

# KRAMATH FALLS LEVES BREAK

**WEATHER**  
 Max. (June 30): 83 Min. 48  
 Precipitation 40.3 inches  
 Record 1942 to date 10.53  
 Last year 13.91 Normal 11.99  
 Forecast: Fair today, Wednesday

## The Klamath Falls News

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# Real Estate Battle Gains Heat

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
 ON the world news front, the economic conference in Paris appears to have ended in another blind alley. Russia's Molotov has virtually vetoed our plan to get Western Europe back to growing crops and making things instead of spending all its time raising hell.

WITH this conference that COULD have done so much to get the world out of the ditch and back on the pavement stopped dead in its tracks, our State secretary Marshall says in a speech at a Washington luncheon today that charges that the United States has "imperialistic aims" is "malicious distortion."

He adds:  
 "Historical records clearly show that no people ever acted more generously and more unselfishly than the American people have acted in tendering assistance to alleviate distress and suffering."

THAT is flatly true.  
 There are NO imperialist aims in this country. Instead, there is NOTHING we would all like so much as to GET OUT of the mess we have got ourselves into through our own fences to a pleasant life of MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS.

Instead of shipping our food and our manufactured products abroad for other people to use, we'd simply LOVE to keep them at home for our OWN use. We need them. We are badly short ourselves.

ONLY a strong sense of duty impels us to try to help other people. Americans are so constituted that they can't see a man starving to death without trying to feed him.  
 That is the long and short of our "meddling" in world affairs.

THIS is becoming clear:  
 Unless a miracle happens, the idea of ONE WORLD, with everybody helping everybody else in the pinches, is dead.  
**RUSSIA HAS KILLED IT.**  
 Why?  
 Well, it looks as if Russia is set on a communist world or nothing.

WE have hoped—at times almost feverishly—that it might be possible for communism and freedom of the individual to get along together—each minding its own affairs and going its own way.

THAT doesn't seem to work.  
 In China—where peace and co-operation are certainly as badly needed as in any place in the world at any time in history—the communists and the anti-communists seem to be getting ready for a fight to the death.

In France—war-weary, sick, disillusioned, cynical—the anti-communists are apparently ready to FIGHT AGAIN rather than have communism forced upon them. That is about all we can make so far out of this "Black Maquis" business whose objective seems to have been to stop communism in France at any cost.

WITH communism and anti-communism apparently as incompatible as oil and water, with Russia apparently set upon WORLD CHAINS as the means of promoting world communism, this is a time for serious thinking on our part.  
**WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

THE only sensible thing for us to do is to keep strong. If we are to keep ourselves strong, we must WORK TOGETHER. Working together in the hard years that followed December 7, 1941, we won a war that by all the old military rules we had no chance to win. As late as mid-1944, our side was licked.

American production, based upon complete and amazing co-operation, turned the tide that was running against us and brought victory.  
 If we could do that then, we can do it now.  
 But we've got to get started at the job. Our factories have got to quit biting each other in the leg.

### Basin Crop Prospects Held Good

**By HALE SCARBROUGH**  
 OF the overall Klamath basin economic picture at the halfway mark of 1947, the spot devoted to farming looks the brightest. The first half of 1947 has been a good one for business, but there may be a slight downward trend in the sales volume of expendable goods during the next six months.

The off-predicted business recession is not in sight, but likewise it's not impossible.

Taking the brighter corner first, apples, grain and hay, the three chief agricultural crops of the Klamath country, are expected to bring prices as good or better this fall as in 1946. What income will be lost by decreased acreage will be made up in increased barley plantings.

That's contingent upon a good season. Recent frosts have caused some damage but not enough to reduce the yield of the local grain crop this year, financial men agree he'll get a good price for it.

**All Time High**  
 Last year's Klamath basin's gross farm income reached about \$29½ million, an all-time high. Mitchell Tillson, manager of the local branch, First National bank, believes the total this year will equal that dollar figure.

