

TRAINS GO AFTER 7-HOUR TRIP

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SHOOTING starts in Indonesia (Dutch East Indies.) Batavia dispatches tell this morning of Dutch troops storming ashore yesterday on the north and east coasts of Java (one of the principal East Indies islands). A Dutch communiqué reports "all objectives reached in the operation;" adds that "resistance was less than expected." The Dutch navy tells of landing craft going ashore and disembarking troops. From the Dutch army comes word that the troops "gained initial objectives and made additional advances."

Dutch casualties are placed in the dispatches at 150 killed and wounded.

It is all, you see, phrased in the jargon of shooting war, which from the summer of 1939 to the summer of 1945 became so distressfully familiar to us. This writer, with a pang of regret, is hanging a war map on the wall this morning as he is able to follow the moves and the counter-moves with some degree of intelligence.

AS these shooting words re-enter the news, they are accompanied by PROPAGANDA words—which are also inevitable. War and propaganda go hand in hand. The fighters of each side take aim and shoot to kill, the propagandists sharpen and polish their sentences with the idea of conveying to the world at large the thought that their side is lofty right and pure, whereas the other side is wicked and designing and will stop at nothing.

AT the same time, the CENSORS go into action. The job of the censors is to see to it that no word favorable to the other side gets into print or onto the air.

Speaking from the viewpoint of a working newspaper person, it has always seemed to this writer that the job of censor must be a revolting job. He must know that he is twisting the facts—or at least the implication thereof. He must be aware that he is distorting the meaning of the news, instead of making it clearer so that people may understand better what is going on instead of being confused by what seems to be going on.

BUT all the while he is working under the compelling pressures of NATIONALISTIC INTEREST. It is drilled into him that all this distortion, all this confusion, is PATRIOTIC in its purposes.

Whatever else he does, he MUST serve the policy of his country. There must be times when he looks at himself in the mirror and is ashamed. But when these times come he must brace his shoulders, grit his teeth and go ahead.

His duty, like the soldier's, is to obey orders.

THE dispute, which culminated in the shooting war of yesterday, arose over how these islands are to be governed in the future. The Indonesian Republicans (who in the eyes of the Dutch are rebels) call it a "colonial war" like our war of the Revolution. The Dutch call it "local police action."

To the Indonesians, it is a fight for the privilege of running their country as they want it run. To the Dutch it is a plain, simple case of centuries ago—making a couple of centuries ago—making a couple of centuries ago—making a couple of centuries ago.

ONE can't help sympathizing sneakily with the Indonesians. According to their lights, their way (Continued on Page 4, Column 4)

WEATHER
Max. (July 21) 80 Min. 53
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00
Stream year to date 10.55
Last year 13.97 Normal 13.15
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

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Dutch Forces Stab Deeper

Fire Imperils Wheat City



PENDLETON, July 22—Gutted flour mill and warehouse after fire which periled city's business sector for two hours yesterday and caused \$500,000 damage. Adjoining courthouse roof caught fire as did four other buildings.

Sharp Fight Reported At Probolinggo

BATAVIA, July 22 (AP)—Dutch forces stabbed deeper into Indonesian republican territory at a half dozen points tonight as Indonesian reports told of stiffening resistance.

Fighting was reported in progress around Probolinggo, an important East Java port and an anchor of the Dutch beachhead along the northeast coast road.

The beachhead—established by American-trained Dutch marines in amphibious landings—now stretched east from the Probolinggo area to Pandji for a distance of some 70 miles.

The Dutch reported sharp fighting at several points, and the Indonesian army said a battle was under way at Probolinggo. The Dutch said, however, that the columns along the coastal road were virtually unopposed.

Dutch reports told of well-armed Indonesians offering hard resistance at Krian, midway between Modjokerto and Soerabaja, and at Medan on the northeast coast of the neighboring island of Sumatra.

The Dutch said all initial objectives in their amphibious operation had been achieved, and that resistance had been less than expected.

A Dutch army communiqué placed Dutch casualties yesterday at 150 dead and wounded.

President Soekarno of the Indonesian republic announced that for Java on a mission to explain the republic's position abroad.

Truman Gets Interior Bill

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The senate stamped final congressional approval today on a \$194,587,859 interior department appropriation, including \$89,528,038 for western reclamation projects.

It adopted, without objection, a compromise agreement with the house. The appropriation bill now goes to President Truman.

