

FLYING NEWS PROVES TO BE FL

In The Day's News

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There is big news today. Not "significant" news. Not the kind of news you ought to be interested in, but AREN'T. Just good, hot stock news that goes down to the roots of human nature.

The engagement of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to the throne of Britain, is announced.

THE lucky man (if you call marriage a lottery) who will someday sit on a tottering throne (luck) is (nearly) LIEUTENANT Philip Mountbatten. He is a great-grandson of Queen Victoria, in whose day being a queen was SOMETHING.

Princess Elizabeth is Victoria's great-granddaughter. Thus the tradition that royalty must marry only sprigs of royalty is held intact. (As a result of the invariability of this tradition, interestingly, which all stockmen understand, reduced a lot of the royal stock of Europe to near-morons, which probably had something to do with the decline of monarchy.)

Elizabeth and Philip seem to have enough new blood in their veins to have escaped this curse. So far as can be judged from what is printed and broadcast, which tends to be colored by propaganda, they are normal and likeable youngsters.

Philip, until he became a British subject and renounced his title last March was a prince of Greece and Denmark, sixth in line for the Greek throne (during the times when Greece was a throne). He is described in the dispatches as "tall, fair-haired and blue-eyed, with the profile of a Greek statue." He smiles easily, and says the right things to women. His English has the "upper class" accent.

He has "social position" to burn, but is personally short on money. But his uncle, Viscount Mountbatten, the correspondent, hastens to assure us he has plenty of the stuff. And Elizabeth's income will be for all practical purposes UNLIMITED when she becomes queen.

So that necessary detail is taken care of.

MEANWHILE—

We are told by a spokesman for the British government (Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison) that Britain is running into debt at the rate of better than a billion and three-quarters dollars a year to pay for food for her people and raw materials for her industries. To bring her down to her ability to pay, she will have to cut her imports by a fourth and make "great adjustments" in her production and her standard of living.

The only remedy for this situation that Morrison can see, he tells the house of commons this morning, "lies in devising some means whereby BY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS worth of North and South American production could be transferred across the Atlantic without the necessity for IMMEDIATE payment in the form of an equal and opposite flow of European goods."

In other words, REVISED LEND-LEASE.

HE isn't far off. That is about what will have to be done. OR ELSE. As a matter of fact, that is about what we are DOING NOW. Our exports are running at a rate of some 15 to 20 billions of dollars a year. Our imports are far, far less than that. The difference can't be paid in gold, for there isn't enough gold outside the United States to pay the bill.

So you see, we are ALREADY lend-leaseing our production to the rest of the world. Britain included. We just don't admit it, even to ourselves.

THE announcement of Princess Elizabeth's engagement reads like the storybooks we go to sleep on—or the movies we go to sleep on—because it is so full of the realities of making a living from day to day.

The trouble is that the storybooks are out-of-date. This is a NEW WORLD—a world in which REALITIES MUST BE FACED.

WHAT Elizabeth really ought to do is to marry a rough, tough British worker with hair on his chest. She should turn her UNLIMITED royal income over to the British treasury—from which, in one form or another, it originally came. She should put on her apron and go out into the kitchen and COOK while her husband labored mightily at making things to eat and wear and provide shelter from the storm.

About the only excuse for a king and queen of Britain these days is to SET AN EXAMPLE BY WORKING HARD AT MAKING THINGS.

And her royal consort could set the kind of example that Britain must have if she is to pull herself out of the hole she is in.

POLAND OUT

WARSAW, July 9 (AP)—Poland to reject an invitation to attend the July 12 conference in Paris on the Marshall plan for economic aid to Europe.

WEATHER

Max. July 9: 81. Min.: 45.
Precipitation last 24 hours: .90.
Stream gauge to date: 10.55.
Last year: 13.07. Normal: 17.07.
Forecast: Fair today, cloudy Thursday.

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Southern Miners Sign Coal Contract

Hearing On Indian Bill Slated Here

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—A senate public lands subcommittee will open a hearing at Klamath Falls, Ore., August 19 on a bill to liquidate the Klamath Indian reservation.

The hearing, expected to last two to four days, will be conducted by Senator Watkins (R-Utah) and will be attended by Senator Butler (R-Nebr.), chairman of the public lands committee, Senator Hatch (D-NM) and possibly Senator Cordon (R-Ore.). Watkins is chairman of the Indian affairs subcommittee.

Time at the hearing will be divided equally between proponents and opponents of the legislation. The committee members will arrive in Klamath Falls on Aug. 18 and spend the day visiting the Indian reservation.

