

THREE DROWN IN NEARBY LAKES

Weather
FORECAST: Continued fair and warm tonight and Tuesday. Afternoon thunder showers over high mountains.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 100
Lowest this Morning 49

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KLAMATH FATHER DIES IN ATTEMPT TO AID DAUGHTER

Lake O' Woods Scene of Tragedy—Vancouver Boy Drowns in Diamond Lake.

Three persons were drowned yesterday in week-end camping trips to nearby lakes in this area. C. W. Thompson and his small daughter, Joan, of Klamath Falls both drowned in Lake O' Woods, and Earl Stewart, Jr., 16, of Vancouver, Wash., lost his life in Diamond Lake.

The Thompson family had gone to the lake on an outing trip, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were in a boat with the two little girls swimming along behind. Joan became tired and when her father went to her aid, both were drowned before other help could arrive.

At Rust Camp Young Stewart, employed at the U. S. Forest Service blister rust control camp at Union Creek since June 9, was given up as dead at 3 p. m. Sunday after four hours of artificial respiration failed to produce signs of life following about five minutes submersion in the water.

He was one of a group of boys who left Union Creek Saturday on an over-night recreational camping trip to Diamond Lake, under supervision of a foreman.

About 11 a. m. the boys were swimming near the lake resort. Stewart, who was not a good swimmer, made his way to a raft about 100 feet from shore where the others boys helped him onto the raft, in water about eight feet deep.

Go to Aid Returning to the dock, the others turned to see Stewart swimming toward them and "going up and down," apparently exhausted. They swam to his aid and got him out of the water in about five minutes.

Two of the boys who are pre-medical students at the University of Oregon, started applying artificial respiration, and Dr. Fred Thompson of Salem, a physician vacationing at the lake, arrived on the scene within 30 minutes.

Artificial respiration efforts were continued until 3 p. m. but the boy failed to respond. The Perl ambulance, which had been summoned from Medford, removed the body.

E. C. Stewart of Vancouver, father of the boy, has been notified. The body will be sent to Vancouver for burial.

BRAZIL CRUISER IS SUNK BY MINE

Rio De Janeiro, July 9.—(U.P.)—The Brazilian cruiser Baia sank yesterday about 100 miles off the Pernambuco coast after an explosion attributed tentatively to a mine. It was announced officially today.

Casualties were feared high. The Baia normally carried a complement of about 400 men. Thirty-three survivors were reported to have reached Recife.

American and Brazilian ships were searching for survivors. The 3,150-ton cruiser went down in the area of the St. Peter and St. Paul rocks.

WEATHER Northern California: Partly cloudy today and tonight, becoming clear Tuesday; slightly warmer in the interior valleys Tuesday; scattered thundershowers in the mountains; night and morning fog on the coast; gentle westerly wind off coast.

According to the latest report, the Vatican is providing 200,000 meals daily in the area between Calabria and Florence.



William (Red) Hill, son of late William Hill, who twice rode rapids of Niagara river below falls, is shown in barrel his father used and which also served in the son's performance yesterday. The signs indicate numerous rescues Hill and father made at falls which both have studied.

Son Matches Father's Stunt In Riding Niagara in Barrel

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 9.—(U.P.)—William Hill, Jr., 32-year-old riverman who matched his father's stunt of shooting the wild rapids and whirlpool of the Niagara river in a barrel, said today the battered barrel would never make the trip again and "I don't think I will either."

"It was the worst pounding I ever took," Hill said as he was helped through the hatch of the 750-pound steel drum yesterday after outwitting Canadian police to ride from a "secret" launching above the famous rapids to Queenston, Ont.

The barrel had whirled and leaped through the white water for seven miles, sometimes shooting along at 40 miles an hour. The red-haired riverman made the ride to collect contributions from spectators to equip a mobile life-saving unit as a memorial to his father.

More than 200,000 spectators lined the banks of the river's gorge to watch Hill ride his "patched-up" barrel through the rock strewn, rolling waters.

START BLASTING FOR RESERVOIR ON CAPITAL HILL

Removal of loose dirt has been completed, and blasting of rocks will be started today at the site of Medford's auxiliary water reservoir now under construction on Capital Hill, adjacent to the present supply storage, according to Robert Duff, city water superintendent.

