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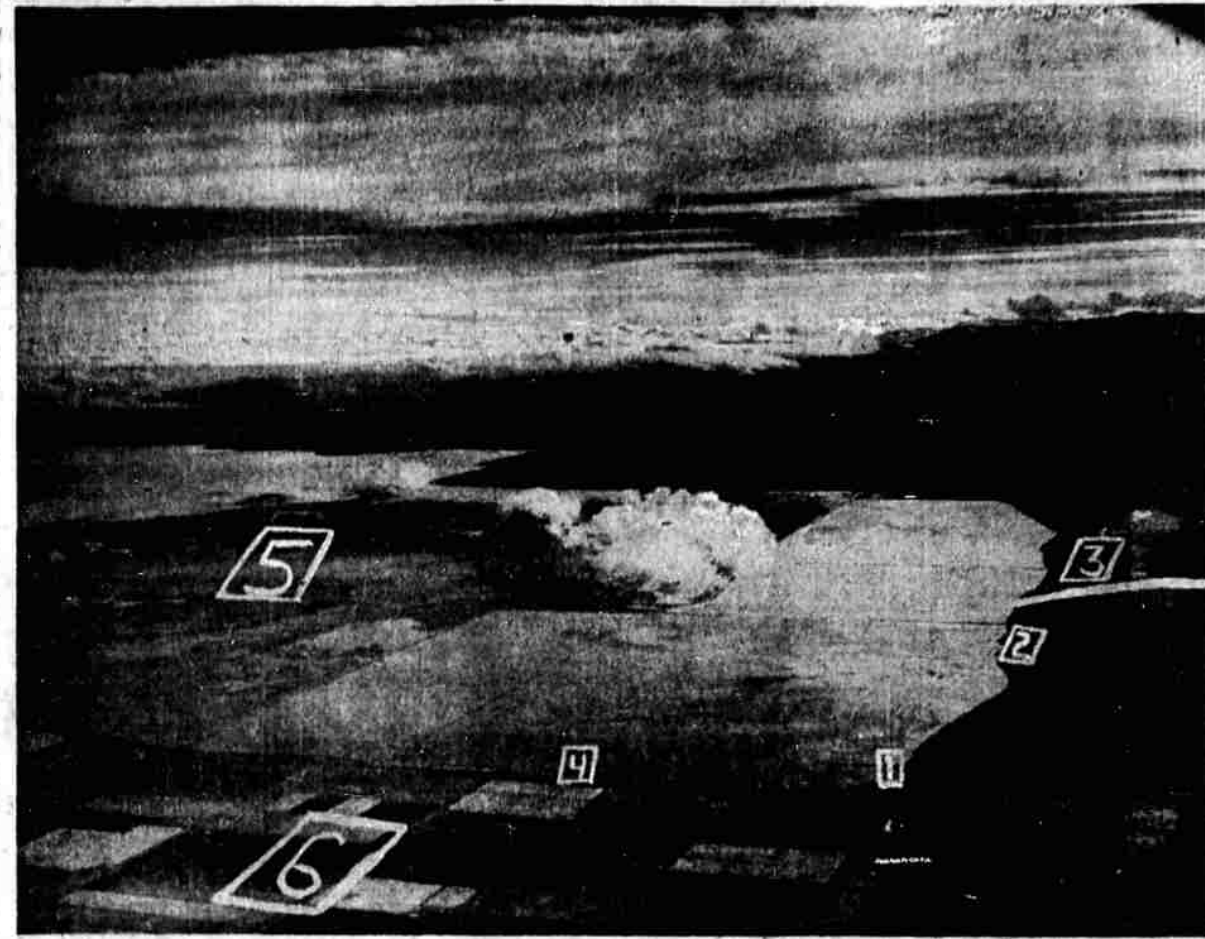
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FIRE RAZES REDDING BUILDINGS

Air View Shows Tule Lake Sump Problem Area and Site of Proposed Tunnel



This panorama picture of a portion of the Tule lake basin was taken by Wesley Guderian, Herald-News photographer, from a plane piloted by Chet Stinson. It shows the southwestern section of the Tule lake basin, scene of the major sump problem and solution. Figures indicate: 1. Biological survey headquarters. 2. Headquarters of Steele Land and Livestock company, with flooded lands of that company lying at the left of that figure. 3. Approximate site of the proposed tunnel which would carry water from Tule lake to Lower Klamath basin. 4. The main reclamation dike, the figure indicating the point where new flood waters have moved up to the dike. Note that the water here is open, permitting wind and wave action against the main dike. 5. The old or original sump, well grown with tules which break the force of wind action against the dike. 6. A part of the permanently developed homestead land. Beyond the water line in the picture are the leased lands which are now farmed.

