

# MANY MISSING IN RIVER WRECK

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THIS morning—more than a year after the end of the war in Europe—a 21-nation conference members at the Luxembourg palace in Paris in an effort to make some kind of peace after the representatives of the Big Powers have failed.

We might as well speak plainly. Peace efforts have failed so far because we and the British, on one side, and the Russians, on the other, haven't been able to see eye to eye.

The 21-nation conference is a last-ditch effort to line up world opinion against what we regard as Russian stubbornness.

WHAT are the chances for success at Paris?  
To be candid about it, not too good.

The Russians seem to know exactly what they want and exactly what they don't want. It seems a bit unlikely that they will accept at the hands of 21 nations (mostly small) what they refused to accept at the hands of Britain and the United States.

One fears that about the best we can hope for is a temporary expedient that will ward off threats of immediate shooting.

PRESIDENT GEORGES BIDAULT, of France (the host nation), addressing the 1500 delegates this morning, says: "The hopes of plain men are turned toward us today."

These are truthful words, and Bidauld seems to be a sincere and straightforward sort of person. (He was a leader of the French underground during the long years of the German occupation, and knows both hope and fear by personal experience.)

The hopes of plain men were turned toward it. It made an uneasy peace that lasted a little more than a couple of days—long enough for another generation to grow up.

Then another and BIGGER war blossomed.

## 21 Nations Gather For Peace Talks

PARIS, July 29 (AP)—The 21-nation peace conference, convened formally in Luxembourg palace more than a year after the end of the Second World War in Europe, was summoned by President George Bidault of France today to abolish "the plague of war."

Bidault's words were carried to a press gallery jammed for the historic occasion and throughout the rambling building as he summoned the delegates of the 21 victor nations to fashion a peace for Italy, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Finland, which the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France can approve.

The conference convened, however, in an atmosphere of dissonance.

For more than 36 hours the deputy foreign ministers of the four principal powers—Britain, France, Russia and the United States—had argued before agreeing even upon publication of the five treaty drafts prepared by the four powers for submission to the conference.

Texts Out Tomorrow  
It finally was agreed to release the five treaty texts, along with statements on disagreement (3 p. m., PST), Tuesday.

The conference also opened with Secretary Byrnes ready to confront the delegates with the urging that they make all conference negotiations wide open to the press of the world.

Most of the terms of the treaties already have become known unofficially. Release of the full texts simultaneously in Paris, London, Washington and Moscow had been advocated for several days by the United States and France, but the British and Russians had differed on how much should be made public.

Byrnes was disclosed to favor a "goldfish bowl" policy at the peace conference. If his proposal for open meetings is turned down, the American informant said, Byrnes will propose that representatives of various commissions of the conference be appointed to keep newspaper reporters informed of what goes on at closed meetings.

Illness Claims Mrs. Van Doren  
Ruth Mildred Van Doren, 38, a resident of this city for most of her life, passed away late Sunday morning at Klamath Valley hospital. She had been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Van Doren, a native of Selma, Ore., had lived in Klamath Falls for 30 years. She was active in civic and social affairs and was a member of Aloha chapter #1, Order of the Eastern Star, and Friendship court #1, Order of Amaranth. For a number of years she was employed as Troy laundry and later for the Men's Hand Laundry.

She is survived by her husband, City Councilman Charles P. Van Doren. Also surviving her are three sisters, Clara Smith of Oakland, Marie Lockwood of Palo Alto, and Mable Forsythe of Vallejo; three brothers, Fred Christy and Vernar "Bus" Christy of Twin, Calif., and Harold Christy of Klamath Falls.

Funeral services are under the direction of Ward's Klamath funeral home and will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Masonic temple, with officers of the Klamath chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star officiating.

As a result of these tests, atom-powered warships with hulls toughened to withstand such bomb blasts may be constructed within five years, predicted Adm. Edward L. Cochrane, construction chief of the naval bureau of ships.