About 17,000 cubic yards of rock must be excavated, Duff said. Work on the new reservoir, which will have a capacity of 9.2 million gallons, was started in mid-June. The contract, held by the Adler Construction company of Seattle, Washington, calls for completion of the project by Dec. 23.

Main purpose of the unit will be as a reserve supply to supplement the present reservoir, Duff states. A single pipe line 30 miles long and now 19 years old carries Medford's water supply from Butte Falls to the reservoir one and a half miles from city center.

The rate of consumption in July of last year averaged eight million gallons each day, and the present reservoir holds only about four million gallons, Duff reports. Camp White is also supplied by the city water supply.

German Prisoner Admits Garroting

London, July 9.—(U.P.)—A 20-year-old German SS corporal told a British military court today that he was the man who tightened a noose on the neck of a fellow war prisoner lynched in a Scottish camp last December.

The corporal, Joachim Goltz, said he did it to prove his "military honor" by killing a "traitor." The victim was Wolfgang Rosterg, accused by his fellow prisoners of squealing on an escape plot.

12th Air Force Members Arrive

New York, July 9.—(U.P.)—The army transport Felix Grundy docked today at Pier 84, North River, with 386 members of the 12th air force aboard.

They will be processed for furloughs and reassignment at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

American Ships and Planes Taunt Japanese

SEEK FIGHT WITH ENEMY FLEET AS INVASION PREFACE

Mighty Naval Task Force Roams Nip Seas Itching For Fight; Bombers Busy.

Pearl Harbor, July 9.—(U.P.)—American ships and planes tried to taunt the Japanese into coming out to fight today to clear the way for invasion of the enemy homeland.

While war planes pounded Japan proper for the 34th day, a mighty American naval task force roamed the seas, itching for a fight with a Japanese navy that preferred to imitate the Italian fleet of a few years back.

Strafe Honshu Area About 50 P-51 Mustang fighters struck at central Honshu shortly after noon today to strafe dozens of targets around Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe. Three Superfortresses, four Liberators and a pair of navy Scout bombers were reported over Honshu, apparently on reconnaissance missions.

Tokyo threatened an all-out suicide plane campaign against American shipping and airfields on Okinawa, but the enemy air force was not much in evidence today.

In the land fighting, the Japanese were putting up stiffer resistance in the battle of Balikpapan. Enemy counterattacks were reported near the Manggar airstrip, 12 miles northeast of Balikpapan. In the Philippines, American troops counted 3,824 enemy dead and 386 prisoners after a week of mopping-up in the mountains.

Chinese Retake Bases Chinese forces recaptured their third American base from the Japanese, the town of Tanchuk, in southeast Kwangsi province. They already held Nanning and Liuchow, also former 14th air force bases, and were closing in on another, Kweilin, in central Kwangsi.

The brief Japanese offensive in central Burma in the Sittang river bend appeared to have quieted for the moment, but today's communique from Calcutta reported enemy troops still on the move there, possibly pressuring new attacks.

The American fleet ranging far Pacific waters was commanded by Vice Admiral John S. McCain, who commands carrier forces under Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey, whose avowed mission in life is to kill as many Japanese as possible. That's what the fleet was out to do, although the position from which it hoped to accomplish that was still a secret.

"The present mission of this powerful task force is to wipe out Japanese air power and shipping," said a spokesman for McCain.

The air forces reported 16 more enemy vessels were sunk or damaged in week-end attacks that enforced the blockade around Japan. The bag for the past 15 days stood at 305 ships sunk or damaged.

In mid-day attacks Sunday, three waves of Mustang fighters pounded the Tokyo area. Only a few enemy fighters challenged them. The Mustangs skimmed the Hyakurijahara and Tokoroza airfields at roof-top level to destroy or damage 45 ground-Japanese planes.

Tokyo reported that 10 Superfortresses and 140 other planes raided Marcus island in the central Pacific on Sunday. It was the first B-29 attack on that island.

Redeployment Plan Ahead of Schedule

Paris, July 9.—(U.P.)—Supreme headquarters reported today that the redeployment program is "well ahead of schedule."

More than 280,000 men left the European theater last month. Since V-E day 296,001 troops have returned home.

Early reports showed the July movement already was ahead of schedule.

