

GRANGERS RAP USERS ON COST OF WATER USE

Charging that under present regulations the "landowner has not a vested right to an adequate water supply but only a permission to buy water on an annual rental basis at a price fixed annually by the U. S. reclamation service, and unknown to landowners until the year it is paid, thereby injuring the financial structure on irrigated land values," the Klamath Pomona grange in session at Main Saturday denounced such action and endorsed a resolution to that effect to congressional representatives and Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Following is the resolution which was drawn up after lengthy discussion on the part of grange members in their all-day session Saturday.

WHEREAS, the landowners of the Klamath project, both those in Oregon and those in California, have a legal right to an adequate water supply for irrigation, a right secured by both the provisions of state law and the federal reclamation act; beneficial use being the basis, the measure and the limit of that right; and

WHEREAS, such right is by law a vested property right, appurtenant to a part and parcel of the land itself; and

WHEREAS, the lands of the Klamath project have a natural water supply adequate, more than adequate, for all of the lands irrigated or that can be irrigated; and

WHEREAS, the bureau of reclamation denies and asserts instead that these lands have only a contractual right to water, the amount to be delivered limited to the entirely inappropriate and false duty of water stipulated in contracts drawn 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, basing its demands upon this unwarranted assertion the reclamation bureau has been collecting money, by force where necessary, for so-called "excess" water from some (but not all) of the landowners of the project, although the amounts delivered were in no case more than actually required for the growing of crops; and

WHEREAS, this action not only inflicts pecuniary penalty upon the owners of lands so charged but, far worse, if consented to becomes an admission that the landowner has not a vested right to an adequate water supply but only permission to buy water on an annual rental basis at a price fixed annually by the reclamation bureau and unknown to the landowner until the year it is paid; and

WHEREAS, such admission would greatly injure if not destroy the loan and sale value of land and the financial structure erected on the basis of irrigated land values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Klamath County Pomona grange, in regular meeting assembled this eleventh day of November, 1939, that this body does hereby denounce said action of the reclamation bureau as an unwarranted invasion of the rights of the State of Oregon and of the property rights of the landowners of the Klamath project; and hereby respectfully requests Hon. Charles L. McNary, Hon. Rufus C. Holman and Hon. Walter M. Pierce, our congressional representatives, and Hon. Charles A. Sprague, governor of Oregon, to take any action which may to them seem appropriate to protect the rights of the state and its directly interested citizens; such action as will cause the reclamation bureau to cease and desist from its warranted demands and resume its historical and legal position with regard to delivery of water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to each of the officials hereinabove mentioned by name and to the executive committee of the Oregon state grange for its information.

Owen King, chairman, Earl Webber, James Dixon, G. S. Thompson.

R. Henry Anderson was elected Master of Klamath Pomona grange to serve for a two-year period along with other officers, including: George Denton, overseer; Mrs. Scott Thompson, lecturer; Basil Brown, steward; Joe Sullivan, assistant steward; B. F. Bradshaw, chaplain; August Andrieu, treasurer; Rex High, secretary; Joe Taylor, gate keeper; Dorothy Mack, Ceres; Helen Loomis, Pomona; Mrs. Boten, Flora; Bessie Hartler, L.A.S.; A. L. Marshall, M. L. Ferguson, and Mrs. John Taylor, executive committee.

The Klamath Pomona grange also went on record endorsing a resolution adopted by the Shasta View grange to the effect that the state highway commission be requested to make a thorough study of traffic lanes entering Klamath Falls, especially from the north and south with a view to diverting traffic either to new lanes or to increase the width of present highways to four lanes. This request is made in view of the fact that the movement of farm crops and farm traffic is involved by "present inadequate highway facilities," Arthur Imig, master of the grange, pointed out.

The resolution set forth that, "Whereas, traffic is overtaxing the capacity of highways—the necessity is becoming more urgent for either increasing the

Boys Held As Police Probe Theft, Destruction of Cars

Two Klamath Falls youths are held in the county jail charged with theft of cars, and a third was released pending investigation, as the result of arrests made by state police Friday night.

