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WEATHER
FORECAST: Generally fair, moderate.
OREGON: Cloudy, showers north-west.
TEMP: High, 69; low, 52.
PRECIP: 15 hours to 8:00 a. m. Tuesday, none; season, 11.44; normal, 9.18; last year to date, 9.35.



TORNADO DEATHS REACH 450

Jury Dismissed in Johnson Case

Editorials

On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JEFF RIDDLE came first to the Klamath country, he tells this writer, in 1869. He came with his father, Frank Riddle, and his mother, Winema.

Klamath Falls, (then Linkville), was just a spot for ferrying over the Link river. The Modoc war was still several years in the future.

THE ferry, as he remembers it, was run by a man named Meekum (pronounced Meekum, Jeff thinks). It was located at about the site of the present highway bridge.

The ferry was a crude affair—a flat-bottomed scow—and the cable by which it was negotiated back and forth across the river was a rawhide rope.

The fee was \$2.50 for a wagon and team and \$1.50 for a saddle horse.

THE old Brick Store (referred to so often in these chronicles during the past couple of weeks) was built in 1877 or 1878, Jeff thinks, for Thatcher & Worden.

The bricks of which it was constructed were made locally, of clay lying practically at the surface of the ground, and as Jeff recalls it, the brickyard and kiln were located at about the present site of the Arcade hotel.

(There is some difference of opinion as to the location of this brickyard, some of the old-timers placing it on the corner of the present court house yard, just across from the Elks temple.)

NOT only were the bricks made locally, according to Jeff Riddle, but the lime for the mortar was also a local product, being burned from a good quality of limestone found in the hill up above Hot Springs.

He recalls an amusing incident in this connection. An Indian named Wild Bill, seeing lime slaked for the first time, had a bright idea. The bubbling lime looked like white paint, and it occurred to him that it would be a slick trick to paint his face white with it and fool his friends. So he plunged his hands into the white substance and started to wash his face with it.

As the hot lime touched first his hands and then, before he could stop, his face, he let off a yell that echoed from the surrounding hills, and bolted from the spot.

By the time the lime stopped smarting and burning, Wild Bill was quite a little wilder.

"WHEN father first came here," Jeff said to this writer, "there were antelope all over the flat south of what is now the city of Klamath Falls, out in Homedale (Continued on Page Two)

LEAGUE DISRUPTED, ETHIOPIA CHARGES

GENEVA, April 7. (AP)—The Ethiopian government asserted today in a new appeal for help that Italy had succeeded in disrupting the league of nations.

"There is no doubt," said the appeal, "that had the states which are members of the league adhered to their resolves to stop the aggressor by applying effective sanctions, the war would quickly have come to an end."

"The Italian government, however, succeeded in sowing dissension within the league, preventing the imposition of effective sanctions and securing the postponement of those it feared, especially an oil sanction."

ADDIS ABABA, April 7. (AP)—Emperor Haile Selassie today issued a new order for a general mobilization of every able-bodied man in Ethiopia to fight against Italy.

The proclamation appealed to the populace to rally to the support of the country.

YREKA MURDER TRIAL CLOSES IN DEADLOCK

Jury Stands 7-5 For Conviction on Manslaughter.

DEFENSE FILES FOR DISMISSAL

Prosecutor Undetermined on Future Course in Case.

YREKA, Calif., April 7. (AP)—The jury which heard the automobile murder trial of French Johnson of Klamath Falls, Ore., was dismissed early today when it reported itself deadlocked.

The foreman reported it stood seven to five for manslaughter conviction of Johnson, accused of deliberately running down and killing Elmer Rock, Tulelake, Calif., rancher.

The defense, headed by Dave Vandenberg of Klamath Falls, asked dismissal of the charge, insisting the state motor vehicle code contained no provision for a murder charge.

District Attorney James Davis did not comment immediately on future action in the case.

