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Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS YOU read in this newspaper:

"Two important deals in potato land, involving about \$50,000, have been consummated here in the past few days. A flurry of interest in Klamath farm land, particularly potato acreage, is reported.

KLAMATH potato land is good property. Its owners, in the past crop year, generally speaking, have made good money. They never have lost much money, even in the worst years. Property with a record like that is bound to be in good demand just as soon as conditions return to something like normal.

THIS writer, for one, speaking for himself alone and not trying to speak for anybody else, hopes we don't get a boom that will carry prices of potato land above the point at which average production and average prices will show a fair return on the investment.

If that should happen, we will suffer severely in the long run.

IOWA is an outstanding example of what happens when land speculation runs wild.

Just after the war, a speculative boom in Iowa land, which had been exceedingly profitable under war-time price conditions, got under way. This writer knows of one good piece of Iowa farm land that sold before the boom for \$117 an acre, and sold again at the peak of the boom for \$800 an acre.

This, remember, was corn land. Somewhere around 50 bushels to the acre is a fair average corn yield, even in Iowa, the leading corn state, and 75 cents per bushel is certainly a higher than average price on the farm.

Fifty bushels of corn at 75 cents per bushel means an average gross yield per acre of \$37.50, which is certainly no justification for a price of \$800 an acre.

AS a matter of fact, this land boom in Iowa along in 1919, which was exactly similar to the stock gambling boom in 1928 and 1929, almost ruined the state.

KLAMATH potato land is mighty good property. We all believe that.

It pleases us to see a market for Klamath potato land developing. There are interesting rumors, for example, of Idaho potato farmers coming down here in the Klamath country and looking us over, with the idea of removing to a more profitable location.

Let them come. We have plenty of room for them. We have opportunities for potato growers from other districts who know their business thoroughly.

But let's hope we don't get a boom that will carry prices above the point where Klamath potato (Continued on Page Four)

WILL ROGERS says: SANTA MONICA, Feb. 9—Editor The Evening Herald. All we read in the papers today out here is riots in Paris, and taxi cab riots in New York. We know what they are fighting over in New York. They are fighting over a nickel, but nobody (even in France) knows exactly what they are fighting over.

France has got more different political parties than any nation on earth. There is over 30 different parties represented in the House of Deputies.

Now in a fight on the street, there is not that many different kind of badges to wear. Well, now it's good to see France sore at somebody besides us.

Yours, Will Rogers

FOREIGN AIR PROBE LOOMS

ANTI-RECALL SENTIMENT DEVELOPING OVER COUNTY

LEAGUE HEAD PREPARES TO FILE PAPERS

Formal Charges Against Four County Officers on Petitions.

COURT, ATTORNEY GAINING SUPPORT

Reports From Outside Communities Predict Battle.

By MALCOLM EPLEY

A reaction against the effort to recall four Klamath county officials was apparent in reports from both city and county Saturday, while John Irwin, tax league president, prepared to file the formal recall petitions with County Clerk Mae K. Short and Secretary of State P. J. Stadelman. From Malin, Merrill, Chiloquin and Bonanza came informal reports of anti-recall sentiment, in one or two instances expressed emphatically at meetings. Indications of similar feeling about the matter were to be found on the streets here, although President Irwin of the tax league said the recallers also are receiving assurances of support and he is confident the recall will go through.

Resistance Looms

It was apparent there will be a determined effort made to prevent signing of the recall petitions when they are circulated. Failure to get 2491 names will keep the recall off the ballot in May.

Irwin stated that he, instead of F. W. Van Buskirk, will act as fiscal agent of the recall movement, to receive and make public records of contributions. He said he hoped to file with the county clerk some time Saturday afternoon the petitions in the cases of Commissioners W. F. B. (Continued on Page Three)

GOLD SHIPMENTS START FOR U. S.

CHEMBERG, France, Feb. 10. (AP)—Gold valued at \$5,000,000 in francs (about \$1,300,000) in 341 boxes was shipped to the United States federal reserve aboard the liner Europa today.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 10. (AP)—More than \$18,000,000 worth of gold was shipped today from Liverpool and Glasgow for the United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—The government's gold supply continued to climb today to a new high of \$7,038,521,441. This figure for the close of business February 8 compared with \$7,036,028,685 the preceding day.

THIRD ACCIDENT VICTIM SUCCUMBS

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—The death toll in the train accident in Deschutes canyon Feb. 5, was increased to three today with the death of A. T. Bauer, of Portland, engineer. Bauer, hurled from the cab by the force of the boiler explosion, died in a hospital here from severe scalds caused by escaping steam.

