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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE news from China continues good. An agreement on "procedures for the cessation of hostilities and the restoration of communications" (railroads, highways, telephones and telegraph lines, etc.) has been reached by Chungking (now called the "Senior Government") and communist leaders, but no date has been set for stopping the shooting. Representatives of the two factions, however, will "confer" immediately on carrying out the agreed procedures.

A CHINA all-party UNITY conference is scheduled to begin on January 10. At this conference, 38 delegates representing the principal Chinese factions will make an effort to settle ALL outstanding differences between the Chiang Kai-shek government and the communists.

IN the proceedings so far, General Marshall has been acting as a MEDIATOR, and both sides admit that his presence has helped considerably. The general remains silent, but we can guess that in the pinches he has been discreetly disclosing to both sides what will have to be done OR ELSE. This guess is somewhat strengthened by the statement this morning that within ten days AMERICAN SHIPS will start moving 26,000 Chungking troops into Manchuria.

MANCHURIA is more or less the key to China's future. It is an important workshop of heavy industry—something like our Pittsburgh area. It can be the industrial backbone of a UNITED China. Split off into a separate nation, as has happened in the case of the Chinese civil war had gone down the whole road to separation and disunity, it could have ended our hopes for a GREAT China capable of growing into our best customer.

THE thread of the CHINA TRADE is woven into the warp and woof of our entire history. Columbus was seeking a trade route to the ORIENT when he stubbed his toe unexpectedly on the then unknown Western Hemisphere. It was a GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT, for he had hoped to sail westward directly into the ports whence came this rich and coveted trade, thus short-cutting the long and slow and expensive caravan routes by which the products of the Orient reached the Mediterranean and came thence to western Europe by ship. It was quite a jolt when he learned that a huge and wild and undeveloped continent lay in his path.

For more than a century the dream of bold adventurer-explorers was to find a short cut around the northern end of this annoying obstacle. The search for a Northwest Passage (to China) was unremitting, and the effort to find it fills the annals of that period.

MAKING the best of a bad bargain, the nations of western Europe began to found colonies in this wilderness that lay across the path of their hopes, and in time the northerly colonies commenced to build ships and found a commerce of their own. Instinctively these New England merchants turned their faces toward the CHINA coast, and for something like a century their ports waxed rich on the China trade.

These colonies built a way of life of their own. Finding that the chains binding them to the Old World HAMPERS them (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Flying Permit Changes Favored

Local aviation men said today that Klamath will ask for revision of certain "unsatisfactory clauses" in an interim permit sent here under which the navy would permit civilian flying on the Klamath municipal airport (Klamath naval air station). The objectionable clauses cancel the navy's responsibilities under the lease which it holds on the air station and which it does not relinquish. The interim permit is also revocable at any time under this proposal. The aviation people here said they will ask revision to provide that the navy maintain its responsibilities until it gives up the lease entirely. They said that under a revocable permit, it would seem the navy officials should take maintenance responsibility for the landing facilities inasmuch as they might revoke the permit and use the facilities exclusively again at any time.

Chief Acts To Avert 9-State Rail Walkout

By The Associated Press
President Truman today (Saturday) named an emergency board to investigate a labor dispute which threatened to affect the operations of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway company in nine states. The road was notified by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that walkout affecting 7000 workers would begin at 6 p. m. central standard time Sunday. The president's action took advantage of a provision of the railway labor act, which decrees that appointment of an emergency board stays any walkout while the board investigates the dispute.

The three-member board will report within 30 days. The railway mediation board said both the road and the union had refused to arbitrate 12 listed grievances. Wages and hours are not involved, a railroad spokesman said.

States in which the railroad's operations would have been affected were Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. In New York, the president of a striking union said the walkout by the Independent Western Electric Employees association against the Western Electric company was "just about ready to explode" into a nationwide telephone workers' walkout.

Frank J. Fitzsimmons, president of the WEEA, said he had conferred with Joseph A. Beiro, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, and believed that "by Monday or Wednesday something will be ready to break."

At the beginning of the 3-day-old Western Electric strike, Beiro said his federation's 260,000 members had been asked in a poll to authorize a sympathy strike.

Wage Demand
The Western Electric strike was called in support of a union demand for a 30 per cent wage increase. Picket lines outside strike-bound WE plants in New Jersey and New York were quiet after yesterday's strike in which four persons were injured and several others arrested.

In Cleveland, AFL pressmen struck to enforce wage demands against the city's three daily newspapers, and a union spokesman said no employees of the two afternoon papers, the News and the Press, entered their press rooms today.

