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OREGON: Fair, rising temp.
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PRECIP: 15 hours to 8:00 a. m.
Monday, None; season 11.44;
normal 9.15; last year to date, 8.45.



200 DEAD IN DIXIE TORNADO

Supreme Court Issues Warning to Government

Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
JEFF RIDDLE, son of Frank Riddle and Winema, the interpreter, who warned the whites (unavailingly, as it turned out) of Captain Jack's plot to murder General Canby and his officers at the flag of truce conference in the Lava Beds, brought to this writer the other day a copy of the Philadelphia Ledger published on March 25, 1896, just a little over 100 years ago.

The paper was given to him in Philadelphia, on March 19, 1875, by Colonel Forney, and he has had it in his possession ever since.

JEFF RIDDLE is the author of "The Indian History of the Modoc War," compiled from Indian sources and written from the Indian viewpoint. It is a fascinatingly interesting book.

At the time this old newspaper was given to him, he was lecturing in Eastern cities with Col. A. B. Meacham, whose life was saved by Winema's warning. Colonel Meacham was also the author of a book on the Modoc war.

THERE IS NO GREAT and thrilling news in this century-old paper, but it is full of side-lights that now are interesting because of their contrast with present times.

For example, there is an advertisement of the People's Line of Cars and Buses, with headquarters at Broad and Arch streets, in Philadelphia (where the street goes under the arch in the building, as you will remember if you have been there).

The advertisement has a picture of the ancient steam engines and passenger cars then used (looking more like a stagecoach than a passenger car) and guarantees to transport travelers from Philadelphia to Pittsburg in not more than two and one-half DAYS, which was evidently considered pretty good time.

Airplanes make it now in less than that number of hours.

WE LEARN, also, that the brig Ark had just arrived in New York from London, bringing to this new land 1785 bags of wheat, 600 bags of oats and 2700 barrels of flour.

That was about equivalent, one would say, to shipping potatoes to Klamath Falls in these days.

IT IS RELATED (in another advertisement) that beef is to be had in a stall in the public market for 25 cents per pound. The cost of living, one would judge, wasn't a great deal lower a century ago than now, in spite of all we hear to the contrary.

THERE IS A STORY of a gentleman who was treated for a fever, being told by the doctor that his fever added greatly to (Continued on Page Eight)

ASSUMPTION OF ARBITRARY POWER CITED

J. Edward Jones, Stock Dealer, Wins Case Against SEC.

DECISION BRINGS NEW DEAL REBUKE

Constitutionality of Law Not Questioned in Ruling.

WASHINGTON, April 6. (AP)—A rebuke against assumption of "arbitrary power" by government agencies was issued today by the supreme court.

It was in a 6 to 3 decision denying that the securities could compel J. Edward Jones, New York stock dealer in oil stocks, to testify concerning a proposed issue of securities after he had withdrawn his registration statement.

Validity Not An Issue
Asserting that the SEC attempt to force testimony "finds no support in right, principle, or in law" and was "wholly unreasonable and arbitrary," the majority reminded that "arbitrary power and the rule of the constitution can not both exist."

"They are antagonistic and incompatible forces; and one or the other must necessarily perish, whichever they are brought into conflict," it said.

The decision, which did not deal with constitutionality of the law, was studied on Capitol Hill to ascertain what effect—if any—it might have on the attempt by the Black lobby committee to obtain testimony belonging to private individuals.

Promoter's Rights Upheld
The promoter was within his rights, the court held, in contending that withdrawal of the registration statement for the stocks made it no longer incumbent upon him to respond to the demand to testify. He also had attacked the legislation itself as unconstitutional.

"We are unable," said the majority in a decision by Justice Sutherland, "to see how any right of the general public can be affected by the withdrawal of such an application before it has gone into effect."

"The right of the registrant to withdraw his application would seem to be as absolute as the right of any person to withdraw an ungranted application for any other form of privilege in respect of which he is at the time alone concerned."

