

2 MISSING IN SUSANVILLE FIRE

In The Day's News

WEATHER
Max. July 25: 71 Min. 47
Precipitation last 24 hours: .00
Normal for date: 19.50
Last year: 18.97 Normal: 12.17
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight.
Fair Saturday.

The Herald and News

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By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is a deeply humiliating note in the news today.
Ex-Congressman Andrew J. May is found guilty by a jury in a federal court in Washington of accepting a bribe (\$53,634.07) for using his influence as wartime chairman of the house military affairs committee to get contracts for an outfit of munitions makers.
He and the bribe givers (the Garsson brothers) are given indeterminate sentences of from eight months to two years in prison.

That is outright corruption, for money.
It was corruption, for money, that ate away the structure of government in Rome. As government in Rome rotted away, the Roman empire began to decline. When it fell, civilization fell with it and the world of that day went into the gloomy and awful period that we know as the Dark Ages.

MAY and the Garssons protest that they did nothing dishonest. Their story is that they were just helping the war effort. More contracts, more munitions. More munitions, more power to wage war.

Not in defense of them but in the interest of clear thinking, it is true that money was then being thrown around like dirt. On every hand, we saw evidence of waste and extravagance. We were shocked at first. Gradually we became hardened to it.

What's a few more dollars? That is the way we came to think of it. It may have been the way May and the Garssons came to think. It is easy to fall into the rut of bad thinking.

But the shining truth is that NOTHING can excuse corruption—and taking, or giving, a bribe to get contracts from your government that can't be got by sound, honest methods is corruption in its lowest form.

It is a humiliating development, any way you look at it.

THERE is another upsetting circumstance in connection with this May-Garsson business.
May stands before the court and proclaims his COMPLETE INNOCENCE. He says: "I stand before the court today with a clear, clean conscience. I never violated a law as far as I know in the 72 years of my life. I never received a dollar directly or indirectly that was not honestly earned or justly due."

That brings up another confusing angle of our modern life—in which we so greatly NEED the truth. What is the truth? Who is the liar? Confusion destroys confidence. Without confidence, you can't go ahead. If you don't go ahead, you slip back. There are many things in this world that are wrong. The difficulty we find in drawing the line between propaganda and truth is one of them.

BOTH houses of congress finally approve and the President will probably sign the new law to UNIFY the nation's armed services. Among other things, it will place all the armed forces under a single cabinet officer to be known as the secretary of national defense.

It seems a sound step to take. But, after all, a law is only a law. It is what we do with the law that counts.

IF this new law is to accomplish what we want it to accomplish, it must STRENGTHEN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE. If it is to do that, it must be realistically administered.

IF it is to be realistically administered, we must change our whole thinking in regard to military establishments in time of peace. If we can't do that, the new law will do us little good.

IN the past, we thought seldom of our peace time military establishment as a FIGHTING FORCE TO



9 o'clock Special

Even the midget engines require an overhaul at regular intervals and the nine o'clock photog caught Gordon Schimberg this morning giving the boiler on the South street rail line powerhouse a thorough cleaning. Riders are free on the tiny railway tonight as Sixth street celebrates its new lighting.

Mt. Rainer Gives Up Mystery

Row Keeps Senate Up All Night

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Senator Barkley (D-Ky.), the minority leader, today blocked a renewed attempt to bring up the Kem resolution to investigate Attorney General Clark's conduct in the Kansas City vote fraud case—a controversy that kept the senate in session all night.

The Kem proposal had been laid aside temporarily at dawn for consideration of a supplemental appropriation bill and then for a few hours' rest before reconvening.

When the session was resumed at noon, Senator Kem (R-Mo.) asked unanimous consent to bring his investigation resolution up again but Barkley objected.

Kem's assertion that he had been under the impression that Barkley was "in charge of a filibuster" brought this retort from the Kentuckian:

"That is a gratuitous and incorrect statement."
Denial
Barkley denied there had been a filibuster and declared the republican side had consumed four times as much time as the democrats while the matter had been pending.

Rep. Ploeser (R-Mo.) said in a statement that failure to obtain a congressional probe of the 1946 Kansas City primary election this session would only spur the Missouri republican delegation to insist on action when congress reconvenes next January.

"Something to Hide"
Aserting the house is put in a "peculiar parliamentary situation" by Minority Leader Rayburn's (D-Tex.) "modified filibuster," Ploeser declared:

"The demonstration in the senate and the delaying action taken by Mr. Rayburn in the house are indications that the administration has something very definite to hide in the investigation of the justice department's handling of the Missouri vote fraud.

Republican senate leaders conceded defeat after an 18-hour all-night session.

Reds Control UEW, Claim

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—James J. Conroy, New York local union official, told congress today that communists have "lock, stock and barrel" control of the international union of the CIO-United Electrical Workers.

Conroy, who is business agent of New York UEW local 1237, testified before the house un-American activities committee and swore that Tom Fitzpatrick and William Senter, international union vice presidents are communists.

Describing himself as a former communist who soured on the party, Conroy said reds control the international although they have but one per cent of the membership.

Kaiser Probers May Hear Jones

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Senatorial investigators hinted today that Jesse Jones as an ace witness in their efforts to prove that White House pressure forced award of a \$40,000,000 wartime plane contract to Howard Hughes and Henry J. Kaiser.

The former cabinet member's possible appearance hinges, one senator said, on whether any documentary evidence is found in the files of the late President Roosevelt.

