

MARINE CORPS PLANE MISSING

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is an interesting minor note in the Washington news today. Several senators are urging that labor leaders be called in for advice on how to frame a law that will avert threatened strikes.

It is a sound idea. If the advice is bad, it doesn't need to be taken. If it is good, it OUGHT to be taken.

What we want is a law that will WORK. Anything that helps us to get such a law is useful.

IN the old days, we passed laws that gave all the gravy to employers. In recent years, we've been passing laws that give all the gravy to labor. Neither system has been successful. It's about time to tackle the job of getting a set of rules that will be fair to employers, to labor and to the COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

Only in that way can we achieve full production.

ANOTHER interesting note comes from Seattle, where it is announced that an "entirely new type of industry" is expected to be in operation by about the first of the coming February. This new type of industry is a chemical plant that will convert low-gluten-content wheat and waste starches from the Fisher Flouring Mills into SUGAR. Most of the sugar thus produced will be used by the Fisher people in the preparation of packaged foods.

ONE of the continuing problems of the Pacific Northwest over the years that are past has been too much wheat of not too desirable quality. For various reasons, including transportation, this problem has even carried forward into the scarcity years of war. Making surplus wheat into sugar, which is SELDOM surplus, would be a step in the right direction.

Another nestiferous surplus has been low-grade potatoes. We are moving, here in the Klamath Basin and elsewhere, toward conversion of low-grade and cull potatoes into glucose, which is being increasingly used in making candy and other sweets.

It is an intelligent program. WE'VE been hearing a lot of late about SUPERSONIC speeds. That is a fancy term meaning faster than the speed of sound—which travels in the rough general neighborhood of 700 miles per hour.

The U. S. government is planning a vast experimental plant for the study of supersonic speeds and the problems involved therein. It is generally anticipated that this plant will be somewhere in the Pacific Northwest—probably near Hanford, in Eastern Washington, where a part of the job of making atom bombs was done.

ONE of these problems has to do with what is known as "compressibility." As an airplane approaches the speed of sound, the air in front of it seems to become compressed to the point where the plane can't travel any faster. It is believed that if we can learn how to break through this "compressibility point" the air speeds that can be attained will be fantastic.

THE army, incidentally, has just tested a small, rocket-powered plane down at Muroc Dry Lake in California that is said to "blast along" at 550 miles per hour. It is designed to fly at 1700 mph, far above the speed of sound if the compressibility barrier can be broken through.

Its engine is a tiny affair, weighing only 210 pounds. Its power is measured by THRUST, rather than horsepower, but as nearly as the terms can be compared it develops the power of 30,000 theoretical horses.

This watch-charm engine burns ETHYL ALCOHOL, oxidized by liquid oxygen. Alcohol is made from any number of waste products of the Pacific Northwest.

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The plane is designed to fly at 1700 miles an hour, but Goodlin made no attempt to step it up that high. He loafed along at a mere 550, using first one cylinder, then two, and finally—for only a few seconds—all four.

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Plumbers Report Back To Jobs

Traffic Islands Feature Of Klamath's Widened South Sixth Street



Traffic islands like the one shown in the picture above of Klamath's widened South Sixth street form safe turnouts for motorists wishing to make left turns onto side roads. Dedication ceremonies will be held in an all-day affair Saturday, with ribbon-cutting officially opening the four-lane thoroughfare to the public.

Sheet Metal Pay Hike Asked

Members of the sheet metal workers, local No. 320, this week advised sheet metal contractors of their wish to break an existing contract and have asked for a raise of 50 cents per hour effective December 16, for a 90-day period.

Information concerning the sheet metal workers demands were learned here today, simultaneously with word that the plumbers and steamfitters, on strike since December 2, had settled their differences with master plumbers and had reported back to work at 12 o'clock noon Wednesday.

