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Forecast: Probable showers.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AS nearly as we can judge from the news that clicks from the wires this morning, the new year is getting off to a hopeful start.

STATE SECRETARY BYRNES, reporting to the nation on the Moscow conference, dwells strongly on the new JOINT international machinery for the control of Japan.

He says the United States has planned from the beginning to make control of Japan an allied responsibility. He adds that the new control system set up at Moscow will neither minimize the U. S. role in Japan nor hamstring MacArthur because:

1. Under the Big Four (U. S., Britain, Russia, China) veto power no basic allied policy for Japan can be adopted without U. S. approval.

2. The U. S. retains the power to issue "interim directives" on a wide variety of matters if in the meanwhile the control commission has not acted on them.

THAT is to say, no basic policy as to Japan can be adopted unless the U. S., Britain, Russia and China ALL CONCUR. ONE "no" vote will stop everything. We seem to have certain not very clearly defined powers in the event of a deadlock on the commission.

MACARTHUR, in a statement issued in Tokyo, makes it clear that he OBJECTED to this settlement, advising the secretary of state's office on October 31 that "these terms, in my opinion, are NOT acceptable" and adding that thereafter his views were "not sought."

BUT— He concludes his statement with these words: "Whatever the merits or demerits of the plan, the issues involved are too vital to the future of the world to have them bogged down by my fervent hope that there will be no insuperable obstacles. It is my full purpose to see it through."

Those are the words of a GOOD AMERICAN. We shall all be wise if we follow MacArthur's example and hope for the best. This is no time to risk world peace by quarreling over details.

BYRNES, of course, is defending what he did at Moscow. But, since we don't know the pressure he may have been under, we must accept the settlement he arranged. NOTHING can be more important than getting Russia's sincere cooperation in the building of a peaceful world.

Without Russia's co-operation, there can be no peace.

STILL, if we are to remain clear-eyed and realistic, we must understand that two systems will face each other in this new world: we are slowly carpentering together:

1. The Russian communist system, in which the state is EVERYTHING and the individual is NOTHING.

2. The American-British system of democracy in which the liberty of the individual remains uppermost.

HARMONIZING these obviously conflicting systems will call for the best efforts of the best brains this new world of the future can command.

LOOKING through glasses colored by suspicion, we can see terrifying dangers ahead. But if the world can be FREED of suspicion, if Russia can be brought into sincere and honest co-operation for world peace and world betterment, nothing will be impossible.

AMONG other hopeful developments, Chiang Kai-shek calls the long-awaited peace parley of the (Chinese) political consultative council to meet on January 10.

He says his government is ready to invite the leaders of other political parties to "take

Rain Forecast For New Year's

A bright New Year's Day is doubtful for Klamath basin with latest weather reports indicating a showery New Year's Eve, and rain and showers Tuesday morning.

Although the last day of 1945 dawned clear, skies became overcast by mid-morning. Little change in temperature is expected over the holiday with fog in the valleys and a southerly wind off the coast.

The mercury reached 39 at the highest during the last 24 hours and was 28 at the lowest with a trace of precipitation.

Railroad Operations Resumed

Slides, Flood Water Disrupt Service In Klamath

Rail movements through Klamath Falls were resumed late Sunday but Southern Pacific officials said schedules would not be back to normal until tonight as slides and high water disrupted facilities along the line.

In the meantime a 150-foot section of the Willamette pass highway at McCredie Springs was being repaired as rapidly as possible but state highway department officials said that section would be closed to travel "for another day or two."

The highway washed out as waters of swollen Salt Creek ate into the road bed above Oakridge late Saturday. A half-yard shovel was dispatched from the Klamath Falls shops and equipment from Eugene was also called in in an effort to repair the damage.

A flagman at the junction of the Willamette pass and The Dalles-California highway was posted as soon as word of the washout reached here and traffic was diverted north through Bend and the Wapinitia highway to Portland.

Mail operations diverted through Ashland and Medford north, were partially resumed through Klamath Falls Sunday. The slide at Dunsuir was cleared early Sunday morning and the bridge at Springfield near Eugene was hastily repaired to carry through this section. The bridge through this section. The bridge (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

Youth Parole Brings Blast

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said today he was "thoroughly disgusted" with the state's handling of juvenile offenders after a 15-year-old local boy was paroled from the Oregon state training school, Woodburn, to his father who is in the county jail facing trial for rape upon a daughter.

