

BATTLE MARIC TENNESSEE VOTE

In The
Today's News

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THE news today starts off on a somber note. President Truman's atomic bomb evaluators ("evaluate—to appraise carefully; to ascertain the value of." Webster.) say in their report on the Bikini tests: "The tests strongly indicate that future war employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change present standards of civilization. . . . To us who have witnessed the devastating effects of these tests it is evident that if there is to be any security or safety in the world war must be eliminated as a means of settling differences among nations."

QUARRELSOME individuals, facing extinction of themselves and everything they possess or value if they go on quarreling and fighting, would find a way to AGREE.

One fears that nations WONT. Common sense has never been an outstanding NATIONAL characteristic.

ON the other side of the picture, the Manhattan (atom bomb) project announced that it can and soon will produce some 100 different varieties of radioactive materials that can be made to SERVE man instead of killing him. These materials will be made available to accredited hospitals, universities, industrial research laboratories and clinical investigating groups.

They will be used for research in such fields as cancer, diabetes, the role of carbon in human teeth and bones, the utilization of fats by the human body and the mechanism of "photo-synthesis"—the little-understood phenomenon by which plants take energy from sunlight and store it as chemical energy ("photo-synthesis" is responsible for most of the stored energy used by man, such as coal, oil, wood and food.)

EVIDENCE is accumulating that we face this dramatic choice: Shall we use our growing knowledge of science to SERVE or to DESTROY mankind?

WHEN you're scared, you're inclined to be GOOD. When badly enough scared, you swear off your bad habits.

The No. 1 bad habit of nations is WAR. Can war be sworn off?

IN Tennessee yesterday they held an election in which Senator McKeithan, backed by Boss Ed Crump's political machine, administered a resounding licking to Edward Ward Carmack, backed by the national CIO-PAC political machine.

About all this writer can think of in the way of comment is that when one political machine licks another there isn't much for the ordinary, decent citizen to feel set up about.

SOMETHING else happened in Tennessee yesterday. As this is written, the cautious dispatches haven't made wholly clear what it was all about, but it sounds as if a bi-partisan slate of ex-GIs running for county office in McMinn county is expected that the local political machine run by a character named Cantrell was planning to COUNT ITS SLATE IN by the simple process of tampering with the ballots.

So the GIs and their friends cornered the Cantrell henchmen, ballot boxes and all, in the county jail and for six hours fought a pitched battle with pistols, rifles and home-made bombs—at the end of which the Cantrellites yelled UNCLE and came out with their hands in the air.

Somewhat later the brother of weight of opposing fire-power the Cantrell character telephoned to announce that "on behalf of my brother I wish to concede the election to the GI candidates to prevent further shooting."

YOU will note, doubtless, that it wasn't the boss-backed candidates who did the conceding. It wasn't even the boss himself. His brother just horned in to say that because of superior the machine was throwing in the sponge.

That seems to be the way they run their politics in Tennessee.

DON'T think too hardly of the Tennessees. The principles are the same in all the boss-controlled places. They just smear the oil on a little more thickly in Chicago, New York, Kansas City and similar machine-operated centers whose bosses have got so big and so glittering that they sit in on national conventions and have a big say in picking Presidential candidates. Also, as a concession to city ways, these big boys don't stage pitched battles in the jails.

In the cow counties of Tennessee, they are a little closer to nature. That is about the only difference.

IF we ever got scared enough, in America, we might swear off some of our political bad habits. That would be GOOD.

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Canadian Asks Speed On Treaties

PARIS, Aug. 2 (AP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada proposed before the 21-nation peace conference today that the council of foreign ministers of the four principal powers speed the writing of the peace by holding a meeting of their own during the conference.

Under the present procedure any charges suggested by the conference have to be approved by the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia, France and the United States.

The Canadian prime minister's speech before the general assembly followed a morning of wrangling in the rules committee over who should be permanent chairman of the conference. The question was left undecided.

Czech Stand
Proceeding King, the foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, in an obvious reference to Hungarian minorities within his country, declared the Czech people would not accept renewal of prewar treaties for protection of minority groups.

"If the Czech government should try to force the people into it, it would very likely have to look for another job," Masaryk said.

Under prewar treaties, Hungarian minorities in Czechoslovakia practically enjoyed autonomy. Since the end of the Second World War Czechoslovakia has insisted upon getting rid of both German and Hungarian minorities, who contributed to breakup of the country after the Munich agreement of 1938.

Many of the smaller nations, led by New Zealand, lined up against a decision of the foreign ministers of the four principal powers—Britain, the United States, France and Russia—to rotate the chairmanship among themselves, but the issue did not reach a vote.

Dispute Started
Earlier, a Polish demand to sit on the peace conference commission which will deal with the treaty for Hungary, although Poland was not formally at war with Hungary, set off a dispute between Molotov and Dr. Herbert V. Ewart of Australia.