Right now cattle are bringing probably the best price in history, most selling on contract for 18½ to 20½ cents per pound on the hoof. Lambs all went for high prices. The hog population in this part of the country is low but the price is still going up and the population is expected to follow.

The area's new farmers, the Tule lake homesteaders, should be hitting it lucky. Many of them, if not all, had to go into debt to get started and need a banner year to pull out of the red.

On the retail side volume of sales have been high for the past six months, but lower than last year. Mounting prices have cut the turnover of goods. Generally profits have been good all over, but adjustment is due and in many types of businesses the future profit picture is cloudy.

**Curve Downward**  
 The profit curve in "soft" goods—everyday usable items—is on a downward curve.

### Ship Strike Grips Ports

**NEW YORK, July 1 (AP)—**A strike of CIO shipyard workers—previously spread to additional East and Gulf coast plants today as a walkout of 80,000 more unionists got underway—threatening a shutdown of virtually all major shipbuilding and repair work on the Atlantic coast.

The new walkout—began at 12:01 a. m. and announced in Camden, N. J., by an official of local 1 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers—brought to approximately 120,000 the number of men involved in the strike—some 42,000 having struck last Thursday in 10 plants in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

"The strike is on" the union official, by name, said shortly after midnight. "The strike will affect at least 22 of the 30 shipyards on the East and Gulf coasts."

### Bulletin

Radio station KFJJ, 1240 k.c., will carry a broadcast of the Ginger Snapp-Emery Jackson 10 round middleweight fight from Portland tonight, starting at 9:15. The fight will be called from the ring by the train, veteran Portland sports announcer.

### River Stay Way



Emergency workers in oilskins and employees of a St. Louis, Mo., factory pile sand bags around the base of the building as water continues to rise. The building is five blocks from the Mississippi's shore at normal times.

### Yreka Officers Uncertain On Site Of Medlin Trial

**YREKA, Calif., July 1 (AP)—**District Attorney Fred W. Burton said today authorities still were undecided where to prosecute Mrs. Lucille Medlin, 23, and Hugh Gilreath, held here on charges of assault with intent to commit murder on Mrs. Medlin's 2-year-old daughter, Mary Jane.

Burton said that from the signed statements given officers by the couple, who had lived together for a year at Selma, Ore., it appeared the "more serious crimes against Mary Jane were committed in Oregon rather than in California. I am inclined to think a better case could be presented there."

The girl was found, badly beaten and unconscious, at Weed, Calif., on June 15. For 10 days, until she was identified, she was known in Siskiyou General hospital here as "Little Miss X."

Mrs. Medlin, in her statement, admitted having beaten the child, Burton said. Gilreath, Burton added, said he took the girl to Weed on the mother's orders.

Earlier there was speculation that the girl was taken to Paris for adoption, the district attorney said.

### Court Upholds Olsen Case

**SALEM, July 1 (AP)—**The state supreme court, meeting for what it hopes is the last day until September 2, upheld today a Klamath county court judgment in which \$7500 damages were assessed against Dr. Wayne McAtee, an osteopath, for malpractice in treating the broken leg of Harley Ray Olsen, 8-year-old son of H. L. Olsen.

The boy's father brought the suit against Dr. McAtee, charging that the osteopath failed to set the leg properly. The decision by Justice David R. Vandenberg of Klamath county.

The court announced it would hold a conference late today in an effort to clear up all remaining cases. If it is successful, the court will begin its summer vacation after the conference.

### Fishermen Fight It Out

**ASTORIA, Ore., July 1 (AP)—**Two Columbia river fishermen decided to settle a dispute over fishing rights by battling it out with their boats—and the result today was two badly banged-up boats plus a leg wound for one of the participants, Sheriff Paul Kearney said.

He said the wounded man was Michael Greget, 41, Brookfield fisherman, whose right thigh was struck by a bullet. The sheriff added that Vince Demase, Clifton fisherman, admitted firing five shots from his rifle.