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## Comptroller Says War Firms Gave Jobs To Officers

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren today denounced as "damnable" what he termed the "widespread" practice of army officers obtaining lucrative jobs from war producers whose government contracts they helped draft and settle while in the service.

He laid before the senate war investigating committee three specific cases, and declared that—as a result of their discovery—the general accounting office had thrown "every searchlight" on contracts held by the companies employing the men.

Warren insisted on complete names of the men after these points during his testimony before the committee which branched out today from its inquiry into the wartime operations of a midwest munitions combine.

1. The government lost "untold millions" by not allowing the accounting office to "police" the contracts.

2. Some high government officials made it a practice to accept cocktail parties, hotel and travel expenses from contractors.

3. "From my seat, it has looked as if everybody and his brother were cut to get the government during the lush war years."

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) termed acceptance and offer of jobs to army officers by companies on whose contracts they have worked "an indefensible practice" and said the committee will "dig into it deeper."

Warren declared that there were "many high class and high grade contracting officers" in the government service, but that "time after time a careful contractor officer, trying to protect the interests of the government, was taken off the job and transferred somewhere else."

Warren said that the general accounting office was authorized to audit in the field the payments on cost-plus-fixed fee contracts but could not do so on fixed-price contracts for a lump sum.

He gave the committee a list of cases in which accounting office auditors in the field had prevented payment of certain charges to the government or had obtained additional credits for the government.

Upon the conclusion of Warren's testimony, the committee recessed until 7 a. m. (PST) tomorrow when it will call Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.) for an explanation of his acknowledged receipt of a \$2500 check from a Tacoma defense contractor. Coffee has described the check as a "campaign contribution."

## Great Northern Boxcars Knocked Off Track



Rolling down a slight grade near the GN roundhouse yesterday afternoon, a refrigerator car knocked two empty boxcars off the track and itself turned over. A relief tender and yard crew went to work immediately clearing the track and in a few hours had lifted all three cars back to the rails.

## Cars Derailed In GN Smash

A loaded refrigerator car was overturned and two empty boxcars were derailed late yesterday afternoon near the Great Northern railway roundhouse when the reefer rolled about 100 yards down a slight incline and collided with a string of three empties at a switch.

One of the main tracks into the yard was tied up for a few hours while a relief tender and crew hoisted the cars back on the tracks. Only slight damage resulted to any of the cars involved.

The refrigerator car was standing alone near the ice dock in the yards when it started rolling down the slope. The runaway was not noticed until it had hit the side of a wooden box car, knocking it and a steel car off the track and itself falling over on its side.

The relief crew speedily cleared the track by hoisting the cars back on the track. Great Northern officials termed the accident as routine trouble.

## Bulletin

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Detective Capt. Eugene Ferguson said today that James W. Bowden, 47, had brazenly confessed designing a booby trap which blew his wife to bits last Saturday night.

Ferguson said Bowden, speaking in the presence of detectives and his own attorney, declared that the trap was intended for a man—a friend of his wife.

Bowden described Ferguson said how he had fitted dynamite into a trunk in his cellar, which his wife and daughter were repeatedly warned not to touch. (Earlier story on Page 10.)

### WEATHER NEWS

July 29, 1946  
Max. (July 28) 87 Min. 48  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 14.00  
Last year 13.58 Normal 12.22  
Forecast: Generally clear Tuesday.

## Ferry Boat Rammed By Oil Barges

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., July 29 (AP)—The muddy Mississippi river was searched today for the bodies of at least 10 persons, possibly more, who were believed to have perished in the collision of a ferry boat and two oil laden barges near here.

Thirteen other occupants of the ferry were saved after the flat boat overturned, dumping at least five vehicles and their passengers into the waters.

The accident occurred at 9:20 p. m., last night 50 yards from the Missouri shore as the ferry neared completion of its crossing from the Tennessee side.

