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Last year to date 7.01



FLOODS SCOURGE TWO SECTIONS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TWO war developments over the week-end — both in the realm of words:
Molotov, Russian foreign minister, says flatly: "Russia desires to maintain her neutrality and refrain from participation in the war." He adds that the soviets won't even resort to war to regain their former province of Bessarabia from Rumania.
In Rome a "source close to the government" declares emphatically that Italy is still anti-bolshevik and there is no chance of a German-Russian-Italian alliance.

THESE developments are interesting because they indicate that the diplomats are still fighting the war.

WINSTON Churchill, first war lord of the British admiralty, which corresponds roughly to our own secretary of the navy, says hopefully of Molotov's statement:
"It is too soon to say that this means Russia is withdrawing support from Hitler. But it will not be surprising if Russian-German relations tend in that direction."

BRITAIN, you see, is still trying to pull Russia loose from Germany, but realizes that can be done only by convincing Stalin that his German friends will get him into more trouble than he wants.

That, probably, is the explanation of that big British-French army in the Near East. Britain and France are doubtless using it to say to Stalin: "If you want trouble, here it is."

AMONG the amusing fictions of diplomacy is this "source close to the government" of which we read so frequently. In this case, it is a reasonable supposition that it is actually Mussolini himself, who uses this dodge to put out poison without taking direct responsibility for it.

If it works, OK. If it doesn't, the "source close to the government" was merely mistaken.

AT Grants Pass (much closer home than Europe) two miners in four days of mining and five and a half days of milling take 640 ounces of gold, whose estimated value is \$20,480, from a newly uncovered section of a rich ledge. That would have been a good ten-day haul in the wild days of the Klondike.

The West is still a country of fascinating surprises and unexpected opportunities. As long as it remains so (which will be some time) it will be the nation's hopeful frontier.

Exploding Tanks Add Fire To Flood Hazards

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 1 (AP)—Three 100,000-gallon gasoline tanks exploded in the Wilkes-Barre flood area today, temporarily adding fire to the hazards of rising waters already blamed for at least six deaths in other parts of Pennsylvania.
Damaged when the rising Susquehanna pierced a temporary dike, the huge tanks burst into a furious blaze and showered flaming gasoline over a quarter-mile section of the Edwinstown-Kingston district, across the river from Wilkes-Barre proper.

The War 25 Years Ago

By the Associated Press

April 1, 1915 — Minor engagements in all theatres of war.

FIVE KILLED AS FLAMING PLANE FALLS

Woman Pilot, Four Young Sightseers Instantly Killed in Crash

SEATTLE, April 1 (AP) — A Sunday afternoon sight-seeing airplane trip ended in death for four Seattle children and a girl pilot who once was the United States' youngest licensed female flier.

The dead are:
Miss Cora Sterling, 25, a pilot for eight years and the first woman in Washington to hold a transport license, Janet, 8, and Charleen Taylor, 4, and their cousins, James, 10, and Allen Taylor, 14. The girls were the daughters of King (Seattle) County Commissioner and Mrs. Jack Taylor and the two boys were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and nephews of the commissioner.

The plane, a single-engine, four-passenger cabin ship, crashed into a sawdust pile at a lumber company yard a half-mile from Boeing field in mid-afternoon yesterday. It had been in the air 15 minutes and was about 500 feet high when, according to spectators, it banked sharply and followed a perfect arc to the ground, side-slipping as it turned.

Mothers of the children and John C. Stevenson, former county commissioner and one-time candidate for governor, saw the crash. Stevenson owned the plane and formerly employed Miss Sterling as his secretary. He had flown the ship himself earlier in the day. He collapsed after hurrying to the wreck scene.

SEATTLE, April 1 (AP) — A "pang of dreadful premonition" and a "strange quirk of fate" played parts in the tragedy surrounding the Sunday afternoon airplane crash that sent a well-known woman flier and four young children to their deaths.

County Commissioner Jack Taylor remained at home while his two little daughters, his small nephews, his wife and his brother's wife went to the airport so that the children could enjoy a plane ride.

