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Air Corps Increases

THE probability of the location of additional airbases in the northwest is heightened by current proposals by the war department to make extensive increases in the air corps. Recently announced figures show the war department proposes a 100 per cent expansion in combat air groups and personnel. With the Japanese situation showing no signs of cooling off—in fact, the tension in that quarter has increased—it seems likely that Pacific coast defenses will be emphasized in future developments.

Klamath Falls is a possible site for development of air corps facilities. It has a large airport on which extensive work is now being done. It is favorably located in relation to the presently undefended coastline and the coast's large cities to the north and south. Its weather records are most favorable as concerns fog-free and rainless days.

Important also is the excellent showing of community cooperation made here. The city has made extensive land purchases to facilitate airport developments, and the county has cooperated in preparations for road changes. Community-wide effort has resulted in preparation of extensive materials and information for the use of the army in considering the local site for possible military aviation purposes.

All of this is evidence that Klamath Falls wants a defense air program located here and will do its part from a community standpoint in making such an activity a success.

The Russell Case

MOST of us have taken those little tests purported to show how good we would be in the sleuthing business. Usually the tests consist of a quick showing of some scene and then we prove how well we noted little details that would mean something to a first-class detective.

The opportunity to help police in the solution of crimes seldom comes to ordinary citizens, but when it does, alertness and comprehensive observation on the part of a witness are highly prized contributions to the public welfare.

Just now, locally the major police problem is the solution of the strange case of Marie Russell. This high school girl of excellent reputation apparently fell or was thrown from a moving car on The Dalles-California highway just north of town. Fatally injured, she was found beside the road.

The incident occurred in broad daylight on a heavily-traveled stretch of highway. Work of the authorities in solving the mystery would be immeasurably assisted by the stories of alert citizens who were in that vicinity at the time. A number of such persons have come forward with helpful reports and the officers are looking eagerly for others.

There exists the bare possibility that the person who was driving the car in this case will see the advisability of taking his or her story to the police. It would be far better for this individual to make a voluntary appearance, even at this late date, than to be discovered by the authorities.

Insurance Plan

AN orderly and efficient handling of the city's fire insurance program with complete elimination of politics and favorite-playing is the stated purpose of Mayor John Houston and no one can quarrel with that objective.

When the mayor made his proposal to the council that a three-man committee—including two lay members and the police judge—be named to handle the insurance program, a mild discussion developed. It revolved around the question as to whether the committee should be advisory or should take final action.

It seems certain that this matter can be worked out without damaging the mayor's laudable purposes, and at the same time reserve to the council the final authority with which it is entrusted by the people. The council, it was brought out at the meeting, for a number of years has not acted upon fire insurance placement, although it used to do so. There is now an opportunity to have the insurance program worked out by able men who know what it's all about and also to restore final action to the council in open meeting.

Courthouse Records

THURSDAY

Decrees
Alva T. Fenters versus Eva A. Fenters. Plaintiff granted divorce from defendant and custody of minor child, J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.

Ruby M. Todd versus Roland G. Todd. Plaintiff granted divorce and restoration of her maiden name, Ruby Manier. W. Lamar Townsend, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Gino Carnini, shooting from a public highway. Fined \$12.20.

James M. Miller, shooting game birds during prohibited hours. Fined \$12.20.

THROWN FOR A LOSS

INDIANAPOLIS, (AP)—Lady Luck threw Alexander Chiki, self styled football handicapper, for a sensational loss—right out of business and into court.

He showed up at police headquarters asking protection. Deputy Prosecutor Sam Huffman said he reported he'd been running a football parlay pool and

couldn't pay off on last Saturday's winners. Huffman said, "He told us," Huffman said, "He sold \$411 worth of tickets but the purchasers had a field day and he owed them \$5000."

At Chiki's place, police took evidence from an angry crowd. He was charged with operating a lottery and gift enterprise and freed under bond to await a municipal court hearing Nov. 18.

TRUCK DRIVER DIES
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31 (AP)—Clarence Stith, 32-year-old logging truck driver, died in the flaming wreckage of his truck at the outskirts of the city late yesterday. The truck and a switch engine collided. Stith was pinned in the cab and before he could be rescued fire enveloped it.

LICENSED
RENO, Oct. 31 (UP)—A marriage license was issued yesterday to Ivan Jackson, 18, and Rose Anna Baker, both of Beaty, Ore., and to Maynard Leroy Paup, 19, and Ruth Hall, 18, both Klamath Falls.

A hearty sneeze has a velocity of 150 feet per second.

SIDE GLANCES



"Old Jarvis hasn't spoken to me since we printed the story that the sun was just a ball of fire and might blow up—he claims it wrecked his insurance business!"

