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RUSSIANS BLAST GREAT DNIEPER DAM

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 28.—Ardent telephoning by Messrs. Hillman, Davis and Knox crowded Mr. Roosevelt into changing his mind 24 hours after he had announced against government seizure of the Kearny ship-building plant for the present. They jangled all lines to Hyde Park, urging the drastic action again, after negotiations again broke down.

Two of the pressuring trio (Labor Coordinator Sidney Hillman and Labor Mediation Chairman Davis) had put both themselves and the president out on a limb from which they could not otherwise escape. Mr. Hillman favored and a three man panel of the labor board approved (but not unanimously as usual) the modified closed shop, which the union wanted and the company refused to allow. This was the only point at issue. All 12 other points had been agreed upon.

A resignation from the labor mediation board might have developed if the president persisted in his logical expectation that the point be settled by negotiation. This would have opened wide to public gaze the difference of opinion inside the board panel.

Seizure of the plant may have provided a temporary escape for the difficulty into which the mediation board and Mr. Hillman had plunged themselves by having put the government (dividedly) behind the closed shop issue, but a lot of aching official heads have been left here. Whether they will continue to apply this new modified closed shop policy in other cases is doubtful. Apparently all involved are going to try aspirin on themselves the next few days and let both themselves and the matter settle.

MR. HULL and the Japanese ambassador have said they hoped their conflicting policies could be settled but did not know how. That is a diplomatic

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SEARCH LAUNCHED FOR WOMAN LOST HUCKLEBERRY MT.

An organized search was being made this afternoon for Mrs. Jane Knott, 55, Klamath Falls, missing since 5 p. m. yesterday from her camp at Huckleberry mountain, Rogue River national forest headquarters, reported.

Mrs. Knott, camping on the mountain since Tuesday, was picking huckleberries. She was last seen by other berry pickers about 5 p. m. yesterday.

The searching party this afternoon comprised 27 CCC enrollees, three foremen, two forest fire guards and five berry pickers. Mrs. Knott's husband, reached by the forest service through the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce, left his work for the mountain this afternoon.

Mrs. Knott was camping with the children of a neighbor, Elaine Cooper, 13, and her brother LeRoy Cooper, 14. The children reported to the fire guard when Mrs. Knott did not return to camp last night. The guard searched until 10:30 and then asked the Union Creek ranger station for help and another guard joined him in the search until 1:30 a. m. They resumed the hunt at daybreak.

Murder Sentence Friday
Condon, Ore., Aug. 28.—(P)—James Harvey Thomas, 19-year-old sailor, was convicted last night by a circuit court jury of the slaying of Douglas F. Smith, Aberdeen, near Arlington, Ore., June 11. Sentence will be passed Friday.

MOSCOW REPORTS EVACUATION OF DNIEPERPETROVSK

Germans Within 32 Miles Of Leningrad—People's Army Defends Old Capital

Moscow, Aug. 28.—(P)—The Russians said tonight that two successive German defense lines had been broken in a counter-attack on the central front which has continued for six days.

Moscow, Aug. 28.—(P)—The evacuation of the industrial city of Dnieperpetrovsk in the Ukraine was acknowledged tonight in the Soviet communique.

Moscow, Aug. 28.—(P)—Russian forces have blown up the great Dnieper river dam, industrial pride of the Soviet Union, it was announced officially tonight.

"We blew up the dam," said official spokesman S. A. Lozovsky, "so as not to allow this first child of the Soviet five-year plan fall into the hands of the Hitler bandits."

The Dnieper dam, located just south of Dnieperpetrovsk on the lower part of the river where German forces now are entrenched, was the first great construction project of the Soviet Union.

The dam supplied hydroelectric power for a large sector of the industrial Ukraine. "All measures have been taken not to permit the Germans to make use of the dam and its machinery," said Lozovsky.

By the Associated Press
German troops storming toward Leningrad were reported within 32 miles of the old czarist capital late today.