LAWMAKERS DROP HAUPTMANN PROBE

TRENTON, N. J., April 7. (AP)—Officials pushed two investigations of phases of the Lindbergh kidnapping case today but attempts to win legislative authority for two related probes were listed as closed chapters.

The New Jersey assembly, by decisive vote last night, turned down two proposals to investigate the conduct of officials associated with the case.

Governor Harold G. Hoffman, however, continued his own investigation in an attempt to "completely solve" the crime.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan renewed today attempts to verify the story of Paul H. Wendel, who said he was tortured there to compel him to "confess" he kidnapped the Lindbergh baby and was in possession of it when it died. He subsequently retracted the confession.

The Mercer county, New Jersey, grand jury was scheduled to meet today to continue its inquiry in his case. Wendel is held in jail on a murder charge.

FOREIGN LEGION TO RETURN HOME

LOS ANGELES, April 7. (AP)—Los Angeles border patrol, which reversed the stream of indigent transients into California, is nearing an end.

Crediting his "foreign legion" with saving the city from a seasonal crime wave, Police Chief James E. Davis said he expected to call the last of the 136 patrolmen home soon.

Barely a score or more of the original detail now remain on duty in the southern counties of Riverside and Imperial, Los Angeles bluecoats having been withdrawn from all other stations on the 1,000-mile boundary line.

Since February 6, when operations began, the patrol reported nearly 11,000 transients left California, while few "box cars" and hitch hiking tourists managed to enter the state.

Star Dies



Marilyn Miller, 35, noted star of stage and screen, who died in New York this morning.

MARILYN MILLER DIES IN GOTHAM

Musical Comedy Star Dies This Morning; Stage Success Recalled.

NEW YORK, April 7. (AP)—Marilyn Miller, star of Sally and other musical comedy successes, died this morning at Doctors hospital.

Miss Miller, in private life Mrs. Chester O'Brien, had been confined at the hospital for three weeks. She was admitted suffering from a sinus infection and last week a toxic condition set in.

Earlier Improvement Noted For a time she showed improvement but a turn for the worse developed Saturday and she was said to be in a critical condition.

Miss Miller was 35 years of age. Marilyn Miller, at the height of her career, was regarded by Broadway showmen as the perfect musical comedy heroine, and (Continued on Page Two)

VESSEL CONTINUES TO BATTLE FLAMES

SEATTLE, April 7. (AP)—Fire on the Norwegian motorship Tricolor, in the western Pacific, has spread and a forward hold has been flooded, a relayed message to the coast guard said today.

All vessels in the vicinity were asked to "stand by."

The Tricolor, which had been racing to reach Honolulu since the fire became serious three days ago, has now stopped and is keeping the stern to the windward to aid in stopping the flames' spread, the message said.

The message was relayed through the naval radio station at Dutch Harbor.

Forty members of the crew remain aboard. The 16 passengers were transferred to the British tanker Yarraville on Sunday.

The coast guard cutter Itasca is racing westward from Honolulu to the stricken ship, about midway between Japan and Hawaii.

KLAMATH INTERESTS APPROVE ACTION

Klamath groups interested in opposing inequities of freight rates to Klamath points expressed appreciation this week for the consideration given this district by Public Utilities Commissioner Frank McCulloch in connection with proposed gasoline rate reductions in southern Oregon.

Copies of McCulloch's order in connection with the rates were received at the chamber of commerce.

Some time ago the Southern Pacific proposed reductions in the rates for various southern Oregon points, excepting those (Continued on Page Two)

PLANE CRASH ON MOUNTAIN KILLS ELEVEN

Only Three Survive Air Tragedy in Western Pennsylvania.

GIANT SHIP LOST IN ICY WEATHER

Girl Hostess Heroine of Disaster; Liner Off Course.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 7. (AP)—Eleven persons, nine passengers and two pilots on a westbound Transcontinental and Western air liner, perished today in a crash against a western Pennsylvania mountainside.

Their giant craft, lost in black and icy weather and straining desperately to reach a safe port, smashed into jagged Chestnut Ridge mountain.

