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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Pacific coast hasn't been alone in its wet weather this morning. From the Rockies to the entire coast the country is a sea of green. Although it is nearly mid-July, the vegetation looks like early June. All the little ponds are full, and the flocks are running brown and black.

One guesses that rainy spells have been tripping on each other's heels.
On the hills around Cheyenne, which normally are beginning to burn a little by this time, the grass is lush and tall. In the draws the cattle stand in it up to their knees, as in a blue grass pasture. They are plump and round, and more than one passenger is heard to say that come the shades of night he thinks he'll drop off the rear end and knock one in the head on account of he's slowly wasting away for a steak.

It is not that anyone is likely to perish of malnutrition on this train. It is just that the sight of so much meat goes to the people's heads, making them a little dizzy and irresponsible. From the purely practical standpoint, leaving out the service men, who are a competent-looking lot, it is doubtful if anyone on this train could skin so much as a weaner calf, let alone a steer. As for cutting it up! If you were to check all the civilian palms on board, you couldn't find a callous in a car-load.

By some miracle of management, this train, the CMY of San Francisco, is an enchanted island of pleasant living in a world that in many ways is becoming topsy-turvy. Its Pullman porters are the old-fashioned 'befo' the war kind. They manage to convey the impression that they live to serve you, and love it. The dining car waiters are of the same strange, now somewhat antediluvian tribe. They seem to be actually interested in what you want to eat and how you want it fixed. And the cooks—well, one night as well end this paean of somewhat lyric gastronomic praise by stating that they don't adhere to the slap it in the pan and burn it quick school. It actually tastes like food.

The linen is snowy (with diesel engines, there is no soot to mar it), the silver sparkles, the china does whatever the right kind of china is supposed to do at mealtime and the steward wears an exceedingly well-cut white jacket and an honest-to-goodness smile.
It's time to draw the curtain on this theme before the copy reader decides that this stuff got in the wrong envelope and turns it over to the advertising department, but if in the brave new world the railroads can take the City of San Francisco as a model and add a few presumably essential plastic and electronic touches to it they won't have to worry too much over losing post-war business to the airplanes.

OUT of Wyoming into Nebraska. Out of the grass country into the western reaches of the agricultural Mississippi valley. Out of the cattle and sheep economy into the edges of the corn-hog economy. This transition threw the early explorers off in their calculations. They couldn't quite figure what this country beyond (Continued on Page Three)

Pullman To S.F., Portland O.K.

"We can get you out of here but we can't get you back," said Lloyd S. Sitt of the Southern Pacific railroad when questioned about the effect on local Pullman travel by the new ODT ruling banning civilian Pullman service on runs of 450 miles or less.
Under the new ruling it is still possible to get reservations out of here except on the day of departure.
The biggest problem is the return trip to Klamath Falls. Even though no Pullman cars have been taken off the Oakland-Portland run, reservations for Klamath Falls cannot be accepted because the distance is under 450 miles and the SP cannot sell short unless the space is not taken up on the day of departure.

Early Jap Defeat Has High Priority As Big 3 Confer

By DANIEL DE LUCE and ERNEST B. VACCARO
POTSDAM, July 17 (AP)—The Big Three conference opened this afternoon with a minimum of formalities and indications that President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill had the Pacific war high on the list of topics. (The Moscow radio said Mr. Truman was to preside). The conference is expected to lay the framework of the German peace treaty and to seek settlement of many worldwide questions that hold the answer to the future peace of Europe. Mr. Truman's first objective as he began conversations with the leaders of Great Britain and Russia was reported to be the early defeat of Japan.

Aussies Plead To Dutch Oil Fields

MANILA, July 17 (AP)—Strong combat patrols smashed scattered Japanese resistance today as the Australian seventh division slogged through coastal salt marshes toward the Dutch East Borneo oil fields at Sambodja, ruined refineries of Balikpapan. The military prize lay five miles ahead of the main Aussie force, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said. Its output formerly moved through the marshland pipe line to the now-ruined refineries of Balikpapan. Other Dutch and Australian units, advancing northward from Balikpapan, had gained more than six miles on the road to a second rich oil field at Samarinda, 36 miles beyond Sambodja, by a more circuitous route. These troops encountered heavy Japanese road blocks in the vicinity of Mount Bato, six miles north of Balikpapan. The mountain was taken yesterday after a heavy artillery barrage. Again today the artillery was called up to blast out the road blocks before the troops could continue their advance.

Tire Burglary At Gas Station

Jack Pyle, proprietor of the Shell Service station at Oregon and Donald, reported to city police Monday that two tires had been stolen from the tire rack and the building had been forcibly entered. The entering was thought to have occurred sometime Sunday night.

As far as is known, nothing was taken from the interior of the station. City police are investigating the case.
Seven drunks, one drunk and disorderly case, and two vagrants appeared in police court this morning. Two additional drunks bailed out.