In a letter signed by Roy Wilkinson, local representative of the sheet metal workers, and presented to all sheet metal and

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Cornett Assured Senate Head Post

PORTLAND, Dec. 11 (AP)—Election of Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls to the presidency of the state senate was virtually certain today after the withdrawal of Sen. Earl Newberry, Astoria, from the race.

Newberry announced he had released the 10 votes pledged him and would cast his own ballot for Cornett, who already claimed 16 pledges.

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Grand Jury Visits Malin Jail During Secret Probe

Convening at 9 o'clock this morning, the Klamath county grand jury made a trip to Malin to look over the city and the Malin jail. The jury had been instructed to investigate police matters in that city and here by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. No further instructions were given this morning.

The two youths, whose arrest Thanksgiving eve precipitated a charge of police brutality in Malin, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and resisting arrest before Police Judge Bonnie

Herrington was supposed to have been shot and burned by tear gas, and Marshal Stevenson said that he was forced to pull his tear gas pistol when the youths resisted arrest and were attempting to beat him.

The young men were to report in Malin for trial by December 10, and came in last night.

The police department here, which is also under a cloud because of instructions to the grand jury calling for a probe, has not been visited, but several members of the department, including Chief Orville Hamilton, have received subpoenas to appear before the jury.

It is expected at the courthouse that this session of the jury will last until Friday or Saturday.

US Denies Giving Persia Airplanes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—A state department official said today "we categorically deny" that the United States has furnished planes of any kind to the Persians.

The denial, he said, applies not only to four-engine bombers but also all other types of planes.

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Officials Here For Opening

The office of Governor Earl Snell has advised that Arthur W. Schupp, state highway commissioner, will be in Klamath Falls to represent the governor at the ceremonies marking the formal opening of S. 6th street this Saturday.

The governor was invited but is unable to be present. Officials who have notified the South Sixth Street Improvement association that they will be on hand are Alfred S. Condrey, councilman of the S. 6th area; Frank Z. Howard, county surveyor; Marshall Cornett, state senator and Samuel I. Ritchey, chairman of the county traffic safety committee.

Plans are nearing completion for the all-day celebration to be climaxed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the thoroughfare. George Conner, chairman of the South Sixth Street Improvement association, will cut the ribbon.

Christmas mailing is keeping right in line with Christmas buying as swarms of Klamath people fill the post office floors and line up before the mailing windows to "avoid the Christmas rush."

Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins warned today that many of the Christmas parcels are coming in to the post office improperly wrapped and that persons should take more care, especially in cases where parcels are destined for distant places. Hawkins stated that there is such a pile-up of packages at the New York terminals, destined for overseas delivery, that the local office is holding back such parcels in their own storerooms. No parcels bound for overseas have been sent for the last month.

New Government Agency Created

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—President Truman will announce the creation of a liquidation agency to take over remaining functions of OPA, CPA and other war emergency agencies at a news conference called for 10:30 a. m. (EST) tomorrow.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross, who announced this today, was asked if the head of the new agency will be named at the same time.

"He may be," Ross replied. "He would not comment on whether housing will be affected in the new set-up."

Sisemore Quits Deputy Post

L. Orth Sisemore, Klamath Falls attorney who was appointed deputy district attorney on a temporary basis, has resigned from that post. He said that he was appointed to serve only while District Attorney Clarence Humble and Deputy J. H. Napier were in Portland for a convention.

Sisemore said that he took the appointment with intention of resigning as soon as Humble and Napier returned. Both are back now, and Humble was working with the grand jury today.

WEATHER	
Max. (Dec. 10) — 48	Min. — 37
Precipitation last 24 hours — .40	
Stream year to date — 4.49	
Last year — 4.50	Normal — 3.35
Forecast: Cloudy today and Thursday; 11:11 temperature change.	

Home Towner



Screen Star Ginger Rogers leaves the White House after paying a social call on President Truman. The actress was born in Independence, Mo., home of the Truman family. —NEA telephoto.