Only Three Escape Three occupants, one of them the girl hostess on the plane, and two passengers, C. D. Hays and daughter of Steubenville, O., and Mrs. Meyer C. Ellenstein of Newark, N. J., escaped.

The hostess, Miss N. H. Granger, stumbled to a farmhouse and telephoned airline officials at Pittsburgh of the wreck. Then she made her way back to the scene of the crash.

She is a registered nurse, and sought to give aid to any living passengers.

Scheduled Stop Passed TWA officials expressed the belief she probably had escaped because she was in the rear of the plane.

The plane, groping blindly in weather described, with reference to visibility, as "absolutely zero," last was heard from at 10:09 a. m. Eastern Standard Time.

Then it reported its position as ten miles east of Pittsburgh. It had passed up a scheduled Pittsburgh stop because of the weather, and sought to reach Columbus, O.

Jack Frye, president of TWA, said the pilot had advised the Pittsburgh airport the plane was (Continued on Page Two)

MORE DISSENSION OCCURS IN OARP

LOS ANGELES, April 7. (AP)—The largest club in the Townsend old pension movement, Los Angeles No. 93, severed its connections with the national organization today.

The club, claiming more than 22,000 members, affirmed its support of its president, George Higley, whose resignation or removal was demanded by directors of the movement meeting in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, April 7. (AP)—New dissension in the leadership of the Townsend plan organization was disclosed today after directors gathered here to "shape policies."

The group demanded the resignation or removal of George H. Higley, head of club 93, Los Angeles, which boasts 22,000 members.

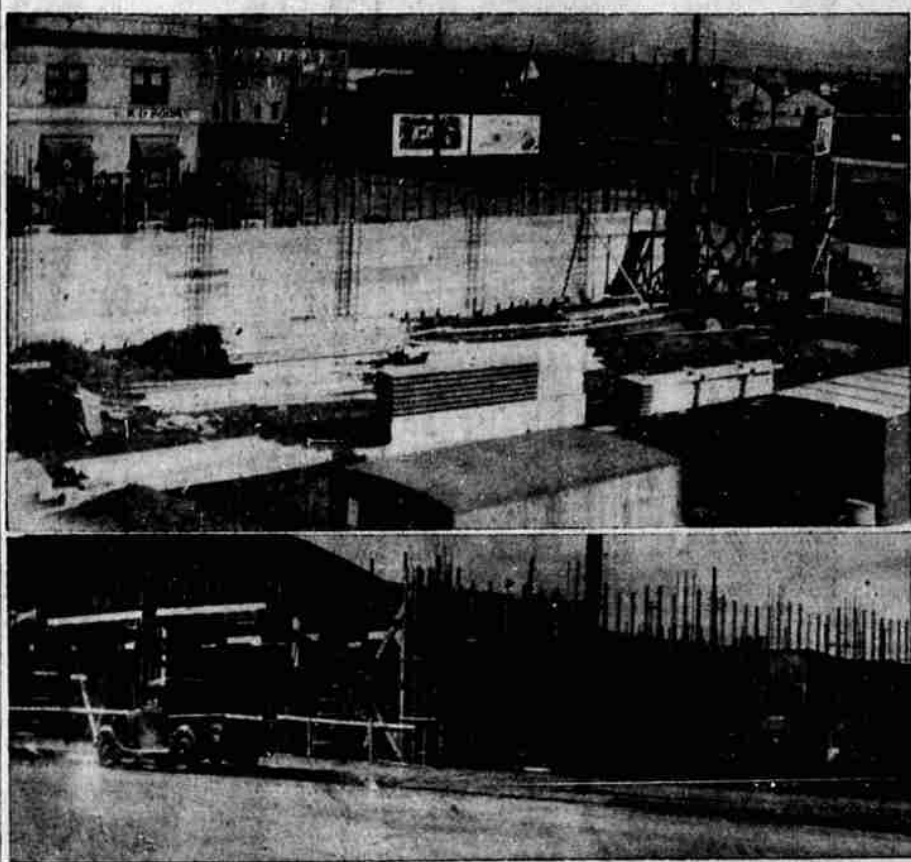
Dr. F. E. Townsend, co-founder of the Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., refrained from voting on the resolution which charged that Higley conspired with Robert W. Clements, former secretary and co-founder of the pension organization, "in a course of disloyal conduct."