According to police, Harry Welmar and Melvin Amundson, both of Weyerhaeuser, reported their cars stolen, Amundson's on November 6, Welmar's three nights later. Welmar's car was located in a sagebrush-covered ravine back of Idylwild Inn on the Ashland route, the Amundson car on the old Long Lake road. The Welmar car was badly scratched, but the Amundson car was virtually demolished. All wheels, accessories including a

radio and other equipment had been stripped from the machine and the vandals, police said, had apparently taken glass rocks and smashed all the glass in the sedan. Police lay in wait Friday night for the boys who returned to the Welmar car. The machine, when stolen, had eight gallons of gas in the tank. The speedometer registered an additional 200 miles, officers said.

The three young boys are awaiting action of juvenile authorities. State police said they told officers they "got their ideas" from a similar act perpetrated by other boys who had recently stolen cars and stripped them.

PLANE ATTACKS PROVE FAILURES

An excellent attendance was reported at Saturday's grange session which was presided over by the retiring Master, L. Alva Lewis.

The plan for the seventh time since the war started and military sources announced later German reconnaissance planes had flown over the area.

The announcement said the planes had been driven off by anti-aircraft fire but did not specify the number involved.

The sirens sounded the warning at 4:20 a. m. (10:20 p. m., E. S. T., Sunday and ended the alarm period at 5:20 a. m. It was the second early morning alarm of the weekend, one having put the city on the alert for 70 minutes before dawn Saturday.

Sounds of heavy anti-aircraft fire could be heard today and the faint sound of airplane motors was believed by observers to have come from German reconnaissance planes attempting to approach Paris.

POLITICIANS START OPEN CAMPAIGNING

In July which might lag in late summer.

The plan also would permit the republicans to hold their national convention later than the customary June session, if they desire. There has been some talk of delaying the convention until the democrats choose their nominees.

An assertion Vice President Garner would be a democratic presidential candidate, no matter whether President Roosevelt might seek a third term, was made by E. R. Germany, director of the Garner forces.

Inmate Tells of Seeing 17 Slain in Insane Ward

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 13 (AP)—A letter from a former inmate of the Stockton state hospital for the insane who was recently judged sane and released advised the governor's office today that the writer had seen seventeen persons murdered in the institution.

The letter was signed Eugene Higgenbotham, 291 Venable street, Stockton, and copies were sent to District Attorney F. G. Clowdsley of Stockton and Dr. Aaron Rosanoff, director of state institutions.

Clowdsley wrote the governor that while the story was weird and unbelievable, yet he could not take the responsibility for pigeon-holing it and suggested the matter be inquired into without necessarily conducting a formal investigation.

Higgenbotham's letter said he expected to be sentenced to San Quentin soon and having been released from the hospital he felt free to divulge the facts concerning "one of the greatest wholesale murder scandals in the history of the state."

He said one of the custodians would place the mouth of a large bottle down the throats of patients. "At first I thought it was just an aid to old men who were dying." Later, he said, he observed the patients would be lead the following day and "the boys in the yard" would remark, "Well another man got the black bottle."

"I saw seventeen men murdered," he wrote.

The governor's office discounted the man's narrative but in view of the fact he was recently dismissed as sane said that the letter would be referred to the director of institutions.

RELIEF OREGON CITY, Nov. 13 (AP)—German school children are contributing pennies for the relief of starving Germans in the United States, John Gensheimer said today on his return from Europe. The 26-year-old Oregon City resident said he was questioned repeatedly about the "subject poverty" which Germans believe exists in this country.

NEGRO HELD IN GUNSHOT DEATH HERE

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head of the bed, and that he and Mrs. Williams went outside, where they talked and sang.

Williams, according to his story, went into the house to build a fire, using kerosene. He went outside again and was conversing with his wife when he heard a crackle behind him. He discovered the tiny house a mass of flames.

He said he rushed inside and grabbed the gun, took three steps, and then it discharged. His wife shouted she had been shot. Williams said she staggered toward the highway. Williams flagged down a car driven by C. H. Redford, with Russell Griffiths as a passenger. Mrs. Williams was brought to the hospital.

Officers returned to the Midland road with Williams. They found the but, which they described as a hotel, a mass of flames, with timbers falling.

Williams' first story was that he was returning from the hillside with a load of fuel when Mrs. Williams came rushing toward him crying that the house was on fire. He said she was carrying the gun which discharged and wounded her.

Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, following an autopsy Saturday night, said the pattern of the shot on the woman's body was such that the gun must have been discharged from a distance of several yards.

The body was taken to the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home.

The Williams, police said, have made their home on the old Midland road for the past few years. They are thought to have come here from Chicago. Williams is employed as a car washer.

