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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOOD (or, rather, the world's lack of it) provides an under-tone for the news today.

Britain (which grows little wheat) rations bread. The basic ration is nine ounces per day for adults, with special allowances for infants for male and 11 ounces for female manual workers. Expectant mothers are also to get 11 ounces.

TO us in America, that seems fairly ample. We must remember, however, that in Europe bread is a much more important item in the average diet than here. Europeans never have been able to afford the wide variety of food—especially meat—available to us in fortunate America.

BRITAIN rations bread for two reasons—to make the limited supply of wheat go around at home, and to be able to SPARE MORE for the hungry peoples of continental Europe.

RATIONING is RATIONING in Britain, where they have a curious idea that laws are intended to be observed and not circumvented. During the war there was no black marketing in England. There is little now.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN tells his press conference this morning that U. S. commitments for the shipment of grain abroad (to feed hungry people) for the first six months of this year WILL BE MET.

"The very fact that housewives today often find it hard to buy a loaf of bread," he says, "is evidence of the success of our famine emergency program."

CHALK UP on the GOOD side whatever bread you do without so that hungry people elsewhere in the world may have a little more. There isn't enough food in the world to give them what they need. The best we can do is to keep them a little farther away from starvation.)

IN the house of representatives today a move to withhold UNRRA money from nations that refuse to permit American correspondents to gather and tell the news gains powerful support.

LOG MOVE RECORD PORTLAND, June 27 (AP)—Movement of logs through the Willamette locks at Oregon City on June 13 set a new one-day record, army engineers reported today. The logs totaled 4,515,000 board feet.

'No News--No Cash' Policy For Russia Gains Support WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—A "no news-no cash" policy that would hit Russia's muddled power support today as an amendment to the proposed \$485,000,000 UNRRA appropriation.

Fund Lack May Close Heat Plant

The business district of Klamath Falls, that section which uses heat and steam supplied by the Klamath Heating company, today faced a heatless winter unless consumers subscribed to the necessary \$100,000 needed to operate and maintain the plant which they hope to buy before June 30.

Negotiations have been under way this month to purchase the physical properties of the plant but Thursday sufficient subscription had not been made to assure the transaction.

E. B. Hall, Klamath Falls hotelman and member of the Citizens Consumers company, said June 30 was the deadline for buying the plant. It is understood that the present condition of the Klamath Heating company plant is such that it will be closed down within six weeks on order of the state and that D. O. Hood, president of the company, had already cancelled all orders for equipment.

Purchase Plans Hall said that plans call for the newly organized Citizens Consumers company to purchase the plant's physical layout including the present boilers, mains, trucks and equipment as well as existing buildings which face Klamath avenue.

Volunteer solicitors, who are also consumers, are contacting as many other consumers as possible, giving them the opportunity to buy stock "so we can have heat this winter." Before anything can be done, Hall pointed out, one-half of the capital stock, or \$100,000, must be subscribed. The plant was offered to the consumers in June for \$35,000.

Immediately after the heating company offered the outfit for sale, a committee made up of Fred Hoagland, chairman; E. H. Thompson, G. C. Lorenz, T. B. (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Truman Wants Bowles On Job WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—President Truman told his news conference today he is trying to persuade Chester Bowles to remain at his post as economic stabilizer.

Bowles' retirement as a result of restrictions on OPA powers contemplated in pending extension legislation has long been talked.

Mr. Truman declined to discuss the watered-down price extension bill now before the senate, other than to say it was unfortunate that it has been debated so long.

He said he would decide after the measure reaches him whether to make a radio address outlining his position on it.



The 20-30 club is gunning for "vandals" who marched up the side of the steep hill overlooking Pacific Terrace some time late Monday night and re-arranged the 20-30 white painted rock sign to read "48-BO. Due to the steep slant of the hillside, this shot does not bring out the full depth of the huge letters. Back in 1936, members of the 20-30 club piled rocks and then painted them to advertise the club. Tom Milne, vice president of the club, reported the act Tuesday and observed that it must have taken quite a crew a number of hours to re-arrange the boulders which are clearly visible from almost any point in town. The 20-30 club recently re-painted the rock figures as part of the state convention program held here last week. They still don't know "who done it."