Father Murders Two, Kills Self

BYERS, Colo., Feb. 10. (AP)—Three were dead today and another lying wounded in a Denver hospital after a bloody evening in which Emil Stoppus, 58, allegedly slew his daughter, Elma, 18, her husband, Elmo, 21, wounded his son, Walter, and then killed himself.

The Man of the Hour.



With the resignation of Edouard Daladier as premier of France, Paris looked to 70-year-old Gaston Doumergue, a former president, to handle the grave problems of government. Doumergue had been living in retirement in the south of France when he was called to lead the cabinet of "elder statesmen."

CORVALLIS ASKS BAN ON LIQUOR

Willamette Valley Town Seeks to Prohibit State Stores

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—This city, whose chief industry is Oregon State College, does not relish the idea of having a state liquor store established in its traditionally dry territory, and the Corvallis city council last night dispatched a letter to the Oregon liquor control board making this position plain.

The formal request that no liquor store or agency be established either in Corvallis or the immediate vicinity was sent last night by Mayor P. M. Brandt to the liquor control commission in Salem, the mayor announced today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—George L. Sammis, administrator of Oregon's liquor control system, said today his office had not yet received from the Corvallis city council a communication stating the city does not want a liquor store.

Sammis said, however, that the commission has no intention of establishing a store or agency in cities in which they are not wanted. A provision to this effect is included in the Knox law.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—If residents of Corvallis wish to keep their city dry they must hold a special election to vote upon the matter, it was indicated here today by George H. McMoran, chairman of the state liquor commission, when informed that the mayor of the Benton county city had sent a letter to the commission protesting the establishment of a state liquor store in that city.

AVIATION STOCKS REACT TO CHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (AP)—Cancellation of the air mail contracts prompted heavy selling of aircraft shares in the early dealing in the New York stock exchange today.

Douglas Aircraft opened with a sale of 3,000 shares at \$19.37, off \$3.75; 11,500 North American aviation sold at \$4.12, off \$2.62; Curtiss Wright opened with a transfer of 15,000 shares at \$4, off 25 cents. The list steadied a little after Aviation Corp. opened with a 20,000 share block at \$5.37, off \$3.12.

COMMUNIST BANDS LEAD PARIS RIOT

City Calmed After Night of Street Fighting; Many Wounded

PARIS, Feb. 10. (AP)—Communist bands which had created a night of terror were cleared from miles of riot-ridden streets just before dawn today.

Unconfirmed reports told of several fatalities. Shots were freely exchanged. There was hand-to-hand fighting, and pitched battles across burning barricades.

Police Participate Thousands of police participated in the drive against the rioters. At dawn, the police held the place De La Republique—a Communist rendezvous. Earlier, columns of rioters had split into small bands. There were a hundred or more hot fights simultaneously over an area a mile square in northeast Paris.

While the night-long fighting raged, Premier Doumergue ordered proclamations posted calling upon all Frenchmen to "Do (Continued on Page Three)

HORSE STEALERS GIVEN TWO YEARS

Two years each in the state penitentiary constituted the sentence imposed by Circuit Judge W. M. Duncan Saturday on William Reay and Delbert Griggs, confessed horse thieves.

The two men were sought last Sunday by sheriff's officers in southern Klamath county and northern California. Later they were arrested by the sheriff of Modoc county and returned here where they pleaded guilty to stealing a horse belonging to T. F. Anderson of Olene. They were also reported to have stolen a horse belonging to Fred Robertson of Malin, but the Anderson incident was made the basis of the prosecution.

Officers Probe Robbery Motive

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 10. (AP)—The theory that robbery was the motive for the slaying Wednesday of David M. Williams, Rice valley farmer, whose body, with the skull horribly crushed, was found by searchers Thursday morning, was advanced here today.

TIMBER LAND CLEARED OFF BY THIEVES

Kansas Man Reports Unusual Incident At Hildebrand.

STATE FORESTERS TO PROBE THEFT

Oregon Officials Hold Session Here on Saturday.

Disclosure of the theft of timber from 80 acres of land north of Hildebrand owned by William McNally, of Kansas City, was an interesting feature of a hearing held at the courthouse Saturday by the state forester's department in connection with reforestation of cut-over lands. McNally, according to the story, owned the timber land for years, and several times refused to take advantage of chances to sell it. He hoped some day to realize enough on the property to help take care of him in his old age.

