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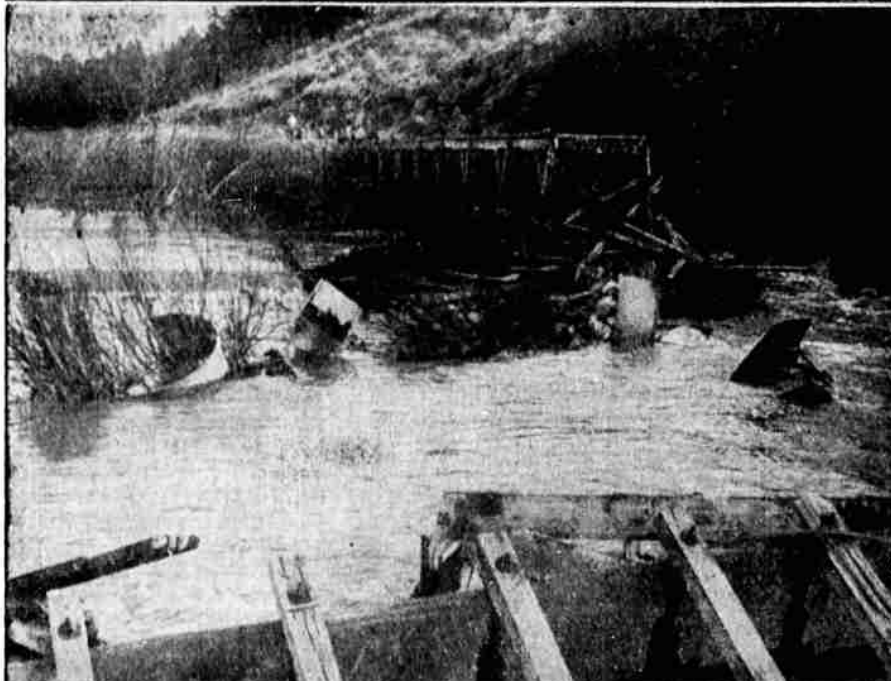
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MARTIN WINS IN PHOTO FINISH

Mad Father Kills Two Boys, Shoots Head Off

Swirling Flood Waters at Chiloquin



The upper picture shows a general view of the flood-high Sprague river at Chiloquin, looking across stream at the Blockinger mill. The water at this point is pouring over a wooden dam, the center of which has been blasted out to direct the force of the current down midstream and prevent bank-washing as far as possible. At lower left may be seen rip-rap thrown up against the current at the gap made when a part of an irrigation flume was carried out. A piece of the galvanized metal flume is at the lower right-hand corner. The lower picture shows an open end of the flume where the section was torn out, with wreckage of the flume and supporting timbers in the water below.

TROUBLE WITH WIFE LEADS TO TRIPLE DEATHS

Bodies of Two Children Found Crushed and Strangled.

AUBURN, Wash., April 20 (AP)—A father deranged by separation from his wife killed his two young sons by crushing their heads with a rock and strangling them, then took his own life by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun charge.

The story was unfolded today after discovery by a lantern light searching party last night of the bodies of the children, Herbert Barrett, 11, and his brother, William, 7.

They had been slain, Sheriff's Deputy O. K. Bodla said, by their father, Joseph O. Barrett, 32-year-old WPA worker whose body was found nine hours earlier.

Wife Also Threatened A note found in Barrett's coat led officers to the scene of the slaying of the children near the Stuck river last night. While bloodhounds bayed through the wooded darkness, E. H. Reinosky, railroad special agent, stumbled upon the brutally beaten bodies.

Coroner Otto Mittelstadt said other notes found in Barrett's effects indicated he also had threatened his estranged wife, Mrs. Lena Barrett. One note, addressed to her mother, Mrs. H. S. Lancaster, said: "I am only sorry I can't take her with me."

Planned Long Ago None of the notes was dated and they were worn and almost illegible. This led Bodla to believe Barrett intended for a long time to wipe out his family and himself.

Today only his wife, a Presbyterian choir singer, remained. She was bowed with grief at her small home here.

Barrett picked up the youngsters after school Monday. Bodla said apparently he drove them to the secluded Stuck river spot where he killed them. A rambling note scribbled by Barrett told of: "... It was hard to do but I did poor Bill. I had to do it twice. If they live (I didn't wait to see) may God give them life..."