President Declares Crisis In World Food 'Not Over'

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—President Truman said today the world food crisis "is not over," although the United States is abreast of its goal in the shipment of grain.

The president said in a statement that the country must continue to share its food "during the coming months of hunger abroad."

He released this statement to his news conference, asserting that the United States will fully meet its half-year goal of 6,000,000 tons of food grains, but that final shipments to complete the total will not leave American ports until after the first of July.

(In London today, Food Minister John Strachey announced that bread will be rationed throughout Great Britain beginning July 21. The basic bread ration will be nine ounces daily for adults.)

In asserting that "the crisis is not over," Mr. Truman said that the loaf of bread that the housewife does not buy means "that much more for hungry children abroad."

"The very fact that housewives today often find it hard to buy a loaf of bread is evidence of the success of our famine emergency program," the presidential statement continued.

An accompanying report, prepared by Retiring Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, now treasury secretary, said the shipment of over five and a half million tons of bread grains in the first half of this year is a record "of which the government and the people can be proud."

Snyder credited much of its success to former President Herbert Hoover, the honorary chairman, and Chester Davis, the chairman of the president's famine emergency committee.

All entry fees for each event will be added to the purse of the event to make up the total purse. Both final and day moneys will be split 40-30-20 and 10 in all events.

Rodeo Slates 10 Big Events

Ten main events will highlight the first annual rodeo of the Klamath Rodeo association July 4, 5, 6, and 7, featuring Mac Barbour's bulls and bucking stock. The 1946 prize list was announced Wednesday, by the association.

Events and prizes will include a musical chair, consisting of a group of riders playing the game, on horseback with a \$5.00 purse each day. For the best reined cow horse, the purse will be \$25 a day, with \$25 entrance fee. A five-eighths mile free-for-all race, in which all types of horses can be entered, will bring in a total \$400 purse for the four days, with entrance fee set at \$20.

A quarter-mile cow horse race will bring \$50 a day to winners, with \$10 entrance fee. Bareback riding is to get \$650 for the day moneys, entrance fee, \$15.

Four \$800 purse events will be bull dogging, bull riding, calf roping, and steer team roping. The entrance fee will be \$20, and \$20 per man in the latter event. Money will be divided up into a daily \$200 purse. The main event will be bronc riding, with a \$1000 purse for the days' moneys and \$20 entrance fee.

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"It should be a darn good rodeo," commented Bill Seruys, vice president of the group. All rules are governed according to the Rodeo Association of America, to which the local group is affiliated.

Traveling Men Pick Favorites

COLUMBUS, O., June 27 (AP)—The traveling salesman who wooed and wed the farmer's daughter was found today by delegates to the United Commercial Travelers' convention.

The UCT listed him as Fred Schroeder of Evansville, Ind., who met his wife, the former Miss Essie Merrill, when he stopped for a glass of milk on a hot day at her father's farm at Marysville, Ind.

The convention's 500 delegates selected Denver as the best all-around traveling man's town in America.

Fire Destroys Manning Home

An early morning blaze completely destroyed the Jay Manning home in the Spring Lake district. The fire, which was discovered at 3 a. m., Thursday morning, leveled the building before it could be brought under control.

Asleep in the house at that time were Mr. and Mrs. Manning, their son, Ralph, and Mrs. Manning's mother, Mrs. Mary Townsend. Manning was awakened by something falling, to find the house in flames. He and all escaped without injury.

No effort was made to fight the fire as it was burning between the walls, but they managed to save a few personal items. Cause of the fire was unknown.

The story-and-a-half building was partially insured. The Mannings have moved into a bunk house located on their property.

Water On Again In Shasta View

Irrigation water for the Shasta View district, which was shut off Monday by order of the U. S. reclamation service because of non-payment of charges by a number of water users in the district, was turned back in to the canals this morning.

The situation resulting in the shutting off of the water Monday arose out of differences of opinion as to the terms of a new contract now being negotiated between the Shasta View district and the reclamation service.

In conferences between representatives of the district and the USRS, an agreement was reached to provide water for this year's crops on terms to be governed by the new contract when completed.

Greece Given Island Group

PARIS, June 27 (AP)—The foreign ministers council agreed today to give the Dodecanese islands to Greece with the proviso that they be demilitarized, an American informant reported.

