful of local lines still up. The police and hospital lines are out so I don't know how many people were rescued, or whether any are dead.  
It's still raining hard and the water is still rising. It's splashing against our floor now. Every minute another line goes out. We are working in the dark. We have no heat and it's getting cold. We haven't eaten since noon, and, boy, am I hungry!  
We've been up here since 7 a. m. and can't get out. The current is so swift a rowboat can't operate and there are no motor boats on the streets yet, streets that are now rushing rivers.  
There are 10 girls up here. We are just taking care of the few calls that come to the board and telling them what we know.  
Thanks for wishing me good luck, pal. I need it.

## PAIR GO NUDIST AFTER AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

SALEM, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Believing the "world had come to an end," she and her husband "stripped off all our clothes and started walking down the highway. We came into the world nude, and we thought we were going out," she told the psychiatrist.  
The couple walked down the gravelled highway for some distance and shortly, she told Dr. Evans, quite a few spectators watched them. Finally an elderly man proffered her a coat as "it was getting rather chilly at sundown." The couple later was picked up by state police.  
Dr. Evans stated the woman was not the suicidal type and he believed the automobile wreck, when the car went off the road, was not an attempt to end their lives.  
Dr. Evans said the woman spoke about forming some original "cult," but that he could not interpret what type. The woman denied belonging to a cult.  
Mrs. Burgess, according to her story, had served as a secretary to a veterans' bureau near San Francisco.

## BASKETBALL VALLEE'S NOSE PUNCHED BY SCANDALS PRODUCER

NEW YORK, March 18.—(AP)—White had called the meeting, according to the paper, to ask the best to agree to a six week shut-down so that he could get rid of some costly contracts in defiance of an equity ruling.  
Vallee's contract was not involved, the paper said, but when White broached his proposition, the crooner stepped forward and gave his "nasty" description of the producer.  
The News said White started swinging and that it was generally agreed the producer was an easy winner.  
As White's fifth blow landed, the paper said, an electrician dashed forward and pinned the producer's flailing arms while other members of the company subdued the orchestra leader.  
White, according to the News, said that Vallee called him a "nasty name."  
As White's fifth blow landed, the paper said, an electrician dashed forward and pinned the producer's flailing arms while other members of the company subdued the orchestra leader.  
"You can find me any time you want," the News quoted White as saying as he left the stage.

## ROOSEVELT ASKS BILLION AND HALF FOR WORK RELIEF

Present Trend of Employment Upward, But Progress Inadequate Says Special Congress Message

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today asked congress to appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for work relief during the next government year beginning July 1.  
In a special message to congress, the chief executive reviewed the unemployment problem, proposed that the new funds go entirely to the works progress administration, and added:  
"The trend of re-employment is upward, but this trend, at its present rate of progress, is inadequate. I propose, therefore, that we ask private business to extend its operations so as to absorb an increasing number of the unemployed. . . . Private Enterprise Key."  
"If the employment gains are substantial enough, no additional appropriation by the next congress for the fiscal year 1937 will be necessary. The ultimate cost of the federal works program will thus be determined by private enterprise."  
In making the request for \$1,500,000,000, Mr. Roosevelt noted that more than \$1,000,000,000 would be spent out of the treasury in the next fiscal year from prior appropriations, while the budget contained \$600,000,000 for various public works and the Civilian Conservation Corps.  
The gross projected relief outlay, consequently approximated \$3,100,000,000. This compared with the president's estimate that relief outlays in the current financial year will amount to \$3,500,000,000.  
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## MARTIN THROUGH COMMENTING ON MERCY KILLINGS

SALEM, March 18.—(AP)—Governor Martin today said he had "absolutely no comment to make" regarding the criticism directed at him by the Rev. Michael A. Mulcaire, head of the University of Portland's department of social sciences.  
Mr. Mulcaire had criticized the governor for his statement recently that "mercy-killing of hopelessly feeble-minded inmates of state institutions, was a fine thing in theory."  
The governor declared he had no further comment whatever to make regarding either criticisms directed at him by opponents of Dr. S. B. Laughlin's proposal for chloroforming all idiots and socially inadequate or relative to the feeble-minded controversy itself.  
The controversy started by Williamette's educator when he addressed a class on sociology that all feeble-minded persons should be placed in a lethal chamber, has brought various reactions in official Oregon during the past few days.