Grabs Gun, Flees Then Barrett went to the home of his father, John Barrett, about 60, retired. He demanded a shotgun, telling the elder Barrett he had just "killed the kids" and wanted to end his own life with the weapon. The elder Barrett remonstrated. Finally Barrett grabbed the shotgun, which had no shells, and fled in his sedan.

Where he got the shell was not known, but he used the shotgun to end his life. His body was found in the hills near here yesterday.

VOLCANO SHOWERS JAPAN WITH STONES, HOT ASHES TOKYO, April 20 (AP)—Mount Asama, Japan's largest and most active volcano, erupted today with the biggest shower of stones and ashes in six years.

Rocks the size of watermelons rained on the slopes and villages nearby, causing a forest fire which raged for eight hours. Police prohibited mountain climbers from going up the slopes.

The last eruption was March 25 after a year of inactivity.

QUAKES IN TURKEY KILL 300, LEVEL 20 VILLAGES ANKARA, Turkey, April 20 (AP)—Three hundred persons were killed and 20 villages were shaken to the ground by violent earthquakes in central Anatolia, reports said today.

DiMag Accepts

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP)—Joe DiMaggio, holdout outfielder of the New York Yankees, notified Edward G. Barrow, business manager of the club, today he had accepted the club's salary offer of \$25,000.

DiMaggio will report to the Yankees by Saturday morning. He will leave San Francisco at 3:40 p. m. (PST) and will be in uniform for the Yankees' game with the Washington Senators Saturday afternoon.

Table with columns: AMERICAN LEAGUE, R. H. E., Philadelphia, Washington, Ross, Smith (8) and Hayes, Leonard and R. Ferrell.

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REINFORCED JAPS WIN TWO BATTLES

Spanish Insurgents Swing Southward, Register Further Gains.

By The Associated Press Reinforced Japanese armies defeated the Chinese in two battles along the south Shantung front today, while the insurgent forces of Generalissimo Francisco Franco made further advances in the northeastern Spanish war zone.

In Spain the insurgents, held up by the flooded Ebro river and stubborn government resistance in their campaign against Tordes, swung their offensive abruptly southward along the Mediterranean coast toward Valencia and Castellon.

General Miguel Aranda's troops advanced 12 miles along an 18-mile front and neared outskirts of Alcala De Chivert, covering almost half the distance from Vina-ro to Castellon.

On the central Catalanian front the insurgent push on Barcelona was still held up, but farther north the insurgents' blocked French ports of entry along the border in the Aran valley region, preventing further escape of trapped government militiamen and sympathizers. A number of towns were taken.

IDAHO PANHANDLE FLOOD TAKES TWO LIVES, CAUSES DAMAGE OVER \$500,000

WALLACE, Idaho, April 20 (AP)—With two persons drowned, a 17th Idaho viewed far-flung devastation today and estimated damage would pass the half million dollar mark.

An accurate estimate of losses was virtually impossible as rain and snow-swollen streams out of the mountains continued to recede. The runoff raised lower reaches of rivers draining the vast Idaho region.

Civic leaders here estimated it would be a month before conditions could be restored to normal. Washed-out roads and rail lines, tottering bridges and homes, debris-strewn streets and lawns marked the course of the most disastrous inundation in this mining region since 1933.

The Coeur d'Alene river at Rose lake 30 miles west of here claimed the lives of Jack Cochran and John Ojal, both about 24. One slipped from a dike into the muddy, surging stream, and the other lost his life trying to aid him.

An extension into Canada of the same flood conditions was fatal to two persons. A miner, Eric Trondson, 48, was killed in bed by a slide, and 12-year-old William Korner drowned at Michel, B. C., in a normally small creek.

TAX PROPOSALS GAIN APPROVAL AS JOB MAKERS

President Eyes Construction-Recovery Plan for Private Utilities.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The senate unemployment committee reported today enactment of senate-approved corporation income and capital gains taxes would be "exceedingly helpful" in making jobs for the nation's 12,000,000 and more unemployed.

At the same time, the committee reported that relief expenditures for 1933-37 aggregated \$19,300,000,000 of which \$14,300,000,000 came from the federal treasury and \$5,000,000,000 from state and local sources.