Committee attaches said they had not learned what witnesses will appear.

The county court reported today that it had been asked by Senator Cuy Cordón to arrange for space in the courthouse for the hearings to be conducted here in August.

Judge Reeder said that it may be possible to use the circuit courtroom. It is planned to have some work done on the acoustics of the courtroom while Judge David Vandenberg is on vacation, but the county court said that possibly that work will be finished, or can be suspended long enough to permit use of the room for the hearings. Otherwise, the county courtroom will be used.

The bill on which the hearings will be held is identified as S. 1222, and was introduced by Senators Morse and Cordon. Its purpose is to "remove restriction on property and money belonging to individual enrolled members of the Klamath Indian Reservation in Oregon to provide for liquidation of tribal property and distribution of the proceeds thereof, to confer citizenship upon the Indians, and for other purposes."

The measure has proved warmly controversial among Klamath Indians. The tribal council is on record against it, and recently fired Wade Crawford as tribal delegate, presumably because he has worked vigorously for the bill. Some of the Indians have expressed themselves as strongly for it, while others are as strongly opposed.

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—Rep. Welch (R-Ohio), chairman of the house merchant marine committee, asked the government today to block the sailing of United States-owned tankers carrying petroleum supplies to Russia.

He requested Frank Dow, acting commissioner of customs, to refuse customs clearance for Russian operated tankers carrying oil to Russia. The Ohioan claimed recently that many tankers carrying oil to Russia were loaded to the Soviet under-leak and now are being operated under the Russian flag.

Saucer Patrol Takes To Air

PORTLAND, Ore., July 9 (AP)—National guard air units of the 123rd fighter squadron here were scheduled to resume patrols of the "disk flyways" over the Washington-Oregon area early tonight.

Col. G. Robert Dodson reported the patrols remained on the ground yesterday on an alert basis, regarding numerous reports of Portland residents of sighting mysterious sky objects.

Brain Surgery Said Successful

PORTLAND, July 9 (AP)—The results of two successful brain surgery operations on women inmates of state mental institutions were reported today by a University of Oregon medical school professor.

A woman patient at the Salem state hospital will now be able to go home, to be cared for there, and a woman patient at the Fairview sanitarium for 14 years, previously unmanageable, will be able to perform small tasks at the hospital, he said.

Arrives To Present Complaint To UN



Constantin Tsaldaris (center), Greek foreign minister, is greeted by Vassil Dendramis (left), Greek ambassador to the U. S., and Archbishop Athenagoras, primate of the Greek Orthodox church, as he arrives at La Guardia field in New York by plane from Paris. Tsaldaris came to the U. S. in connection with Greece's complaint to the United Nations on alleged aid to guerrilla forces inside Greece by Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria.

Betrothal Of Elizabeth Told

LONDON, July 9 (AP)—King George tonight announced the long-foretold betrothal of Princess Elizabeth, 21-year-old heir to the British throne, to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, former prince of Greece and Denmark.

The announcement from Buckingham palace was made in the court of St. James's Palace.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that the king and queen announce the betrothal of their dearly beloved daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R. N., son of the late Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Andrew (Princess Alice of Battenberg) to which union the king has gladly given his consent."

Senate Group OK's Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—The senate finance committee approved the \$400,000,000 income tax cut bill today in 43 minutes.

The vote was 10 to 3, with only democratic Senators Barkley (Ky.), Lucas (Ill.) and Connally (Tex.) opposing the measure. The bill is expected to take effect next January 1.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) whipped the bill through the committee without the formality of hearings. The bill, approved by a vote of 302 to 112 margin in the house yesterday, is identical with the original tax reduction measure voted by President Truman, except that the effective date is moved up from July 1, 1947, to January 1, 1948.

The committee went into closed session at 9:15 a. m. (EST) and reached its decision at 9:57.

Phone Hearing In Third Day

SALEM, July 9 (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg's hearing on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's request for a \$2,249,000 annual rate boost in Oregon entered its third day, with prospects the company would conclude its case by Friday night.

Fire Chief Urges Permits Before Burning Off Grass

With the peak of the dry summer season rapidly approaching, City Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose today issued a warning concerning grass fires. Klamath Falls people are urged to get a permit before burning off any grass or weeds.

All that is necessary to secure a permit is to contact the fire station. With the permit, firemen will give instructions on the safe way to burn.

Husband Held For Murder

LOS ANGELES, July 9 (AP)—Antonio Mondragon, 26-year-old sheet metal worker, was booked on suspicion of murder at University division jail early today in the slaying of his estranged wife, youthful Rosenda Mondragon.