Red Bombers Raid Capital

2 DIE, 4 HURT IN HELSINKI; BUILDINGS HIT

Russians Reported Bringing Up Reinforcements in Salla Sector

HELSINKI, Jan. 13 (AP)—Soviet Russian bombers raided southern Finland today, killing two persons and wounding four in Helsinki alone. Some buildings were destroyed and others damaged in the southwestern section of the capital, which had escaped being bombed in yesterday's raids.

British Airmen Make Long Flight Over South Germany

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP)—British fliers in "the greatest wartime survey flights" penetrated Bohemia and Austria during the night, carried on the North sea warfare by attacking naval destroyers and today destroyed a German air raider over the Firth of Forth, the air ministry announced.

At the same time fears of sabotage were expressed as sentries fired on prowlers at Hendon airdrome, northeast London. An attempt apparently was made to cut the Scotland-northern Ireland cable at Donaghadee, northern Ireland, and fire routed northern Ireland's governor, the Duke of Abercorn, and his household from 300-year-old Baronscourt castle.

DAMAGE OVER HALF MILLION IN 8 STORES

Blaze Breaks Out After Midnight; Explosion Calls Out Firemen

REDDING, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP)—Fire early today razed eight buildings and threatened the entire business district of this northern California community of 3000 persons.

Vernon Jones, asleep in a rooming house west of the Pioneer store, Redding's oldest business building, said he was awakened at 2:30 a. m., by an explosion and saw the three-story 63-year-old structure engulfed in flames.

The flames, fanned by a strong wind, swept through Redding's main business district and caused damage estimated at \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The fire was under control at noon, but still smoldering in the basements of the razed structures.

Insurance company officials estimated the loss at \$750,000. The larger estimate was made by William Clement, manager of the Pioneer store, the city's oldest business structure in which the fire originated.

Firemen began digging in the ruins of the F. W. Woolworth building on a report a body was buried under bricks of the razed structure.

L. A. Hicks, a spectator who assisted firemen in fighting the flames, suffered a broken leg when he fell from a burning building.

Firemen said the pioneer building apparently had been burning several hours before the alarm was sounded, and several explosions in the Pioneer store were attributed by firemen to combustion.

The flames consumed the buildings on the east side of Market street, between Placer and Yuba streets. On the west side of Market most of the windows were shattered by the heat, and wood framework was charred.

Starting in the Pioneer store, the flames spread rapidly and soon consumed the two-story J. C. Penney building, Modey's Day dress shop, F. W. Woolworth company building, Redding Printing company and Motor Supply company. Only the walls of some of these brick and concrete buildings remained standing.

Redding's four-piece fire department was hard pressed and a call for help brought a piece of equipment and men from Red Bluff, 32 miles south of here. Redding has only eight paid firemen and 40 volunteers, but more than 100 townspeople joined in the fight to save the remainder of the business district.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS ERNEST MOSER, missionary to the Cameroun, in West Africa, home on leave, says: "These simple African natives are puzzled by the white man's war. The coming of civilization STOPPED their inter-tribal strife, and now they live in peace and security instead of periodically killing each other off in battle. They can't understand why the white man, who brought civilization to them, DOESN'T DO LIKEWISE."

POOR deluded children of nature! So untutored are their minds that they are unable to understand what they are missing by not having diplomats and foreign policies and rulers who get them into jams so that they have to go to war and get killed in order to SAVE FACE.

TWO questions at this point: 1. Does this road they must travel lead upward or DOWNWARD? 2. Might it not, everything considered, be a good idea for them to send MISSIONARIES TO US?

THIS report comes from Copenhagen: Zhdanov, Leningrad district communist leader and one of Stalin's right hand men, credited with originating the plan to attack Finland, is said to have been "liquidated" within the past few days.

GOOD advice if you live under an Oriental despotism: When you broach a scheme to the boss, be very, very sure it will work.

IF you are a careful reader of the important news in the papers you noted that when Walter Wanger and Joan Bennett decided to elope they were in such a hurry that the only detail they had time to look after was to pick up Miss Bennett's press agent.

THIS will give you an idea of the tremendous importance of the press in these days.

ANOTHER interesting slant in the news: Buenos Aires (on the other side of the equator, where it is now summer) has four days in a row with the temperature at 100 degrees or over. Casualties; nine persons hospitalized with injuries received from exploding siphon bottles.