Fixed Rates The senate approved taxes imposing fixed rates on corporation income and capital gains have been approved by business and condemned by the administration.

President Roosevelt has endorsed the house-approved tax bill which would continue in modified form the present undistributed profits tax on corporations and would provide a sliding scale of rates on capital gains.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) President Roosevelt, expanding his recovery drive on still another front, discussed with fiscal advisors today how private utilities could be helped to finance new construction and provide jobs.

Increase Relief Loan He took up the question at a White House conference. Just before he did so Harry L. Hopkins, works progress administrator, indicated in testimony at the capitol that he was preparing to increase the relief load during the first seven months of the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

Appearing before the house appropriations committee to tell how he proposed to use \$1,250,000,000 of relief funds requested by the president, Hopkins said this sum would be sufficient to care for 2,800,000 persons until February 1, 1939—or 200,000 more than are now on the rolls.

PERSHING SPURNS WHEEL CHAIR ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK FROM ARIZONA

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP)—Smiling, and completely ignoring a waiting wheel chair, General John J. Pershing, World war commander of the armies of the United States, returned to New York today.

The 77-year-old soldier, near death less than two months ago from uremia in his home in Tucson, Ariz., walked unaided from his special railroad car to an elevator in his hotel, smartly saluted spectators gathered in welcome and went to his room for a rest after the three-day train trip.

The general arrived in the Grand Central terminal at 7:50 a. m. His car was switched to a spur underneath the hotel Waldorf-Astoria, where his sister, Miss Mae Pershing, maintains a suite.

In half an hour, General Pershing appeared at the street level. He was smartly dressed in a grey suit with grey tie. He turned his back on the wheel chair provided for his use and immediately went to his room to rest.

On Friday, he will attend the wedding of his only son, Francis Warren Pershing, to Muriel Bache Richards.

His personal physician, Dr. Roland Davison, who made the trip with the general, said the journey had proved tiring to the old soldier.

He said General Pershing had spent most of the time in bed.

Mama Coogan Sets Earnings At \$1,300,000

LOS ANGELES, April 20 (AP)—Jackie Coogan, highest-salaried child actor of the silent movies, was challenged today by his mother, Mrs. Lillian Coogan Bernstein, on his claim that he earned \$4,000,000 before he reached legal age two years ago.

Mrs. Bernstein, resisting her son's suit for an accounting of his estate on the ground no such estate exists, filed an affidavit stating Jackie's earnings amounted to only \$1,300,000. She contends that whatever money and property remain are hers under the California law that gives a minor's salary to his parents.

Took Pledge "Regardless of what my mother said about me being a bad boy, I don't think my conduct warrants my being cut off without any money," Jackie said.

"I flunked out at Santa Clara university, but dad did the same when he was my age. Once, I went home drunk and mother was terribly upset. I promised I wouldn't drink again. I went to church and made a pledge and I have never broken it to this day, not even to a glass of beer."

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE CALL HALTED

Meyers' Effort to Convene Session Blocked At Last Minute.

OLYMPIA, April 20 (AP)—Gov. Clarence D. Martin and Lieut. Gov. Victor A. Meyers staged a top watch finishes today in their respective country-wide races to halt and to call a special session of the state legislature.

The governor, landing at Spokane in a chartered plane which had roared through the night west from Chicago, was timed by air line officials as touching the ground there at 7:55 a. m., seven minutes before the former bandmaster took his proclamation to the secretary of state's office here, 300 miles away.

"Great Big Joke" The national guard headquarters at the field unofficially timed his landing at 8:05 a. m. By law, Meyers dropped his role by acting governor and its powers when Martin crossed the state's boundary, about 15 miles east of Spokane.

"I am astounded to think such an attempt has been made, and it seems like one great big joke," the governor said.

Martin also hinted Meyers, whose train and Washington state patrol car-rush north from southern California ended yesterday, was influenced by others in issuing the call, which was attested at 12:20 a. m. today by a Seattle notary public. The call was for the legislature to meet next Monday.

Three Hours Sleep "Maybe he was just playing up to those red devils," Martin said. Assistant Secretary of State Charles B. Reed refused to attest the petition for Meyers this morning, although Meyers was at the office at 3:01 a. m., after three hours sleep, and it was filed at 8:03 a. m. Reed asked the attorney general's office for an opinion on its legality, a matter of several hours' study.