The house accepted the conference report yesterday with only a few voices raised in dissent.

In its final form, the bill provides \$194,587,859 of new money for the operation of all programs of the interior department during the 12 months ending next June 30. That is \$101,500,000, or 52.2 per cent less than the budget estimate, but \$33,174,000 more than originally voted by the house.

Reclamation projects accounted for \$23,000,000 of the \$33,000,000 total increase over original house figures.

Ray Best, district USBR manager here, said today that the senate approved appropriation of ample funds to carry on the proposed construction programs of the Klamath district reclamation project.

Heat Eases But Fire Danger High

Klamath people received some respite from high temperatures of the past several days, with the mercury at 12:30 p. m. today at 77 degrees, considerably below the 90 of Monday. The fire hazard continues to be great with no hope of rain to alleviate the danger, according to the Klamath Forest Protective Association.

Skies will be partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, according to the state weather bureau, with slightly cooler temperatures. The fire-weather section of the state weather bureau today advised that forest fire danger is increasing throughout the state with the humidity dropping into the danger zone. Worst danger points are in the Klamath Indian reservation, Fremont and Deschutes national forests, the bureau announced.

Resigning Official Slaps At Mayor

Charging Mayor Ostendorf with a "dictatorial attitude" and alleging poor working conditions, W. K. Thomas resigned last night as superintendent of Klamath Memorial Park, the municipal cemetery.

Thomas's charges were contained in a letter read before the city council meeting last night. In two brief paragraphs Thomas's letter flung the accusation at Ostendorf and requested his resignation because effective August 15. The request was swiftly accepted by the council.

Mayor Ostendorf was not present to hear the reading of the letter. Acting Mayor Paul Landry presided in his absence.

Pendleton's Loss \$500,000

PENDLETON, Ore., July 22 (AP)—Damage exceeding \$500,000 was estimated today after flames destroyed the Western Milling company's flour mill and warehouse, set fire to other buildings and for two hours threatened to sweep into the business section.

Burning debris, showered onto nearby structures as a series of blasts set off the fire at noon yesterday, damaged the roof of the Umatilla county court house, a lumber yard, an apartment building and several residences.

A spokesman for the mill said 75,000 bushels of new crop wheat went up in smoke and mill property damage alone was over \$250,000. Several residences in the southeast part of the city were damaged when a grass fire, set by sparks from the mill explosions, raced through the neighborhood. Housewives manned garden hoses.

The business section of the city practically closed down as every available man went to work with city firemen to bring the blaze under control. Collapsing roofs of warehouses and the mill endangered the workers, but none was injured.

Grenades Fly In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 22 (AP)—Grenades were hurled at a British military truck in Jerusalem today, raising fear of a renewal of the wave of violence which in four days has taken five lives and injured 29 persons in the Holy Land.

Approximately 90,000 of Palestine's Jews remained under a British-imposed dawn-to-dusk house arrest, but little hope of peace was in sight. Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, appealed to members of the two other underground groups, Hagana and the Stern Gah, to join in its offensive against British rule.

Today's attack caused no casualties.

Woman Killed Viewing Fire

PENDLETON, Ore., July 22 (AP)—Sister Mary Doreen, 29, St. Anthony's hospital laboratory assistant, died Monday of injuries sustained when she fell from a balcony while watching the fire that destroyed the Western Milling company's flour mill here.

Hospital authorities said the nun lost her balance and fell 35 feet to the pavement. She suffered a concussion and internal injuries.

A native of Ireland, where her parents reside, she came to this country as a girl of 16. She came to Pendleton late in June. Her death was the only one attributed to the fire.

Chemawa School Will Continue

SALEM, July 22 (AP)—Continued operation of the U. S. Indian school at Chemawa, six miles north of Salem, appeared assured today when U. S. Sen. Guy Cordon telegraphed the Salem chamber of commerce that a congressional conference committee agreed upon \$11,137,700 as the amount of an appropriation for Indian education.

This is an increase of \$3,137,700 over the amount originally allowed by the house. The Indian service had said it would have had to close the Chemawa school if the house amount had prevailed.

Boosted



Carroll Howe, long-time Klamath county school system administrator, has been boosted to a state level job as a high school supervisor.

Howe Goes To State Post

HENLEY, July 22—Carroll Howe, principal of the Henley schools, has accepted a position as a high school supervisor with the state department of education.