Bay Bridge Catches Fire

SEVERAL WORKMEN FORCED TO LEAP FROM SPAN INTO WATER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6. (AP)—A blazing rivet, igniting creosote-soaked piling, caused a spectacular fire on the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge today, forcing several workers to leap into the bay to save their lives.

The blaze, which sent aloft towering pillars of dense smoke, caused some \$2,000 damage in destroying a wooden fender on pier E-3, near Yerba Buena Island.

Bridge officials said the damage might be greater if the intense heat harmed the steel work near the place where the long span recently was joined.

Officials said a hot rivet fell into the piling, heavily creosoted, and started the fire. Workmen swarmed to the spot in attempts to extinguish the flames but were forced to leap for their lives when the flames roared.

Boats put out from the navy depot at the island and from the Battleship Mississippi to take the men from the water. No one was reported injured.

Other workers made their way to safety by scrambling along the steel beams away from the fire.

ITALIANS PURSUE SELASSIE'S ARMY

Battle of Lake Ashangi Completed with Roman Triumph.

(Copyright by Associated Press)
ASMARA, Eritrea, April 6.—Native Askari of Italy's northern army, after capturing the important town of Quorom, pressed on in pursuit of Emperor Haile Selassie's army today, traveling rapidly down the road to Dessaye.

An official communique said the battle of Lake Ashangi, 30 miles south of the former front lines at Amba Alaji, was completed after the decisive defeat Saturday of Ethiopia's imperial bodyguard.

Fascist aerial squadrons, which dropped 70 tons of explosives on the retreating natives and fired 20,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition during the weekend, slackened their activities as the army of the Ethiopian King of Kings broke up into small bodies.

Groups of a few hundred fled toward Dessaye, 100 miles to the south, while many thousands were believed to be filtering into the west, back to their village homes, through fighting for this war.

ADDIS ABABA, April 6. (AP)—Ethiopia's capital gave the appearance of a dead city today only about 10 per cent of the populace remaining because of fear of Italian air raids.

All shops and public buildings were closed, and a strong police force was on duty. Ambulances were stationed in some streets, and great barrels of water were held ready for fires.

HOFFMAN ASKS 'FULL TRUTH' IN KIDNAPING

Governor Doubts Guilt of Man Electrocuted for Crime.

EX-CONVICT HUNTS FOR LOST RANSOM

Wendel Case Goes on in Brooklyn; Bruno's Services Today.

NEW YORK, April 6. (AP)—A simple funeral service for Bruno Richard Hauptmann took place in a crematory chapel today in the presence of his widow and his attorney, C. Lloyd Fisher.

TRENTON, N. J., April 6. (AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman, target of political censure for the death of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, took the offensive against his critics today with the announcement he would press his own investigation for the "complete truth" of the Lindbergh kidnap-murder.

In his first formal statement since Hauptmann's execution Friday night, the governor, who once relieved Hauptmann and who was prevented by law from doing so again, said there was ground for doubt that Hauptmann was not guilty alone, and perhaps not guilty "at all."

Meanwhile, a man who claimed to have "bought" \$5,000 of "Lindbergh ransom" money was reported to be "somewhere in the east," presumably in a search for the money, which he said he hid in a safe deposit box.

Hunts for Money
The man, Stephen Spitz of Chicago, started on a secret mission in company with an attorney, Bernard M. Finnigan, last Wednesday. Mrs. Finnigan said a telegram from her husband, "somewhere in the east," advised her the case was "progressing nicely."

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 6. (AP)—While detectives searched parts of Brooklyn today for the house in which Paul H. Wendel said he was forced to "confess" the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, a crematory prepared a simple last rite for the body of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, widow of the man electrocuted for the kidnap-slaying, planned to take a parting look at his body today before the services, scheduled for one p. m. (E. S. T.).

It was announced the funeral would be conducted by the Rev. D. G. Werner, Seventh Day Adventist pastor in the Bronx, and by the Rev. John Mathiesen, Hauptmann's spiritual advisors. Mrs. Hauptmann, and possibly three other persons completed the list of those expected to attend.