The Dodecanese are in the eastern Mediterranean and were governed by Italy before the war. The 13 small islands, of which Rhodes is the largest, were occupied by Italy during the Tripoli war between Turkey and Italy in 1911. The islands are inhabited principally by Greek sponge fishermen. The population is about 140,000.

The Germans garrisoned a number of the islands during the war and the British made unsuccessful attempts to capture them.

Previously in the foreign minister's negotiations Russia had remained noncommittal concerning their disposition and at one time it was reported she was demanding the right to establish naval or marine bases there.

The ministers also accepted French demands for the transfer to her of the Tenda and Briga areas on the French-Italian frontier. This agreement contained the provision that Italy continue to receive electricity from the hydro-electric plants in the valleys.

S. 6th Right-Of-Way Cleaned Up By State

The right-of-way angle on the South 6th street widening project was cleaned up here this week and R. D. Cozad of Canyon City, right-of-way agent for the Oregon state highway department left today for the north. He has been here at intervals since 1941, making arrangements for right-of-way clearance on both the S. 6th project as well as the Chemult-Sun mountain job to the north.

Cozad said this morning that as far as his work was concerned, it was all done in this sector. The work extended not only on S. 6th, but along Alameda and the proposed route of the new highway to the north, entering the city limits.

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Government Starts Litigation Intended To Smash 'Rackets'

Nine Oregon Firms Cited

PORTLAND, June 27 (AP)—Nine Oregon firms were named in OPA price violation suits on file today asking a total of \$672,874 in treble damages involving sale of lumber.

Suits were filed in circuit courts throughout the state late yesterday. The largest, asking \$372,194.37, was filed in Multnomah circuit court against the R. G. Robbins Lumber company, Portland, charging the firm with sale of 12,000,000 board feet of fractional-size lumber.

The Roseburg Lumber company, Roseburg, was sued for \$212,602.29 in treble damages in a Douglas county court action which charged the firm with sale of fractional dimension lumber.

Other defendants, charges, and damages asked: Lumber Distributors, Inc., Douglas county, charged with selling lumber without specifying quality of lumber sold by the firm; damages \$6831.66.

Medford Defendant Lausmann Lumber company, Medford, charged with sale of fractional widths and lengths involving 2,500,000 board feet; damages, \$37,621.14.

R. T. Ridley Lumber company, Holland, Ore., Josephine county, charged with failure properly to invoice sale and grade and price 701,020 board feet of pine and Douglas fir lumber; damages \$43,426.80.

Four suits were filed in federal district court here without specifying damages. Defendants were: Air King Manufacturing company, Tigard, suit to enforce compliance with inspection requirements, permitting OPA agents to inspect records.

Edward H. Schief, Portland, suit for injunction to halt alleged violations resulting from sale of two carloads of Douglas fir shipped by Schief from Portland to Twin Falls, Ida.

Alleged Overcharge Pacific Lumber Manufacturing company, Portland, charged with violations of rules covered (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Baker Requests New Underpass

PORTLAND, June 27 (AP)—A Baker delegation asked the state highway commission today to construct an underpass at Dewey avenue in that city, and the commission ordered an investigation.

Ontario's Commercial club, appealing to the game commission to repair streets and build an underpass for farm-to-processing plants traffic, was told the project should be handled by the city.

None Sued Here

No Klamath basin lumber firms or mill operations were named in the OPA price violation suits filed in Portland today and the head of one of the largest plants said to his knowledge, no fractional-size lumber had been sold in this area.

According to The Herald and News source, local lumbermen considered the fractional-size approval by the OPA as "poor practice," and later the OPA removed this regulation prior to issuance of the latest price list.

Barbers Mull 4-Day Layoff

Members of the barbers union here will meet tonight to decide whether to take a four-day vacation from July 4 through July 7, E. G. Patrick, union secretary, said today, but some barbers and shop operators have voiced disapproval of the idea of being closed during the rodeo celebration.

The shops will be closed July 4 and Sunday, July 7, anyhow, Patrick said, and the vote tonight will determine whether the barbers will also be off work the 5th and 6th.

Persons opposing the move believe that the rodeo will bring into town a lot of people who will be wanting to get a shave and haircut to spruce up a bit for the festivities, and they will be disappointed if they don't find a barber shop open.