Earlier in the day pressmen staged a sit-down which delayed publication of two final editions of the Plain Dealer, morning newspaper.

Peace Terms Agreed Upon By Chinese

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Jan. 5 (AP)—Agreement on "procedures for cessation of hostilities and restoration of communications" in strife-torn China was reached tonight by Chinese communist and government leaders, but there was no indication of when "cease fire" orders might be issued. An official announcement said representatives of the two factions would confer immediately on carrying out the agreed procedures.

Gen. George C. Marshall, American envoy, had conferred in swift succession earlier today with leaders of both delegations. Marshall declined, however, to comment on the announced agreement.

More Troops
From Shanghai, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. military forces in China, meanwhile announced that American ships would begin moving 26,000 Chinese government troops into Manchuria within 10 days.

Airborne movement of other forces was scheduled for today, weather permitting. The momentous agreement to bring at least temporary peace to China was reached at a 75-minute conference between senior government and communist delegates to the forthcoming unity conference here. It was announced in a mutually approved press release which Minister of Information K. C. Wu said implied that the two factions' appointed representatives would work with General Marshall as a committee of three to stop the shooting.

Response Favors Truman's Appeal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The White House reported today that more than 500 telegrams and letters have been received in response to President Truman's radio appeal for congressional action on his legislative program. More than 80 per cent of them were described as "favorable."

Army Applies Brakes To Demobilization Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The army slapped the brakes on demobilization today with a declaration that replacements would be insufficient to maintain necessary forces abroad at the present rate. By full use of available shipping, all of about 1,533,000 overseas troops who are or will become eligible could be returned to the United States in three months, a war department official said at a news conference. Instead, the army plans to spread the returns over six months. This slower rate combined with replacements will reduce total overseas strength to a planned minimum of 797,000 by July 1. Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins told reporters yesterday. He declared, however, that no man should be held in a foreign theater more than three months after he becomes eligible for discharge. "Our overseas forces would be dangerously understrength in occupying hostile countries if all eligible men were to be returned before sufficient replacements arrived," the war department information chief said.

He'll Mr. Every Nice Rug!



This huge bear, thought to be the largest black bear ever killed, dwarfs 6-foot 3-inch Dave Truslow of Los Angeles, who posed with the animal at the A. F. McQuiston ranch near Fort Klamath.

'World's Largest' Black Bear Slain At Seven Mile

Here's a bear story to end all bear stories: Fort Klamath ranchers reported here today that what is thought to be the biggest black bear in the world was killed near Seven Mile ranger station in the Fort Klamath area last December 18. The bear weighed 485 pounds dressed and live weight was estimated at 625 pounds. According to available records of taxidermists here, this bruin exceeds any other black bear killed by at least one foot each way. The average full-grown male black bear weighs around 400 pounds, live weight. The bear was brought down with one 30-30 shot between the eyes by Harold Brisco and Marvin Roeder, both of Fort Klamath. The two were hunting and saw tracks in the snow and after trailing the bear for some distance, came face to face with the huge animal. The bear did not put up a fight, according to A. F. McQuiston, Fort Klamath rancher, who bought the animal from the hunters for \$55.

Used Sled
Brisco and Roeder immediately disemboweled the big fellow and then returned to the ranger station. They hauled the bear out on a sled to their pickup and at the McQuiston ranch the animal was hoisted by chain blocks for the local folks to see. McQuiston had the animal dressed at Johnson Packing company and then turned the hide over to Cummings to have it finished into a rug. The hide measured 7 feet 5 inches from head to tail and 7 feet 3 inches, claw to claw.

Bruin was estimated to be between 20 and 25 years old. He was a fine, fat fellow and his coat in excellent condition, McQuiston said. At this time of the year bear are usually in hibernation but this animal apparently couldn't go to sleep and was out foraging for food.

Plants Ratify Pine Bargain

Ratification of the Klamath basin pine agreement has been completed at additional plants, including the large Medford Corporation and the Long-Bell Lumber company at Weed, it was reported here today at the office of the Pine Industrial Relations committee. The agreement calls for 15 cents an hour wage boost. Medford Corporation was cleared for action at a meeting last night and the plant will resume work Monday. At Weed, unionists and management ironed out difficulties over the sash, door and plywood wage scales, which had been considered a possible obstacle to final settlement. The mill, box factory and plywood unit will resume work on a 15-cent-an-hour across-the-board increase. The sash and door plant will go back under a bracket increase plan with boosts ranging from 12 1/2 cents down to 5 cents.