Howe has been with the Klamath county school system for 17 years, and at Henley for 11 years. He was highly successful as an athletic coach at Henley, handling those duties along with his school administration responsibilities.

He will move his family to Salem, where his headquarters will be. He is one of three high school supervisors in the state department.

George Elliott, principal at Merrill, is going to Henley to replace Carroll Howe, according to Harold Ashley, county school superintendent. The Merrill post vacated by Elliott has not been filled. Elliott and Max Marvin will divide coaching duties at Henley between them.

Logs, Timber Burn In Modoc

ALTURAS, July 22—Several thousand dollars worth of logs, a small amount of standing timber and about 450 acres of cutover land were burned in the Modoc National forest fire which started Sunday morning, according to the latest estimate.

The fire, brought under control Monday afternoon, after more than 24 hours of strenuous work by several fire fighting crews, was undoubtedly man-caused, C. M. Rector, Modoc National forest supervisor, stated. There have been no storages and no lightning in the area for some time, he said.

Mopping up operations in the burned section, which covered 450 acres in the Ted Finney logging operation area, were continued Tuesday morning, but the fire was pronounced "safe" by the forest service and some of the fire crew were laid off today.

Several valuable Ponderosa pine logs, already cut for hauling, were destroyed and a number of trees marked for falling were also burned. Crews from the Finney operation, the Durkee Logging company and the Edgerton Lumber company assisted the forest service in curbing the blaze.

Bill Aimed At Grog Advertising

SALEM, July 22 (AP)—A preliminary initiative measure to restrict liquor, beer and wine advertising will be filed with the state department in a few days by the Oregon anti-liquor league. B. N. Hicks, Oregon City, legislative chairman of the league, said here today.

The initiative, which would go on the November, 1948, general election ballot if 18,989 signatures are obtained, would limit the advertising to the name of the producer or dispenser, the name of the product, the place where it is sold, and the price. So-called "promotion advertising" of alcoholic beverages would be banned.

Wage Increase Waived, Other Issues Settled

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22 (AP)—A strike by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers which immobilized the western lines of the Southern Pacific railroad ended early today six hours and 45 minutes after it began.

Thirty-nine minutes later the first of hundreds of locomotives idled by the brief strike puffed back into service. It was a switch engine in the railroad's Oakland, Calif., yards.

L. R. McDonald, Southern Pacific vice president in charge of operations, announced at 12:45 a. m. (P. S. T.), that an agreement with the union was reached in negotiations which had continued in session after the walkout began yesterday at 8 p. m.

Shortly afterward P. O. Peterson, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, announced, "An agreement has been signed and the strike indefinitely postponed while the remaining issues are settled by direct negotiations with the railroad."

Wage Demand Waived
Peterson said 15 of 20 points at issue, mainly affecting working rules, were settled satisfactorily for the union and that a demand for a guaranteed minimum wage increase from \$10.02 to \$12.95 was waived.

"I think the employees got the best of the bargain," he said. J. V. Coebett, general manager of the railroad, said "five of the issues were withdrawn by the union. Some were compromised and some were settled as requested. The rest of the issues as to the first 20 demands are subject to mediation."

A compromise settlement was reached to the satisfaction of both parties.

A company spokesman announced rolling stock over the vast western network of 8000 miles of rails extending from Oregon to Texas was being returned to service as fast as the engineers could be recalled. Idling of the trains had stranded many passengers and threatened loss of millions of dollars in the harvest of perishable western crops.

Schedules Resumed
All trains, A. T. Mercer, Southern Pacific president, said in a statement "may be expected to maintain regular schedules after 6 a. m. today."

3500 Affected
"However," he added, "it will be some days before we are able to resume generally normal handling of all traffic."

Some 3,500 engineers were affected by the strike. Trains en route when the strike began continued to division points, where engineers left them. Points at which the engineers walked off included Oakland, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and Roseville, Calif., Reno and Sparks, Nev., Eugene, Ore., El Paso, Tex., Ogden, Utah, and Yuma and Tucson, Ariz.

Some passengers slept aboard halted trains, others wandered about stations awaiting word from the negotiations in San Francisco. Before the strike ended, the company had begun arrangements for transporting passengers by buses.

Bunched Trains
The strike and consequent return to work threw almost all passenger trains off schedule, so that four trains came through Klamath Falls between 11:30 and noon today. The Cascade and Beaver, southbound from Portland, were in first, then came their northbound counterparts from San Francisco. Most of the trains will be back on normal schedule tomorrow.