Patrick said that it would be for the union, which sets hours and prices, to decide whether to close up or remain open for business the two days in question. The majority of the barbers, he believes, are for the closure as it may be the only vacation some of them will get.

Late Premier Of Japan Dies

TOKYO, June 27 (AP)—Yusuke Matsuoaka, the one-time foreign minister who formally linked Japan with the axis, died early today with "great regret," that he could not defend himself in the international war crimes court.

The disease-wasted University of Oregon graduate realized for days that death was near, and frequently told his eldest son, Kenichiro, that he had many things to say to the court—a defense that probably never will be told in full. War crimes charged against him were officially withdrawn after his death.

Tuberculosis, which brought his death at 66 in unkept, odorous Tokyo Imperial university hospital, first afflicted him in 1941 upon his return from Europe with a Soviet neutrality pact. German Gestapo Chief Alfred Meisinger said Matsuoaka obtained the treaty by revealing to Stalin Nazi plans for attacking Russia.

It was the high point of his career for Matsuoaka, who loved the limelight and worshipped power. He was removed from office as foreign minister in 1941, and sank quickly into disease-ridden obscurity, his health broken during the strenuous months in power.

Move Decried In Northwest

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27 (AP)—Pacific coast lumbermen lashed back today at office of price administration officials who pressed forward a move to smash what they called increasing "rackets" that have caused "artificial lumber shortages" all over the country.

The OPA yesterday filed suit against 40 lumber companies in federal courts of California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona, seeking to collect a total of \$9,043,530 in treble damages. The alleged violations involved some 85,649,123 board feet of lumber.

At Aberdeen, Wash., Henry W. Anderson, president of the Twin Harbors Lumber company, called the suits a "political move."

"I think it a crime that the OPA should pick on the northwest operator while southern operators are running rampant on the black market," he declared. The Twin Harbors Lumber company was named defendant in a suit seeking an estimated \$525,000 in damages, estimated by the OPA regional office to involve 10,000,000 board feet of lumber.

"These suits are based on differences of opinion in interpreting OPA ceilings," R. G. Robbins, president of the R. G. Robbins Lumber company of Portland, said. He declared that in his opinion it was "a shame" that the OPA should bring suit against the northwest lumber industries that have produced lumber "so admirably under handicaps."

Donald D. Baldwin, secretary-treasurer of the Mauk Seattle Lumber company, said the suits were "unfair and without legal basis."

"We have been selling fractional lumber," he said, "but we contend the buyer had the choice of whether to buy it or not. There certainly was no violation of the OPA regulations prohibiting 'making the buyer take something he does not want to get something he does want'."

Anticipating that the OPA would be accused of "interfering with recognized business practices," a lumber mill here, Chief Ralph Golub, as the suits were filed, listed as violations the following: 1. The diversion of lumber, consisting of the shipment of (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Traffic Problem Solution Needed

CORVALLIS, June 27 (AP)—Solution of traffic congestion and highway accident problems are essential to development of an efficient national highway system. Lt. Col. Franklin M. Krentl told delegates to the traffic institute here today.

The transportation chief for General Clark's 5th army said highways were a part of national defense which could not be destroyed by bombardment.

Judge Leroy Dawson of the Los Angeles traffic court said one of the traffic law enforcement problems was the opinion people have that traffic tickets can be "fixed." He admitted there was some justification for the belief and added that "improvement must be made."

Accident Fatal To Lumber Man

ASHLAND, June 27 (AP)—Jonas Simeon Hogstrom, 45, lumber piler at the California lumber mill here, was electrocuted yesterday when a metal lumber piling machine he was controlling touched a 1100-volt wire.

Harry Zimmerman, tractor operator pulling the piler, was thrown clear of the tractor cab by the job but was unharmed. Hogstrom lived near Medford with his wife and family.

Ousted Scribe Denounces Red Bans

ATHENS, June 27 (AP)—Reuben H. Markham, for 20 years Balkan correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, said today that history's worst repressions of freedom were "being matched by the communist-dominated governments in Bulgaria and Romania."

Markham arrived in Athens Monday from Bucharest after his expulsion from Romania despite vigorous protests by the United States government. Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced the expulsion and failure of the government's efforts on Markham's behalf Tuesday.

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