This "conduct" was said in the resolution to have been directed "toward not only Dr. Townsend and the board of directors, but toward the Townsend pension organization as well."

The directors said they had "lost all confidence" in Higley. They suggested that the club expel him if he refused to resign.

Higley was said by the directors to have hired a Capt. D. Wilkey to contact a man designated only as "W" and "WLT" in order to "bribe" him into getting his resignation as a member and director of an unidentified California "corporation."

New Balsiger Building Rises



Construction of a new \$10,000 used car unit of the Balsiger Motor company has started on the grounds back of the main plant. The pictures show two views of the project which will be completed within 60 days. (Herald-News Photo-Engraving.)

Work is already well underway on a large addition to the Balsiger Motor company garage, for which a \$10,000 permit was recently approved by the city council. This is one of the largest pieces of construction work in the business district since the depression began.

The extension is 106x130 feet in dimensions, and it gives the motor company a frontage of 360 feet on Main street.

It will house the used car department, including sales rooms and a shop for servicing, reconditioning and maintaining used cars. The extension is planned in such a way that, as the need arises, it can be double-decked.

The addition harmonizes with the remainder of the Balsiger building in architectural design, and concrete construction will be used. For the time being, the Main street front will be open, but it will be closed for winter.

The Balsiger company is building the addition itself, instead of contracting it. Schedules call for completion in 60 days.

State Townsend Endorsements Definitely Repudiated By National Group

By MALCOLM KIPLEY After a fortnight of uncertainty, word was received at Portland, Tuesday, that the recent state arena board's Townsend endorsements have been definitely repudiated by the national pension plan board.

That put new hope into the area board, to use the Townsend plans of Mayor Willis Mahoney, other candidates rejected by the plan to further their 1936 political ambitions.

Meantime, a local development was the disclosure that Dr. C. B. Cassel is considering withdrawing his recent resignation as a state arena board member. The chiropractor has received a letter from James Logan, the state manager, asking him not to leave the board, as he had announced he would do. Dr. Cassel said he was re-considering the question.

Dr. Cassel was at the board meeting at which the endorsements were made. When he came home, he was none too popular (Continued on Page Three)

Among the pain-twisted faces in one of the morgues—the calm features of a young girl, her skin spotted, her lips rouged. A beam crushed her chest as she stood in what she thought the safety of a doorway.

A young husband surveyed the ruins of his new home, commenting dully: "I paid the last note last week."

Two weeks ago Gainesville citizens voted to raze the old courthouse and build a new one. The wind did the first mentioned job in three minutes.

A figure dressed in a white Easter outfit stood motionless in the midst of ruins on a business street—a red carnation in the lapel. It was a dressed dummy, untouched by flying glass and bricks.

Shackles were removed from convicts while they labored with picks to remove bodies from wreckage.

Baldwin Receives Confidence Vote

LONDON, April 7. (AP)—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's government was supported today by a new vote of confidence from the house of commons in its efforts to settle the Rhineland crisis and the Italo-Ethiopian conflict.

After a long and bitter debate over the government's policies toward Germany and Italy, during which the opposition criticized government moves, the commons voted its confidence, 361 to 145.

40 FEARED DEAD IN RAIL TRAGEDY

Many Perish in Bombing of Railroad Bridge in Mexico.

(Copyright, Associated Press) VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 7

At least 10 persons were known dead today and it was believed possibly 30 others also perished in the bombing of the railway bridge near Paso Del Macho which hurled the Vera Cruz-Mexico City night train into a ravine, a burning mass of wreckage.

