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Airline Question

LOCAL aviation enthusiasts and even airline officials say they have no idea what has become of the applications of airlines for operations into Klamath Falls. The applications were presented to the civil aeronautics authority, a hearing was held, and there the matter rests. What is important now is to bring the Klamath airport up to standards that will accommodate the equipment of a large airline operating into this city. It hasn't been in that condition in the past. On May 15, we are told, the army engineers will open bids on the CAA development of the Klamath field. When those runways are built, Klamath will be in a position to receive and make use of the service proposed. That was one of the reasons local people gave such solid support to the special levies to provide land for airport development. While the immediate approval of airline applications is not vital, it is certainly important that pressure be brought to bear to open the way for service when the airport work is done. This is a good time to get going on that program.

Red Fades Out

WHERE have the communists gone? Not so many years ago a fellow stood on the Klamath courthouse steps and raved about the glories of Red Russia. A crowd was there, most of it curious and unsympathetic, but there must have been a few who subscribed to the views of the speaker. In other and larger cities, a Red orator could get a big crowd, and communist demonstrations in New York's Union square and elsewhere became a serious police problem. A whole coterie of pinks were writing communist propaganda and vigorously praising Moscow. This year's May day demonstrations aptly illustrated what has happened. They were most unimpressive, and organized labor and others who used to give the communists at least the support of a good crowd ignored or shunned them. The literary pinks had long since taken to cover, having been discomfited by the Nazi-Russian pact that made a lie out of everything they had been saying for years. The opportunistic international policies of Joe Stalin and the part that communists have played in American labor difficulties have had their effects on the Americans who used to give communists support without actually joining up with them. The discovery that Russia, after all, was just another totalitarian dictatorship instead of a common man's Utopia has been pretty generally recognized in the United States.

The Rain Is O. K.

NOT only is it impossible to do anything about the weather except talk, but it is also a fact that in this country, one can usually find something favorable in the most dismal outlook from his window. Take today's rain. After just a glimpse of bright weather Tuesday, folks hereabouts would have happily welcomed warm sunshine Wednesday. What they got, instead, were gray skies and a cool drizzle. On first consideration, we would say it is all too bad. But it isn't too bad. The rain is doing wonders for the grazing lands of the big cattle country that forms the hinterland of Klamath Falls. The rain is welcome on the pastures and the farm lands of the settled agricultural areas. Ground that was actually getting too dry to work is now back in good condition. Particularly pleasing is the situation on grain lands. The business man who wants to sell spring and summer clothes doesn't like it, and we don't blame him. But that warm weather will come and that stock will yet be disposed of. Meanwhile, he can find consolation in the fact that the weather is making for better crops and fatter cattle. And that is important to his business future.

"It takes a long time to spend a billion dollars," said RFC Chairman Jesse Jones. We would like to experiment a little, Mr. Jones.

A Washington congressman told the house that "it is humanly impossible for the most industrious member of this congress to understand, except in a superficial manner, any of these great appropriation measures." Too true.



A new steel helmet, left, offering better protection than the old type, right, is under exhaustive test by the Infantry Board at Ft. Benning, Ga. Designed to protect neck and side of head, it has a fiber lining, which, worn alone, may replace the present overseas cap.

What's the Answer?



News Behind THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 6 — A tasty peace program is brewing. The Nazi foreign office in Berlin is the brewery, but the product will shortly be submitted to the public under a neutral label (definitely not Japan's).

All that can be picked up here indicates it will be "generous" in appearance. France may be restored except Alsace-Lorraine and the Channel ports. Holland and Belgium would be grouped into one under King Leopold. Two and perhaps three of the Scandinavian nations would be joined under the Swedish or Danish king. The Balkans would be hegemonized under Hungary to produce the raw materials and industrial markets Hitler wants. Egypt's independence would be transferred from Britain's supervision to that of Germany. Italy would get her pre-war empire, Turkey a wider sphere in the Near East, and Russia a port outlet on the Persian gulf. Britain, Canada, and Australia would stay where they are (don't know about India).

This is some neat brewing, but no matter how you brew it, the foam will be too big for the bitter gall underneath. It simply would mean a Hitlerized Europe under decentralized control.

Hitler could save his brewmasters the work as far as this government is concerned, and Britain's also. Nevertheless the plan is likely to be submitted to the world for its propaganda effect.