Stettinius Hails Charter As Instrument for Peace; Urges Early Ratification

Washington, July 9.—(U.P.)—Former Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., hailed the United Nations charter today as a "truly effective instrument for lasting peace" and urged the senate to give it speedy ratification.

He appeared in the role of first witness as the senate foreign relations committee opened hearings on the world peace plan drafted by the 50 United Nations at the San Francisco conference. Stettinius, as chairman of the U. S. delegation there, also submitted to President Truman today a lengthy report on the nine-week conference.

Work Ability Seen Stettinius told the foreign relations committee that events at San Francisco convinced him that international disagreements could be settled amicably and that the charter could be made to work.

"In that firm belief," he said, "I have come to testify before you today in favor of ratification of the charter by the senate of the United States."

Stettinius, who will be the U. S. delegate to the new world peace organization, asked for prompt action by the senate because "no country has a greater stake than ours in a speedy beginning."

Administration leaders are confident of winning senate ratification of the charter and plan to keep committee hearings brief. They hope to complete taking testimony in a week or 10 days and to get the final vote on ratification by Aug. 1 or 15.

Provisions Told In both his 6,000-word statement to the committee and his 50,000-word report to Mr. Truman, Stettinius emphasized that the charter was the best attainable means of insuring world security. The statement was in the nature of a resume of the report to the White House.

Point by point Stettinius described the provisions for a security council to keep the peace, a general assembly for airing world problems, an economic and social council, an international court and trusteeship over non-self-governing territories.

"I believe it offers to the United States and to the world a truly effective instrument for lasting peace," he said.

"The purposes and principles of the charter are those in which the great majority of the human race believe."

Girl War Workers Ired When Nabbed With Fleeing PW's

Portland, Ore., July 9.—(U.P.)—Two pretty Seattle war workers, Mrs. Lenore Hodgson, 26, and Mrs. Fae Burns, 19, were indignant today at federal intervention in their romance with two escaped Italian war prisoners. They said they intended to marry the Italians after divorcing their husbands who are now fighting for the United States.

"Why all the fuss?" the women demanded haughtily after they were arraigned here on charges of helping three prisoners flee from an Italian service unit at a Seattle war plant. They said they were innocent.

The five were on their way to Boise, Ida., to find work and try to adjust their love lives. Mrs. Hodgson said she intended to marry Vincent Ciaizzo, 26, and Mrs. Burns said she was filing suit for divorce to marry Nicola Cambicchia, 22.

FLU EBBS ON OAHU Army Headquarters, Middle Pacific, July 9.—(U.P.)—A decrease in both military and civilian influenza cases today led Army authorities to rescind the order placing Oahu's civilian theaters off-limits for military personnel.

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Morse Introduces Bill To Limit Tenure of President

Washington, July 9.—(U.P.)—Republicans opened a campaign today to restore the two-term presidential tradition by constitutional amendment.

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., said congress should submit to the states next autumn an amendment which would limit the tenure of a president to two terms of four years each. If congress fails to submit such an amendment, he continued, the states themselves should act.

A resolution proposing such an amendment was introduced today by Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore. The amendment would prohibit re-election to the presidency of any man who had served "during the whole or any part of each of any two prior terms."

Some observers believed an effort will be made to obtain President Truman's support for the amendment. With his backing its speedy adoption would be reasonably certain. Martin's proposal, made public here in the form of a statement issued from his office, invited democratic assistance.

"Now is the time to put this reform into effect," Martin said. "It can be done now in a non-partisan way, when it will have no effect on the immediate political program of any party."

TRUMAN LEAVES WITH BIG PARTY FOR CONFERENCE

Byrnes, and Assistants, Correspondents and Press Secretary Sail with Chief.

Washington, July 9.—(U.P.)—President Truman sailed from the Norfolk, Va., naval base last Saturday for his forthcoming conference near Berlin with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

He was accompanied by a large party—larger than those which usually accompanied the late President Roosevelt when he met with Stalin and Churchill.

Among the party were Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Assistant Secretary of State James Dunn and Charles E. Bohlen, special assistant to Byrnes and an expert on Russia. Bohlen was Mr. Roosevelt's interpreter at conferences with Stalin.

Plans Side Trips It was understood that Mr. Truman plans to make some side trips around Europe after the big three talks end, probably including one to London.

