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KLAMATH COUNTS STORM TOLL

In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

MUSOLINI, 56 years old today (Saturday), ADMITS it. For years, he has ignored his birthdays, choosing to think of himself as one whom age CAN'T TOUCH.

He is discovering, as all who have gone before him have discovered and all who will come after him must discover, that there are NONE whom age CAN'T touch.

Human beings are just human beings.

Measured by that standard, few despots have been great.

JOHNNY Curtis, 16, of Santa Rosa, found in the street the other day a wallet containing \$2,000 in cash and the name of the owner.

Being honest, Johnny returned the wallet. The grateful owner gave him a nickel, told him to "go buy himself an ice cream cone" and pledged him not to reveal his identity.

It's hard to believe, but there are people like that.

YOUR first impression may be otherwise, but Johnny got full value out of the transaction. He is HONEST. He knows now that he is able to resist temptation and REMAIN honest.

In the years to come, that knowledge will be worth everything in the world to him—worth immensely more in the long run than the \$2,000.

Honestly isn't just the BEST policy—it is the ONLY policy that can lead to worthwhile success.

THE grasping owner of the \$2,000 was feeling pretty good over the whole transaction until the story GOT INTO THE PAPERS. Now he is hurt and angry and mortified, and probably even goes so far as to wish he had been a little more generous.

So many things, you know, are quite all right as long as the public doesn't find out about them.

Logger Crushed Under Truckload Of 80-Foot Logs

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Arthur Johnson, 38, of Bellingham, Wash., was killed about 9 a. m. today near Sutherlin, while employed as a trawlerman on a logging truck. The steering trawler on which he was riding slid into a drainage ditch and pulled off the end of the logs, and Johnson was crushed under four 80-foot poles, Coronar H. C. Stearns reported.

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850 MILLIONS SLASHED FROM LENDING BILL

Neutrality Argument Delays Further Action by Congressmen

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—An attack on the administration's neutrality program by Senator Nye (R-N.D.) sidetracked the senate temporarily today from progressing toward passage of the \$1,640,000,000 lending bill.

The senate considered for an hour a lending bill amendment by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) to safeguard private industry from possible government competition until Nye's neutrality discussion compelled the chamber to lay the matter aside without a vote.

Nye urged greater control by congress over foreign affairs, declaring that the efforts of the president and secretary of state to obtain repeal of the arms embargo threatened to involve this country in any European war that might break out.

The amendment by O'Mahoney would restrict use of funds in the \$350,000,000 section of the lending bill for public works to fields not adequately supplied by private enterprise.

It also would provide no loans could be made where a non-competitive utility was in existence, unless a reasonable offer first were made to buy out this utility.

The senate already had stripped \$500,000,000 from the measure's original \$2,490,000,000 total.

With republicans working hand-in-glove with economy-minded democrats, the senate last night threw out President Roosevelt's \$500,000,000 super-highway program by a vote of 42 to 38 and then turned down a proposal to let the reconstruction finance corporation buy up to \$350,000,000 worth of railroad equipment and lease it to the railroads. The vote on this was 45 to 32.

Members of the coalition contended they had eliminated the features of the legislation they considered the most objectionable. They planned to press their advantage, however, with a drive to knock out a proposed \$100,000,000 authorization to the export-import bank for financing American exports. There was talk, too, of cutting down other lending proposals in the bill.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Boston	R. H. E.	
Pittsburgh	5 12 0	
Shoffner, Erickson (4) and Lopez, Masi (5); Bowman, Brown (9) and Berres, Sewell (8).		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
New York	R. H. E.	
Chicago	5 12 0	
Gumbert, Melton (9), Lynn (9), and Danning; Itoot and Hartnett.		
First game: R. H. E.		
Philadelphia	3 9 4	
Cincinnati	3 5 0	
Melchey, Kerzick (8), and Millies; Thompson and Lombardi.		

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Fellow firemen said Vernon C. Thimyan, 33, apparently was dreaming when he rolled from bed shortly before midnight and tumbled 18 feet to a concrete floor. He received possible vertebral fractures.



Huntington Taylor of the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company of Sprague River, at left, is new president of the Western Pine Logging conference which met here Friday. He is receiving congratulations from A. Whisnant, Portland, who has served as secretary the past year. C. G. Hovey of Klamath Falls was named secretary of the permanent organization formed here. Story on page 8.