Poland finally withdrew her motion for representation on the commission for Hungary, declaring (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Truman Given A-Bomb Report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—President Truman's atomic bomb evaluators said today that a combination of the Bikini underwater explosion with the overhead burst first tested might "effectively dispose of a fleet for many months."

The commission was headed by Senator Hatch (D-Minn.) It declared both Bikini tests "strongly indicate that future war employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change present standards of civilization."

"To us who have witnessed the devastating effects of these tests," the commission added, "it is evident that if there is to be any security or safety in the world, war must be eliminated as a means of settling differences among nations."

A second report, by the joint chiefs of staff evaluation board, declared it is not too soon to point to the necessity for immediate and intensive research into several problems posed by the atomic bomb, adding: "The poisoning of large volumes of water presents such a problem. Study must be given to procedure for protecting not only ships' crews but also the populations of cities against radiological effects."

The Mail Goes Through



Sheriff Lloyd Low (mounted) is shown with Postmaster Burt Hawkins delivering the first sack of airmail to leave Klamath Falls directly by plane. The picture was taken at yesterday's celebration of United mainline inauguration at the Klamath airport. For other pictures taken on that occasion, see page 5.

House Upholds Tideland Veto

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The house today sustained President Truman's veto of the Tideland bill, thus killing the legislation.

The vote was 139 for overriding the veto and 93 against, but this fell 17 ballots short of the two-thirds majority required to enact a measure into law over the president's objection.

The action thus gave Mr. Truman a victory in a last-minute flareup of discord with the 79th congress.

Previously, the house has sustained his vetoes on the Case labor disputes bill and the first OPA continuation measure.

Mr. Truman sent the bill back to the lawmakers yesterday with the declaration that the supreme court, not congress, should decide the issues involved.

The legislation, by renouncing all federal claims would give states clear title to certain oil-rich lands, chiefly those between the three-mile limit and the low-tide mark along the nation's coast.

Horseman Rescues Youth From Ocean

ROCKAWAY, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—A horseman swam his mount into the ocean to rescue a 12-year-old Portland boy, Arnold Reynolds, from the breakers yesterday.

The boy was swept out to sea from a crabhole into which he and four other children tumbled. Earl Leach, Tillamook, riding on the beach, saw the boy struggling in the surf, rode his horse into the ocean and brought the youngster ashore. The boy was revived.

The other youngsters who fell into the crabhole were pulled to safety by a Rockaway priest, Father Raphael.

Air-Minded Klamathites Flock To Ticket Window

United Air Lines Mainliners are coming into Klamath on schedule today, and Klamath residents are already booking space on the blue-nosed ships, according to W. T. McIntyre, local station manager. Most of the available space on ships leaving Klamath Falls has been sold a week in advance, and it is expected that bookings will soon be three weeks ahead for the 21 available seats north and south.

W. R. Thigpen, assistant to the president of United, was the principal speaker of the evening at last night's inaugural dinner.

Rogue River Plunge Fatal

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 2 (AP)—Three persons plunged to their death in the waters of the Rogue River just north of Gold Hill shortly before 11 o'clock Thursday night when the car in which they were riding side-swiped another and went out of control.

Those dead by drowning are: Fred Oliver Williams, 48, of Talent, Ore.; Harry Luke Jennings, 41, of Gold Hill, Ore.; and a young girl, tentatively identified as Evelyn Jennings.

Speeding south on the Pacific highway the Williams car struck a coupe driven north by Clarence R. Chandler, a soldier stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and plunged into the river. Chandler was accompanied by his wife, small son, and two other soldiers.

None of the occupants of the Chandler car was injured, according to the Medford state police. A large home-made trailer being towed by the Chandler car was upset and its contents strewn about the highway.

A sheer bluff along the river bank, near Miller's gulch, where the car went over, hampered officers in efforts to recover the bodies. The feat was finally accomplished by propping a boat and fastening a rope from the shore to the car some 30 feet from the bank. The bodies were hoisted to the highway on stretchers.

Klamath Falls Rider Guilty Of Cruelty
PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—Carroll Pitts, 54, who rode his horse here from Klamath Falls, Ore., was found guilty today by Justice William E. Fox of being cruel to an animal.

Pitts was charged with disobeying Humane Society officers who ordered him not to saddle or ride the horse until back sores resulting from the 800-mile trip had healed.

He will be sentenced August 15.

Land Filing Deadline Set For Sept. 15

September 15 at 2 p. m. is the first filing deadline for applications for the 86 Tulelake homesteads to be opened this year by the reclamation service, it was announced today by the bureau in a press release from Washington. Qualified applicants who file by that time will participate in a drawing for the homesteads.