Reward Started For Dog Poisoner

Klamath citizens who have become alarmed by the sudden outbreak of dog poisoning evident in the past week or 10 days, have started a reward fund for information leading to the person or persons who have been poisoning the animals. C. L. Barkdoll, 115 S. 6th, started the fund with a \$10 donation hoping that other dog-lovers will follow suit. Dr. Herrick A. Wheeler, a local veterinarian, stated today that the worst area for dog poisoning is in the vicinity of Mills addition. He added that in almost every case reported, strychnine has been the poison used. A few of the animals have been saved, but the poison acts so quickly that the dogs can rarely be caught and treated in time. Barkdoll asks other interested people to contact him by calling 6816.

You'll Be Glad To Wake Up Now!

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—The General Electric Co. said today it had arranged to awaken its customers "gradually and enticingly" sometime early in 1946. Mark down as a thing of the past the clanging bell of the morning alarm clock, said GE. It added three new types of timepieces would be available. A beam alarm which flashes the bedside lamp instead of ringing a bell; a "tune-a-larm" which turns the bedside radio to your favorite rise-and-shine program, and another model which has a buzzer which can be modulated "down to a gnat's whisper."

Taft Says President Split Party

Left Wing Economic Ways Charged By Senate Leader
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Truman was pictured today as a man who has turned from belief in free enterprise to "left wing" economic ways. Senate leader Taft of Ohio declared "half the democrats and most of the republicans" on Capitol Hill disagree with Mr. Truman because "he has chosen to follow the CIO-PAC course on every economic measure except the last fact-finding labor proposal."

As a result, the Ohioan asserted, "the democratic party is hopelessly split" and the president's legislative recommendations are stalled, despite the party's majority in congress and in the committees which control the flow of legislation.

Taft, who is chairman of the senate republican steering committee, broadcast the speech last night over NBC from Cincinnati. The text was released in Washington, however, by the republican national committee, a hint that party strategy is forming for the year's congressional election campaign.

Taft's Reply
The address was Taft's reply to the president's radio appeal Thursday night for the people to apply pressure on congress in behalf of legislation Mr. Truman says is vital.

A law for fact-finding to control strikes, the so-called "full-employment" bill and more unemployment compensation were high on the list.

The "full employment" proposal, Taft said, "came directly from the Soviet constitution, the communist platform, and from the CIO."

It would have congress require the president, he added, "to submit vast programs for the expenditure of federal money whenever some crackpot economist thought there might be unemployment."

He said the president proposed to "give left wing labor control of employment" through federal supervision of unemployment compensation.

Two High School Students Killed

CHEHALIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Two Camas high school students were dead here today, another seriously injured and little hope was held for a fourth member of the group after their car crashed into the Lacamas creek bridge on the Pacific highway 18 miles south of Chehalis late Friday night. The five young people were returning from a high school basketball game at Centralia. Dead are Orin Edgley, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgley, and Roberta Marie Watrouse, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watrouse.

Little hope was held for the recovery of Robert Trooper Jr., 19, and also seriously injured by the paper. Most of the contributors gave \$5, but a few gave more than that to bring up the total. The Herald and News previously gave \$500 to the community fund.

New Floods Threaten As Oregon Rivers Overflow

By The Associated Press
Several western Oregon rivers, just a week after their \$6,000,000 rampage, began overflowing their banks again today. The rapidly rising Willamette passed flood stage this morning at Harrisburg, and the weather bureau forecast it would reach 14 feet—two feet above flood stage—at Eugene early tonight. With livestock already removed from lowlands because of last week's inundation, the weather bureau predicted no material damage except from erosion. Officials said the flood would not be great enough to close roads. The McKenzie river rose above flood stage at Leburg, where 1.84 inches of rain fell during the last 24 hours. With only showers forecast for today and tomorrow, weather officials expected flood only at three main points: Eugene and Harrisburg on the Willamette; Jefferson on the Santiam.

"It leaves us, however, in a critical situation should a storm develop within the next 36 hours," said Elmer Fisher, Portland meteorologist. The new river rise was fed by heavy rains at some points—2.23 inches within 24 hours at Lane Creek, 1.79 inches at Quartzville on the South Santiam. The weather bureau reported the Willamette river, measuring 10.1 feet at Eugene this morning, would reach a crest of 14 feet tonight. At Harrisburg, the river stood at 13.3 feet, more than a foot above flood stage, and was expected to reach 15 tonight.

The Santiam river neared the 13-foot flood stage at Jefferson and was expected to continue rising to 14 feet early tonight.