Suddenly as he sat reading through the newspapers something pierced his thoughts. He (Continued on Page Three)

Control Increases Labor Problems, Sprague Declares

NORTH BEND, Ore., April 1 (AP)—Governmental control of labor does not reduce labor problems—it multiplies them, Governor Sprague said today.

"It is a mistake to depend on the government exclusively for protection of workers in the ranks," the governor told 100 delegates and 100 visitors to a CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union convention.

He urged consideration of widespread economic effects of shipping industry disturbances. Harry Bridges, San Francisco, head of the union, replied that the problem of longshoremen is to enlarge and strengthen their organization and make a strenuous drive to obtain lasting benefits for members.

"We must repel forces trying to limit our civil liberties," Bridges said, adding that longshoremen are stronger than their numbers would indicate and "We are going to get stronger."

PENSION REFUSED

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) Rep. Costello (D-Calif.) refused today to permit house consideration of a bill providing pensions for dependents of deceased World War veterans on the ground that it was "a dangerous step" toward general veterans' pensions.

"War of Wangs"



Wang Ching-wei, left, and Wang Keh-min, right, will have the governing powers of the two parts of China if Japanese maintain control. Ching-wei will head the Nanking government and Keh-min takes the reins at Peking, ancient Chinese capital.

TAXPAYERS MAY ORGANIZE HERE

Preliminary Steps Taken to Enter State Group at Meeting Monday

Preliminary steps in the organization of a Klamath county unit of the Oregon Taxpayers federation were taken at a luncheon meeting at the Elk hotel Monday noon, which was addressed by state officers of the federation.

The large group at the luncheon voted to instruct the chairman, E. M. Chilcote, to appoint a committee which, in turn, would call a meeting to form the county unit of the state organization. The committee is composed of R. H. Anderson, W. O. Smith, Henry Semon and County Assessor Charles Mack.

Double Purpose
Claude Buchanan of Benton county, president of the federation, explained that its purpose is two-fold: 1. Intelligently to control the economy of the taxpayers' money. 2. Efficient administration of the present tax laws.

Lloyd F. Carter, Portland, secretary of the federation, presented striking comparisons between Oregon and Washington.

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Enumerator Too Energetic In Baker District

BAKER, April 1 (AP)—Miss Nadine Strayer of Baker, who recently resigned her position as vice chairman of the democratic state central committee to take a census enumerator job, fooled herself on April Fool's day.

Miss Strayer, who received what is believed to be the highest grade in the state tests given enumerators, became overly zealous in her attempt to follow the advice of her superior to start work early.

She started at the city jail at 5 a. m. today and was progressing satisfactorily until she was startled by some of the questions asked in the census blanks. For instance, she was not certain about making out a residence report for the jail. In order to solve her quandary she telephoned Dr. C. M. Tyler, supervisor of the census in this district, at 5:30 a. m.

The case of one of Tyler's smartest enumerators starting work a full day ahead of time has him bothered for actually Miss Strayer is not due to start work until Tuesday morning.

Taxpayers Rush Income Deadline

PORTLAND, April 1 (AP)—Last minute state income and excise tax payers jammed tax offices today in an attempt to meet the midnight deadline.

Returns must be made in person or postmarked before midnight to avoid a penalty of 5 per cent of the unpaid tax, plus one dollar, and an additional half of one per cent for each month or fraction of a month overdue, the Oregon tax commission announced.

End of World Prank Scares Radio Fans

PHILADELPHIA, April 1 (AP) An announcement that "the world will end at 3 p. m. EST, Monday, April 1," released by the Franklin Institute's director of publicity and broadcast over a local radio station (KYW) sent thousands of frightened Philadelphians hurrying to their telephones for additional details last night.

Newspapers, police stations and the city's information bureau were deluged with calls. The information bureau estimated it handled 4000 calls itself.

The announcement, read after a radio program (Jack Benny) which featured the name of Orson Welles, of Martian invasion fame, and a discussion of sunspots, said:

"Your worst fears that the world will end are confirmed by astronomers of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

"Scientists predict that the world will end at 3 p. m. EST, tomorrow.

"This is no April Fool joke. Confirmation can be obtained from Wagner Schlesinger, director of the Fels Planetarium of this city."

Then the radio station checked the story and broadcast an explanation.