### Taft Backs HST's Plea For Probe

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—**President Truman's plea that congress investigate what he called the "brazen operations" of real estate lobbyists today generated a broadside of clashing reaction with political overtones.

The chief executive made his appeal in assailing the rent control extension bill which he signed reluctantly because of provisions permitting 15 per cent increases and jinking nearly all construction controls.

**Bricker Answer**  
 Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) denounced Mr. Truman's lobby inquiry proposal as "the cheapest kind of political demagoguery."

But Senator Taft, Bricker's Ohio colleague and—like Bricker—widely mentioned as an aspirant for the republican presidential nomination, told reporters in commenting on the president's call for a full investigation: "I wouldn't mind doing that myself."

Taft is one of the authors of pending legislation to set up a long range housing program which Mr. Truman commended and which Bricker condemns.

**Welcome Probe**  
 Arthur W. Binns, head of the National Home and Property Owners' foundation, said his group would welcome an investigation.

"Nothing would please us more," Binns asserted, "than to have the truth spread upon the record and the American people realize the damage that has been done to them by destructive legislation and administration and false economics."

### Europe Aid Failure Seen

**PARIS, July 1 (AP)—**The foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and France discussed Secretary of State Marshall's proposal for American aid to Europe for an hour and a half today, and French sources said there would be another meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Earlier there was speculation that the session—their fourth—might be the last, since Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov virtually has vetoed Marshall's suggestion.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault were reported ready to proceed in continental economic planning without the Soviet Union if the conference does end in a deadlock.

Bidault, in an attempt to save the conference, will offer a compromise proposal, the French press agency said earlier. Terms of the proposal were not disclosed.

### B-17 Steps Into New Role

**PORTLAND, July 1 (AP)—**Art Lacey wanted a B-17, and today he had it—right atop his service station at nearby Oak Grove.

Lacey bought the 35-ton Flying Fortress, one of the late models, as war surplus. He is having it mounted over the station to attract customers. Proudly he explained, that it was complete right down to part of a Norden bombsight.

### Operators Hope To Meet Lewis

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—**Soft coal operators, in full possession of their mines for the first time in more than a year, looked to the government today to revive contract talks with John L. Lewis in time to avert a new strike July 8.

The miners' 10-day vacation ends next Tuesday, and only a wage pact with the operators—or a court injunction under the new Taft-Hartley labor law—appears likely to head off another walkout of the 400,000 bituminous coal diggers.

**Act Expired**  
 The pits were restored to private ownership yesterday, when the wartime powers under which they were seized expired. The government took over the mines in May, 1946, to end a 59-day strike.

As the operators gathered for what they hoped would be a week of head-to-head talks with Lewis' United Mine Workers, they declined to confirm reports that the big Northern group had offered to meet the miners' full wage demands.

Lewis is asking a pay boost of 35 cents an hour, plus the federal minimum safety code which he has worked under for the past year of government control, and a ten-cent royalty on each ton produced, for the union welfare and retirement fund.

### Rescue Try Ends In Death

**SEATTLE, July 1 (AP)—**While his horrified wife watched from the shore, John Hankin, Mercer Island veteran, drowned yesterday when swept 200 yards by a speeding tide as he sought to rescue a 2-year-old boy from the swift waters of Johns pass in the San Juan Islands.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Chase of Seattle, was pulled to safety by Mrs. Ed Chavara of Johns Island as the rushing water carried his unconscious body within a few feet of shore. An Island Airways plane, flagged down as it passed overhead, brought the boy to Seattle where he was recovered satisfactorily in a hospital.

Search for Hankin's body, abandoned because of darkness last night, was to be renewed today.

### Wreckage Of Plane Found

**PENDELTON, Ore., July 1 (AP)—**Wreckage of a plane has been found about seven miles southeast of Tolleger in the Blue mountains some 40 miles northeast of here, Sheriff R. E. Goad reported today.

The wreckage contained one body, Goad said. The body was believed that of a man.