MISTAKE SLAYING STARTS MAN HUNT

Net Spread for New York Racketeer Missing in Dewey Investigation

NEW YORK, July 29 (AP)—The "mistake murder" of a fat, good-natured music firm executive who "never had an enemy in the world" touched off a nation-wide hunt today for Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, described by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey as the "most dangerous industrial racketeer in the United States."

Two other men have been wounded in the racket warfare and two are inexplicably missing.

Reward Boosted

The district attorney said he would ask the board of estimates to boost to \$25,000 its present \$5,000 reward offered for the capture of the big-nosed, thick-lipped fugitive, deposed overlord of the garment and baking industry labor rackets.

An additional \$5,000 is offered by the federal bureau of investigation and may be increased.

The hunt for "Lepke," who skipped \$10,000 bail two years ago while awaiting trial on anti-trust charges, was intensified by the assassination last Tuesday of Leonard Penn, a 240-pound Bronx householder. Four men ambushed the startled victim and shot him five times.

Penn, jolly and widely popular in the music publishing field, died ignorant of why he had been shot. Dewey confirmed the belief the killers had erred and said their intended victim was Philip Orlovsky, a former official of a garment labor union dominated by Lepke and his partner, Jacob ("Gurrah") Shapiro. Orlovsky and Penn lived in the same apartment building and were of similar build.

Six Killed When Cars, Truck Crash

FREMONT, O., July 29 (AP)—Six persons died today in a crash of three automobiles and a truck near here.

The dead: Alvin Deveney, Sr., 50, and Alvin Deveney, Jr., of Detroit; the Misses Blanche and Florence May, Cranek, both about 40, and Frank G. Banadum, 60, Lakewood, O. Mrs. J. M. Well, 45, Mansfield, O.

Witnesses said the pile-up occurred after one of the cars skidded.

Diet Changes May Lengthen Span of Life

BERKELEY, Calif., July 29 (AP)—Relatively simple diet improvements can postpone the onset of old age and lengthen the life span, Dr. H. C. Sherman and Dr. H. L. Campbell, of Columbia university's chemistry department told the Pacific science congress today.

They reported repeated successes in experiments on white rats. They made no reference to the possible effect on humans but said the diet was "probably as good nutritionally as many or most American diets."

Two methods were used. In one they added extra proteins, minerals or vitamins, or all three, to the regularly prepared food. In the other they added no outside substance but simply varied the proportion of the various staple food articles in the diet.

The changes were so arranged as to keep bodily growth and development of the animal "symmetrical"—that is, these two phases of life progress were kept in step. This prevented the accumulation of excess fat and kept the rate of growth down sufficiently to prevent any lessening of vitality.

Animals thus treated, they said, attained maturity somewhat earlier than normal, had a longer period of adult vitality and reached senility later.

Dr. S. R. Pottinger, of the United States bureau of fisheries technological laboratory, College Park, Md., said experiments showed fish and other seafood compared favorably as to protein nutritive value with beef, casein and egg albumin.

Defendant Prays As Sentence Set At Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, July 29 (AP)—While Louis Jackson Hurst, 19, recited the prayer which jailers reported he had been repeating almost constantly for two days, Circuit Judge H. D. Norton sentenced him to the state penitentiary today for a term not exceeding 20 years.

"Father in heaven," Hurst prayed, "I will pray that Thou will save my soul."

Hurst had pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill when he suddenly whipped out a gun several months ago and shot Harold Drake, also 19 and a stranger, in the back because "I thought he laughed at me."

He fled and committed two holdups near Medford before being captured at Ashland.

FIRE SWEEPS HOOD RIVER WAREHOUSES

Five Firemen Hurt When Roof Collapses; Loss Set at \$250,000

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Five firemen were slightly injured in a fire that destroyed two apple packing establishments here today at a loss estimated by firemen at nearly \$250,000.

The fire broke out from an undetermined cause at dawn today, swept through the plants before a brisk wind and threatened other buildings and railroad cars before it was controlled in mid-morning.

The firemen were cut and bruised in the collapse of the roof of the Kelly Brothers' Apple Packing plant, one of the two concerns destroyed.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Fire swept through two major apple packing plants here early today causing loss estimated by firemen at nearly \$250,000.