The reclamation commissioner, Michael Straus, has prepared the public notice giving all details of the opening program, but copies of this notice and application blanks have not yet arrived at the Klamath reclamation offices in the federal building. Announcement will be made as soon as they are here.

The press release stated, however, that all applications received on or before 2 p. m. September 15, from honorably discharged veterans with 90 days or more service will be accepted as having been filed simultaneously.

Terms Explained
The release, received at the bureau offices here, continues: "A local examining board will pass on the qualifications of entrants and eliminate those who do not meet minimum requirements of experience, capital, industry, health, character, etc. From the group of names remaining the board will select successful applicants by lot. Applications received after 2 p. m. September 15 will not participate in the drawing but will be (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Governor Sees County Farms

Governor Earl Snell, along with approximately 140 Klamath basin growers, viewed farm research work at the annual agricultural field day, August 1. The field day is sponsored by the county agriculture extension service for the purpose of demonstrating research work being conducted by the organization.

A morning tour was made of the northern part of the county at which time A. E. Gross, superintendent of the project, explained various grain and forage varieties to the growers.

At a short program held at the station headquarters at noon, Governor Snell spoke briefly on the importance of research work in maintaining and improving agriculture of the state.

E. A. Geary, who introduced the governor, called upon members of the experiment station advisory committee, consisting of Henry Semon, and C. A. Henderson. Explaining why the station was established, Semon said the purpose was to find farming information which would be of practical value to the farmers of the Klamath basin.

Some of this work consists of soil improvement, crop rotation, and disease control.

After lunch, a short trip was made over the remaining portion of the station. The group viewed potato disease research work. The meeting closed with a trip to land along Lower Klamath lake where grain variety trials were examined and discussed.

Gross pointed out the resistant quality of grain now being grown there, particularly barley and wheat.

B-29 Smashes Speed Record
BURBANK, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—An army B-29 Superfortress roared across the continent in 7 hours and 28 minutes yesterday, setting a new east to west speed record between New York and Burbank.

Piloted by Capt. Boyd L. Grubba of Van Wert, Ohio, veteran of the first Superfort bombing of Japan, the plane broke the previous record of 9 hours and 23 minutes, established last May 28 by a Lockheed navy Neptune.

The B-29, carrying a crew of six and 8705 gallons of gasoline, flew at about 30,000 feet over the 2460-mile route.

Although it was a record for a conventional type plane, fast pursuits have crossed the nation in better time. A jet propelled P-80 flew from Long Beach, Calif., to New York in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 23 seconds, last January 26.

Pageant Calendar
Children dancers are still needed. They may register at rehearsal Tuesday, 10 a. m., at Roosevelt school, or at Eve Benson dance studio.

Additional people are needed for orchestra, particularly with string instruments. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 7, in the high school at 8 p. m.

Ex-GI's Fight Deputies Over Ballot Boxes

ATHENS, Tenn., Aug. 2 (AP)—A bi-partisan group of former GI's, their election to McMinn county offices conceded by a leader of the opposition, brought quiet to bullet-ridden Athens today after a bloody six-hour gun battle around a now battered jail.

At least 18 persons were injured, six seriously, in the election day strife which began yesterday afternoon and continued until 3 a. m. when a score or more deputized officers surrendered their hold on the two-story brick prison building.

Before order could be restored, several automobiles were overturned or stripped, and near riots swept over this town of 7000, suddenly bereft of formal law enforcement from county agencies.

A mobilization of state guardsmen was cancelled and a spokesman for the GI forces said they would maintain order until a mass meeting Monday when it was hoped some provision for filling county offices would be made.

Investigation Ordered
In Washington, Attorney General Tom Clark ordered an investigation today of the gun battle. The civil rights section of the justice department was directed to determine whether federal laws were violated.

The battle of the jail, pocked and battered from bullets and home-made bombs tossed by GI sympathizers, was a direct outgrowth of the bitter political campaign waged by the veterans to overturn the democratic organization of State Senator Paul Cantrell, in power for a decade.

Armed sheriff's deputies moved two ballot boxes to the jail Thursday afternoon, shortly after the polls closed at 4 p. m., and trouble, long brewing, burst into the open.

A group of former GI's disarmed seven of the deputized officers, beat them and shoved them into automobiles for a swift ride out of town.

At 9 p. m., a crowd, estimated at 500 and now armed with pistols and light rifles, moved on the jail, occupied by the force of deputies.

Met By Gunfire
Ralph Duggan, former navy lieutenant commander and a leader of the ex-GI forces, said the crowd was "met by gunfire" and because they had "promised that the ballots would be counted as cast," they had "no choice but to meet fire with fire."

The exchange of fire, sporadic for six hours, ended after the jail was rocked by four blasts of explosives and one of the deputies shouted down for a halt because "we are dying in here."

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