Appeals to Kimball About 50 days ago, McNally received a notice from the state that his land was in cut-over class. Apparently, the timber had been taken off without his knowledge, prior to 1928. He wrote to Jack Kimball, Klamath timberman about the matter, and Kimball turned his letter over to the forestry department at Saturday's hearing. An investigation will probably be made.

"In all the years I have been dealing in timberslands, I never came actually in contact with such an incident until now," said Kimball. "Stories of the kind are often told, but things like that don't often happen."

Officials Present Present for the hearing here were Sam Miller, in charge of reforestation in the state forester's office; Dean G. W. Peavy of Oregon State college; George A. Palmer, member of the forestry board, and Porter King, assistant state forester. Representatives of the large (Continued on Page Three)

KLAMATH YOUTH ESCAPES DEATH

WEAVERVILLE, Calif., Feb. 10. (AP)—Falling 150 feet from the top of a bluff near here into a tree, Claude Cody, 9-year-old son of Mrs. R. I. Cody of Klamath Falls, was alive today to tell of his experience and physicians said they believed he would recover.

The boy tumbled over the bluff Thursday and men passing by saw the child in the tree. After hours of work, a man was lowered and the boy pulled to safety. The child was unconscious and suffered from shock and chill after being nearly drowned, the tree in which he fell being near a waterfall.

FISHER RELEASED AS NRA SPEAKER

PORTLAND, Feb. 10. (AP)—Advised from Washington, D. C., to discontinue his work, Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher, national NRA speaker and field representative, said today he would resign.

It was at Eugene that three clergymen took exception to what they described as Dr. Fisher's "rabble-rousing technique," and his reputed likening of the NRA movement to the religion of Christ.

Cold Wave Claims 40 Lives In East; Florida Has Snow

Housewives Rush To Beat Strike Called In Paris

PARIS, Feb. 10. (AP)—Parisian housewives hurried to market today to buy food supplies for over the weekend and through the general strike called by labor organizations for Monday.

Undeterred by the fact that the demonstration is to last only one day, they bought all they could carry.

"This is just like the war," was frequently heard.

SENATE NEARING AIRMAIL VERDICT

MacCracken Successfully Avoids Arrest for Contempt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—The senate decided to postpone until next Tuesday final action in the trial of three aviation officials for contempt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—Mrs. William P. MacCracken indicated today she was in the same position as the senate so far as knowledge of the whereabouts of her husband was concerned.

Asked by reporters where her husband was, she replied: "I haven't any idea."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—Sitting as a court for one of the few times in history, the senate today approached a verdict in its contempt trial of three aviation company officials while it awaited the arrest of a fourth defendant—William P. MacCracken, former assistant secretary of commerce for air.

Apprehension of MacCracken, who refused to appear with the other three before the senate yesterday to show cause why he should not be held in contempt, was expected momentarily.

Facing the senators, Frederick P. Lee, MacCracken's law partner, told of a visit to his office by L. H. Brittin, vice president of Northwest Airways, to see the air mail files in possession of MacCracken.

Brittin was one of those on trial in connection with the removal of airmail records which had been subpoenaed by the senate airmail investigating committee. The others were Harris M. Hanshue, president, and Gilbert L. Givrin, Washington representative of Western Air Express.

MASTER ATTACKS STATE SALES TAX

The state sales tax was taking a lambasting in Klamath county Saturday with Ray Gill, master of the state grange, here to attend a Keno session of the county Pomona grange. George Palmer, former master of the grange, was with Gill.

At Williamson river Friday night, Gill attacked the sales tax measure and the Williamson river grange unanimously approved his stand. Fort Klamath grangers were present, but did not act at that time, saying a vote of their grange will be taken in a separate meeting later.

Gill spent the night in the county and was to be chief speaker at the county grange meeting at Keno, where Master Earl Mack presided. The keynote of Gill's argument against the sales tax is that it provides a saving to the big property owner to the detriment of the small.

It was explained that Gill's attack on the sales tax was requested of him by a vote of the state grange at Pendleton, when a unanimous ballot was taken against any and all sales taxes. The national grange, it was said, has followed such a policy for years.

By The Associated Press

A slowly climbing mercury eased suffering over much of the United States today but the weather, even after a record-smashing frigid wave, did not feel exactly balmy.

Five states reported 40 deaths.

Warmer weather spread from the Rockies east to the north Atlantic coast, and as far south as Virginia and northwest Texas. Many of the south Atlantic states grew colder.