DEFICIENCIES

The stark, strong facts of our defense deficiencies were laid out more than 60 days back in an official speech that passed almost unnoticed. Since the Balkans fell a complaint has developed that the government press agents are leaning too heavily on the good side, as they are, and always have been. But before the Balkans fell, February 22, the deputy director of defense production, William L. Batt, proclaimed our proud defense effort was not half enough. Excerpts:

"Germany is spending more than \$20,000,000,000 a year on armaments. . . . The United States spent less than \$2,000,000,000 in the final six months of last year and will be able to spend no more than \$6,000,000,000 the first six months of this." [Batt probably overestimated this figure as actual expenditures are likely to be nearer \$4,000,000,000.] . . . "We are now spending at the rate of one-fourth of Germany alone, and that does not take into account the factories of France, Belgium and Holland working full blast for the German armed forces. . . . We must double — no that is not enough — we must multiply three, four, five and even 10 times our present rate of ship-

ments to Britain. Then and only then will it tip the balance in favor of Britain. . . . "The public does not have the slightest comprehension of the meaning and consequences of this program. . . . "To do our job we should spend at least \$20,000,000,000 or \$30,000,000,000 a year, perhaps much more."

IMPORTANT BUT DULL

Dullest of all current Washington event is the most important, the tax hearings which will transmute much of the economic lifeblood of the people to the government. Important tax witnesses have generally failed to appear. No important controversy has developed. No one (including Mr. Roosevelt) has been going on the radio or making important speeches about the \$3,500,000,000 pocketbook draining provisions of the bill. There is no question about the measure passing in a final form, somewhere between the close variants of the treasury and house committee programs, possibly within six weeks.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

APPRECIATION

PORTLAND, Ore., (To the Editor)—On behalf of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, I wish to express our appreciation for the fine publicity your paper gave to our recent convention in Klamath Falls. We do not always get such splendid cooperation from the newspapers as you gave us, and we want you to know that we are grateful for it. Thanks so much.

The young people in your city worked very hard in preparing for the convention, and I am sure your fine cooperation meant a lot to them.

Sincerely,
 MARJORY BOON, president.

CREDIT GIVEN

KLAMATH AGENCY, Ore., (To the Editor)—This is in regard to a news item which appeared in the Evening Herald on May 5, 1941, relative to the finding of the bodies of Theodore Walker and Thomas Smith in the government canal on May 4, 1941, in which it was stated that the bodies were recovered by John Arkell and Jack Hope.

The body of Thomas Smith was recovered by T. A. Wilson, deputy special officer, John Garcia and Clifford Hecota at 1:55 p. m. The body of Theodore Walker was recovered by John Arkell, special officer, and Jack Hope, deputy special officer, at 3:30 p. m.

The Indian Service at this time would like to thank, through your column, all the organizations and persons that participated and helped in the location of these bodies.

Very truly yours
 B. G. Courtwright,
 Superintendent.
 John Arkell,
 Special Officer.

Poor fish! Thinks all beers alike — hasn't tasted Wieland's!

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY

Complaints Filed
 A. Stein versus H. W. Stuhrt and Jane Doe Stuhrt. Plaintiff demands that defense be required to state nature of claims to certain property in the Railroad addition of Klamath Falls. Don F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Klamath Valley hospital versus John T. Watts. Suit to collect note. Plaintiff demands judgment of \$225.70 with interest at 8 per cent from May 11, 1940 until paid. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Divorce Degrees

L. P. Montgomery versus Vada Montgomery. Divorce granted on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Don F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Marriage Applications

English-Faus. Charles Donald English, legal age, Klamath Falls, truck driver, native of Kansas. Mona Faye Faus, legal age, Klamath Falls, stenographer, native of Oregon.

Justice Court

Leland Parazzo, forgery. Waived preliminary hearing. Bond set at \$1000 cash or \$2000 property. Committed to county jail.

FUNERAL

LAWRENCE B. (CAP) SIMPSON
 Funeral services for the late Lawrence B. (Cap) Simpson who passed away in this city Tuesday May 6, 1941, following a brief illness will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Thursday, May 8, 1941 at 10:30 a. m. with the Rev. Eugene V. Haynes of the Community Congregational church of this city officiating. Friends are invited. Final services and interment will be in Hanford, Calif. on Saturday, May 10, 1941. The remains will be forwarded via Southern Pacific company on Thursday evening at 8:35 p. m.

SOVIET STRONG MAN SUCCEEDS V. M. MOLOTOV

MOSCOW, May 6 (UP)—Josef V. Stalin Tuesday became premier of Russia, his first government office although he has been the soviet strong man for 17 years, after the resignation of Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

Molotov becomes vice-premier under Stalin as well as retaining his direction of foreign policy, the announcement said.

By assuming the premiership, or chairmanship of the council of people's commissars, Stalin at 62 achieved the same vast leadership and power held by Nicolai Lenin before he died in 1924.

Vast Power
 The quiet-mannered, pipe-smoking Stalin, son of a Tiflis cobbler and a revolutionary since he was 17 years old, now is master of 200,000,000 persons as leader of both the government and the communist party.