The blaze started at 3 a. m., apparently in the Kelly Brothers' apple packing plant and spread (Continued on Page Eight)

Human Bomb Gives Up Quietly to Small Town Cop

KANSAS CITY, July 29 (AP)—John Thornburg, "human bomb" bank bandit who threatened to "blow anyone to hell that tries to take me," gave up quietly enough to a small town policeman who told him "We can use you over at our place."

Arrested at Nevada, Mo., Thornburg was brought here for arraignment on charges of robbing the First National bank of Chanute, Kas., in March. The bank is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

He was recognized on a Nevada street by Demus Becket, student in a Sunday school class Thornburg once taught at Chanute, Kas.

Arrested in a pool hall yesterday, he readily admitted he held up the Chanute bank by threatening to set off three sticks of dynamite taped to his stomach. He obtained \$4860.

Joe Balch, Chanute city attorney who Thornburg forced to accompany him while he robbed the bank, asked him what he had done with the money. He had only \$234.

"I guess I spent it mostly traveling," Thornburg replied.

Thornburg had spent several days at Kansas City General hospital as an amnesia patient shortly before the robbery. He was asked whether he thought his mind was clear at the time of the holdup.

"That's a matter of opinion," he smiled.

BRITAIN CALLS ARMY TO PEAK WAR STRENGTH

August, September Held Tension Period for European Powers

By the Associated Press

LONDON—Britain swings into gradual naval mobilization as preparation against tension feared for August and September: new law against Irish republican army terrorism goes into effect; London instructs ambassador to Tokyo to make representations against continued anti-British demonstrations in the orient.

TOKYO—Japan makes formal announcement of new trade treaty with Germany which observers believe was timed as warning to France and Britain.

PARIS—French police, on spy and propaganda hunt, arrest newspaperman and senate stenographer; life of present parliament extended two years by decree.

RICCIONE, Italy—Mussolini observes 56th birthday and receives Hitler's cable congratulations.

SHANGHAI—Chinese guerrillas reported to have blown up locomotive on Shanghai, Nanking railway.

SHANGHAI, July 26 (AP)—British and Japanese troops faced each other across new erected Japanese barbed-wire barricades on a Shanghai boundary tonight as result of an incident which caused Japanese-British friction here to flare anew.

Japanese naval forces ran up the barrier along a mile and a half of British defense sector after an encounter in which Japanese seized and held four British soldiers for two hours and a half.

British military commanders protested the barricade, asserting it was on territory inside the British zone. There were strong indications that the encounter held further possibilities of trouble.

The friction began when four men of the Seaforth Highlander regiment in a truck entered the Japanese zone to repair barbed wire. British officers said the men mistakenly believed they were in the British zone.

Quickly men of the Japanese naval landing force—the permanent Shanghai garrison—blocked off the alleyway in which the Britons were working, cutting off their escape.

Then 200 Japanese, working at high speed, strung three strands of wire along a mile and a half stretch from Soochow creek to the northern limit of the British defense sector.

Reports of British-Japanese trouble running through the nearby Japanese-occupied part of the city caused a panic among Chinese residents, thousands of whom left that area.

After two and a half hours negotiation British officers obtained the release of the men and truck.

The northern and western boundaries of the international settlement, adjacent to Japanese-held sections of Shanghai, lie within defense zones held by United States marines and British army troops. The British boundary especially has been the scene of continual friction ever since the Japanese army and navy completed occupation of the greater Shanghai area in November, 1937.)

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Rainstorm, Hail Closes Roads in Siskiyou County

YREKA, Calif., July 29 (AP)—Rural roads were closed today after a freak cloudburst and hailstorm late yesterday in the Deer mountain area, second short deluge to strike Siskiyou county in 24 hours.

The storm yesterday delayed for two hours traffic on U. S. highway 97, 16 miles north of Yreka where debris covered a section under construction. Hail stones were driven through auto tops, but there are few buildings in the area and property damage otherwise was slight.

The cloudburst Thursday caused an estimated \$10,000 damage in the Little Shasta river valley farm area.

DROUGHT THREAT TO FARM VALUES

Dry Weather Confined to Sections, Not Serious as Previous Spells

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—A mid-summer drought gripped millions of acres of American crop and pasture land today threatening incalculable losses to farmers.