The plane, smashed so badly that the area resident who found it was unable to identify the type, had been down 10-15 days, Goad said it was estimated.

The wreckage was just inside Union county.

Unattila county Deputy Roscoe Kelly and Union county Sheriff's deputies were en route to the site.

Goad believed the wreckage may be that of a plane piloted by C. T. Welton, Dallas, Tex., missing since June 9 en route from Boise, Ia., to Spokane, Wash.

### Marshall Hits Soviet Charge

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—**Secretary of State Marshall today denounced as "malicious distortion" the charges—which have emanated from Russian sources—that the United States has "imperialist aims" in offering assistance to foreign nations.

### Guard Chief



Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer (above) of Westerfield, Conn., was nominated by President Truman to be chief of the war department's national guard bureau.

### "No Parking" Strict Order

A "no parking whatsoever" decree has been issued by Police Chief Orville Hamilton for Main street July 4 during the hours of the annual rodeo parade.

Chief Hamilton said he wanted Main street from Spring to 2nd cleared by 8 a. m. The parade starts at 10 o'clock. Any cars left on Main after the deadline will be towed to the police station and the owner will have to pay a \$2.50 tow charge to redeem his vehicle.

When the parade is over, sometime around 11 a. m., the street will be open again and the parking will be free—the meters won't be in operation for the day.

Hamilton also asked that persons coming to see the parade not double park on the side streets and block traffic. A fire truck or ambulance might have to come through.

One other point the chief wants people to remember. The new four lane drive on S. 6th looks like a speedway but isn't. The speed limit in the city limits, out to Washburn way, is 25 miles an hour. The drive should handle the rodeo traffic, but a traffic officer will be on duty at the East Main-S. 6th intersection.

Klamath Falls hasn't had a traffic fatality inside the city limits since January of 1946, and that kind of record should be kept. Over the holidays, Hamilton warns, take it easy and don't become a statistic.

### Senate OK's Oil Deal

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—**The senate foreign relations committee revised and approved today, over the objection of Senator Connally (D-Tex.), the Anglo-American oil agreement.

Before it acted the committee approved three reservations offered by the American petroleum institute and added two amendments of its own.

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said the revisions were made to spell out the fact that the proposed international petroleum commission will have no power to interfere with either U. S. or British control of tariffs on imports.

The API reservations are designed to make it clear the international commission shall have no authority over domestic petroleum controls, that congress shall not encroach on the state's regulator powers and that existing legal international contracts shall remain unchanged.

### Thousands Flee Path Of Floods

**ST. LOUIS, July 1 (AP)—**New levee breaks along a 90-mile stretch of the Mississippi river forced evacuation of additional thousands today as the rampaging river, already at a 103-year peak, continued to rise from heavy overnight rains.

The town of Dupu, Ill., (population 2600) eight miles south of here, was abandoned when the rising floodwaters broke a secondary levee on the Illinois Central railroad tracks about a mile behind the first levee which was abandoned during the night.

The waters also by-passed the Missouri Pacific railroad embankment which saved Dupu in the last big flood of 1944.

**1400 Evacuated**  
 The 600 residents of nearby East Carondelet and 800 in the surrounding area also were evacuated. Eighty miles to the south the river broke the Degonia-Fountain levee in two spots driving approximately 600 persons to the highest ground of Gorham and Neuner, Ill.

As a result of this break, floodwaters pouring down an inland valley threatened to isolate the town of Grand Tower, Ill., (population 1043).

Mayor Jesse Grammer estimated about one-third of Grand Tower was in danger of being flooded but said he expected residents in the higher part of the town would be able to care for those forced from their homes.

**40-Foot Stage**  
 The Mississippi reached a 48.1 foot stage here at 10 a. m. with the weather bureau, predicting a crest of 40.5 this afternoon. The high water marks compare with a 39.14 reading recorded in the 1944 flood which has been the highest since the 41.39 stage reached here in 1944.