Also aboard the ship with the president were the White House correspondents for three major press associations. However, the last public word from Press Secretary Charles G. Ross prior to his departure was that no reporters would be allowed to cover the big three meeting itself. Ross was in the presidential party.

The White House announced last week that in event there is any airplane travel involved in the trip, Mr. Truman and Byrnes will fly in separate planes in order to eliminate the possibility of both being killed or incapacitated in a single plane crash.

8 GERMAN PW'S SLAIN BY GUARD

Salina, Utah, July 9.—(U.P.)—A 23-year-old tower guard, who had never aimed a shot at the enemy during eight months overseas, was in military custody today after he fired a .30 caliber machinegun into a tentful of sleeping German prisoners of war, killing eight and injuring 20 others.

Col. Arthur J. Ericsson, commander of the base camp at Ogden, Utah, of which the Salina camp is a branch, said Pvt. Clarence V. Bertucci, New Orleans, "for no apparent reason" sprayed a full belt of machine gun bullets on the slumbering prisoners.

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HOSPITAL DIAPER CLUE IN INFANT KIDNAPING

Marion, O., July 9.—(U.P.)—A Marion city hospital diaper left by an unidentified person at a residence here last night gave police their first clue today in the kidnaping of six-day-old Jean Eileen Creviston.

Police said they had not immediately determined whether it was a man or a woman who stopped at the house and changed a baby's diaper some time after the Creviston infant was taken from the hospital nursery.

Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson, of Ft. Klamath, spent the week-end in the city visiting relatives.

CONFUSION REIGNS IN RULING BERLIN; NO OVER-ALL PLAN

British and American Governors in Disagreement on What Main Problem Is.

Berlin, July 9.—(U.P.)—The three-power occupation of Berlin had broken down completely today, and the Russians were running the whole city.

Although the big three conference was fast approaching, the American and British military governments had no control over the sections of the city where President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill presumably would have their headquarters.

High allied officers were to meet later this week to thrash out the problems behind the present situation, but there was some speculation the matter might have to be carried to very high levels.

Governors Disagree The American and British governors here even seemed to disagree on what the main problem really was.

Brigadier W. R. N. Hinde, British governor, said it was a question of the Russians supplying food and fuel for Germans in the American and British zones.

Col. Frank Howley, of Philadelphia, the American governor, said that was not the crux of the matter at all—that it was a matter of adopting an over-all plan for running Berlin. He seemed to favor a system of integrated rule of city agencies such as police, health, finance and so on.

Howley said that he was optimistic about things working out all right.

Reds Rip Posters However, as an example of the present confusion, Howley told of how Russian soldiers had torn down SHAEF posters warning Germans of the penalties for disobeying allied laws. Howley went to see the Soviet deputy commander here, Maj. Gen. Nikolai Barinov, who then issued orders that red army troops were not to pull down any more SHAEF posters.

But the Russians went on governing the entire city, while the American and British military government setups had nothing to do except organize their new headquarters.

Ashland Eateries Forced To Close

Ashland, July 9.—Three restaurants out of eight were open here this morning as the shortage of red points and help continued to hit cafe owners. Because of a cut in food ration points effective July 15 the situation is expected to become even more critical.

G. M. Green, chairman of the ration board, said today the board is making arrangements to reopen some eateries and expects to aid in opening others in a few days.

The principal export crops of Greece are tobacco and currants.

By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

The way some birds construct their houses is truly remarkable! Watching a marsh Wren build her house recently prompts the exclamation:

Our attention was attracted to this busy little bird about twenty feet from us, and as we sat quietly we could see that five tubes had been brought together, making a six inch circle that was being wrapped or woven into the foundation of a nest.

The energetic wren would select a twenty inch piece of dead reed floating on the water and thus wet and pliable. It required considerable maneuvering to get this to the side of the nest and wrap it in and out around the five tubes, but the tiny builder worked skillfully, producing as perfect a basket weave as could any human. At the proper height a hole was left in one side near the top and the entrance was framed with mud and small fibres to the correct size of her little body. The roof was then thatched on in a weather-tight manner. It was left to dry awhile in the sun and wind and then lined inside with cattail down, making a comfortable and safe home for the coming family.

Is it not amazing that a year-old bird, without any previous experience whatsoever, can construct such a house as this?