The pilot of the ferry, Charles Edward Hendrix, who was saved when he was tossed on a barge in the crash, was quoted as estimating that there were between 20 and 25 persons in the five or six cars on the flat boat.

Other estimates ran as high as 30. One survivor said the ferry carried four automobiles and one pickup truck.

The ferry tug was demolished and sunk by the impact of the two oil barges, linked together and pushed by two tugs in a single train. The ferry overturned and floated down the river.

The two barges, carrying 48,000 barrels of oil upstream from Jennings, La., bound for Mount Vernon, Ind., were the Z-M and the Fred B. Zigler of the G. B. Zigler Towing Co., Jennings.

E. W. Rogers, Vicksburg, Miss., the pilot on duty on the tug pushing the barge at the time of the collision, said he gave blinker signals that he was going to pass upstream on the left of Missouri side. He said he saw no answer and that when he saw how close the boats were approaching it was too late to stop.

Rogers said he held his barge against the ferry for a few moments after the collision hoping that some of its occupants would leap to his craft, but that they were too excited to take advantage of the chance before their boat overturned.

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## Housing Bill Outlook Dim

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Administration leaders virtually abandoned hope today for passage of the Wagner-Elender-Taft long-range housing bill at the present session of congress.

Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) told newsmen after a closed-door session of the banking committee: "I think you can say we have given up hope, if congress goes through with its plan to adjourn Friday."

Shortly before, Speaker Rayburn told President Truman the house would consider the bill provided the banking committee sent it to the floor.

Notwithstanding urgings by President Truman, Spence said, a majority of the committee members insisted on a complete public hearing before acting on the bill. A group of opponents were outside the committee clamoring to be heard while the committee sat in executive session.

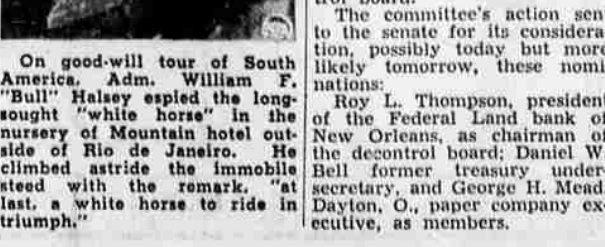
The measure, authorized by Senators Wagner (D-Ky.), Elender (D-La.) and Taft (R-O), contemplates a 10-year housing program calling for construction of 1,500,000 dwelling units a year, including 125,000 public housing units a year.

Rayburn's statement was made to reporters at the White House after the weekly conference of Mr. Truman with his congressional leaders.

## Malin Area Power Goes Off Tuesday

The California Oregon Power Company has announced that the power will be off in the Malin area and immediately northeast and south of Malin at 9 a. m. Tuesday for approximately two hours. Power will be off in order to raise the voltage in that area.

## Halsey's Horse



On good-will tour of South America, Adm. William F. Bull, Halsey espied the long-sought "white horse" in the nursery of Mountain hotel outside of Rio de Janeiro. He climbed astride the immobile steed with the remark, "at last, a white horse to ride in triumph."

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## Bormann Said Still At Large

NUERNBERG, July 29 (AP)—American intelligence officers reported today that Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy party leader who has been missing since the fall of Berlin, was seen in Munich only a week ago and that a house to house search for him is going on.

Bormann long was believed dead. He is being tried in absentia as one of the 22 Nazi defendants by the international military tribunal.

Intelligence chiefs said a disgruntled chauffeur of Bormann, fired in a disagreement over stolen garden vegetables, provided them with a tip that started a new hunt for the Nazi party chief.

An army source said the chauffeur, Jakob Glich, longtime resident of Munich, informed intelligence chiefs he was "absolutely certain" the man he saw riding in an automobile in a main street of Munich a few days ago was the missing and long-sought Bormann.

Glas was Bormann's driver for years until the final year of the Hitler regime. Then, he said, he was dismissed after Bormann accused him of stealing vegetables from the deputy fuhrer's private garden.