Peace, you see, as well as war, has its hazards.

Beer in Water Brings Numerous Calls From Users

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 13 (AP)—Joliet residents are taking their water "straight" again. Yesterday their tap water was spiked with beer.

Water Commissioner Joseph F. Whalen said beer probably leaked into the water mains from one of the city's breweries. A multitude of telephoned complaints and suggestions flowed into the commissioner's office before the beer taste disappeared.

"Make mine a little stronger," requested one caller. "There's no collar on it."

Kidnapers Found Guilty at Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 13 (AP)—Eugene Weaver, 19, and Raymond Prucha, 24, were convicted of first degree kidnaping yesterday for the abduction-attack of a 16-year-old Seattle high school girl from her escort's automobile. The jury disregarded prosecution pleas for death sentences and recommended life imprisonment for each.

Witnesses had testified the pair had slugged the girl's escort.

Vital Sump Project Hangs In Balance; History And Solution Of Problem Told

Whether a rich section of the Klamath basin shall be surrendered to water that now threatens its complete inundation, at a forfeiture of financial returns approaching \$1,000,000 a year, is the issue that has aroused the civic interests of the Klamath basin and may be determined within a few days by congressional action.

Approved by reclamation service and biological survey officials, the Tule lake sump reclamation project, designed to prevent the catastrophe that is ruining farm lands, and to produce benefits for both agricultural and bird life in this basin, is hanging in the balance.

The house irrigation committee at Washington, D. C., at a hearing expected within a fortnight, will receive representations intended to bring favorable action on a \$500,000 appropriation to start the project. Secretary Earl C. Reynolds of the Klamath county chamber of commerce Saturday forwarded a brief to Congressman Walter M. Pierce outlining the problem and the need. Petitions are in circulation in various parts of the basin. Every effort is planned to induce support from alonal delegates for action that will start the sump development on its way.

The story of the Tule lake sump is one of the most interesting in reclamation annals. What was originally planned, what has happened, and what good policy dictates shall happen in the future, are matters that deserve the full understanding of all who live in this section and benefit, in one way or another, from agricultural wealth and a thriving migratory bird life.

What Has Happened The story is partially told by maps and pictures in today's paper.

What has happened, briefly, is this: Tule lake 30 years ago was a natural "sump" or evaporation basin of some 95,000 acres. It was a lake without an outlet, receiving the waters from Lost river which originated nearby in Clear lake and wandered through a large section of the Klamath basin before entering the Tule lake basin. Plans for development of the Klamath reclamation project called for unwatering a section of the Tule lake basin. This was done by construction of Clear lake and Gerber reservoirs, together with a diversion dam on Lost river and a 1200 second-foot capacity channel from this dam to the Klamath river to regulate and deflect Lost river.

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Other cities struck included Hyvinkaa, north of Helsinki, where the Russian squadrons carried out two attacks. (Hyvinkaa is about 30 miles airline due north of Helsinki. It is on a railroad line running inland from the capital).

About 40 bombs fell on Helsinki. One of the bombers was reported forced down. The raiders took advantage of perfect weather for their purpose—excellent visibility and high-riding clouds which permitted them to appear and disappear almost at will.

Their attacks brought air alarms for 20 miles around Helsinki, beginning shortly before 2 p. m. (5 a. m. Pacific standard time) and ending about two hours later.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13 (AP) Withdrawal of soviet Russian troops from part of Linnahamari, the arctic port of Finland's Petsamo district, was reported today in Stockholm dispatches, while Scandinavian correspondents said reinforcements of Finns and Russians in the Salla front indicated imminence of a major battle.

These dispatches said all except one Russian cruiser had left Linnahamari, and that the Finns had cut the road to Salmijarvi, also in the arctic area, thus cutting off the line.

MAUCH CHUNG, Pa., Jan. 13 (AP)—Screaming "why did he kill my little child?" the mother of slain Joan Stevens collapsed in court today as the case of a suspended state trooper accused of shooting the girl neared a jury after a week's trial.

"My poor child—oh, why did he do it?" cried Mrs. Mayme Stevens. "She didn't know any different. She was only 14."

The mother's outburst was in the presence of a jury which had just examined a small sedan in which Corporal Benjamin Franklin, 30, shot the school girl last June 5.

He said he fired in self-defense when Joan brandished a "gun" he later learned was a toy. Women tipstaves removed Mrs. Stevens from the courtroom. Pale-faced and trembling, she returned to the courtroom a few minutes later on the arm of a daughter.