Federal officials who hastened to the scene early today directed the work of extracting burned and twisted bodies from the wreckage at the bottom of the 40 foot "barranca" or ravine.

It was believed no foreigners were among the victims. The bombing was unofficially attributed to a rebel group.

A telegram from a Western Union linesman at Paso Del Macho said the bombs exploded on the bridge, three miles west (Continued on Page Two)

BORAH GETS TEST IN WISCONSIN VOTE

MILWAUKEE, April 7. (AP)—Senator William E. Borah's strength as a republican presidential contender underwent its first western test today.

Wisconsin voters chose between a slate of 24 national convention delegates pledged to Borah and an uninstructed group backed by the state G. O. P. organization.

At the same time, Milwaukee's socialist administration hung in the balance in a mayoralty contest that pitted Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, socialist who held the office 20 years, against Sheriff Joseph Shimmers, a non-partisan supported by many business interests.

The election ended one of the bitterest campaigns in the city's history and led to predictions of a record vote.

On the democratic side of the presidential primary a slate of delegate candidates endorsed by the state conference and pledged to Roosevelt faced only scattered opposition.

FLOODS BRING NEW THREATS TO SOUTHLAND

Tupelo and Gainesville, Ga., Suffer Heavily From Storm.

PROPERTY LOSSES SET AT \$25,000,000

Senate Approves Legislation to Aid Stricken Sections.

GAINESVILLE, Ga., April 7. (AP)—Lists of known deaths in the decade's most disastrous tornadoes reached the 450 mark in the south today as weather observers expressed fear of widespread damage from threatening floods.

Tupelo, Miss., and Gainesville, Ga., both mill cities of approximately 8,000 population, bore the brunt of the storm fatalities.

Floods Block Traffic At Tupelo at least 184 died; at Gainesville 153.

Floods blocked traffic in parts of Georgia, Alabama, and the Carolinas. Thousands of acres of farm lands were inundated by the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Alabama rivers.

Betty Joe Mast, 3, drowned in swollen Cove creek at her home near Boone, N. C.

Red Cross Aid Rushed In Washington, the senate banking committee approved legislation to extend RFC and housing administration credit to the tornado stricken areas.

Red Cross authorities said \$1,000,000 was needed for immediate relief.

The tornadoes were the worst since twisters killed 695 and destroyed \$18,500,000 in property in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, March 18, 1925.

Four hundred and fifty bodies of victims of windstorms this week and last had been recovered and 1,727 persons were badly injured by the twisters which damaged 3,200 homes.

Relief workers toiled under overcast skies at two mill cities hardest hit, Tupelo, and Gainesville. Death tolls mounted in each community to near 200.

Rain swollen streams threatened several communities which escaped damage from the \$25,000,000 (Continued on Page Two)

AGRICULTURE HEADS VIEW GRADE CHANGE

PORTLAND, April 7. (AP)—State department of agriculture officials studied recommendations today from 50 growers who asked for changes in laws affecting potato branding, cauliflower crates, tomato classification and open container packs.

Frank McKennon, of the division of plant industry, said decisive action will be taken by the department within two weeks.

The growers asked the department to change the present law requiring potato sacks to carry the name and address or brand of the grower, shipper or packer to specify that the name and address or "registered" brand be displayed.

Opinion prevailed that the present compulsory grading laws were too drastic and not enforceable, particularly in respect to open container packs for local consumption. A number of producers recommended that the open pack be considered thus eliminating the necessity of a grade mark.

No proposals were made for a change in the grading of potatoes.

President to End Fishing Cruise

MIAMI, Fla., April 7. (AP)—President Roosevelt planned to end his fishing trip in southern waters today, and was ready to turn shoreward at nightfall for the return to the White House.

He will reach port, probably here, tomorrow shortly after noon, and entrain immediately for his Warm Springs, Ga., home, to spend Thursday. He will arrive in Washington about noon Friday.

From the U. S. Potomac the President kept in touch by wireless with the tornado disaster situation.