Martin and Meyers have been at odds on the need for a special session. Meyers cited the need for legislation "providing social security for our people, an enabling act for low-rent housing and slum clearance, and a sound financial basis for the school system of the state" in his proclamation.

Bread and Butter He said the last special session in 1933, "to give the people a new and whiter, a better life." "I believe we can have another (Continued on Page Six)

AFL OPERATES OWN POLITICAL MACHINE

Labor Federation Forms Organization to Back Picked Candidates.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor, following the example of the rival CIO, entered politics on a national scale today by forming an organization to back selected candidates for public office.

The action, emphasizing anew the split between the two labor associations, indicated that the labor vote will be divided in many state primaries and November congressional elections.

CIO Support Drawback William Green, AFL president, said the federation might support some candidates who also were approved by CIO, but ordinarily, he added, CIO backing would be "one thing against a candidate."

Green's disclosure of the new organization followed his recent demands that federation members withdraw from labor's non-partisan league, the political branch of the CIO. The league was formed in 1935 to support President Roosevelt's candidacy for reelection.

"No Dictating" Although the AFL political setup will resemble the league in many respects, Green said it would be a "much more democratic organization." There will be "no dictating from the top," he added.

Green said the federation would keep in mind, in its political activity, the advice of the late Samuel Gompers, for 40 years its president, that labor should support its friends and oppose its enemies regardless of party.

ERWIN ADMITS URGING OLEEN WITHDRAWAL, SAYS PROMPTED BY FRIENDSHIP

PORTLAND, April 20 (AP)—Dr. Ralph M. Erwin, Multnomah county coroner who withdrew from the race for democratic nomination for governor, said today he had written a letter which O. Henry Oleen, opponent of Governor Charles Martin, said yesterday suggested his withdrawal from the race, too.

Oleen bitterly attacked the letter as coming from "one of the political gangs that took part in the political conspiracy conference to induce Henry Hess to file as a substitute candidate in place of Dr. J. F. Hosch, who withdrew as a candidate for governor."

The former Columbia county representative did not, however, reveal the author of the letter, but in a public communication today, Dr. Erwin said he wrote it and declared that he did so only as a friendly act by which Oleen might save his filing fee.

Today's News Digest

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Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS IN a field bordering the Plavo river, in Italy, where some of the heaviest fighting of the great war occurred, a little group of Italian boys found an old shell the other day. Boys being boys, the world over, they started in to see what it was made of. It exploded, and SEVEN of them were killed.

THE evil we do, as well as the good, lives after us—and if a list were to be made of all the evils in the world WAR would have to be placed at the very top.

ITALY and Great Britain have concluded an agreement that offers possibilities of staying off war between the two nations for at least a few years more. A similar agreement with France appears to be in the making.

Don't get the idea that these are gestures of good will. They are not. Italy's adventures in the Mediterranean still rankle in Britain's soul, and France is angered by Italy's Spanish campaign.

But in the hope of stopping Hitler, Britain and France are willing to bury their quarrel with Italy.

IF they can form a new balance of power, and stop Hitler, thus staying off for even a few more years the prospect of a general war in Europe, the world will benefit.

Bank Washing Threatening S. P. Bridge

Conditions on the flood-high Sprague and Williamson rivers at Chiloquin were unimproved Wednesday, and a crew of government employees as well as railroad men worked steadily in an effort to prevent bank-washing, regarded as the water's most serious threat of damage.

The Southern Pacific crew threw sandbags in against the water to protect the approaches to the main line bridge which crosses the Sprague river just below the Chiloquin Lumber company plant. (Continued on Page Six)

HOMEDALE ROAD EXTENDED AS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE

The county court issued an order Wednesday making the Homedale road a county road from The Dalles-California highway two and one-fourth miles south of the old Jim Dixon road. The order stated that the Homedale-Dixon road will extend from The Dalles-California highway eight miles south.

The Homedale road is in the suburban district where there is much agitation for road improvement. Wednesday's order will make that thoroughfare eligible for county road work. A part of the road heretofore has had county road status.

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Little Interviews

Bob Elder, police desk sergeant—I'm going on my vacation tomorrow, and I think I'll go to Bonanza where it's quiet.

E. E. Evans, Chiloquin school principal—I've lived at Chiloquin 11 years, and water there is higher than I've ever seen it.