Rancher Faces Damage Suit

YREKA, Dec. 11—John I. "Shorty" Brewer of Dorris, charged with assault with intent to commit murder in connection with the alleged shooting of his ranch hand, Russell Beal, is now also defendant in a damage suit for \$62,500 filed in superior court here Saturday by Beal.

In his civil suit, the shooting victim stated that on October 9 near Dorris, Brewer "wrongfully, unlawfully and violently" assaulted Beal with a 12-gauge shotgun, firing four shots, one of which hit him in the leg.

Beal's injuries, according to the complaint, necessitated amputation of his leg within four inches of the hip.

The injured man's suit asks \$20,000 general damages, \$22,500 special damages and \$20,000 punitive damages.

Brewer recently was bound over to superior court following a preliminary hearing held in Yreka on the criminal charges against him.

The Dorris rancher was arraigned in superior court here Monday morning. He pleaded not guilty and date for his trial was set for January 28.

Rescue Plane Crashes, Sinks

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 11 (AP)—A big U. S. navy air-sea rescue plane, damaged when attempting a sea landing yesterday in response to a call from the rudderless 5000-ton Canadian merchant ship Canadian Cruiser, 50 miles northeast of Bermuda, for aid to two injured crew members, sank today while being towed back to port.

The injured Canadian crew members were removed from the Canadian Cruiser by a navy crash boat and brought back to a dispensary.

Meanwhile, another tug has been dispatched to go to the site of the Canadian Cruiser, still drifting at sea. It is expected to return here tomorrow with the ship in tow.

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Air Search Delayed By Bad Weather

SEATTLE, Dec. 11 (AP)—A coast guard officer, flying in the search for a marine corps plane missing with 32 men aboard, was forced down at the Toledo airport in southwestern Washington today, but immediately began a ground trip with other coast guardsmen to investigate local reports of a "plane crash" near there.

The flier, Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Osterberg, relayed a message here that the reported crash was three and a half miles southeast of the airport. He had been forced down by bad weather.

Earlier the coast guard here had announced that Osterberg had reported actually sighting the plane down.

Search Starts

Search for the missing ship, last heard from at 4:13 p.m. yesterday in a contact with the Toledo range station near the end of a non-stop flight north from San Diego, centered in the Toledo area. Several persons in the vicinity had telephoned in hearing a plane late yesterday. P. B. Priel, a farmer, said they heard a large crash after dark at 6 p.m. last night.

The state patrol had searching parties in the area this forenoon and Police Chief W. J. Hilligoss of Toledo said he and his men would aid them.

Hilligoss said his report was that the wreckage was sighted three and a half miles southeast of Toledo. The area is heavily wooded.

Mrs. Priel, reached by telephone, said they had heard "what sounded like an airplane going through trees" shortly after dinner time last night.

Radio Message

In the last radio message from the plane, the pilot told the Toledo range station he was about 30 miles south of there and under normal circumstances, Cmdr. F. D. Duke, Sand Point naval air station operations officer here, said, he would have messaged again about eight minutes later when he passed over the station.

The flight was one of six planes transferring a marine contingent north from San Diego. One got through safely to the Sand Point station here but four others, striking bad weather, turned back and landed at Portland.

Aboard was a crew of three and 28 privates and a sergeant military policeman as passengers.

The army at the McChord field base lined up all available planes to join the aerial search, as did the Sand Point base here, but heavy weather delayed their efforts this forenoon.

Tulelake List To Be Printed

All 1305 names on the list for the Tulelake homestead drawing have been checked and are being readied for the linotypists at The Herald and News.

The list will be published soon in its entirety for the convenience of homestead applicants.

Final plans for the drawing are being completed, marking it as a gala occasion. The first capsule from the bowl will be drawn by Olney Rudd of Tulelake, head of the Klamath Basin Inter-Venture council. The drawing is expected to take from four to five hours to complete, and will be held at the armory, Wednesday, December 18, at 10:30 a. m.

Various dignitaries from both Oregon and California, have been invited to the event and it is to be broadcast over a national network.

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