The boy was ordered committed from here last August 1 for burglary, after he had participated in numerous small crimes in and around Klamath Falls.

The judge said that before the boy reached Woodburn the juvenile office wrote a letter to M. D. Woolley, superintendent of the school, telling of the family situation here, that the father, David Samuel Van Cleave, had been allegedly living with a step-daughter.

That letter was sent August 3 and receipt acknowledged a few days later by Superintendent Woolley. The boy entered Woodburn August 14.

Arrested— Van Cleave was arrested here December 6 and indicted for rape upon his 12-year-old daughter.

After spending four months in the training school, the boy was paroled to his father who is in the county jail, without a word of explanation to the officials here.

The first intimation Judge Vandenberg or the juvenile officer had of the situation came when the boy walked into the juvenile office on December 21, announced that he was paroled to his father, David Samuel Van Cleave, and wanted to know what to do. He was sent to live with a sister while authorities muddled over the problem.

At the same time this boy was paroled, a 17-year-old offender from here was released without explanation after being in the training school for about five months.

"It's no wonder we try to settle all our juvenile cases here," the judge said, "What's the use of sending a boy up to Woodburn when this happens?"

Big Ten Local Stories Of 1945

1. Jap balloon bomb kills six near Bly.
2. Klamath lumber strikes.
3. Local impact of war's end.
4. The Earl Heuvel case.
5. Water diversion fight.
6. Marine Barracks lacks filarissia.
7. Housing shortage.
8. Klamath wins veterans hospital.
9. Multiple-fatality accident at Heger crossing.
10. Volcanic activity suspected at Crater lake.



These pictures recall some of the major local news stories of 1945. 1—Scene on the Weyerhaeuser mill road morning of August 9, when the CIO strike began. 2—Government housing projects, such as the one a-building here, failed to alleviate a year-long housing shortage. 3—There was dancing in the streets August 14, when the war with Japan ended. 4—Ex-Police Chief Earl Heuvel was central figure in a year-long sensational story. 5—Captain Lowell Coggeshall of the Marine Barracks won the Gorgas medal because of the outstanding job done at the Barracks in writing filarissia off as a major service medical problem. 6—Rev. Archa Mitchell of Bly was the sole witness of the Jap bomb explosion that was the biggest local story of the year. His wife and five Bly children died in the tragedy.

Klamath's Big Local News Stories For 1945 Reflect Appropriately The Transition From War To Peace

By MALCOLM EPLEY

Nineteen forty-five was the year of victory, and Klamath's big local news stories of the period reflect appropriately the transition from war to peace.

The tragedy of war was strikingly illustrated in the No. 1 story of the year—the death of six persons in a Jap balloon explosion at Bly May 5. The victims were a minister's wife and five children who discovered the balloon on a Sunday school picnic, and were blasted when one of the party touched the mechanism. These were the

only deaths in continental United States from enemy action, making this a story of international significance carried in newspapers in distant lands. The incident highlighted tremendous local interest in Japan's wuffed weapon, which fortunately did no other damage.

Aply exemplifying a major feature of the immediate post-war and transition period was Klamath's No. 2 local story—strikes. The CIO lumber strike here, beginning actually just before the war's end, gave a local indication of what the nation

was soon to face. This strike was strictly a Klamath area affair, and it had many tense moments due to the determination of AFL machinists to go through the picket lines to the Weyerhaeuser mill. The CIO strike ended in about seven weeks, to be followed by an AFL lumber shutdown that was region-wide and is now about ended after over three months.

The big moment itself—when the fighting on distant fronts actually ceased—had so many local implications that it must go down near the head of the list of big local stories

of the year. It touched off a happy local celebration, and was followed by the return of many service men and women to their homes in this area and other transition and postwar developments.

A sensational local story of the year was the protracted Earl Heuvel morals case, involving charges against a former police chief. Heuvel's disappearance, his arrest in Arkansas and return, and his trial on one of the charges ending in acquittal, claimed intense local interest. It is a story

MacArthur To Retain Whiphand

By GRAHAM HOVEY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes prepared today for his fourth trip abroad in six months after telling Americans why he believes his third contributed to lasting peace.