It said the announcement was a publicity stunt conceived by William A. Castellini, publicity director of the institute, to arouse interest in the opening of a show at the Planetarium. Castellini said later he had told "some of the people" at the radio station about the announcement and "thought they would know it was a stunt."

Census Takers To Start Work Tuesday Morning

The federal census will start in Klamath Falls and throughout the county Tuesday morning.

Katherine Nelson, district census supervisor, was here Monday from her Bend office to make final arrangements for the start of the big count. Portfolios containing the bulky schedules were to be distributed late Monday to 53 enumerators, 28 of whom will work in Klamath Falls.

The census must be completed in Klamath Falls in two weeks. About 30 days will be required to finish the county as a whole.

Census enumerators receive 4 cents for each person and receive other fees for housing schedules, agricultural schedules, etc.

BACK TO SCHOOL

LONDON, April 1 (AP)—More than 70,000 London children between the ages of 8 and 11 returned to school today for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

INTESTINAL FLU

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) The White House, disclosing for the first time that President Roosevelt has been combating an attack of intestinal influenza, said today he would visit his Hyde Park, N. Y., home this weekend.

Surprise Candidates Out

EX-MAYOR TO SEEK POST IN U. S. CONGRESS

Matthews Out for Clerk; Merryman Seeks D. A.; Redmond Man in

Oregon's political pot was more like a corn-popper on a hot lid Monday as the 5 p. m. May primary filing deadline approached. At mid-afternoon, these developments, of major interest to Klamath people, had occurred.

1. Ex-Mayor Willis E. Mahoney filed for the democratic congressional nomination in Multnomah county (third district) running against Ashby Dickson and Nan Wood Honeyman for the nomination.

2. George H. Brewster, of Redmond, filed for the republican nomination for state senator from the 17th district, running against Marshall Corbett and U. S. Salentine of Klamath Falls.

3. Harold Merryman, Klamath Falls, filed for the republican nomination for district attorney, running against C. A. Humble, previously announced.

4. J. Paul Matthews filed for the republican nomination for county clerk, running against C. C. Colvin, previously announced.

The Mahoney development was not altogether unexpected here. A few weeks ago Klamath men came back from Washington with reports that the ex-mayor was going to run for congress, but they said he would go for the second congressional district seat held by Congressman Pierce. Their assumption was that he still made Klamath Falls his official residence. His filing from Multnomah county officially changes Mahoney's residence from Klamath to Portland.

Brewster, it is understood, is an attorney at Redmond. His entry in the 17th district senatorial race further complicates a contest that promises one of (Continued on Page Three)

Pranks Scare On April Fool's Day In Klamath Area

The chivalry of France was practically dead in these parts Monday as few April Fool jokes were recorded. Even the old "purse-on-a-string" gag, and the weighted down laundry bundle were missing.

The city police department, the city fire department, and even the custodian at the animal shelter found it the quietest April the first they'd experienced in many a year.

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U. S. Refusal to Recognize New Jap State Puts Strain On American-Jap Relations

By The Associated Press
Refusal of the United States to recognize the three-day-old "central government of China," established at Nanking with Japanese support, has placed a new strain on relations between Washington and Tokyo, in the opinion of the Japanese foreign office.

On the other side of the earth, the war between Germany and the British-French allies was still being fought today for most part around council tables, with the blockade as the greatest allied weapon.

Return Safe
The British air ministry reported that royal air force planes flew over Germany last night and that "all our aircraft returned safely and undamaged."

Foreign Minister Christian Gunther told the Swedish riksdag (parliament) that early in March Premier Daladier of

France sent a personal message to King Gustaf asking permission to transport allied troops through Sweden to help Finland.

The Swedish king's reply was that Sweden's neutrality made such permission impossible. Gunther declared in a long review of Sweden's course during the Finnish-Russian war.

The new French cabinet heard Premier Paul Reynaud's report on Thursday's supreme war council session at London, while British envoys hastened home from southeastern Europe for consultations. Prime Minister Chamberlain was preparing his own war council report for the British parliament tomorrow. An even more intensive economic war appeared in prospect.