Already proclaimed "in terrible danger," Leningrad was being defended by hastily mobilized volunteers in a people's army fighting alongside the regular Red army troops, and inside the great industrial city a third line of defenders manned street barricades.

On the southern front, the Germans said masses of Russian infantry attempted to cross back to the west bank of the Dnieper river and had been chopped down by German artillery.

Only on the central front, guarding Moscow, did the Russians present an optimistic picture. Soviet dispatches said counter-attacking Red army troops had smashed two successive German defense lines in the Gomel area about midway between Smolensk and Kiev.

Simultaneously, Soviet Marshal Semeon Budenny issued a dramatic appeal to besieged Russian forces at Odessa to defend that Black sea port "to the last drop of blood."

By the Associated Press
Berlin, Aug. 28.—Russian infantry attempted to cross back to the west bank of the lower Dnieper today, but was repulsed by German artillery fire which wrecked pontoons and punctured rubber boats, DNB reported.

"There were extremely bloody losses among infantry companies drawn up in preparation for the crossing," the news agency said.

DNB also said Russians on the lower Dnieper tried to shell German positions on the west bank from river boats but that artillery fire drove them off and set one of their tugboats and a monitor on fire.

Wilhelmstrasse sources said German troops had taken most of northern Estonia and "a decision is near" on the Gulf of Finland. The naval base of Paldiski (Baltic port) will fall in a short time, it is assumed, leaving only the islands of Oesel and Dagoe and the port of Hango in Russian possession," they said.

Seattle, Aug. 28.—(P)—Tuna prices reached the highest ever here today with a catch of 1,500 pounds by the schooner Faith 2nd, selling on the Seattle fish exchange at the rate of \$322.50 a ton. A buyer bid 16 1-8 cents a pound.

Father Joins 7 Navy Sons



Floyd Patton, 53, (right) of Portland, Ore., father of seven sons serving with the United States navy, has joined them in the service. Here he gets a physical okay from Lieut. Roger Holcomb. The age limitation was waived.

MADAME PERKINS BLAMES STRIKES ON AFL-CIO SPLIT

New York, Aug. 28.—(P)—Looking back over eight years as secretary of labor, Frances Perkins blames the split between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization for the failure of collective bargaining to settle more disputes without strikes.

Writing in the September issue of Fortune magazine, the nation's first woman cabinet officer describes the AFL-CIO schism as "largely an internal fight for control," and declares that "a reunion could be made tomorrow without ugly scars of hatred and rancor between the wage earners in each group."

"I have been called incompetent (and worse) because I have not prevented strikes," Miss Perkins writes, "and I am aware that there is a theory that if I were a two-fisted male I should be able to stop strikes."

"The accusation that I am a woman is incontrovertible. As for being two-fisted, I'm sure that it is unrealistic and lacking in human knowledge to believe that getting tough or cracking down on working people would make things better. There have been two-fisted males in this office and strikes were never prevented, because no secretary of labor has ever had the authority or the power directly to stop strikes, and it is doubtful if any clear thinking citizen would be willing to give to any agency of government the absolute right and power to interfere with other citizens."

"The only power I have," she declares, "is to act as labor's spokesman in the government."

"The AFL-CIO split was largely an internal fight for control, in which the idea of vertical unions was only a minor issue. At all times I have tried to bring the two factions together, always appointing representatives of both groups to committees and advisory boards."

"I have urged John Lewis (former head of the CIO) over and over again to make peace with the AFL—and he said over and over again that he expected to make peace 'when the right time comes.'"

"The president wrote Mr. Lewis a letter asking him to make peace. That irked Mr. Lewis. It was after that that he called me 'wooly' in the head." I received letters and telegrams from labor organizations (both AFL and CIO) asking me to keep trying to make peace."

The excise taxes are those imposed generally upon manufactured articles.