Also in his radio report last night on the Moscow conference of foreign ministers, Byrnes assured the nation that new international machinery set up for control of Japan will not obstruct "the outstanding and efficient administration" of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. It will, he insisted, leave the United States in a top policy-making role.

The cabinet officer ignored a tartly-worded statement MacArthur issued in Tokyo earlier in the day in which the supreme commander said he had not been consulted during the Moscow talks and declared: "I have no iota of responsibility for the decisions which were made there."

Speaking from the conference room of the state department, Byrnes described how this country, Russia and Britain reached agreement on issues involving Japan, atomic energy, peace treaties, China, Korea, Romania and Bulgaria.

He said, too, he and Foreign Ministers Bevin of Britain and Molotov of Russia almost agreed on a three-power commission to study problems of troubled Iran. He added he was "not discouraged" by the near-miss.

He might have said they will have another opportunity to agree on an Iranian policy in London at the first meeting of the United Nations assembly next month. That will be conference No. 4 for Byrnes in the half year he has held the top cabinet position.

The Iranian government has said it will lay before the assembly its charges that the Azerbaijan revolt was assisted by Russian occupation forces.

London Trip— Byrnes will fly to London for the opening assembly session January 10. Aides said last night he has not yet decided on a departure date.

The radio address topped off a weekend in which Byrnes returned by plane from Moscow Saturday noon, took off again four hours later for Quantico, Va., for a talk-and-dinner with President Truman aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg and then returned to Washington to begin work on his 3600-word radio text.

The president, not due back in the White House until Wednesday, presumably listened aboard the Williamsburg to Byrnes' address.

In it, the secretary declared frankly that some of the Moscow decisions "do not go as far as I should have liked." But he emphasized his belief that the agreements reached "should bring hope to the war-weary people of many lands."

He also expressed confidence in the cumulative value of Big Three foreign ministers' meetings. The next one is scheduled to be held in Washington at an undecided date.

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Klamath Will Welcome 1946

Klamath Falls prepared to welcome 1946 in a big way. Today, the last day of 1945, saw folks getting ready for a large evening and early this afternoon celebrations were under way as a number of business houses held open house for friends and employees and the Tom and Jerry cups were being filled and refilled.

At the Oregon state liquor store long lines stood in front of each window as celebrants waited to get their share of holiday cheer. The quota of some 80 cases of blends, straight, Scotch or bonded whiskey was expected to be sold out by 3 p. m. There was plenty of wine, rum and brandy on hand to take care of the late comers. Saturday's buyers bought out the store with the surplus of the previous few days quickly taken.

Full Force— State police urged the celebrating public to stay at home this evening but advised that a full force would patrol the highways in an effort to keep New Year's Eve accidents to a minimum. The city police were also prepared for the night.

The city hall closed at noon today to give employees an extra half day holiday. The building will also remain closed Tuesday as will the courthouse, post office, schools and libraries. There will be no house-to-house postal deliveries Tuesday. Schools will open Wednesday at the usual morning hour following the 10-day vacation.

Dances were scheduled both for the public and private affairs to welcome the New Year. The Herald and News employees will have a holiday tomorrow—January 1, 1946. There will be no issue of this paper. Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! That, sincerely, is the wish of all members of The Herald and News and Radio KFLW family for all the people of the Klamath country. We appreciate your support, your friendly criticisms, and your many kindnesses. We think the area we serve is unexcelled anywhere.

Today's four-page paper is the last of the extra-thin sheets required of us by federally-controlled paper rationing in the final quarter of 1945.

The paper will not be published on Tuesday, New Year's Day, Wednesday it will be back, with advertising reinstated and looking more like its old self.

Hitler Leaves Hymn Of Hate
By DANIEL DE LUCE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's last will, calling Hermann Goering and Heinrich Himmler traitors, created furore today among the 20 arch nazis awaiting in the Nuernberg jail for their trials as war criminals to resume on Wednesday.

The sensational charges, written by the trapped fuhrer in the Berlin chancellory bunker on the eve of his suicide with his mistress Evva Braun, were learned by the prisoners during a busy morning filled with conferences with their lawyers.