## Teachers To Hold Ashland Conclave

ASHLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Thirteen hundred elementary school teachers and superintendents have been invited to the first annual Oregon educational conference at Southern Oregon Normal school April 25, school officials said. Topic will be "looking forward in elementary education."

## BAER HABEAS CORPUS PETITION DISMISSED

NEW YORK, March 18.—(AP)—Federal Judge Robert F. Patterson dismissed a petition today for a writ of habeas corpus sought in behalf of Walter Baer, engineer, facing deportation to Germany for crimes alleged to have been committed more than 16 years ago.  
CRUCIFIED BRICKLAYER IS FOUND BY PASSERBY  
OCALA, Fla., March 18.—(AP)—His lips sewed tightly with two stitches of twine and a heavy hunting coat thrown over his head to muffle his groans, George J. Timmerman, 39, unemployed bricklayer, was found today in a wooden crate in a heavily wooded place inside the city limits today.  
TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Only a few homes were listed today for the foreclosure in Tillamook county, which was hard hit by the big forest fire of 1933. Not a farm was listed.

## Apple Queen



An 18-year-old high school senior, Miss Jean Driver (above) was named queen of the seventeenth annual Apple Blossom Festival at Wenatchee, Wash. (Associated Press Photo)

## TOWNSEND CLUB 2 GOES TO PIECES UNDER AGITATION

Spurred by the conviction that "political, pseudo political and agitational" bodies were working within their midst, the Townsend Club No. 2 of this city voted to disband at their regular meeting in the Guild hall last night.  
According to Martha Miller, member of the advisory board of the disbanded club, political agitators had attempted to get a strange hold on the Townsend No. 2 club. She said today: "The Townsend Club No. 2 was organized for purely Townsend purposes, and every decent member of that club resents the intrusion of radical and agitational groups into our midst. We refuse to let political racketeers ride into office on the Townsend bandwagon."  
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## HOBOS THREATEN CALIFORNIA HIKE

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—(AP)—The Los Angeles police department's "border blockade," its constitutionality questioned by the state attorney general, faced today the threat of a "hobo march" on California.  
Ben Benson, national publicity director of the Hoboes of America, said 20,000 men would march en masse from the national hobo convention in Louisville in May.  
Jeff Davis, president of the International Union of Workers' Union, gave him authority to disclose the plan, Benson declared.  
The patrol of the state's boundary by 136 Los Angeles policemen and their activities in discouraging the entrance of indigents were held to be without the jurisdiction of the federal courts by U. S. District Judge Albert Lee Stephens.

## FIND IOWA'S SKIPPER JUSTIFIED IN SAILING

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—A federal board of inquiry reported today that the master of the freighter Iowa, which sank off Peacock spit with a loss of lives January 12, was justified in putting the craft out to sea.  
Harry Hansen Tough  
LAKE CHARLES, La., March 18.—(AP)—An automobile driven by Harry E. Hansen, one-armed salesman, ran into the side of a freight train and derailed ten cars, but Hansen was only cut and bruised.

## Diamond In Rough Discovered By Boy In Ogdan Backyard

OGDEN, Utah, March 18.—(AP)—An Ogdan neighborhood was agog today over discovery in a backyard of a carbon formation which a local jeweler positively pronounced to be a "rare diamond."  
Kenneth, 12-year-old son of F. D. Thompson, police radio technician, made the startling "find" while at play. He rushed to his father with the stone, his father rushed to the jeweler, and now neighbors are rushing to the vicinity of Thompson's backyard.  
Thompson turned the "diamond" over to Lincoln White, Jr., a jeweler here, who said it would be sent to the University of Utah at Salt Lake City for chemical analysis.