GOLD HILL PAIR HURT WHEN CARS COLLIDE HEAD-ON

A head-on automobile crash on the Pacific highway a mile north of Gold Hill at 12:10 p. m. today sent the drivers of the colliding cars, James Martin, 18, and Benjamin William Perkins, about 35, both of Gold Hill, to Community hospital here with painful but apparently not serious injuries.

Their attending physician said that Martin suffered lacerations of the head and left arm and a fractured left arm, and that Perkins sustained lacerations of the head and arms, a broken left elbow and a dislocated left shoulder.

The car driven by the Martin youth, according to word from Gold Hill, was traveling south, while that operated by Perkins was moving in the opposite direction. The head-on collision occurred on a short straightaway between a double curve, and the force of the impact swung both machines around so that they faced in the opposite direction from which they were originally traveling. The body of the Perkins machine was ripped almost completely off the chassis, and the car driven by Martin also was badly damaged.

Both drivers were alone in their cars. Martin, a Gold Hill high school student, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin.

NEW EXCISE TAXES SCHEDULE LOOMS

Washington, Aug. 28.—(P)—A senate finance subcommittee agreed today to a new schedule of excise taxes which members said would add approximately \$400,000,000 to the \$3,503,900,000 tax bill.

The subcommittee, composed of Senators Brown (D-Mich.) and Danaher (R-Conn.) reported its finding to the full committee after a four-hour session devoted to developing new sources of revenue.

Both Brown and Danaher declined to reveal details of the new schedule. Brown said, however, that "we increased some existing taxes and provided for a few more."

The excise taxes are those imposed generally upon manufactured articles.

FIRST NATIONAL LAUNCHES \$40,000 IMPROVEMENT JOB

Addition On Rear, Vault Change, All Season Conditioning Completed By December 1.

Plans were completed and work started this week on a \$40,000 program to increase the space and completely renovate the building of the First National Bank of Portland, announced Eugene R. Thorndike, manager of the local branch, today. "Increased business in the Medford area has made necessary these changes to facilitate our services to the many customers of this bank," Thorndike stated.

Major change will be the addition of a new structure to the rear of and adjoining the present bank building to bring the building to the full width of the front half of the present structure. The present vault on the main floor will be moved into the new part of the building at the rear, thereby releasing space for seven new teller windows and additional lobby space for the convenience of the public.

A complete air-conditioning system for summer and winter conditioning of the air has been designed to add to the comfort and convenience of both the customers and staff of the bank. A new vault will also be installed in the basement of the structure.

Other modern innovations will be an entirely new ceiling in the banking quarters with acoustical treatment and a complete new lighting system. Interior and exterior of the building will be completely repainted and decorated.

Mr. Thorndike announced that the work should be completed about December 1, and said that during the period of construction the bank would do everything possible to eliminate inconvenience to the customers.

PASS HOP GROWERS IN NEED PICKERS, BOOST PAY, BONUS

Grants Pass, Aug. 28.—(P)—Shortage of pickers for the Rogue River valley hop harvest, now three weeks old and employing 2,300 persons and three machines, was reflected Thursday by an increase in wages.

Some yards announced that they would pay two cents a pound with half-cent bonus for those remaining the entire season. This is equivalent to approximately 10 cents.

Previous picking price announced by all growers was 1 1/2 cents per pound with a half-cent bonus.

Worried growers escaped Wednesday night when a sudden thunder shower peppered Grants Pass with half an inch of rain in half an hour. The yards, all but one concentrated a short distance west of the city, escaped the downpour which would probably have sent many over-weighted hops and vines crashing to the ground.

Robert Helms reported he had 35 acres of tomatoes to be picked and could find no pickers.

GEN. LEAR TELLS TROOPS: BE FIT

Hope, Ark., Aug. 28.—(P)—Lieut. General Ben Lear told his second army today that no trainees should feel the current military program was without purpose and set forth a specific objective:

"An army fit to fight, an army fit to meet veterans in the field and take the field away from them, and suffer the least loss."

BULLET CLOSE TO HEART OF LAVAL, OPERATION SHOWS

General Condition 'Satisfactory'—Trial Today For Attacker—Round-Up Reds.