In contrast with the severe dry weather of 1934 and 1936, which was almost nationwide, present drought conditions are confined principally to middle Atlantic and New England states, the southwestern "dust bowl" and sections of the Rocky Mountains and upper Great Lakes.

While losses have been heavy, particularly in the eastern drought belt, L. B. Kincaid, the weather bureau's crop specialist, explained they were not those of 1934 and 1936.

"Drought conditions are more localized and developed much later this year than in the severe drought year," he said. "Consequently damages will not be nearly so heavy."

Federal farm officials reported a sharp deficiency in moisture and high temperatures this month and dried up pastures, damaged corn, potatoes, commercial truck crops and berries in the northwestern states. Scattered rains this week brought a degree of relief.

Prices Stable

Inasmuch as the nation has bountiful supplies of cotton, corn, wheat and most other agricultural products, drought losses are expected to have small effect on prices and supplies, officials said.

The weather bureau has no explanation for the persistency of (Continued on Page Eight)

House Passes Bill To Curb Aliens

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Legislation designed to curb subversive activities of undesirable aliens was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The bill by Representative Smith (D-Va.), would increase the number of deportable offenses, seek to guard army and navy personnel from subversive influences, direct deportation of anarchists and related classes of aliens advocating overthrow of the government by force, and compel prospective immigrants to be fingerprinted in their native land.

Final passage came on a voice vote after a move by Rep. Marcantonio (A-N.Y.) to return the bill to committee was defeated 373 to 48.

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ELWOOD BICE DIES AS BOLT STRIKES MEN

Crop, Livestock Damage Over \$20,000 From Hail, Lightning

Klamath today counted a toll of one human life, crop and livestock loss of more than \$20,000, and crippled power and communications services in the wake of one of the most violent electrical and hail storms in the history of this area.

The storm exploded a bolt of lightning in the midst of a railroad section crew at Henley, killing Elwood Bice, 28, injuring three others and stunning all other members of the crew of 19.

About the time the lightning was crackling over the Henley district, a terrific hail storm blasted the north end of the Wood River valley, causing losses to clover seed growers estimated at approximately \$20,000.

Enormous hail stones battered the area for three-quarters of an hour. Among growers hard hit were Linsy Blumore, M. Hess, F. M. Denton and E. D. Briscoe.

Hail lay deep on the ground like snow after the storm.

On Saturday, other details of storm damage reached the city from the area south of here, which bore the brunt of the electrical disturbance.

On the farm of Earl Reynolds, and only a few hundred feet from the railroad crew tragedy, 10 prize rams were found dead Saturday morning. They were valued by Reynolds at \$250. Thirty-five animals were in the flock which was rased by a lightning bolt.

Shocked By Bolt

On another farm several turkeys were killed. At the Henry Semon place, across the Merrill highway from Reynolds' farm, lightning struck a tree and showered sparks over a bunkhouse. A farm woman in the Mack's store area, it was reported, was shocked by a bolt which struck as she was standing in a door, but quickly recovered.

A dozen or more fires were set in woods and brush land by lightning, three on Stukel mountain. Most of these were doused by the heavy rains which followed the thunder, but Klamath Forest Protective association sent men here and there Saturday to cover "smokes" following the storm.

Tragically overshadowing other incidents of the storm was the death of young Bice—first lightning fatality in Klamath county in 35 years and second in its history.

Near Quitting Time

Bice and other members of the section crew were working about half a mile east of the Great Northern's overhead crossing on the Merrill road near Henley, eight miles from Klamath Falls. It was near quitting time, and the crew worked hurriedly to finish the day's duties before the rainstorm which was threatening. The men paid little heed to the lightning which was splitting the black clouds overhead. Young Bice was jacking up a rail.

Suddenly there was a blinding flash. Not a man in the crew of 19 was left standing. Several were tossed for a distance of eight or ten feet. One by one they regained consciousness and staggered to their feet, with the exception of young Bice.

He didn't move. A railroad carpenter, coming by in a few minutes, found the members of the dazed crew gathered about the prostrate form of the young section man, and sent in word of the tragedy.

Two of the three men injured were unconscious for about 20 minutes. One of them was Emil Mikola, the foreman, who was lying along the rail when it was believed struck by the lightning, and narrowly escaped death. After he had been hospitalized, he had only a scratch on his nose.

Bernard Mueller was also out for 20 minutes. He was dazed for (Continued on Page Eight)

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