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WHEN Fra Junipero Serra and his military escort, after traveling overland the whole length of the peninsula of Lower California, reached San Diego bay (about 1771) they were met by supply ships that had come up from Mexico. San Diego was to be the site of the first mission, and the ships carried food, utensils and a small number of skilled workers.

Storm Fills Reservoirs

THE natives proved to be a different lot. They lived largely on a diet of acorns, supplemented by roots, herbs, grasshoppers, lizards, etc. But, meager as this existence was, they resented intrusion upon it, and there was considerable fighting before they proved to their bitter satisfaction that their puny bows and arrows were no match for the spears and the armor of the Spaniards.

GOP's Stand Firm Behind Budget Cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Republican fiscal managers refused to yield today on their decision to slash the 1948 budget by \$6,000,000,000 despite army-navy protests that cutting their funds will endanger the nation's security.

Rescues Baby Sister From Fire



Three-year-old John Rodney Weeks helps his 2-year-old sister, Jacqueline, to a bottle of milk after he saved her life when fire destroyed their home near Mobile, Ala., after an oil cooking stove exploded. John pulled his sister from the blazing house and attracted neighbors with his screams of "fire!" Mrs. J. R. Weeks, the mother, saved her 8-month-old daughter, but the flames isolated John and his sister, putting him on his own. —AP wirephoto.

Rain Ends Dry Period For Basin

The Klamath basin, its pasture, farm and range lands soaked with life-giving rain which fell this week, eagerly absorbed the moisture which its dry fields need for the coming months. Not only did the rain storm give the Klamath country a much-needed soaking but it built up valuable moisture in the water storage reservoirs.

Teaching them that their bread must be earned by the sweat of their brows was something of a task.

HOW did Father Serra bring them around to the white man's way of living? Well, like a lot of women who have tamed the wild men that husbands are when finally captured and brought into the matrimonial camp, he "fed the brutes."

TAMING even these simple savages wasn't easy. You'd think that after a diet of acorns, roots, herbs, grasshoppers and lizards they'd have gone for white man's food in a big way.

They didn't. They BALKED at it. Ask some candid housewife how she managed with her husband after she got him home from the honeymoon and began to feed him out of her new French cookbook. She'll probably tell you that in spite of all she could do he hungered long for the foods of his youth.

It was that way with these California Indians. From time to time, in spite of all the priests could do with their pots and pans, they'd jump the reservation and go in search of a good square meal of grasshoppers, lizards, etc. The soldiers would have to be sent out to bring them back.

WHO knows how many husbands might have taken to the brush in the early years of the civilizing process we call marriage if it hadn't been for what the neighbors would think. These primitive residents of early Southern California were restrained by no such inhibitions. The neighbors they knew hadn't yet begun to think. So when they felt an irresistible craving for acorns, garnished with lizards and grasshoppers au naturel, they took it on the lam.

THE soldiers often had a hard time bringing them back to a sense of obligation to their new responsibilities and opportunities. They killed some of them in the process.

BUT in time civilization had its way with them, and they acquired a fatal taste for the greuels and the tortillas and the muliguns that the white men fed them. Also they came to like their rations regularly.

THEY became victims, you see, of their GROWING WANTS.

THIS gadget civilization of ours has snared us all in the same coils. If we could go back to chinkie chinking ragged jeans

Secretary of War Patterson declared last night that if the army is made to take a \$1,500,000,000 cut "the current and long-term missions of the army, including those of Gen. MacArthur in Japan and Gen. McNarney in Germany, will be jeopardized."

Patterson issued his statement soon after the navy sent a report to congress saying that even a \$500,000,000 drop in its funds might make the fighting fleets "immobile and impotent as an instrument of national defense."

Instead of giving ground, Rep. Diksen (R-Ill.), of the house appropriations committee described the armed forces' protests as part of a pressure campaign "to keep the fat and padding" in President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget. This calls for \$6,700,000,000 for the army and \$4,423,000,000 for the navy.

The showdown will come tomorrow when a 20-man subcommittee submits to the 102-member senate-house budget committee its formal recommendation that Mr. Truman's spending estimate be pared to \$31,900,000,000.

Dimes March Total \$7000

A splendid response from Klamath county topped the chapter's hopes, with \$7000 contributed to the March of Dimes campaign.

