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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A FIRE broke out this morning across the street from the city office building in which this writer was working. It was what the reporters so often describe as a "stubborn" blaze. But not spectacular.

At times, the smoke would blow out into the street, encouraging the spectators, but these displays lasted only a minute or so. Then the smoke would blow away and the hopes that were obviously entertained by the crowd would fall.

While the fire, in its outward and visible aspects, was disappointing, the show put on by the fire department in getting to the scene was all that could be desired.

Led by a red automobile carrying the district chief, chemical engines, hook and ladder trucks and hose carts began to pour in from all directions. It was officially described as a two-alarm blaze, and each alarm brought a satisfying procession of equipment, all with sirens wailing like banshees.

The shrieking sirens stopped all work within a block, and every window facing on the fire promptly filled with heads. But traffic in the streets didn't stop — any more than would have been the case in a country town. Each driver went right on, hoping to be able to get in the clear and go on about his business before getting caught in a jam.

At the same time, all pedestrians stopped in their tracks and then dived headlong INTO the jam.

HUMAN nature is funny that way. If you're afoot when a fire starts, you don't care if you never get to work. But if you're a wheel, you want out of there quick.

A FIRE is popularly supposed to be hot stuff in a small town, and when talking to their country cousins the big city folk assume a blasé air. To hear them talk, you wouldn't think they ever paused in their careers for anything short of earthquakes and tidal waves.

That's just the old metropolitan razzmatazz. These city slickers are suckers for a good fire, or for a traffic crash at an intersection—or even for a dogfight. If it is true that Judy O'Grady and the Colonel's lady are sisters under the skin, it is equally true that city people and country people are full blood brothers when the fire sirens begin to howl.

Both want to see the show. Nobody short of the uninsured owner of the stuff threatened by the fire dares stand his unsecured creditors. EVER watched a fire without hearing the secret hope that it would get out of control and go racing in every direction SAVE in the direction of each watcher's property.

This writer can remember watching when a small boy a fire in the flour mill that was the town's chief economic asset. EVERYBODY was there. And everybody — excepting owners and maybe a few key employees — was hoping secretly that it would be a big one this time. The flames would die out under the streams of water poured on by the sweating firemen, and hopes would sink. Then the conflagration would break out somewhere else and pleased anticipation would be written on every face.

It was exactly like that in this crowd in one of America's most important cities. Don't let anybody tell you that city people and country people are different. They're as alike as peas out of the same pod.

THE fire turned out to be a nasty one, even if it didn't provide much of a show. Six firemen were injured, and were hauled away in ambulances. The fire department estimated the loss at \$7500 and the owner at \$200,000.

As a final trait in human nature, those who had looked on from beginning to end bought copies of the first editions of the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Attack By Dogs Kills Small Boy

VIRGINIA, Minn., Feb. 1 (AP)—Glen Brace, 5, was bitten to death here Friday by six Doberman Pinscher dogs, that got free from their pen as the lad arrived to admire them.

Dr. J. Arnold Malmstrom, deputy coroner, said Glen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brace of Virginia, died of multiple bites and resultant loss of blood. A. W. Bibbins, the dogs' owner, discovered the tragedy when he heard the animals barking, and ordered the seven-months-old dogs shot.

Salaries Ups Talked

Barbed Wire Strung In Jerusalem

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON
JERUSALEM, Feb. 1 (AP)—Military labor crews went into action before dawn today restringing barbed wire barricades and renewing defenses, in an apparent second step by the British government to turn all Palestine into a fortress against underground violence.

Yesterday the government ordered all non-essential British women and children — together with some men — evacuated by Tuesday, moved the families of married army men into barracks and told government officials to prepare for a similar move.

Working in rain and mud, military groups could be seen refurbishing Jerusalem's defense lines with barbed wire. Some blocks of flats previously used as officers' clubs were being barricaded, lending impetus to reports that the blocks were being taken over as compounds.

Protests against yesterday's evacuation order increased today as housewives vehemently opposed leaving their husbands to return to wintertime England. Wives of police officers, given the option of staying if their husbands agreed, banded in Sarona encampment at Tel Aviv to declare: "We stay."

Unicameral Plan Offered

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 1 (AP)—A new attempt to establish a unicameral legislature in California, rather than the present two-chamber system, began in the senate assembly yesterday with the introduction of a proposed constitutional amendment.

The bill, by Glenn M. Anderson (D) of Hawthorne, proposed a single house of 40 assemblymen; and 40 senators, the former to be elected by districts on a population basis, the latter to represent areas of not less than 50,000 population.

Senators and assemblymen would sit together, with the lieutenant governor as probable presiding officer, he said.

Previous attempts to change California's legislative system have been defeated.

More Power In Bomb Seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—A hint of new and more powerful atomic bombs came from the domestic atomic energy commission today as senators deferred final action on President Truman's six nominations to the agency.

The commission, in the first of two reports it is required to submit to congress yearly, announced that "research and development work on improved atomic weapons is in progress."

A member of the senate-house atomic committee, who asked not to be quoted by name, said he interprets this as confirmation of rumors that something vastly more powerful than the bombs which dropped on Japan is in production.