The nude and battered body of 20-year-old Mrs. Mondragon, who had been strangled with a silk stocking, was found yesterday in a gutter a few blocks from the city hall.

Mondragon was booked after several hours of questioning by Detective Lt. Robert Lohman, Detective Sgt. Harry Fremont and other officers of the homicide division.

Mrs. Mondragon was the eighth woman victim in the last six months in a series of brutal slayings in the Los Angeles area.

Wood Research Expansion Seen

CORVALLIS, July 9 (AP)—Plans to expand wood research—thanks to new state funds—were under way at Oregon State college today.

Oregon forest products laboratory added a full time technical director; Dr. Phinister B. Proctor, formerly head of the school of forestry's wood products department. Several technicians will join the laboratory staff soon.

The laboratory work will be greatly expanded, with the new state severance tax on lumber providing about \$170,000 a year for research.

Mines May Be Open By Thursday

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—The Southern Coal Producers association announced today it will accept the new soft coal wage contract, already signed by 75 per cent of the industry.

Henry F. Warden, spokesman for the association, told reporters after a two-hour session that the organization had authorized its 15-member association and individual companies to sign up.

"They will do it right away," Warden said, adding: "It might be possible to have some of the mines in operation tomorrow."

150,000 Covered

Warden estimated that about 150,000 miners would be covered by the signatures of the southern producers.

Lewis already had ordered the bulk of the country's 400,000 coal miners back to work upon signing of the new pact by northern and "captive" mines and most of the midwestern and far western operators.

Warden said operators in a few southern states, Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama, would delay signing the pact pending a clarification of an apparent conflict between the agreement and state laws governing the union shop and check-off.

Green Pledges Labor Fight

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—AFL President William Green told leaders of 108 AFL unions today he will never stop fighting until the Taft-Hartley law is repealed and those who voted for it are defeated.

Green spoke at the opening of a special conference of union officials to determine policy toward the new labor law provisions. He said: "The Taft-Hartley act represents a determined attack on the trade union movement by our enemies. It is an attempt to weaken unions and render them impotent so that the working people of the country can be exploited."

Lewis and Green conferred last night, presumably on the mine workers' new contract and its relation to the Taft-Hartley law.

The miners' pact probably will come up for discussion at the AFL conference because it is the first major agreement negotiated since passage of the Taft-Hartley act. It contains provisions skirting some requirements of the law.

Soviets Head Out Stiff Jolts

MOSCOW, July 9 (AP)—All newspapers published today a rare communique from the Soviet prosecuting attorney warning thieves that stiff penalties awaited those stealing state and private property.

The communique told of 12 persons sentenced to terms of five to 15 years in work camps for violations. Among the sentences were 15 years for stealing fish from a smoke factory; ten years for stealing a food train from a railroad car; five years for a pickpocket; five years for theft of 90 pounds of potatoes and ten years for breaking and entering Moscow apartments.

Strato-Cruiser On Test Flight

SEATTLE, July 9 (AP)—The strato-cruiser, which Boeing Aircraft company officials term the "world's largest, fastest and most luxurious liner," underwent an "uneventful and highly satisfactory" maiden flight yesterday, staying aloft for an hour and 24 minutes.

Too Much Light



James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, shades his eyes from the glare of movie floodlights as he testifies before a house labor committee in Washington. He said his union may seek to ban radio network broadcasts of music when present contracts expire December 31.

Fetters Faces Stiff Charge

Wayne Addison Fetters, 33, is still booked on a holding charge of disorderly conduct at the county jail, but District Attorney Clarence A. Humble said that he had decided upon a more serious charge and that the papers would probably be filed this afternoon.

He did not say what the specific charges would be.

Petrillo is held in connection with the death of Melvin Larson, 33, an itinerant ranch hand from Ellensburg, Wash., who died in Klamath Valley hospital after a fight with Fetters Monday morning.

Larson was unconscious in the hospital for 23 hours before he died early Tuesday. His injuries included a badly fractured skull, and witnesses to the fight said that Fetters, wearing high-heeled cowboy boots, kicked Larson in the head repeatedly after knocking him down.

Fetters, according to police report, said he hit Larson only once, that with his fist. The fight is alleged to have started over Larson's attentions to Mrs. Fetters during a party at the Fetters residence, 2305 Oregon.

Gedney Trial Starts Today

The trial of Henry Lyle Gedney, indicted for assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, got off to a running start this morning in circuit court when the first 12 men called into the jury box were approved as jurors.