STORM BUFFETS F. R.'S CRUISER

MIAMI, Fla., April 6. (AP)—Strong winds are giving President Roosevelt and his fishing mates a good chance to test the seaworthiness of the new presidential ship, the U. S. S. Potomac.

The winds have prevailed for the last two days and have caused some rough seas, undoubtedly, but so far the president and his companions are reporting no difficulties from the comparatively small naval craft.

Cap Got His Fish



Cap Simpson, who posed the other day as a typical Klamath fisherman getting ready for the opening of the angling season, had better luck Sunday than most other local Isak Waltons. He is shown above with three fine fish caught in Wood river. The big fellow on the right weighed more than eight pounds. (Herald-News Photo-Engraving).

Fishing Luck Generally Low Opening Day

Fishermen generally expected poor luck Sunday, the opening day, and poor luck they had.

State Policeman Jim Busch checked anglers on Klamath river. He talked to 40 of them, and of these only one, James Merriels, had caught any fish. Merriels had caught one.

High and muddy waters marred angling in most streams of this area.

Light catches also marked the opening of the season in the Rogue river country. A few cut-throats were taken on flies in the north Rogue river, but a majority of fishermen resorted to bait.

FINAL ACTION ON GRADINGS DELAYED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6. (AP)—Final action on recommendations of 50 growers, in session here to discuss proposed changes in grades and standards for fruit and vegetables, will be taken in two weeks, Frank McKennon of the state division of plant industry said.

The addition of open containers for most fruits and vegetables was recommended. Proposals to change potato grading requirements were voted down.

An appeal by Milton-Freewater growers for an unclassified grade of tomatoes won endorsement.

Although some changes in potato grades were proposed at other meetings, no alterations of the present standards were offered at the conference Saturday.

'PEACE BY FORCE' URGED BY FRANCE

Premier Proposes Policy for Banning War in Europe.

PARIS, April 6. (AP)—Pierre Etienne Flandin, French foreign minister, advanced a proposal for "peace by force" through a European army under the league of nations at a long cabinet session today.

Reliable sources reported the French plan to unite Europe's forces against war contained three suggestions:

1. A detailed denial of Germany's contention that France's encirclement policy including the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact justifies Adolf Hitler's denunciation of the Locarno treaty.

2. A refusal to let Germany fortify the Rhineland.

3. A proposal to "organize for peace" on an "equality for all" basis by means of regional mutual assistance pacts and the creation of a sort of international army to enforce league decisions.

A similar proposal for an international force to support league commitments was previously advanced several years ago before the league assembly by Andre Tardieu, then French premier.

The government is expected to ask the league to name a European commission to study the French counter-proposals to Hitler's peace suggestions.

Some quarters suggested that the league powers maintain motorized professional troops designated to answer calls from the league. Russia would be included in the protective mutual assistance line but Asia and Africa would be disregarded, thus avoiding the obligation to send troops outside of Europe.

VOTE QUESTION SENT TO SNELL

Questions raised by a single filing for mayor in the primary election have been passed on to the secretary of state by County Clerk Mae K. Short.

O. K. Brandenburg, filed for the republican nomination for mayor. No one else filed, apparently willing to let the city races be run off on an independent basis as in the past.

Hundreds Injured, Property Damage Huge in Twister

Storm-bred Fires Add to Terror of South; Red Cross Agencies Mobilized To Aid Victims.

ATLANTA, April 6. (AP)—More than 200 known dead, 1,000 injured and hundreds homeless were listed today in the toll of tornadoes and storm-bred fires which terrorized communities in half a dozen southern states.

Five Die in Fire
Relief authorities estimated property damage would run from \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in the cities worst affected, Tupelo, Miss., and Gainesville, Ga.

Five men perished in a hardware company store fire at Gainesville in the wake of a tornado which struck soon after the opening of business establishments at that north Georgia mill center.