Democrats Light Backfires Against Budget Trimming

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Democrats began a determined backfire today against GOP proposals to trim billions out of President Truman's budget in preparation for a 20 per cent income tax slash.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.), veteran member of the tax-fixing ways and means committee, scoffed at assertions that 1,000,000 government workers can be fired at a saving of \$3,500,000,000 a year.

Rep. Forand (D-R. I.) said he will counter any attempt to vote a 20 per cent across-the-board tax reduction with a substitute bill giving most relief to the low income brackets.

And Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) declared the republican economy demands threaten the nation's military security and "the financial security of every American

US Officer Target Of Red Tirade

BERLIN, Feb. 1 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, Russian commandant for Berlin, in an action unprecedented in the occupation of Berlin, made an open attack today on Col. Frank L. Howley, American deputy commandant, in the official red army newspaper, Taegliche Rundschau.

Gen. Kotikov, for the first time appealing to the Germans against one of his colleagues in the allied commandatura, accused Howley of attempting to "sabotage" the election of members of Berlin's trade union federation and indirectly accused him of threatening the "reconstruction of German political life on a democratic basis."

Gen. Kotikov permitted the publication by Taegliche Rundschau of the complete text of a long statement which he made to the members of the commandatura yesterday — a bitter tirade against Col. Howley and other "American personalities" whom he accused of "exerting pressure" on the Berlin unions.

AFL Bids For United Front

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 1 (AP)—Leaders of the AFL today used CIO President Philip Murray's bid for a united labor front as an opening to propose a merger of the rival labor groups.

Strategically, the AFL executive council, meeting here, said Murray on a spot. They said the kind of unity of action with which Murray sought to combat anti-labor forces could come only through "organic" or physical merger of the more than 13,000,000 members of the two big outfits.

Murray on Dec. 5, suggested that the CIO, the railroad brotherhoods and the AFL should work together to fight off unfavorable legislation at a particularly gloomy time for labor. John L. Lewis' miners still were on strike and industries were being forced into idleness for lack of fuel.

Midwest Gets Cold Warning

By The Associated Press
Cold wave warnings were issued for Minnesota and Iowa today as forecasters warned that a new cold spell was headed for the midwest.

Chilly weather moved into the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas today, with a temperature of 27 below zero reported at Lemmon, S. D., and -26 at Minot and Williston, N. D.

The weather bureau at Chicago said the cold would cover the eastern half of the country by tomorrow night with the exception of New England and Florida.

In addition, a new storm, centered today in the state of Washington, will move southeastward and bring snow to the north-central states tomorrow night and Monday.

Struck Papers Quit Publishing

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Philadelphia Record company, whose three newspapers in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J., have been strikebound since November 7 by the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) suspended publication today.

The Record said the Evening Bulletin of Philadelphia would acquire all three newspapers and radio station WCAU.

Suspension of the Record left the nation's third largest city with three daily English language newspapers.

The Guild struck the three newspapers for higher wages and better working conditions. All three papers, however, continued publication until today with executive personnel taking over editorial duties.

Bills Slated At Salem On Official Pay

A measure will be introduced in the legislature to give the members of Klamath county's elective official family salary raises of \$600 a year, according to Representative Henry Semon.

Klamath county's budget for this fiscal year sets aside money for \$600 raises for the county judge, two commissioners, clerk, sheriff, tax assessor and treasurer.

Other measures are anticipated to give raises to the circuit judge, from \$6000 to \$8000, and district attorney, from \$3000 to \$3600.

Under the present pay scale the county judge gets \$2700 a year, the commissioners \$2100, sheriff \$3300, clerk \$2700, assessor \$2700 and treasurer \$2400.

Semon said that a straight \$600 raise would be asked for in the house measure, but that there may be some changes before it comes out of the committee. Already there has been some discussion of whether the two commissioners should get a \$600 raise because their job necessitates only two or three work days a week and does not keep them from having another occupation.

All the county elective officials have been receiving \$25 a month over their listed salaries for the past four years, granted in temporary legislative measures during the war years, but the provision for those raises expired January 1. Appointive county employees have been given salary increases in the past year.

County Judge U. E. Reeder, Clerk Charlie DeLap and Sheriff Lloyd L. Low have been in Salem discussing the pay problem with members of the legislature.

The \$600 raise was approved by R. P. Ellington, A. D. Collier and E. M. Hammond, the budget committee, last summer and okayed at the budget hearing.

It is also understood that legislation will be sought to raise the salary of the Justice Joe Mahoney of the Linkville district.

Legislators have indicated they would be interested in receiving evidences of public reaction to the proposed pay increases of county officials. They may be addressed at the state house at Salem.

Japs Call Off Wildcat Strike

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (AP)—The All-Japan Express company union tonight cancelled a wildcat strike, reporting it was acting under pressure from General MacArthur's headquarters, but told its locals to be ready to walk out on a moment's notice.

The strike was scheduled to tomorrow night. The union claims 130,000 members.

Earlier today, leftist labor leaders, in their first open challenge of MacArthur's authority, petitioned the allied council for the Far East to investigate Japanese labor conditions and MacArthur's orders cancelling a scheduled strike of 2,400,000 government workers.