Neither District Attorney Clarence A. Humble nor Defense Attorney Fred Small challenged any of the jurors, and the questioning of each was matter-of-fact.

Gedney is accused of striking Roy Cadden, service station attendant, over the head with an iron bolt during a robbery attempt at the station, S. 6th and Washburn, January 3. Gedney has been in the county jail since that time.

Members of the trial jury are S. E. Belsir, Merle C. Adams, Clyde E. Pettit, William A. Ryser, Vern J. Griffith, Victor Douglas, Frank Wines, Donald F. Call, James M. Britton, J. W. Van Dorn, Chris Huck and A. F. Glover.

Committee Okays Pay To Indians

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—The house public lands committee today approved a bill to provide for payments of \$500 each to members of the Klamath Indian tribe in Oregon.

They would be made from a \$2,238,000 tribal fund. The bill originally called for \$1000 payments but the committee cut this in half.

Jap Prison Camp Head Sentenced

YOKOHAMA, July 9 (AP)—Lt. Seichiro Yoshitaka, former commander of a Fukuoka war prison camp, today was sentenced by the 8th army commission to serve eight years in prison for brutality to prisoners.

Object Said To Be Army Weather Kite

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 9 (AP)—An examination by the army revealed last night that a mysterious object found on a lonely New Mexico ranch was a harmless high-altitude weather balloon—not a grounded flying disc.

Excitement was high in disc-conscious Texas until Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commander of the eighth air force, with headquarters here, cleared up the mystery.

The bundle of tinsel, broken wood beams and rubber remnants of a balloon were sent here yesterday by army air transport in the wake of reports that it was a flying disc.

Wind Target

But the general said the objects were the crushed remains of a ray wind target used to determine the direction and velocity of winds at high altitudes.

Warrant Officer Irving Newton, forecaster at the army air force weather station here, said "We use them because they are much higher than the eye can see."

The weather balloon was found several days ago in a desolate section of New Mexico by a rancher, W. W. Brazil. He said he didn't know much about it until he went into Corona, N. M., last Saturday and heard the flying disc reports.

Returns To Ranch

He returned to his ranch, 85 miles northwest of Roswell, and recovered the wreckage of the balloon, which he had placed under some brush.

Brazil hurried back to Roswell, where he reported his find to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff called the Roswell air field and Maj. Jesse A. Marcel, 509th bomb group intelligence officer, who was in charge of the investigation.

Col. William H. Blanchard, commanding officer of the bomb group, reported the find to General Ramey and the object was flown immediately to the army air field here.

Search For Girl Ended

WILMOT CENTER, N. H., July 9 (AP)—Abandoning an organized search for a missing girl, Evans state police said today they were convinced the 13-year-old daughter of an internationally known physicist had left a summer camp here voluntarily and was on her way home.

Maj. Dwight Comstock of the state police said that they had received a report she hitch-hiked an automobile ride to Newburyport 10 miles from her home with the intention of taking a train to Boston.

The girl, daughter of Prof. Robert D. Evans of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was reported missing yesterday after her riderless horse was found in a densely wooded section near Camp Tabor, where she was vacationing. A saddle was lying nearby.

Prof. Evans was notified of his daughter's disappearance only 15 minutes after he arrived from England where he had attended a scientific conference.

Safety Patrol Unit Gets OK

Re-establishment of a safety patrol and junior police organization of school age children here has been approved unanimously by the juvenile court advisory committee of the Youth Council.

An organization of that type was sponsored by the city police department for several years before the war, and the department may undertake to train and supervise a new group as soon as funds for it are available.

The safety patrol would be connected with the city schools for such work as directing traffic at corners near schools during rush hours.

Attending the committee meeting were Mrs. M. P. Leonard, chairman, Mrs. R. P. Ellingson, Mrs. Victor O'Neill, Mrs. Edgett, Lynn Royce, Arnold Grallapp, Harold Hendrickson, Leigh Ackerman and Ron Hewitt.

Indian Agency May Be Ended

PORTLAND, July 9 (AP)—The Grande Ronde-Siletz Indian agency in Oregon may be abolished and 93 Indian bureau workers in five states will be dropped from payrolls on recommendation of agency superintendents conferring here.

E. H. Morrison, state director for the bureau, said 17 clerks would be dropped in California and some administrative work consolidated to match expenses with the new budget.



The 9 o'clock specialist's car needed a little work this morning, so he drove it to the Ford garage and took a picture of Art Robinson writing out the work ticket while Andy Moore waited in the driver's seat to take it to the proper department.