The Southern Pacific had very little freight shifting to do here during the strike, because all the perishable freight and livestock was turned over to the Great Northern yesterday.

The strike didn't last long enough to disrupt the supply of logs to Klamath mills or otherwise to cause an industrial disturbance here.

S. 6th Light Fete Slated

Lights along S. 6th street from Washburn way to Altamont drive will be turned on this Friday night and to commemorate the occasion a celebration has been planned by the South Sixth Street Improvement Association.

Sam Ritchie of the California Oregon Power company today said that the lights have been turned on several times recently but only to make final adjustments on transformers and be sure everything is in order.

The association will meet tonight to form final plans. Tentatively, the highlight of the celebration will be a street dance to be held in the service runway along the street. City, county and state officials and those who have been instrumental in setting up the lighting district will speak briefly. Heading the committee for the festivities is Ben Adair.

Navy To Reduce 1000 Officers

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The navy announced today an "immediate reduction" of 1000 officers because of budget cuts voted by congress.

The move will reduce the number of navy officers from a present strength of 47,000 to 46,000. Congress gave the navy \$3,300,000,000 for its operations until July 1, 1948, or approximately \$200,000,000 less than President Truman had asked.

Taft Plans Test Of Western Reaction As Help To Decision On Presidential Bid

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—Senator Taft said today he will make a western speaking trip to test reaction to the republican-controlled congress before he decides finally whether to seek the 1948 GOP presidential nomination.

The Ohio senator will discuss congress' record when he makes the principal address at a homecoming dinner for Ohio senate and house republicans to be given by the party's state committee at Columbus July 1. This is looked upon in some quarters as the start of a Taft-for-president campaign, inasmuch as a national radio hookup will be provided.

In fact, most Ohio politicians expect the state committee to endorse Taft formally as the state's favorite son a week or so later, with Senator Bricker simultaneously bowing out of the race in favor of his senior colleagues, such a committee move would put Taft in the presidential contest automatically.

But Taft told a reporter that he doesn't want to make any personal decision until he has gone west in September after an August vacation in Canada.

Thus far the Ohio senator has three definite speaking dates on the Pacific coast, one of them non-political. He said he will appear with some other members of congress on a discussion panel of the American Bar association meeting in Santa Cruz, Calif., September 12 and 13. On September 19 he will speak in San Francisco before the Commonwealth club, an organization the late Wendell L. Wilkie used as a springboard for his 1940 presidential campaign.

Mother Denies Her Son Dropped Babies Who Died Mysteriously In Ohio Hospital

MASSILLON, O., July 22 (AP)—The mysterious deaths of two infants in Massillon city hospital—apparently solved yesterday by the statement of a six-year-old boy—reverted again today to a puzzling conglomeration of varied stories and differences between officials.

Mrs. Roger Gue, of nearby Navarre, mother of young Roger Gue, who yesterday related to police how he accidentally dropped the two infants last June 6, said her son today had reverted to his original tale of seeing a large boy in a white coat enter the nursery in which the infants were found dying.

She declared she did not believe her son dropped the babies and her newsmen she and her husband were tricked into letting investigators talk to her son.

Official reaction to the story of young Gue, turned in by a free lance investigator and a newspaperman, highlighted sharp differences between Massillon city and Stark county officials.

County Prosecutor D. Deane McLaughlin and Coroner E. C. Reno both united in deriding the Gue statement, but Police Chief Stanley W. Switzer declared that admission closed the case.

The prosecutor, continuing his investigation, announced today the retention of Dr. LeMoyn Snyder of Lansing, Mich., medico-legal director of the Michigan state police and author of several books on criminology.

From Chief Switzer this activity brought the declaration that: "If Deane McLaughlin has a killer, let him bring him in. I am not having any more to do with his fantastic ideas."

Four Killed In Fire At Minot

MINOT, N. D., July 22 (AP)—A fourth man died today of burns suffered in a series of gasoline explosions which caused fires that ravaged nine business establishments in a four-block area of downtown Minot.

The fourth victim, Orton Nelson a fireman, was burned while fighting the flames.

The others were Chester Westom, 32, William Foster, 43, and Adam Runyan, 45.

Three persons were injured but were reported in good condition today.



Ira Walters piling lumber at a yard on Klamath avenue caught the nine o'clock photog's eye this morning with his display of muscular activity.