Spain Prepares For Monarchy

MADRID, July 17 (AP)—General Franco proclaimed tonight that Spain was entering a period of preparation for a monarchy in which "the essentials of our movement are guaranteed."
The falange chieftain said in a broadcast address before the national council of the falange that Spain wanted "her independence coupled with dignified cooperation with other countries" in the postwar world.
(Prince Juan, son of the late King Alfonso, is the heir to the now non-existent Spanish throne. He has been living in Switzerland for several years.)
(The exiled prince, in a statement issued at Lusanne last March, declared Spain was in danger of another civil war and called upon Franco to resign in favor of a restoration of the monarchy.)

Japs Promise One Deadly Blow When Time Is Ripe

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17 (AP)—The Japanese Domei news agency said in a radio broadcast today that "our forces are waiting for the decisive moment to smash the enemy, beyond his ability to recover, with one deadly stroke."
The dispatch, beamed to occupied Asia and monitored here by the federal communications commission, declared: "Our crack army and navy forces are not permitting these

BLAZE AT TILLAMOOK UNCONTROLLED

Servicemen Battle Flames In Coast Forests
PORTLAND, Ore., July 17 (AP)—Nearly 1,000 men were called to Tillamook today to battle the third gigantic blaze to hit Tillamook county forests within the last 12 years. While the northwest Oregon fire licked out over 27,000 acres, fire crews and bulldozers struggled to keep the blaze from reaching green second-growth timber, at some points only a half-mile away. Some 250 soldiers were to be flown from Geiger field, Spokane, to join 900 servicemen and some 200 civilians already fighting the the rugged Wilson River area.

Wind Spreads Blaze
Winds continued to whip burning embers across the canyon—the same land ravaged in 1933 and 1939 by devastating fires. Forest officials believed they could control the spot fires if the main fire line is halted at trails bulldozed across the path yesterday. The fire started last Wednesday on a logging operation. Several companies, which have been salvaging timber from the Tillamook burn, are speed out. Terrible Devastation
Governor Earl Snell and State Forester N. S. Rogers, accompanied by reporters, spent five hours touring fire areas yesterday, and were amazed at the destruction of all vegetation, including many millions of little trees.

Man In Brown
Mr. Truman wore a brown business suit and sat at the head of the table. The generalissimo's uniform was fawn-colored with silver-edged stars on the epaulettes. He sat on the president's right.
Pavlov and Molotov sat to Stalin's right in that order, while Byrnes, Bohlen and Admiral William D. Leahy, Mr. Truman's personal chief of staff, were at the president's left in that order.

Mr. Truman had seen Prime Minister Churchill informally yesterday when the British leader called to pay his respects. The luncheon was concluded at 2:45 p. m. The menu included creamed spinach, fried liver and bacon, smothered with onions, baked ham, Julienne potatoes, string beans, pumpkins, sliced bread, jam, sliced fruit, cookies, mints, candies and cigars.
It was the kind of easy-going meeting without frills, which delights the democratic Missourian making his debut in the world's biggest political circle.

Harold Derrah Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. F. Derrah of 1343 Crescent, have received word from the war department that their son, Harold W. Derrah, U. S. 1/c USNR, is presumed missing with the reported loss of the submarine Kete.

Young Derrah has been on the Kete since last July 31 when it was commissioned at Manito-wac, Wis. It was the second submarine that he had seen service with, the first being the USS Grayling which was announced lost when he was home on a 30-day leave.

New Marine C.O. Here Wednesday

Col. Merlin Schneider will arrive by auto in Klamath Falls sometime Wednesday to assume his duties as commanding officer at the Klamath Marine Barracks.

Hotel Manager Pays Three Damage Suits

PORTLAND, July 17 (AP)—Payment by Dean L. Ireland, manager of the Multnomah hotel here, of \$3656.33 in a treble damage claim for rent overcharges was announced today by the district OPA.

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The hotel also refunded \$114.50 directly to those tenants who could be located, the OPA said.

Weather News

(July 17)
Max. (July 16) 82 Min. 52
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0
Stream year to date 13.28
Normal 12.03 Last year 9.29
Forecast: Clear Wednesday, little change.



President Harry S. Truman walks down the gangplank of the USS Augusta, after it arrived at Antwerp, Belgium, followed by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. Picture by Associated Press Photographer B. I. Sanders. (AP) wirephoto via radio from London.

Runaway Car Injures Man, Damages Two Other Autos

A runaway car today careened wildly down the grade on 2nd, near Main, sending one man to the hospital with a broken leg and seriously damaging two other automobiles.
F. E. Leaphart, 56, of Redding, Calif., owner of the runaway car, suffered a badly broken left leg and was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital by the Klamath merchant police ambulance service.

CIVILIANS TO SEE LESS STEAKS, SUGAR

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Americans can expect food shortages for many months to come. So saying in a "frank report" last night, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson added:
"We are likely to dine on more simple fare, minus the choice roasts, the thick juicy steaks, and much of the sweetening of pre-war years."