STRANGE ACTIONS FOLLOW QUAKE IN NORTHWEST AREA

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balanced it has registered quakes as far away as California.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (AP)—Ralph McDonald, of the Green Lake district, reported last night's earth tremors stopped one clock and started one, that had not been running. They faced each other on east and west walls.

Charles M. Stype, Union Pacific dock watchman, said water slopped out on the north and south sides of a big tank mounted on a 120-foot tower.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (AP)—William H. Campbell, of West Seattle, shouted "Come in!" last night when doorbell chimed aroused him from sleep. There was no answer except the repeated chiming. Then Campbell's bed swayed and it dawned on Campbell that his "caller" was an earthquake.

ORILLIA, Wash., Nov. 13 (AP)—J. E. Boleck, fire marshal, was fighting a dairy barn fire last midnight when several planks underfoot began moving as though floating on water.

"It made me dizzy, so I leaned against the barn. Imagine my surprise," he added, "when the barn began to move."

Spectators and fire fighters fled, thinking the fire was collapsing the barn. They returned when they discovered it had been an earth quake.

The fire was controlled after it had burned three cows and 150 tons of hay.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (AP)—Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Campbell were disturbed about 10 o'clock last night when a rock crashed through a window, and they found a note reading:

"I strike at midnight or else. To you from 'The Lone Clutch'. Put \$2 on the porch."

DAMAGE SMALL AS MOVEMENT SCARES PEOPLE

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ed their patrons left the buildings quietly.

In all parts of Seattle residents rushed to the streets in their night attire and some spent the remainder of the night in auto camps.

A corner section of the National Bank of Washington in Tacoma, weighing approximately 150 pounds, crashed six floors into an alley at the rear of the bank. Some plaster damage was reported in the state capitol at Olympia.

The epicenter of the quake had not been determined late this morning but it covered an area from the Portland district, north through Longview, Centralia, the Grays Harbor cities, Olympia, Everett, Bellingham, Victoria and as far north as Vancouver, B. C., and then into eastern Washington.

Cities reported the affect of the quake as follows:

Seattle—Walls in Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and other downtown buildings cracked. Residents fled from homes in night clothes and theatre patrons flocked into street. Many residents reported three distinct shocks that rocked buildings, swayed traffic lights and rattled windows. Shock general throughout city.

Tacoma—Hundreds fled into street as houses trembled, windows rattled, chandeliers swung to and fro. Corner of National Bank of Washington fell six floors to alley. Fire on St. Paul lumber and timber company's wharf quickly extinguished.

Portland—Shock general in Portland area, Oregon City, Estacada, Oak Grove but unreported south of city. Falling pictures and cracked plaster only damage. Astoria and Seaside on coast reported shocks.

Olympia—N. M. Beck, night watchman at state capitol, said it felt inside a huge structure as "though the whole building was jumping up and down." Broke some glass in capitol, shook chandeliers loose and plaster fell from ceilings and walls.

Aberdeen—Several power lines disrupted and water mains broken. Plaster cracked. Hoquiam residents left homes and gathered down town.

Raymond—Dishes broken, wallpaper cracked, lumber piles tipped over. Acting Fire Chief Roy Treatise said shake rang off fire station bell 11 times. Lookout John Smith Jr., at North Cove coast guard station said shock caused large ocean swell and violent rocking of the lookout tower.

Auburn—Section of brick chimney fell at junior high school, dropping through roof into boiler room. Considerable plaster was knocked down, one woman was temporarily locked in her home when the door sagged so she couldn't open it.

PORTLAND, Nov. 13 (AP)—Thousands of Portland residents have been wondering for years what it would be like to experience an earthquake but when it came many of them didn't know what it was.

Scores of persons, roused from deep sleep, telephoned the police bureau that "burglars were in the house." Police said they knew about quakes either and for a frantic few minutes sirens screamed all over the city as the bluecoats chased down "burglar" alarms.

Police said today the shock was felt "rather severely" at Seaside and Astoria. Patrons at a tavern on the Bertha-Beaverton highway said the dance floor moved noticeably.

Portland General Electric company employees felt the shock at Oregon City, Oak Grove and Bull Run. Forest Grove students turned out on the Pacific university campus to compare observations on swaying pictures and swinging light fixtures.