A French communique said Reynaud also told his cabinet of measures taken and under

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Second Body Taken From Upper Lake

A second body, thought to be one of the three young men who disappeared March 4 while on a canoe trip on Upper Klamath lake, was found near the Klamath Lumber and Box company dock in Shippington late Monday afternoon.

Details were not learned. The body of George Thomas Shollenburg, 27, was located at Mortenson's point on the upper lake Wednesday afternoon. Still missing at that time were Jack Plughaupt and Darrell Culliver.

Flames Kill Three In Old Apartment

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) Flames swept through an old apartment building in northern Washington early today, killing three persons and resulting in injuries to at least five others.

Spectators said the fire spread within ten minutes after it was first noticed, forcing sleepy tenants to run or jump from 41 apartments in their night clothing.

Michael Jones, 50, died of injuries received when he leaped from his third floor apartment to an alley.

Bodies of two women were burned too badly to be recognized immediately. Police estimated the fire loss would be about \$100,000.

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TWO YOUTHS LOST ON MOUNT HOOD

Searchers Find Cap on Mountside; Pair Lost Since Sunday

MOUNT HOOD, Ore., April 1 (AP)—A bedraggled cap, found at the 8200-foot level, raised hopes of searchers today for two youths lost since 1:45 a. m. Sunday on this 11,000-foot mountain.

There was no evidence that the cap had been dropped by James Lorentz, 19, Oregon City, or Gerald Hermann, 28, Milwaukee, Ore., but searchers said it was found at a place the youths might have passed on their before-dawn assault on the summit.

Forest service officials manning two-way radio equipment at Timberline lodge, said two sets of tracks, protected by a large rock, were found west of Lone Fir. Skiers were attempting to follow the faint trail.

Three parties of experienced mountaineers struggled through fresh snow deposited in yesterday's near-blizzard. One group, equipped with radio, clambered up the fog-bound slopes toward the top of the mountain. Two others worked east and west from the head of the ski lift, at the 7000-foot level.

Meantime, forest service men organized volunteer searchers to scour the wooded area below the 8000-foot level of the lodge.

Four Killed In Marital Quarrel

KENT'S STORE, Va., April 1 (AP)—Four persons were shot to death here last night as the climax to marital difficulties of a young Richmond man and his wife.

Coroner J. H. Yeatman pronounced the shooting murder and suicide.

Commonwealth's Attorney Harold R. Stephenson said that Harry Walker Morris, 30, beverage truck driver of Richmond, shot his wife, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kirkpatrick, at the latter's home at about 10 p. m., and then turned his .22 caliber target pistol on himself.

Stephenson said that marital troubles had led up to the shooting.

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PENNSYLVANIA RIVERS JUMP OVER LEVELS

Eleven Killed in California, Eastern Spring Deluges; Relief Seen

By The Associated Press
Widely-separated sections of the nation were inundated today by spring floods which took 11 lives, but clearing skies and cooler temperatures for the most part gave promise of early relief.

Central and eastern Pennsylvania cities long the Susquehanna, Allegheny and Monongahela rivers were hardest hit and crests well above flood stage were expected during the day.

Many Homeless
South central New York state rivers—principally the Susquehanna and Chenango—spilled from their banks from melting snow and rains, forcing hundreds of families from their homes and blocking roads. Colder weather, however, promised to halt the rises.

Thousands of acres of northern California farm land along the Sacramento river were covered by flood waters for the second time in a month and scores of farm families were forced to seek higher ground. Clear weather was forecast after nearly a week of heavy rains.

Crest Coming
Six were counted dead across Pennsylvania, four in New York and one in California.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., prepared for a 34-foot crest—four above flood stage—some time early tomorrow. Flood control dikes, however, helped lessen the damage.

A state of emergency was declared at Binghamton, N. Y., threatened by above-flood stage crests expected late today. Seven hundred families were removed from low ground at Johnson City, N. Y.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (AP)—For the second time in a month, thousands of acres of rich northern California farm lands lay under flood waters today, but clearing weather was forecast after nearly a week of heavy rains.

Levees strained by terrific flood pressures a month ago parted along the Sacramento

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Bus Company Must Try Run To Northwest Part of City

Klamath Falls, said schedule over Route 1 providing for 20-minute service beginning at 8:20 a. m. and continuing until 12:10 a. m.

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