Versailles, Occupied France, Aug. 28.—(P)—One of the bullets which struck Pierre Laval lodged only one-tenth of an inch below his heart, it was disclosed tonight. A physician's bulletin said:

"M. Laval stood the operation well. His condition is generally satisfactory. Temperature 37.3 (99.0 Fahrenheit), pulse 100. Visits absolutely forbidden."

It was disclosed that Laval never lost consciousness. Marcel Deat underwent an intestinal operation and also was declared to have "stood the operation well." Visitors also were forbidden to see him.

Versailles, German-Occupied France, Aug. 28.—(P)—Authorities of German-occupied France made a sweeping round-up of enemies to the regime today in the wake of the Laval-Deat assassination attempt and by mid-afternoon had placed more than 300 persons in "protective custody," some of them from the very ranks of the newly mobilized anti-bolshevik legion.

In Paris, the first three so-called communists to be convicted by special courts were executed. They were condemned to death yesterday for alleged misdeeds not connected with the Laval shooting.

Authorities apparently feared that the anti-bolshevik legion, formed to fight Russia alongside Germany, contains many more members who, like Pierre Laval's youthful assassin, Paul Collette, had joined purposely to be able to get at the French leaders favoring strong collaboration with Germany.

Today's arrests were made in Paris and Versailles while both Laval and Marcel Deat lay seriously ill in hospitals with grave bullet wounds in their bodies.

Collette, a ship stoker and acknowledged De Gaulist, was rushed toward trial before one of the special anti-communist courts just set up by the French. Informal circles said the opening of the trial was "a matter of hours."

These said also that it was evident that Collette had been pushed into the attack "by communist-De Gaulist (free French) elements."

DAIRYMEN CLAIM MILK RISE VITAL

Portland, Aug. 28.—(P)—The state milk control board, opening its third hearing on Portland area prices, heard reiterated testimony today that an increase was needed because of labor and feed costs.

G. F. Warden, dairy operator, said 4 per cent milk prices should be increased from 12 to 14 cents per quart and from 13 to 15 cents on 5 per cent milk.

Eugene Wetzler, feed merchant, testified that feed prices had increased from \$5 to \$6 per ton since January. Byron De Young, Gresham producer-distributor, said his labor costs were up \$175 monthly, grain \$68 monthly and cow replacement \$50 monthly.

At Eugene yesterday the board heard testimony that Eugene faced a milk shortage unless prices were increased one cent per quart to 12 cents for a per cent and 13 cents for 5 per cent.

Portland Flyer Hurt
Eugene, Aug. 28.—(P)—Percy Freeman, Jr., Portland, suffered a broken jaw, multiple lacerations of the face and head and possibly a fractured hip when his small Culve Cadet monoplane crashed on a take-off from a field west of the Dick Reed farm on the Coburg road today.

Sacramento, Aug. 28.—(P)—Butterfield—First grade, 41c; second grade, 39c.

War Bulletins

Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 28.—(P)—The strategic Saimaa canal which approaches almost to the outskirts of Viipuri, most important city obtained by Russia in the 1939-40 winter war, has been restored to Finnish hands, a Finnish army correspondent reported tonight.

London, Aug. 28.—(P)—The British government tonight took over full control of British railways.

Direction of Britain's four main line railways and London's vast transportation system of subways, buses and trolley cars are placed under the management of the London transport board.

The four big railways are the Great Western, London Midland and Scottish, London and Northeastern, and Southern.

IRAN WAR CEASES, NEW PARLIAMENT ASKS ARMISTICE

Resistance Ends After Three Days—Peaceful Anglo-Russ Occupation Follows.

Teheran, Iran, Aug. 28.—(P)—The reorganized Iran government today ordered the army to cease all resistance to British and Russian armies.

By the Associated Press
London, Aug. 28.—A reorganized Iran government headed by Premier Ali Furughi announced to parliament today, the Teheran radio said, that orders had been issued to Iran troops to cease resistance to British and Russian forces which are rapidly advancing toward vital centers of the country.