Many Deaths Reported

The weather bureau announced the coldest officially recorded spots in the country last night were Canton, N. Y., and Northfield, Vt., with 18 below zero. However, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., reported an unofficial 41 below zero. New York state feared large damage to its fruit crop.

In New York City, the lowest temperature reading was 2 below zero, but that was 12 degrees warmer than yesterday's record cold. In Boston, where three men have been frozen and several died of ailments due to the cold, the temperature was rising.

Over a large part of Pennsylvania, where 14 deaths were attributed directly or indirectly to cold weather, zero or near-zero weather still prevailed this morning.

STORM STRIKES WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 10. (AP)—The town of Stuart was struck today by a violent hail storm which shattered windows, put leaks in roofs and filled streets for a time with sleet to a depth of six inches. J. W. Pogram, of the Western Union Telegraph company at Stuart, said hail stones broke every window in some buildings.

FLORIDA HAS SNOW

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10. (AP)—Snow—most foreign of the elements in Florida—was reported today for the first time in years.

Attorney General Gary D. Landis, en route from Jacksonville, telegraphed his office from Madison that "sleet and snow makes it impossible to drive further."

The most disagreeable weather of the winter penetrated north and northwest Florida, while Miami was the warmest point in the United States and sun-bathing, swimming and other summer sports were the order of the day.

DILLINGER DENIED PLEA IN INDIANA

CROWN POINT, Ind., Feb. 10. (AP)—The prologue of John Dillinger's fight for his life was over today, with the Indiana bench giving and asking no quarter.

His plea in abatement and his petition for a writ of habeas corpus were denied yesterday and trial was set for March 12 in face of a request by his attorneys for a continuance of 120 days.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Feb. 10. (AP)—Gordon Alcorn, sentenced to life imprisonment for the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, Denver broker, arrived here today to begin his term at the Leavenworth federal penitentiary.

ARKANSAS CITY, Feb. 10. (AP)—W. J. Kilpatrick, who was kidnaped by three bandits who robbed the Goodland State bank of Goodland, Kas., of \$200,000 yesterday, was released at Cameron, Kas., 14 miles from here at 3:45 p. m. He was unharmed, and the bandits let him keep his motor car.

Bieber Pioneer Buried Friday

BIEBER, Calif. — A major Thresher, a resident of the Lookout section of Big Valley for more than half a century, who died Tuesday in an Alturas hospital, was to be buried at Lookout Friday. He was born in 1878, a son of Nathaniel and Alice Thresher, pioneer settlers in this valley. He is survived by his wife.

GOVERNMENT MAY EXTEND ABROGATIONS

Postal, Army, Commerce Officials Rush Reorganizations

AVIATION FIRMS OFFER PROTESTS

Appeal to Congress for Funds Will Be Made if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—Postoffice department officials said today an investigation is being made into foreign air mail contracts with a view to cancellation similar to that taken on domestic air mail contracts.

This statement was made by Harilee Branch, second assistant postmaster general in charge of air mail, who announced simultaneously that a skeleton air map on which the army will start carrying mail will be ready within two days.

Efficiency Retained

"The department is working out what it considers the primary and most essential lines in order to have them operating immediately when present contractors cease service, Branch said.

He was not ready to indicate what the primary lines might be, but they were considered continuation of air facilities for the reserve banks was important. He added that soon after a primary service had been established it would be enlarged.

"The volume of mail carried and the territory served will guide our decisions," he said. "When we are completely organized the service will be just as, if not more, comprehensive."

Reorganization Essential The department plans to use existing civil airports in order to keep employment as high as possible, giving preference to the civil port even where army fields are located nearby.

Branch said the department saw no cause for giving a hearing to companies whose contracts have been cancelled, since that phase now is ended.

Asked whether existing contracting companies would be allowed to bid in the near future if they reorganize, Branch replied:

"I see no reason why a company could not reorganize but I believe Postmaster General Farley would insist on a real reorganization. There must be no subterfuge or camouflage about the reorganization."

Branch made it plain the government did not intend carrying the air mail permanently.

Would Lower Bids

"If we open bids again I hope (Continued on Page Three)

INJUNCTION FOR AAA HELD BACK

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10. (AP)—The fifth United States circuit court of appeals today issued an order staying an injunction issued in the southern district of Florida in which District Judge Alexander Akerman in effect held the operations of the agricultural administration unconstitutional.

MEASURE FOR CWA FUNDS HITS SNAG

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP)—Final passage of the \$50,000,000 relief appropriation struck a snag today when house and senate conference committees failed to agree on amendments inserted by the senate.