Army engineers reported the new levee probably would inundate 27,800 acres beyond the communities of Grand Tower, Gorham and Neuner and 2600 acres around Dupu and might overpass the big switch-back yards of the Missouri Pacific railroad at Dupu.

An earlier break today in the vicinity of Nameoki and Venice, Ill., just south of St. Louis, threatened to spread over 5000 acres, but the Fourth of July endangered.

Livestock and equipment already had been removed from the newly hit areas.

Thousands of volunteers who had been working on the big Desoria-Fountain bluff levee, south of Chester, Ill., previously had abandoned hope of saving the barrier and were transferred downstream.

### Snell Urges Safe Driving

**SALEM, July 1 (AP)—**Governor Earl Snell today urged motorists to apply "common sense rules of safety behavior" to reduce the Fourth of July traffic death toll next week-end.

Last year five persons were killed and 155 injured on July 4th. The toll is expected to be greater this year because July 4th comes on a week-end.

### House Approves Water Transfer

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—**The house public lands committee approved today a resolution by Rep. Welch (R-Calif.) which would authorize the reclamation bureau to investigate the possibility of transferring surplus waters from other basins to Southern California and the Colorado river basin.

Welch, in introducing the resolution, said he had in mind the Columbia river basin in Washington, where water that could be used in semi-arid Southern California is running into the sea.

The resolution would request the reclamation bureau to make a study of the engineering and economic practicability of such a project, admittedly a long-range undertaking.

### Greta Gale, Lost For Two Days In Wilds Of Lassen Park Found Safe By Searcher

**LA SSEN NATIONAL PARK, Calif., July 1 (AP)—**Shivering in the 25-degree mountain cold, but otherwise unharmed, two and a half-year-old Greta Mary Gale was found early today on the boulder-strewn ridges of Mt. Harkness after a 48-hour search.

She was found just 12 hours after her grandfather, former Congressman John H. Tolan of Oakland, died of a heart attack induced by the shock of her disappearance Sunday from the Tolan summer home in this Plumas county mountain area.

Greta was found by Francis W. Keeler, 42, a state lion hunter of French Gulch, about 8 a. m. less than a mile from the cabin.

This morning numbered more than 700.

She told overjoyed members of her family and Keeler that she had seen a searcher and a tracking bloodhound yesterday, but had hidden.

"I was afraid of the man with the dog," she told Keeler.

With Keeler when the child was found was Lee Galtier, 52, Los Loninos, a hunter and trapper, and his son, Jim, 22. The child's father was nearby on the steep ridge, and immediately took her to the hospital in Westwood.

Greta was clad only in her undershirt, having discarded her pinafore and bob overalls.

She was curled up in a gully on the 35-degree, boulder-strewn slope of Mt. Harkness, which looms over the Tolan cabin.

Keeler, cutting loose with his pistol to attract attention, rushed over and picked her up. He said she was shivering, but insisted she was not cold.

At Lee's camp, experienced mountain men were amazed Greta could have climbed the sharply inclined

slope and survived two nights in the sharp mountain air. Last night the thermometer dropped to 25 degrees.

Greta wandered away from the cabin Sunday while at play with cousins, and with her mother nearby.

Hundreds of searchers were mobilized, and three square miles of surrounding countryside had been searched before she was found—although searchers surmised the child had tried to evade them in her childish game of hide and seek.

Even as she was found, Sheriff Melvin Schooler of Plumas county was awaiting the arrival of tracking hounds at Lee's camp.

Congressman Tolan, who was 70, led the search for his granddaughter on Sunday after she disappeared around 10 a. m.

He collapsed of a heart attack and was taken to the hospital in Westwood, where his condition became progressively worse until his death about 6 p. m. yesterday. His wife and two sons were at his bedside. Mrs. Gale, Greta's mother, is a daughter.



Neil Mayfield is one of the men who checks meters for the California Oregon Power company. Here he marks the figures in his book after reading a meter on Monclair street.