From Other Editors

A THREAT TO BONNEVILLE USERS

(Astorian Budget)

Those who expect the full benefits of low Bonneville electric rates had better take notice of the Columbia Valley Authority bills now introduced in congress, for there seems to be a serious threat to such benefits both in the Hill-Isles bill and in the Bone bill. The threat comes in provisions which would take from revenues produced by the sale of power to subsidize settlers on the big irrigation project around Grand Coulee.

John W. Kelly, who writes a Washington column for this paper, analyzed the two bills and pointed out these provisions and now the Oregon Voter has completed the analysis to reveal clearly just what is contemplated.

The Grand Coulee dam was sold to congress as a vast irrigation project with development of electric power as a secondary purpose. The definite promises were made that through the sale of power would come a very substantial part of the costs of putting in irrigation ditches, pumps, canals and other parts of a huge system designed to place water on 1,200,000 acres of arid land. Those backing the dam project knew from experience that settlers cannot pay the entire cost of irrigation.

So far, so good, but Bonneville dam was not designed for irrigation purposes but primarily for power and navigation, and could not and should not be expected to contribute to the development of an irrigation project in eastern Washington. But the two bills, introduced by Washington members of congress who are pledged to the placing of water on the high desert in their state, have linked Bonneville with Grand Coulee in the CVA bills under a single administration with provisions for taking a part of the power revenue derived from the two dams to subsidize the Grand Coulee farmers.

The reclamation bureau figures the cost of irrigating the arid lands under the Grand Coulee projects at \$195 an acre. The farmers think they should pay only \$45 of this cost but the bureau figures they should pay \$85, leaving the difference

or \$110 an acre to be paid from the sale of hydroelectric energy. For the development of the 1,200,000 acres the ultimate cost to be assessed for subsidization would be \$132,000,000 to be made up by electric rate payers.

This would not be objectionable if it were Grand Coulee power alone that provided this cost, but such a plan would make power rates from Coulee higher than Bonneville rates, so the expedient is devised to create a single authority and thus place all power revenues in a single pool from which to draw for the development of the eastern Washington irrigation project.

Bonneville power users, present and future, will be suckers if they do not challenge such a set-up under which they cannot secure minimum rates until that \$132,000,000 subsidy has been paid off.

The bills authored by Washington congressmen are fine for Washington but they make Oregon the goat.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. I cannot find the word "Defense" anywhere on the Defense Savings Stamps I have bought. Are they merely Postal Savings Stamps, or does my money invested in these stamps go into the Defense program?

A. The money you use to purchase these stamps goes definitely into the Defense program. The stamps bear the words "America on Guard," which indicates that they are an integral part of the Defense program.

Q. What is the Treasury's purpose in putting Defense Savings Stamps on sale in retail stores throughout the nation?

A. To make it as easy as possible for Americans everywhere to buy these stamps, which, as everyone knows, may be exchanged at many postoffices and banks for Defense Savings Bonds.

Note.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest postoffice, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also stamps now are on sale at most retail stores.

Whether you dunk or you don't... you'll enjoy Polly Ann Bakery Glazed Potato Doughnuts. 30c per dozen.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Why John Lewis dared to take on Mr. Roosevelt for the apparently minor advantage of gaining a closed shop in big steel's few coal mines is no mystery to labor politicians sitting on the rim in the inner circle.

The apparently minor point of the strike was in reality the last niche into which Lewis needed to get his fingers in order to control completely steel, coal and autos, the nation's three largest industries. If he could win that point, he knew that he would be bigger than CIO.

The closed shop in those few mines would give him a stranglehold on big steel's source of fuel. The union—not the worker—owns the jobs under a closed shop, and in perpetuity. Able to cut off the fuel supply of big steel he could exert great personal power toward a closed shop upon the whole industry. (He was bought out of this demand before with a large wage increase from the companies). Through his hold on steel and his personal control over the United Mine Workers, he could thus individually draw into his sphere of influence the auto industry, largest consumers of steel.

It was a gamble worth daring the wrath of the world.

NOTE.—The fact that Lewis was trying to accumulate all this personal power, apart from the CIO, furnished some weight to talk, long heard here, that he was preparing to walk out of the next CIO convention if the atmosphere became warm—and carry most of it with him.

BITTERNESS

Bitterness between Roosevelt and Lewis is real and deep. FDR first agreed to deliver a radio speech before the AFL convention until he happened to think he would have to do the same for the CIO, and thereupon cancelled it.

NO BATTLE

The senate fight on repeal of the neutrality act—the final step toward naval war—was the mildest yet. An air of resignation, among even the most antagonistic senators, was ill-concealed. Apparently they thought the country shared, at last, their supposition that the march of war was inevitable.