Many Whites Killed
White persons predominated among the victims. However, a large part of the negro section of Gainesville was leveled.

Fires broke out in both Gainesville and Tupelo. Rain helped firemen to quench the blazing structures in the Mississippi city.

Relief workers said the death toll might mount appreciably as debris was removed. At Gainesville it was feared the loss might rival that of a tornado which killed 104 persons there June 1, 1925.

The tornadoes were the south's worst wind storms since a 5-state twister killed 370 persons in March, 1931, and carried the 1936 deaths to nearly 250.

Physicians and nurses were rushed to the stricken towns by the Red Cross. State and national agencies united to relieve the suffering of the injured and homeless.

Rumor Not Confirmed
A lengthening death roll at 11 a. m. CST listed these figures: Tupelo, Miss., 124; Gainesville, Ga., 48; Auburn, Miss., 9; Lakeland, Fla., 3; Anderson, S. C., 1; Booneville, Miss., 4; Red Bay, Ala., 5; Coffeyville, Miss., 13; Columbia, Tenn., area, 6; Fayetteville, Tenn., 1.

Residents of Gainesville said 100 persons may have been killed there. There was no confirmation of rumors of 1,000 dead.

Red Cross headquarters in Washington heard that 20 were killed. Twelve physicians and 20 nurses were ordered to the stricken manufacturing center of 8,000 from Athens, Ga.

Red Cross at Work
Red Cross sources also announced a report that between 100 and 175 persons were killed in the Tupelo disaster. Field workers were sent to both cities to give aid.

G. C. Reed, manager of the Gainesville Telephone company, said the death toll "may be heavy." Business houses about the town square were damaged badly.

The twister struck at Gainesville at 3:45 a. m., about 12 hours after other storms ripped from Arkansas to Tennessee.

Tornadoes last Thursday and Friday killed 43 persons, principally in Cordele, Ga., and Greensboro, N. C., and did property damage estimated at \$3,000,000.

Business Area Destroyed
Gainesville's business district was devastated and fires which killed workers just after they had reported for duty, killing at least 42 workers and possibly more. Hundreds of others were injured.

CLOSING PLEAS HEARD AT YREKA

Johnson Case Ready for Delivery to California Jury.

YREKA, Calif., April 6. (AP)—The defense made its closing argument today to the jury in the murder trial of French Johnson, asking the Klamath Falls, Ore., and Tulelake, Calif., man be freed on a charge of the automobile slaying of Elmer Rock of Tulelake.

The defense demanded Johnson be freed, contending the "accident" was purely accidental, caused by a dog falling in the controls of the automobile, and the jury was not justified in bringing in any verdict but acquittal.

District Attorney James Davis' final argument to the jury was to occupy 15 minutes this afternoon.

Davis declared he would demand the death penalty, as it was a case of bit-and-run death and the road laws must be upheld. He said sympathy should play no part in the jury's verdict.

Instructions by the judge were expected to occupy an hour or more.

PASSENGERS SAVED FROM BURNING SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6. (AP)—The Norwegian motorship Tricolor, her 16 passengers safely aboard, the British tanker Yarraville after a transfer at sea, raced toward Honolulu today, her hold still afloat.

Latest advices relayed to Globe Wireless, Ltd., by the liner President Grant said the blaze was "no better and no worse" but since her crew of 40 remained aboard, marine men suggested the situation could not be perilous.

The Tricolor was 1000 miles from Yokohama and 1500 from Honolulu when the passengers—eight women, five children and three men—were placed aboard the Yarraville.

The Tricolor, 6350 gross tons, left Yokohama March 31 for San Francisco. The Yarraville left Dairen, Manchukuo, March 30 for California ports.

COLUMBIA DEFENSE MEASURE REJECTED

WASHINGTON, April 6. (AP)—A house naval affairs subcommittee recommended today for passage the \$1,390,000 Alameda naval air base bill after rejecting an amendment which would have authorized a \$5,000,000 development at Tongue Point on the Columbia river.