Hammond residents on the lower Columbia river at first thought the noise of shaking buildings was caused by a rock train on the jetty or an explosion at Fort Stevens.

Telegraph company employees identified the messages as having been charged to the account of the bund newspaper.

The heavily-built leader who is charged with stealing \$5641 from his own organization smiled and blushed as he was pictured as the writer of the messages to Mrs. Florence Camp, who Kuhn has termed a "casual friend."

The state charges that of the funds allegedly misappropriated, Kuhn used \$716 to pay for the transportation of Mrs. Camp's furniture from New York to California and thence to Cleveland.

43 Killed When Nazi Trains Meet OPELIN, Germany, Nov. 13 (AP)—Forty-three persons were known today to have been killed and 60 injured in a collision between two passenger trains last night between Langhoben and Rosenberg.

The trains were crowded with Sunday traffic. The accident was believed to have been caused by the negligence of a switchman who ran the two trains onto the same track.

Christmas Tree Chopper Escapes In Tiff With Bear

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when he arrived the bear reared up swiftly and struck him a blow in the face with his paw. The blow rendered Wall unconscious, inflicted deep gashes on his face, and caused him to turn a complete somersault. Wall landed on a sharp rock, bruising his ribs. He also sustained a black eye.

Just before the bear struck, Wall emitted a loud yell, and his brother and Milhoan rushed to the rescue. They frightened the bear away by yelling and throwing their axes at the beast.

FINNS GIVE UP MOSCOW PARLEY

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ing her military position in the west and north.

Moscow discussion of the Russian demands in the past five days has consisted of an exchange of notes on minor points.

The returning delegation is scheduled to arrive in Helsinki Wednesday. It had been given authority to return whenever there appeared to be no hope of further progress.

Finance Minister Vaino Tanner early this afternoon advised the foreign office of the decision to return.

"There are no indications that further progress through negotiations is possible," Erkkö said in an interview. "There is a last minute chance, but we have come so far it is difficult."

Asked whether the negotiations might be resumed later in event of a breakdown, Erkkö replied:

"That depends on circumstances."

The foreign minister did not specify the points on which the negotiations were stalled. Observers expressed belief, however, stumbling blocks were Russia's demands for a naval base on Finnish territory at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland and revision of the southern border between the two countries on the Karelian isthmus.

Erkkö hinted at this interpretation when he said to an American newspaperman:

"I believe there is a place called Sandy Hook outside New York harbor. How would you like to hand that over to some one?"

He shrugged off as "part of the game" a weekend barrage of Russian press attacks on Finland's "obstinacy," but added:

"When press attacks are inspired we have to take them into consideration as part of the discussion."

Ten Americans Escape as British Steamer Sinks

SINGAPORE, Nov. 13 (AP)—Ten Americans, members of a magic show troupe, escaped today when the British-India steamer Sirdhana, 7745 tons, sank near here. It was reported the Sirdhana struck a mine and went down 15 minutes later.

William Nicola of Moonmouth, Ill., who with his wife was among those who escaped, said a great amount of the show equipment was lost.

Other Americans who escaped were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hugo of Toledo, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Galliard of Mount Kisco, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Decker (first name not given), of Chicago; Mary Camp of Peoria, Ill.; and Charles Vance of Peoria, Ill.

Eleven persons, listed as Asiatics, were reported drowned and nine others missing.

Lloyd's register says the Sirdhana, a 436-foot liner, was built in 1925 and was owned by the British-India Steamship company. Her home port was London.

ALLIES DEMAND GERMANY FREE LITTLE NATIONS

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France of "deliberately" sabotaging the mediation offer.

The foreign ministers of the two lowland countries met near their common frontier last night, possibly to consider the next step in the light of the replies from London and Paris.

Premier Dirk Jan de Geer told the Netherlands in a radio speech there was no ground for "uncasiness" and discounted the reports the nation was in danger of foreign invasion.

He attributed the reports to belligerents in the European war who, he said, credit one another with the darkest plans.

Though there was no important military action on the western front, air raid warnings sent the civilian population of Paris to cover for the seventh time since war started.

Military sources said German scouting planes had flown over the Paris area.

A result of the European war became apparent in the far east as Britain and France informed Japan they were withdrawing part of their troops from north China and would keep only sufficient forces to "preserve order."

Such a reduction in the number of foreign military forces has been one of Japan's aims in her campaign to solidify control of occupied Chinese territory.