News of the quick abandonment of armed opposition, on the third day of the British-Russian intervention in the middle east kingdom, was contained in dispatches of DNB, official Germany news agency, heard on the radio.

(A British broadcast, heard by NBC, said "all fighting in Iran has ceased"; that the British-Russian invasion had turned into a peaceful occupation.)

"We shall do our utmost to maintain good relations with the foreign powers, and especially our neighbors, and to continue improvements which are the aims of his majesty and the whole nation," Reuters quoted the premier as saying.

"In order that these intentions should be made clear to the world at large, at this moment when the governments of Soviet Russia and Great Britain have ordered certain actions be taken, in pursuance of the peace-loving policy of his majesty, is issuing orders to all armed forces of the country to refrain from any resistance so that the causes for bloodshed and disturbance of security shall be removed and public peace and security assured."

QUICKSILVER IN MALHEUR OKAYED

Washington, Aug. 28.—(P)—The Geological Survey reported favorably today on the opalite quicksilver district in Malheur county, Nev., and held out hope that new ore bodies would be discovered.

"Further exploration might reveal even greater quantities of potential ore; the property can almost certainly produce at least 3,000 flasks of quicksilver, and at present prices it might produce several times that much," said R. G. Yates, geologist, in a report released today.

From 1927, when production in the district began, until the end of 1940, the district produced 22,174 78-pound flasks of quicksilver, he said.

PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN SENDS PRESIDENT NOTE

Amb. Nomura Delivers To White House—Details Not Revealed.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(P)—A personal message from the Japanese prime minister to President Roosevelt was delivered to the chief executive today by Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, the Japanese ambassador.

Nomura came to the White House after days of rapidly developing tension growing out of the conflict of Japanese and American policies in the Pacific. He conferred at the White House with the president and Secretary of State Hull.

Nomura refused to elaborate in reply to a barrage of questions from reporters as to what the message from Prime Minister Konoye contained.

Secretary Hull said at his press conference that there might be another or several more meetings between the president and the ambassador in an effort to reach a peaceful solution of questions between the two nations in what he described as a more intimate and personal manner.

In reply to questions, Hull said the state department would not disclose the text of the prime minister's message, and he declined any comment on any specific points in it.

Tokyo, Aug. 28.—(P)—The possibility that Japan will stake her whole far eastern prestige on the issue of United States tankers carrying gasoline and oil to Russia's Vladivostok was reflected today in the important newspaper Nichi Nichi.

"It is not a mere problem of oil ships—it is a tremendous problem which means the success or failure of our international diplomacy," the paper asserted.

Japan has made representations to both the United States and Russia against these shipments, contending their passage close to Japanese territory is causing disquiet and anxiety in Japan.

(Both countries have turned down the protests, Russia warning Japan that any interference will be construed as an unfriendly act.)

AMERICAS TO USE INTERNED SHIPS

Washington, Aug. 28.—(P)—The 21 American republics agreed today to place in operation all foreign vessels driven into western hemisphere ports by the European war.

The action was announced by the inter-American financial and economic advisory committee which has been working on the problem for the past seven months in an effort to alleviate a shipping shortage resulting in American waters because of diversion of vessels to take supplies to Britain and the Near East.

BASEBALL

American
R. H. E.
Washington 0 4 0
Chicago 4 10 0
Sundra, Zuber (6), Masterson (8) and Evans; Lee and Tresh.

National
Score: R. H. E.
Chicago 1 2 1
Boston 2 4 1
Eaves, Raffensberger and McCullough; Earley and Bell.

St. Louis 5 11 0
New York 0 3 3
Pollet and W. Cooper; Melton, Carpenter (7), Adams (9) and Hartnett.

Pittsburgh 3 10 1
Philadelphia 2 9 0
Diaz, Klingler (9) and Lopez, Davis (9); Pearson, Hughes (9), Hoerst (9) and Livingston.