Reward Paid In Heuvel Arrest

A reward of \$250 for information leading to the arrest of Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief, has been paid to the Aurora police pension fund. Heuvel was wanted in Klamath county on four felony charges.
Heuvel was arrested in Ken-sett, Ark., by federal authorities upon information of his whereabouts furnished by the Aurora police department. He is now being held in the Klamath county jail on morals charges in lieu of \$21,000 cash bail.

U. S. Hunts Hitler In Argentina

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—A state department spokesman said today that the U. S. embassy in Buenos Aires will investigate reports that Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun are in Argentina.
In response to a question, the spokesman said that the embassy would look into the story, sent by a Chicago Times correspondent from Montevideo, that the pair had reached a solitary section of the long Argentine coast by submarine and are living on a huge German-owned estate in Patagonia.

Luzon Natives Slaughtered By Japs In Fanatic Attack

By JAMES HUTCHESON
INFANTA, Luzon, July 17 (AP)—Filipinos in this isolated east Luzon coastal town told today of a Japanese massacre of 2000 natives in wholesale slaughter and looting that rivaled their infamy in Manila.
They raided scattered outlying districts, stabbing and slashing Filipinos in their beds, declared Lt. Col. Jaime Manzano. Most of those who sought desperately to escape were shot down as they fled.
Bodies of men, women and children were strewn about huts and the streets of the settlements two months ago.
Mayor Faustino P. Junteral told the correspondent that the Japanese massacred the natives after finding American canned goods and learning of guerrillas in the villages.
Junteral said the death toll might have been even higher than the estimated 2000 but that was the best figure available. Infanta is 50 miles east of

Yank Targets 80 Miles From Nips' Capital

By HAMILTON FARON
GUAM, July 17 (AP)—A daring American naval task force steamed to within 80 miles of Tokyo tonight (Japan time) and bombarded industrial targets around Hitachi on the heels of an eight-hour raid by 1500 planes from American and British carrier planes in the area of the Japanese capital.
Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the bombardment while it was still underway only a few hours after he reported carrier planes had knocked out 374 Japanese vessels and 129 locomotives in their weekend sweep over northern Japan.
The new battleship Iowa with her blazing 16-inch guns led the bombardment group in the closest approach of any U. S. naval task force to the Japanese capital.

CHINESE TAKE MONGAY WHEN PUPPETS FALL

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, July 17 (AP)—Chinese forces have occupied Mongay, in the northeastern-most corner of French Indo-China, the Chinese high command announced today.
Mongay is on the Chinese-Indo-China border near the Gulf of Tonkin coast, 135 miles northeast of Hanoi, capital of Indo-China, and 90 miles southwest of Yunging (Manning) in China.

The high command said that Chinese forces occupied the town after a mutiny of puppet troops directly across the border in the Kwangtung province town of Tung Hing July 7. The puppet units surrendered to Chinese national forces with all their arms, the announcement said.
The Japanese at Tung Hing were forced to retreat across the border. Chinese forces pursued them into Indo-China and occupied Mongay the same night, the high command said.

Meanwhile, some 500 miles to the northeast, Chinese vanguards have infiltrated into the outskirts of Kweilin, former American air base city 90 miles northeast of recently captured Liuchow, the Chinese announced.
Other troops pushing up the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad from Liuchow have advanced to within 40 miles of Kweilin, triple-airfield base abandoned last October by the U. S. 14th air force. (Continued on Page Three)

DELIVERYMEN END 17-DAY STRIKE

By The Associated Press
New York's 17-day long strike of 1700 newspaper deliverymen, involving 14 major dailies, ended today.
The newspaper strike was settled, a union spokesman said, on the promise of the daily newspaper commission of the war labor board that an immediate hearing would be held to consider the strike issues if the men returned to their jobs. The men voted to do so. The strike forced thousands of readers to lineup at newspaper offices to buy papers over the counter.

BASIN AREA CLEAR OF FOREST FIRES

Although the Klamath area has been covered by a smoky haze for the past several days, no serious forest or brush fires have been reported in the basin area, according to ranger stations and forest offices.
The smoke is believed to be drifting in from the mammoth Wilson river fire in the Tillamook area.
In the Klamath national forest in California over 100 small fires during the recent lightning storms covered approximately 500 acres but all are under control and none are reported as serious.

One Casualty In Kid 'Gang War'

As the result of "gang wars" among youngsters in Mills addition, Jerry Brandness, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brandness, 928 Martin, received a painful gash behind his ear early this afternoon.
The youngster had just stepped out of his house when a three-pound rock hurled by a 12-year-old girl hit him in the back of the head, according to a police report. The rock opened a three-cornered gash directly behind his ear.
The Klamath merchant police ambulance was called and rushed the boy to a local physician for treatment. The condition of the boy was thought to be serious, although the wound was painful.