Nine Persons Fall In Rio Grande as Bridge Collapses

McALLEN, Tex., Nov. 13 (AP)—Sudden collapse of the international bridge at the end of the nickle-plated road-to-hell dumped nine persons into the Rio Grande last night.

Francisco Delgado, 30, of Edinburg, Tex., is missing and feared drowned. Eight persons escaped drowning or being crushed to death in the wreckage. Two cars were plunged into the water as twin cables at each end of the bridge snapped.

Firemen dragged the river for possible victims after hearing reports that others went down with the span.

The \$50,000 bridge, built in 1928 and reconstructed in 1933, connected Reynosa, Mex., with the American border.

It was the terminus of the costly 11-mile highway from McAllen to Reynosa, a rip-roaring border town in the days of American prohibition.

Rio Grande valley residents facetiously called it the nickle-plated-road-to-hell.

POTATOES

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP)—POTATOES: 9 cars California, 7 Oregon arrived; 13 unbroken, 9 broken cars on track; supply moderate, practically no demand or trading; no early sales reported.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13 (AP)—POTATOES: 49 cars California, 14 Idaho, one Oregon, 5 Utah arrived; 77 unbroken, 33 broken cars on track; by truck 11 California, 2 Idaho, one Nevada, one Utah arrived; market dull; no Oregon quotations.

WOOL QUIET

BOSTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—The wool market in Boston was very quiet today. Quotations were unchanged compared with the close of the week, but almost entirely nominal because of the lack of trading. Both holders and buyers were maintaining a waiting attitude.

Many naturalists now are of the opinion that the lower animals are capable of thinking.

Annual snowfalls of 100 feet are common in Paradise Valley, Mount Rainier National Park.

Pictorial News of the Day

As 'Cash-and-Carry' Became Law

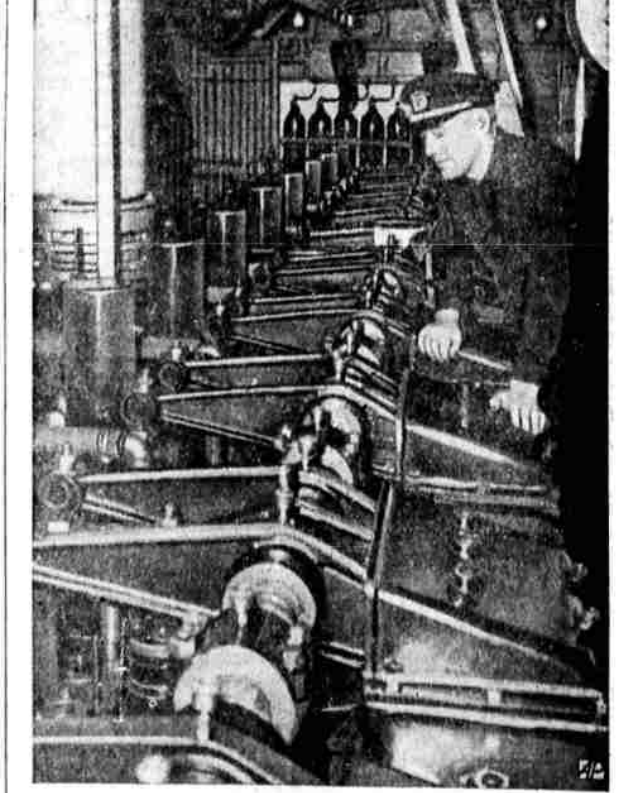


The camera records an historic moment as President Roosevelt signs the Neutrality Bill at his White House desk. Watching, left to right, are: William Bankhead, Speaker of the House; Secretary of State Cordell Hull; Vice President John Garner; Senate minority leader Charles McNary; and Senator Barkley, majority leader.

Nazi Prisoner On the Spot



An important part of the job of the French command is to find out as much as possible about what the Nazi command is planning in the way of defense or attack and so prisoners get a searching cross-examination. Above, a German prisoner is questioned in French General Headquarters.



POWER FOR 'NORTH STAR'—There's a lot of power here, thinks Chief Engineer Herman Sanwick of the motorship "North Star" as he examines the valve assembly of the longest Diesel engine in any ship in the U. S. It is 35 feet long, weighs 110 tons, has 1,525 horsepower and will push the "North Star" at 12 knots when ship leaves Boston with Byrd party.