## STREET REPAVING PLAN TO BE PUT BEFORE COUNCIL

Special Group Chosen to Submit Feasible Program — 3 Properties Sold — New Ordinances Adopted

A special committee was requested by the city council last night to prepare a report and recommendations on a possible course of action to be followed in re-surfacing a number of Medford streets.  
The committee's findings are to be submitted to the council at its next meeting on April 7. The investigating group comprises the streets and roads committee, the finance committee and Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent.  
In accordance with a request of the previous council meeting, Mr. Scheffel submitted a report last night listing the streets that are in need of repair.  
Estimated Cost \$84,800  
The streets requiring re-surfacing total about four miles, the report stated. It was estimated the cost of replacing the base would be about \$15,700 and of new topping about \$69,100, or a total expenditure of approximately \$84,800.  
"These pavements were constructed in 1910 and 1911 and carried a 14-year guarantee," the report stated. "They have been in use 25 years with very little maintenance work."  
A letter to Mayor George W. Foster and the council from Frank P. Farrell, city attorney, pointed out the  
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## TWO NEW BRIDGES NEAR COMPLETION AS WPA PROJECTS

Three Jackson county WPA projects are nearing completion. County Engineer Paul B. Rynning reported today. They are the McAndrews ford bridge over Bear creek, near the northern city limits; the Valley View bridge, over Bear creek in the Astoria district, and county poor farm improvements.  
The McAndrews ford bridge is expected to be completed within the next few days. The approaches are now being made, requiring 3000 cubic feet of earth. The earth is being hauled from Jackson street, where the city is lowering the street grade. The earth approaches will provide a uniform grade from the Pacific highway to the county road, formerly P. & E. right of way.  
The bridge is 460 feet long, with 20 bents. Each bent is supported by four Port Orford cedar pilings. The cedar pilings have a life of at least  
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## EXTRADITION OF BROKERS WAITS

Extradition of Albert Mitchell and Clarence Molinari, San Francisco commission merchants, under indictment in Jackson county for larceny by embezzlement, has been deferred until the end of the week, owing to the absence of Gov. P. E. Merriam from Sacramento, Cal. Mitchell and Molinari are accused of defrauding Rogue River valley turkey growers in the sale of turkeys for the holiday trade.  
Deputy District Attorney George W. Nelson and Sheriff Syd J. Brown have returned from California, where they made formal application for the return of the pair. Governor Merriam is expected to return to the capital Thursday.  
Mitchell and Molinari contest extradition for trial here, and have also filed habeas corpus proceedings.

## MISS PIELE ACCEPTS GOVERNMENT POSITION

Miss Trish Piele left last night for Washington, D. C., upon receiving word of her appointment to the position of junior stenographer with the veteran's administration. The appointment was made through civil service.  
Miss Piele is a graduate of Medford high school and the Medford Business college, and has been employed in the county clerk's office for the past two years. Her home is near Trail.  
She is to report for work in her new position Monday morning.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Ed Reames home from law school in Oregon, and conversing in high flown legal phraseology with F. Kramer Deuel, another Oregon law man.  
The same Ed Reames remarking that while he was at Stanford he kept thinking about what a fine time he had at Oregon, and now that he's back at that school he keeps thinking about what a fine time he had at Stanford.  
Bill Morgan getting his hands slapped for helping himself too freely to the wienies at the DeVore-Guenther detonect bovine emporium.  
Moses Alford eliciting guffaws from Joe Pfleger and chuckles from the rest of the crowd by his sallies of wit at last night's meeting.  
Idiosyncrasy: Harold Larson invariably prefers to sit on a waste basket instead of a chair.  
Clamatory Fuson tending help in getting an ungarbed, with only six inches to spare on each end.