American Troops Use Finn Tactics

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—In northern New York, Minnesota, Alaska and other snow-covered American areas regular army troops are being drilled this winter to travel—and if need be, to fight—on skis and snowshoes, like the Finns.

War department officials said today, however, the training was in progress long before the Finns demonstrated spectacularly the possibilities of war in the snow by turning back the invading Russians.

In Alaska skis and snowshoes are essential in winter and have been used by troops since the gold rush days.

Colonists To Try Life In Select Style

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP) To get away from civilization as it now operates for the less-privileged, seven families and others totaling 21 persons are going to an uninhabited tropical island in efforts to work out a new life for all.

They expect to depart next Tuesday en route to East Caicos island in the Bahama group, east of Cuba and north of Haiti.

On the incompletely surveyed island of 15 to 20 miles length and 8-10 miles width, they plan to support themselves and live under selected modern conditions.

They will move in with equipment for electric lighting and radio for a temporary tent city. Later, they expect to build permanent homes from the island's hardwood forests and establish a broadcasting station, while developing papaya plants for medicinal use, catching sharks for their liver oil, and cultivating sisal fiber, a hempen product for ropes.

Little Choice Energizing the project is R. C. Irvine, who is to go with his wife and four children.

He said persons selected for the group from many anxious to be included felt there was little choice in this country between the monied classes and the vast stratum "just above the WPA."

Klamath Shivers As Temperature Skids to 17

The entire Klamath basin shivered and shook early Saturday morning as residents heaped fuel on fires to throw off the chill of the coldest morning this year. Thermometers in the city registered 17 degrees, and varied in other sections of the county.

At Sand Creek state highway officials reported a minimum of 2 degrees below zero; at Crater lake it was a minimum 7 degrees above zero, and closer to home, in the Altamont district, residents said the mercury fell to 14 degrees.

Forecast for the weekend was for unsettled weather and continued cold. Various sections of the state reported freezing weather and at Baker, always the coldest spot in the state, a minimum of 8 degrees was reported.

Snow for the mountain areas was forecast by the US weatherman. Highway conditions were unchanged and it looked like Oregon was due to settle down for a touch of winter which has been long in coming, especially in the southern Oregon district.

Trail Marker

THE DALLES, Jan. 13 (AP)—The city council accepted responsibility today for completing the \$45,000 monument marking the resting place of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Flier Killed In Plane Collision

Five Aviators Safe, One Falls in Ship

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP) Two navy airplanes collided in mid-air over a southern California desert, and early today one of the wrecked ships was found with a flier's battered body inside.

Five other aviators in the collision were safe.

Ensign Walter G. Barnes Jr., 25, of Denver, Colo., missing for several hours after the crash, telephoned today from the old mining town of Julian, 60 miles northeast of here, that he was safe and unharmed.

Identified by the light of lanterns and flashlights, at the scene of the wreck, as the dead man was James Addison Crowson, 24, radioman, first class.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Cox returned to El Centro, 70 miles east of here, to report that his party had reached the wreckage of one plane after sighting smoke, and had found the body in the charred ship.

It lay in a ravine near the top of a hill. The other plane apparently fell a mile or more away, Cox said.

Ensign Harold Nathan Funk, 27, of Wray, Colo., pilot who suffered a badly wrenched knee and severe body bruises, was in a hospital at El Centro. The other survivors, released after first aid treatment were:

Charles W. Post, 24, Troutdale, Ore., radioman, second class; Elmer Edwin Jackson, 22, Hendersonville, N. C., radioman, third class, and Paul E. (Continued on Page Nine)

Four Killed as Plane Plows Into Muddy Cornfield

CASEY, Ill., Jan. 13 (AP)—Four persons were killed when their small plane plowed into a muddy corn field and burst into flames last night.

The mangled bodies, found a hundred yards from the wreckage, indicated the victims met almost instant death.

E. A. Lashmet, deputy Cumberland county coroner, identified three of the victims as members of a Detroit, Mich., family.

They were Mrs. Mary Borowicz, 37, her son, Leonard, 19, and her daughter, Joanne, 17. The fourth victim was William B. Maycock, 44, pilot and head of the Maycock Charter Service of Detroit. Airport officials at Detroit said a new plane piloted by Maycock and with the Borowicz family as passengers took off at 9:30 last night.

Puzzle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) John L. Lewis created a new political puzzle today with an invitation to Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), a potential candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, to address the golden anniversary convention of the United Mine Workers at Columbus, Ohio, January 23.

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