A detailed breakdown of contributions from communities, school benefits and other sources will be released when final bookwork is completed, Mrs. Dena D. Backes, chairman, said today.

March of Dimes dance at Lake Shore Inn Friday, January 31 took in \$84 which has been turned in to the fund. The basketball game between Oregon Frosh and Ashley Chevrolet held last Saturday turned in \$225. Money from containers distributed throughout the city amounted to \$1000.

Officers of Klamath County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for the 1947 campaign are Mrs. Backes, chairman; A. J. McDonald, vice chairman; R. D. Bakke, treasurer, and Mrs. Helen Gates, secretary.

R. P. Ellingson Seriously Ill

Word of the serious illness of R. P. Ellingson, Sr., well known Klamath Falls lumber operator and millman, was received here today from Lady-smith, Wis., where Ellingson was called a week ago by the sudden death of his brother, E. O. Ellingson, Ladysmith district attorney.

Public Raises Row Over Proposed US Art Showing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Rep. Stefan (R-Neb.) took one look today at a state department art collection intended for showing abroad, shuddered, and commented: "No wonder foreigners think Americans are crazy."

The state department assembled the exhibits to show other nations what U. S. artists of the modern school are doing these days.

Look magazine published photographs of some of the paintings. People began writing their congressmen. Among others, they wrote to Stefan. They struck pay dirt.

The Nebraska is chairman of a house appropriations subcommittee which deals with state department requests for funds. People "in all parts of the country" have sent copies of the magazine to the committee along with bitter complaints about the art, Stefan told a reporter.

Most of them singled out a canvas portraying a strapping young amazon in diaphanous garb, reclining. Its title is "Circus Girl Resting," but the indignant letter-writers said in substance she looks more like a Chicago Bears' tackle taking it easy during a time out.

They objected, Stefan said, to any inference that the typical American girl is better equipped to move a piano than play one.

Seamen End Coal Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—British seamen of the freighter Hartington today ended their strike against taking a coal cargo to Singapore instead of coal-starved Britain.

British Consul James McDonald said the men agreed late last night to call off their strike when it was explained the coal crisis in England would be over before the freighter could arrive in the British Isles.

Wind velocity on Tuesday, February 11 reached 40 miles per hour, blowing from the south. Continued rains Wednesday counteracted the drying effect of the strong wind.

Jerusalem, Feb. 13 (AP)—Maj. Gen. H. A. MacMillan, who stormed the Rhine with the 51st Highland division, took command of British troops in Palestine and Trans-Jordan today, succeeding Lt. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker.

Riots Flare In Holy Land

The change of command came in the midst of a new outbreak of violence in the Holy Land.

The British army, battling the elusive Jewish underground, arranged to clamp on the most rigid security measures yet invoked in the Jerusalem area at noon—putting into full effect a new cantonization of the city into four heavily secured compounds, where limited restrictions have been in effect for a week.

Last night seven Jews were reported wounded and four kidnaped in skirmishes between Arabs and Jews and between Jewish extremists and moderate elements in other parts of Palestine. Today police reported a government fisheries launch sunk and a police barge damaged by two explosions, apparently of time bombs, as they lay tied up at a jetty in Haifa

House Hears Strike Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The house labor committee heard today an account of strike violence at a small Connecticut dairy and promptly decided to summon local prosecutors to tell why cases against union men had been delayed.

Chairman Hartley (R-N.J.) said the law enforcement officers would be brought before the committee "to determine why the cases haven't been heard, although they have been in their hands over a year."

Abraham Norman, treasurer of the Norman dairies at New Canaan, Conn., testified to the violence and "bloodshed" which here was needed in Singapore to fuel ships carrying food to the British Isles.

Four Die In Coast Guard Plane Crash

MEDFORD, Feb. 13 (AP)—Two survivors of the crash of a coast guard PBY plane that killed four crewmen told today how they crawled from the twisted, burning wreckage after it plowed into Diamond rock on Mount Richter north of this southern Oregon city.

Aviation Chief Machinists Mate Roy Mason; wife, Selma K., and daughter, Harriet E., 15, of Port Angeles, and his mother, Mrs. Amie F. Mason, of Atlantic, N. C.

Aviation Radioman 1/c Ruffin E. Crosby; wife, Pauline, of Port Angeles, and a brother, D. M. Crosby of Wallerboro, S. C.