## Medical Aid Sent To Adak

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Navy and army medical personnel have been dispatched to Adak island in the Aleutians to give assistance in an outbreak of diphtheria which a navy doctor said so far is "mild" and unattended by any deaths.

Captain Otto Burton of the navy's preventive medicine section said 23 cases have been reported among naval personnel on the island, while the army surgeon general's office reported approximately "a half dozen" among army personnel.

Burton said naval authorities at Adak had requested the assistance of one doctor, four nurses and 15 hospital porters to supplement personnel stationed at the island. The navy ordered the supplementary personnel to be sent out from the 13th naval district at Seattle.

The army surgeon's office said one doctor, 10 nurses and 40 enlisted men were dispatched by plane last Saturday. "As a precautionary measure," the nurses were sent from the army's Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco, the enlisted men from Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and the doctor from Beaumont General Hospital, Texas. (A San Francisco story said the nurses were to leave tomorrow.)

## Moslems Bolt Indian Project

BOMBAY, July 29 (AP)—The Moslem league's policy forming council of action today withdrew its acceptance of the British cabinet mission's proposals for granting India independence and in bitterly phrased instructions told the league's working committee to evolve a program of "direct action" to achieve an independent Moslem state (Pakistan).

The council of action declared in a resolution that "Moslem India has exhausted without success all avenues for peaceful settlement" of demands for safeguards in writing a constitution.

It accused Britain and the congress party of collaborating in a "breach of faith" to the league.

The second of two companion resolutions withdrawing acceptance of the British proposals and renewing demands for a separate Moslem state also called on all Moslems to surrender any titles they may have accepted from the British.

Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem league, told the cheering assembly that events that had occurred since the league accepted the cabinet mission's proposals were "a blessing in disguise," because from them Moslems had learned "a bitter lesson."

The council's decision followed a three-day round of speech making in which Moslem leaders—including Jinnah—told the council that Britain had "betrayed" the league by not insisting on adoption of the mission's interim government plan despite congress party opposition.

## Carnival Alligator Loose At Roseburg

ROSEBURG, July 29 (AP)—A five-foot alligator that had escaped from a carnival has joined the wild denizens of this Cascade mountain section and is keeping creek swimmers on the alert.

Search for the amphibious beast had failed when it was time for the carnival to leave town.

## British Accept Reich Proposal

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—The state department announced today Britain has accepted "in principle" this government's proposal to unify occupation zones in Germany.

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Carmack has been endorsed by the CIO-PAC.

## Bikini Force Starts Work For Deep-Sea Experiment

BIKINI, July 29 (AP)—Work on "Test Charlie," when an atom bomb will be detonated far down in the deep sea, is starting, Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy said today as he awaited damage reports from a target fleet still dangerously radioactive after Thursday's shallow blast.

Seabees have been assigned to prepare the deep-sea mooring lines for next spring's tentatively-planned deep-sea experiment.

The deadly X-rays barred close inspection of inter-curve ships in the lagoon again today—more than five days after the harbor-depth explosion. But live animals have been found on at least two ships on the outer circle.

If it had been a wartime blast, Admiral Blandy explained, crewmen would have faced these radioactive risks to save their ships and lives of the injured.

## Committee OK's Decontrol Board

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—The senate banking committee today unanimously approved President Truman's three nominees for the new price decontrol board.

The committee's action sent to the senate for its consideration, possibly today but more likely tomorrow, these nominations:

## Nurse To Head Advisory Council

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Edwin G. Nourse of Washington, D. C., to be chairman of the newly-created economic advisory council.

Nourse, vice president since 1942 of the Brookings Institution, would serve with Leon Keyserling and John Davidson Clark, nominated last week.

## Pageant Calendar

All children dancers will rehearse Tuesday and Friday, at 10 a. m., at Roosevelt school. Registrations for children dancers are still being accepted at the Eve Benson studio.

Chorus rehearsal will be held Thursday, 8 p. m., in Fremont school. New applicants report to rehearsal.