Molotov, who retains his post as foreign commissar, had long been urging the supreme soviet to accept his resignation as premier because of the pressure of duties in handling the affairs of both that office and directing Russia's foreign policy, it was stated officially.

The supreme soviet has accepted the resignation of the 51-year-old Molotov as premier—a position he held for 10 years as the titular head of Russia—and "appointed" Stalin to the office. It was said.

The official announcement, blared over all Russian radio stations late Tuesday, said Molotov had been "over-burdened" in his dual role and had "repeatedly asked" to be relieved of the premiership.

The President of Russia is Mikhail T. Kalinin, president of the presidium of the supreme council of USSR created under the soviet constitution of 1936, but the office carries little authority.

Little Change Due

It was indicated although Stalin's formal authority is now as broad as it can be there will be little change in Russian policies inasmuch as Molotov in handling both internal and foreign affairs had worked in close cooperation with Stalin and under his supervision.

In many recent developments of Russian foreign policy, Stalin appeared as the key figure in the ceremonies and has sat in on frequent international conferences here.

Tuesday's announcement came as a surprise.

The announcement stressed Molotov will remain in direct supervision of Russia's foreign policy at a moment when all Russian leaders are warning of the threatened spread of the "second imperialist war" and its menace to Russia's own frontiers.

Stalin has been secretary of the central committee of the communist party since 1922, a member of the presidium of the supreme council of the USSR and a member of the executive committee of the Communist Internationale.

Presidium

The presidium on which he sat is composed of a president—Kalinin—and 11 vice presidents, one for each constituent republic of the soviet union, and 24 members. The body serves, in effect, as an administrative group under the supreme council made up of

SIDE GLANCES



"And he told our husbands he would be too busy this afternoon to make a 15-minute appointment!"

Ozark Teachers, Physician Held In 'Honor Lashing' of Athlete

CAMDENTON, Mo., May 7 (UP)—Two vengeful school teachers and a physician who wants to marry one of them were charged with the "honor lashing" of a young Ozark athlete.

Their victim was accused of criminally attacking one of the girls. While the doctor brought him to their cabin on Lake of the Ozarks, near their school, and made him lie on the floor, shirtless, the teachers wielded a crude cat-o-nine-tails.

For 45 minutes, alleged Max Caldwell, 23, Hilda Rhodes, 25, his accuser, and her roommate, Aldytha Keith, 26, flogged him until they were exhausted.

Accepts Ride

Caldwell told Sheriff H. J. Williams that last Thursday night Dr. Robert Murrell, 35, of Eldon, Mo., called for him at his Bagwell home. He knew the doctor slightly, and accepted his invitation to motor to the girls' home at nearby Osage Beach.

There, Caldwell said, Murrell held a revolver on him and gave the "home-made" whip to the teachers. It was described as having six or seven long, heavy leather strips bound to a stout handle.

Afterward, Murrell took Caldwell home, he said. Caldwell reported to Sheriff Williams Saturday.

urday, had his "black and blue" back examined by Dr. E. G. Caldwell, a high school basketball star and a physician who wants to marry one of them were charged with the "honor lashing" of a young Ozark athlete.

Caldwell county Prosecutor Lieu Cunningham charged the doctor and the teachers with "felonious assault." Murrell furnished \$2,500 bond and the women \$500 each. Their school was closed 10 days ahead of schedule.

Attack Denied

Sheriff Williams quoted Miss Rhodes as saying that Caldwell, a high school basketball star and Resort Center employee, had attacked her during a party west of Camdenton over a year ago. Caldwell, Williams said, admitted taking her to the party but denied the attack.

Murrell, who recently asked Miss Rhodes to marry him, when she told of the purported attack, was quoted by Williams as saying: "Caldwell had it coming to him. I feel that we were justified."

Murrell admitted having the cat-o-nine-tails "made for the occasion" and said he burned it after using it, Williams said.

The sheriff quoted the three defendants as admitting the flogging. Their preliminary hearing is Saturday before Justice O. W. Byler at Camdenton.

OBITUARY

LAWRENCE B. (CAP) SIMPSON

Lawrence B. (Cap) Simpson, for the last 18 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city Tuesday, May 6, 1941 at 4:30 p. m. following an illness of four days. He was a native of Switzerland county, Ind. and at the time of his death was aged 56 years and seven days. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Eva L. Simpson of this city, three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Blowers of Hanford, Calif., and Mrs. Fred Gibson of Long Beach, Calif.; also one brother, Dr. H. L. Simpson of San Diego, Calif. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call. Notice of funeral to appear in this issue of the paper.

Dodge the moonlight or your summer suit may be just a suit for breach of promise.

Four Targets for Blow No. 2 of Hitler's One-Two Blitz