Senator Taft's ringing opposition speech drew not more than 70 letters the following day. No more than 15 senators were present to hear Senator Nye's keynote of warning about the course. The democratic leaders were so confident, they left only three or four of their number on guard during most of the debate.

The peace women who annoy opponents of the administration policy, when comparatively minor previous steps toward war were under discussion, were not in evidence.

GAS PRICES UP

Only aftermath of Mr. Ickes gas scare campaign is increased prices.

The government has made no announcement to that effect but you can ascertain at the bureau of labor statistics that the retail cost of straight gas has jumped in every eastern city except Pittsburgh between March 15 and September 15. (New York up 4.1 cents, Boston 3.1, Philadelphia 3.3, Baltimore 1.3, Washington 2.5, Savannah 1.2, Jacksonville 2.1, Scranton 2.6, Portland 3.5, and Atlanta 2.9). In all except Baltimore, Scranton

Statement From a Friend



and Washington this represents an increase above what price-fixer Leon Henderson said would be fair.

Bulk of these boosts came in anticipation of the program just before Ickes started. The increase afterward averaged under a cent.

METAL USERS TO FACE SHORTAGES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—

A congressional investigating committee heard testimony Thursday that "practically every industry using metal" will be hit by unemployment as a result of diversion of raw materials for defense purposes through priorities.

J. Douglas Brown, chief of the priorities branch of the OPM's labor division, told the house committee investigating defense labor migration that the probable widespread nature of the unemployment was due to the fact that shortages are developing in not only specialized materials such as magnesium and aluminum but in such fundamentals as steel and cast iron.

"Practically every industry using metal will be affected to some degree," he said. He explained that men laid off by the jewelry industry in the Connecticut valley would be re-employed very quickly in defense plants in that area, thus reducing the net unemployment, whereas that would not be so readily possible in places like Newton, Iowa, which is dependent largely on the operation of one washing machine company.

In response to questions by Rep. Curtis (R-Neb) for specific data as to individual classes which will be hit by priority unemployment, Brown said automobile salesmen almost certainly will be adversely affected because of the curtailment of automobile production.

Special Session Call Opposed

SALEM, Oct. 31 (AP)—State Sen. Ronald Jones (R-Marion), said today he opposed the proposal for a special legislative session to study Multnomah county's tax assessment problems.

Speaker of the House Robert S. Farrell Jr. (R-Multnomah), who visited Salem yesterday, also said there is no need for the session.

Officials here said they have found that nearly all upstate legislators oppose the session.

Pre-war France was smaller than Texas, yet had a population

about one-third that of the United States.

ALL NEW SHOW TODAY

Freddie Bartholomew
Billy Cook in
"NAVAL ACADEMY"

HIT No. 3—
Buck Jones in
"GUNMAN OF BODIE"

RAINBOW

STARTS TODAY!

ROMANCES... with your favorite stars!

SONGS... with Carmen Miranda and John Payne

COMEDY... with hilarious complications!

DANCES... with gorgeous girls!

It's a TROPICAL HOLIDAY!

Alice FAYE
Carmen MIRANDA
John PAYNE
Cesar ROMERO

WEEK-END IN HAVANA

IN TECHNICOLOR

FEATURE TIMES
TODAY Mat. 2:45 Eve. 7:15 & 9:15
Saturday - Sunday
Continuation From 12:30
1:45 - 3:45 - 5:15 - 7:15 - 9:15

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION
LATEST ISSUE

"THE MARCH OF TIME"
"SAILORS WITH WINGS"
And—Disney Color Cartoon "Donald's Camera"
★ Dial 4572 for Theatre Information ★

COBINA WRIGHT, Jr.
GEORGE BARBER
SHELDON LEONARD
BILLY GILBERT

POLICAN

TODAY AND SATURDAY

BIG 2 HITS

— HIT No. 1 —
East Side Kids
Bobby Jordan
Leo Dorsey with
Bela Lugosi in

"Spooks Run Wild"

— HIT No. 2 —
ROY ROGERS in
"BAD MAN OF DEADWOOD"

★ MATINEES DAILY 2 P. M. ★
★ CONTINUOUS SATURDAY FROM 12:30 ★
★ DIAL 2362 ★

PINE TREE

VOX

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SATURDAY and SUNDAY

TWO TOP HITS

— HIT No. 1 —
Bud Abbott - Costello - Powell
in
"IN THE NAVY"

— HIT No. 2 —
ANDREWS SISTERS

Romance of the Rio Grande

with
CESAR ROMERO

Continuous Saturday and Sunday From 12:30

POPEYE CLUB

SATURDAY MORNING 10 A. M.

★ ★ ★

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BELA LUGOSI in

"SPOOKS RUN WILD"

and Chapter No. 11 "The Adventures of CAPTAIN MARVEL"