Sgt. L. H. Harrell of the state police headquarters here reported the four men were probably killed outright when the plane roared into the mountain side late Monday afternoon.

The party returning for the bodies of the four others today will have to retrace the trail made last night by Sgt. Harrell and his three aides. Harrell said the eight miles of mountain road was heavily drifted and the scene of the crash was located 500 feet straight down the mountain side from the road.

A coast guard group attempted late last night to enter the area, but turned back after struggling a few hundred yards up the mountain road.

The airplane was on a flight from Port Angeles, Wash., on the first leg of a trip to New York when it was last heard from at 2:23 p. m. (PST) Tuesday. The pilot indicated he expected to land here in 30 minutes. A rain and windstorm had lashed the region all that day, uprooting trees and power poles.

Ships Rush Fuel Supply To London

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee informed parliament today that the power brownout, now enforced throughout the island on a virtual wartime footing, had saved 78,000 tons of coal in three days, but that "the situation remains very critical."

He said the six big power stations of London had only a week's supply of fuel and that the London Gas company's coal piles had dwindled to stocks that would last nine and a half days.

While he spoke, grimy colliers beat down the east coast from northeast loading ports and scores of trains carried fuel supplies toward stilled industrial centers in a battle against the economic crisis which has thrown 5,000,000 or more persons out of work and forced an island-wide power reduction, under wartime penalties of fines and prison for violations.

Temperatures dropped to 23 degrees Fahrenheit, last night and no immediate relief was forecast. All four British railroads reported every effort was being made to get coal through on lines which snow drifts had clogged.

A national defense act carrying penalties ranging up to fines of \$2000 and imprisonment for two years for violators was invoked as the daily five-hour ban on the use of electricity for homes and other domestic consumption was extended to all of England, Scotland and Wales—shivering in the bitterest cold wave in half a century.

Attlee, calling for measures as urgent as for a major military operation to speed the mining and transport of coal, set up a special nine-man "coal cabinet" and ordered Labor Minister George Isaacs to organize immediately additional civilian labor to help in clearing the snow-blocked arteries of transport.

A blackout of street lighting comparable to that of the war returned to Britain as all street and highway lights except those at dangerous intersections were ordered extinguished.

It remained uncertain whether it would be necessary to restore wartime labor controls in order to recruit, from the five to six million temporarily thrown out of work by the industrial shutdown, enough laborers to unload coal cars and ships.

Isaacs was directed to confer with the trades union congress on this problem and Arthur Deakin, general secretary of the transport and general workers union, suggested last night that "emergency steps" be taken through labor exchanges to get volunteers.

The spirit which carried Britain through the dark days of the blitz was reflected in a fuel and power ministry communication entitled "The Battle of the Power Stations." It announced that the power embargo, effective since Monday in 38 of the 64 English and Welsh counties, had resulted in saving some coal but that the five-hour daily blackout was being extended to the whole island and its 49,000,000 people, effective today.

Both employers and labor agreed the proposed change would have little effect on the unemployment commission's \$70,000,000 trust fund.

Wholesale prices on AA large were quoted at 50 cents, his morning, A large, 48 cents, and AA medium, 47 cents. Mediums are still on short supply but the rest are ample for needs, egg men said here today.

Good butter held firm but was short. Housewives greeted with enthusiasm the word that prices on U. S. inspected drawn fryers had declined as high as 8 cents per pound in the last two weeks.

The fryers were selling across the counter—at a retail price of between 83 and 70 cents. Most of the stuff on the market is of good quality and promises to remain so.

First supplies of lodgepole pine will come from eastern Oregon with later shipments from the Bend area, he said.

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Mr. Truman said the U. S. representative with a European coal organization sitting in London "has been instructed to support a request for reallocation of the shipments of coal now at sea, if this is the British desire."

The dead and next of kin are: Lt. Cmdr. John MacIntosh, formerly of Spokane; wife, Virginia, a son, Bruce D., 8, and two daughters, Bonnie J., 5, and Beth J., 2, all of Port Angeles.

Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Osterberg; wife, Frances, and two daughters, Ida L., 5, and Gertrude S., 3, of Port Angeles, and his mother, Mrs. Amanda Osterberg, of Shelton, Wash.

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