137 People Injured By Heavy Gale

PALESTINE, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—A tornado which hit northeast Texas last night killed at least 22 persons and injured 137. One man is missing. Continuing rain and heavy mud is delaying search for additional victims.

Twelve dead have been identified in Southview near here. Six others are critically injured and 25 seriously hurt and in hospitals. At least six were killed in Nacogdoches, about 75 miles away. Two others were killed at Lufkin, 25 miles south of Nacogdoches.

Appley, near Nacogdoches, was hard hit and it is feared several deaths occurred there. Disrupted telephone communications make a check difficult, but highway patrolmen are en route to the community.

A Negro boy was reported killed at Sibley in Leon county. The known dead at Southview are: Teague Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Charles Ray, 2, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ray and daughter Mary Sue, 10; Richard Lipscomb, 9; a Mr. Jones; Mary Axum, 14; Merle Axum, 8, and a Negro named Nixon.

Known Dead
The known dead at Lufkin: Mrs. Will Dunn, Mrs. Ed Smith and Coy Dunn. The known dead at Nacogdoches: Roscoe Till, 48; Mrs. William Kirk, Oran Fore, Bonnie Reagan, Eugene Scroggins, 12, and Martha Aldridge. Northwestward, in Hunt county, a score of business and residential buildings were destroyed at Peniel, near Greenville.

The tornado cut a 100-yard swath across 18 miles of Anderson county, passing three miles south and east of this city. State police aided local authorities and the Palestine unit of the Texas State Guard in relief work.

Four Youths Break Jail; Two Caught

Two of four youths who sawed their way out of the Jackson county jail early this morning have been apprehended and search for the other pair is being directed toward northern California and Klamath county. Sheriff Howard Gault of Medford said. The sheriff said the men, all under 21 years of age, obtained a saw in an undetermined manner and sawed the bars from a cell window. They climbed to the roof of the Jackson courthouse and slid down the flagpole rope to the ground. At large are Calvin Leach Curtis, 19, white, five feet five inches tall, 130 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair, and Bob John Nelson, 19, part Indian, described as five feet eight inches tall, weight 155 pounds and has a two-inch scar on the right side of his jaw.

Two negroes, Roger Clark Chapman, and Edward D. Mackey, 17, were captured. Chapman was caught at Medford and Mackey near Ashland. Both were in jail on vagrancy charges.

Awaiting Transfer
Curtis and Nelson were awaiting transfer to the Oregon State penitentiary to serve 18-month terms for car theft. State, city and county law enforcement officers here were asked to be on the lookout for the two men and they are believed to be in the company of a woman known as Doris Curtis, 28, a blond.

A 1937 Ford sedan registered to H. R. Sutton of Medford was also reported stolen last night and Jackson county officials believe Curtis and Nelson may have stolen the car.

The jail break occurred sometime between 11 o'clock last night and 6 a. m. today.

Reds Balk On Monetary Pact

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—A state department spokesman said today that Russia has notified the United States it will not sign the Bretton Woods agreements until it has had more time to study them. The informant said this stand was made known to Averell Harriman, the American ambassador to Moscow. As of today, 35 countries have signed the agreements which set up multi-billion dollar banks and funds to stabilize world currency. Russia is the only major power which has not signed. State department officials have said that about 83 per cent of both the bank and the fund were subscribed to by the January 1st deadline.

Committee Seeks Outstanding Man

A secret committee of local citizens is now casting about for likely prospects for the recipient of the Junior chamber of commerce "outstanding young man of 1945" award. Presentation is planned Friday night, January 25, at the junior chamber's Founder's Day banquet. The award will be made on the following basis: 1. Achievement, leadership and service to the community in the calendar year. 2. Personal character and ability. 3. Must be between 21 and 35 years of age. This award is not made on the basis of a contribution to the Junior chamber of commerce activities specifically, but to the community. Likewise, Junior chamber membership is not a necessary qualification of the recipient. Local people who may have suggestions for recipients of the award were asked today to call the chamber of commerce, and the suggestion will be turned over to the secret committee.

Herald And News Pays Off Wager

The Herald and News has paid off. Ross H. Brown, 3041 Bisbee street, was the tenth citizen to accept the paper's offer to match the cost of a good bottle of whiskey contributed to the community fund. The paper agreed to match if 10 persons would come through. Brown being the tenth, a check for \$75 is being forwarded to the community fund by the paper. Most of the contributors gave \$5, but a few gave more than that to bring up the total. The Herald and News previously gave \$500 to the community fund.