Express union leaders charged management had taken advantage of MacArthur's strike ban to reject a compromise of workers' demands.

Residents from all parts of the northwest will gather in Yakima February 14 to honor the Tieton "old-timers."

In addition to Secretary Krug and Gov. Mon C. Wallgren, other northwest governors have been invited to attend.

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WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 31) — 34 Min. — 34
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00
Stream year to date — 4.72
Normal — 6.54 Last year — 9.84
Forecast: Light rains.



Jim Scott, manager of the Safeway grocery on Main street, displays a jug of ethyl gasoline taken from a sump in the basement of his store building. The gas leaked out of a storage tank at Ernie Bridger's service station across the street and into the Safeway store. Bridger estimates that he lost around 600 gallons of the stuff that makes automobiles run.

Mysterious Gasoline Seepage Into Store Basement Sump Traced To Station Tank

The source of a mysterious spring that gushed forth pure ethyl gasoline in the basement of the Safeway store at 12th and Main has been located at Ernie Bridger's service station across the street.

Jim Scott, manager of the Safeway store, discovered the spring after smelling gas in his store for several weeks. Gasoline was running in a red flow into a sump in the grocery store basement.

Scott notified a plumber who diagnosed the fluid as pure gasoline, and then the fire department began looking around to see where it was coming from.

Firemen checked all the gas pumps and tanks in the neighborhood all the way up to the high school without finding a leak.

Then a closer check threw suspicion on a 100-gallon auxiliary storage tank at Bridger's Standard station. A pressure pump put on that tank forced gas into the Safeway sump in bucketsful.

The big tank was excavated and the cause of the leak was apparent — rust and time had eaten through the metal around the rim of the container.

Ethyl gas from the tank had been seeping out the end of the tank, drifting along under Main street into the drainage tile in front of the Safeway building and on into the sump.

Scott could bail gasoline, a little dirty but virtually pure, from his sump by the gallon.

Now that the tank at Bridger's station is out the flow of gas into the sump has slackened to a trickle, but a little is still coming in from the gas-soaked ground under the street.

Gas Missing
Bridger said that his tank had been in the ground eight years. There had been 850 gallons of ethyl in it before the leak was detected, and when the tank was taken out only about 150 gallons remained, a net loss of 600

gallons. A new tank is being shipped down from Portland for installation.

Fire Chief Keith Ambrose said that from now on his department was going to have to watch for proper installation of gasoline and fuel oil tanks and that they should be tarred or coated in some way to resist rust and deterioration.

Jack Kyle Perry, Held On Four Criminal Charges In Siskiyou County Jail At Yreka, Was Taken To Dorris Today For Arraignment In Justice Court by District Attorney Fred W. Burton and a Sheriff's Officer.

Perry, 34, is charged with assault with intent to commit rape, crimes against children, sex perversion and kidnapping, all charges based on an attack on a 17-year-old Klamath Falls girl on a side road near Dorris Wednesday evening.

The man has admitted the attack on the girl in a signed statement taken while he was held in jail here, and has indicated that he will plead guilty to all charges.

In justice court he can either ask for a preliminary hearing or he can waive the hearing and indictment and go directly into superior court.

Perry Hints Guilty Plea

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A meeting has been called by Mayor Ed Ostendorf for Monday at 10:30 a. m. in the Klamath County chamber of commerce board of directors rooms to discuss the receiving of freight and parking of trucks in the downtown area, it was announced today.

The session is the outcome of the parking meter installation as it affects trucks.

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Chief Beams On Building Peace Plan

By ERNEST V. VACCARO
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—President Truman talked exuberantly today of the new period of "good labor news" in announcing a voluntary arbitration agreement in the building industry.

The agreement is between the Associated General Contractors of America and the AFL building and construction trade department. It sets up voluntary machinery to prevent work stoppages by lockout or strike.

The president said it would be a "significant step forward in industrial relations in this country" and hoped it would spread to other industries.

Beaming happily, he told reporters in a formal statement that "we have had good labor news during the past ten days."

He told newsmen:
1. He has no intention of leaving this country for another "Big Three" meeting. He said he would be glad to have Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee meet him here although he sees no need for such a meeting.

2. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, office of temporary controls administrator who accepted responsibility for the abortive 10 per cent rent increase order, is one of the ablest men in government. When a reporter wants to know what might happen to Fleming, the president said nothing will happen.

3. He has not inaugurated a policy against appointment of "lame ducks" to government posts although he has never picked a defeated member of congress for a job.

4. He intends to keep on flying because he likes to, and the secret service has not indicated to him any worry on that score. He observed that when your name is up, it doesn't matter whether you are on a plane or a train. He hopes congress will declare a policy on air safety.

5. He will fly non-stop to Mexico City March 3 when he goes there to confer with President Miguel Aleman.

6. He hasn't been invited to visit Canada, although he would like to go.

7. Questioned about a report that he had decided to poll all state governors in the future on major bi-partisan policy, he said if the story came from the White House it may have come from some of the cooks — not from him.

More Sugar In '47 Demanded

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