Plane Missing Half Year Found



MOUNT RAINIER, Wash., July 25—High on snow-covered Mount Rainier, bits of wreckage of the Marine transport plane that crashed last December 10 are found by searchers, Bruce Meyers, left, and George Senner. First searchers found no trace of the 32 marines aboard the transport. —AP wirephoto

Alaska Hunt Yields Clue

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 25 (AP)—A pair of blood-stained trousers and a report by a Sunnydale, Wash., tourist that he had been "thumbed" for a ride by a man answering the description of a man wanted for the Saturday, spurred federal authorities today as Alaska's greatest manhunt of modern history went into its fifth day.

The bloody trousers were found in a Tana river shelter cabin less than a day's walk from the little Gerale river Indian encampment where the bodies of Donald R. Harris, 33, and Carl Ahnstrom, 68, were found last Sunday.

U. S. Marshal Stanley J. Nichols said he was informed by Deputy Marshall Steve Mikulas that the trousers were found when the Indian trapper who lives in the cabin returned from a trip. The cabin had been broken into and a pair of the trapper's own trousers taken, Mikulas said.

Celebration On Sixth All Set

Speeches and official ceremonies will begin at 8 o'clock tonight, marking the lighting of Sixth Street. Festivities will take place on the service runway, paralleling S. 6th, at a point just beyond the Tower theatre.

The program will be broadcast from 8 to 8:30 p. m. over radio station KPLW. Numerous state, county and city officials and other persons instrumental in getting a lighting district for the section of the thoroughfare from Washburn way to Altamont drive will speak briefly. Following will be a street dance, slated for 8:30 p. m.

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WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—A return to unrestricted installment buying by Nov. 1 appears likely today with the possibility that President Truman might end controls on time payment purchases even earlier.

Compromise legislation to kill the credit buying curbs at the end of October passed the house by voice vote and was sent to the senate. Senate action is expected to send the measure on to the White House by tomorrow night.

Meanwhile, the federal reserve board predicted that Mr. Truman will list the restraints, as he promised last June 5 to do unless congress passed a law specifically authorizing the restriction in peacetime.

2 Washingtonians Make Ways-Means

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Washington state had two members of its congressional delegation on the powerful house appropriations committee today with election of Rep. Jackson, D-Wash., to succeed former Rep. D'Alessandro, D-Md. Rep. Horan, R-Wash., already was a member of the group.

Jackson resigned his membership in the house merchant marine and fisheries committee to accept the post.

Scalars Find Evidence Of Lost Plane

By VIRGINIA McNEILL
LONGMIRE, Mt. Rainier National Park, July 25 (AP)—A tattered fragment of a marine's uniform, a weathered piece of a serviceman's health record and a few bits of wreckage ended last night the seven-month mystery over the fate of a marine transport plane which disappeared with 32 men aboard.

Members of a party of eight Rainier national park rangers found the bits of evidence high up near the 10,000-foot level of Mount Rainier's treacherous South Tacoma glacier, and navy officers said there was no doubt about their being from the long-missing plane, which was lost from a storm-harassed formation of a San Diego-Seattle flight.

Another Try
The party, accompanied today by Navy Lt. Gordon Stanley, left their base camp at the 5800-foot level again this forenoon to climb to the wreckage but the weather had turned bad and Park Suplt. John Preston said it might be snowing at that altitude. It was raining here.

The decision over awarding the \$5000 reward offered by parents of the plane victims for finding the wreckage, and also as to whether it would be possible to find and bring any bodies down from the wreckage, remained to be made. Lt. Stanley was to report to higher navy authorities after his return from the climb.

The plane apparently crashed into the side of a sheer 3000-foot cliff, the party said, with the tell-tale bits of evidence found on the crevasse-torn glacier at the base of the precipice.

Capt. A. O. Rule, commander of the Sand Point naval air station, said the rangers' reports indicated that the plane exploded, scattering wreckage and personnel over a wide area.

"In view of the nature of the glacier at the foot of this mountain," he said, "little hope is entertained for the recovery of the bodies."

Dutch Cut Off Central Java

By The Associated Press
Strike over Indonesia, Greece and Palestine today.

Dutch armed forces, which started shooting when negotiations with the Indonesian republic failed, were declared by Dutch sources to have isolated central Java from the rice-producing east and the west. The Indonesians said their army had entered a sector of the North Java part of Semarang.

The Greek government said a guerrilla force of up to 1500 using heavy artillery, was repelled after an attack on Grevena, 40 miles east of the Albanian border. The Greeks have asserted that the guerrillas came partly from Albania, and that Yugoslavia and Bulgaria had been aiding the irregulars.

Sporadic acts of violence continued in Palestine, a British mandate, where underground Jewish organizations apparently were acting in protest against the deportation of 4500 Jews intercepted on the SS Exodus of 1947.

Man Arrested In Party Holdup

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—A man was under arrest here today after the holdup of guests at a private party in a fashionable district last night.

Albert William Molin, co-owner of a jewelry firm here, was entertaining friends at his home last night when an armed man appeared at the back door. He took the men's money at gunpoint, but declined some jewelry which the women guests, frightened, started to hand him.

The gunman then fled—on a bus. Shortly afterward city police boarded the bus and arrested a man whose seat hid a .38 caliber revolver.

Bishop Protests Marriage Of Ex-Wife Of Elliott Roosevelt To Clergyman

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP)—Bishop William T. Manning, in a letter in the current issue of "The Living Church," has protested the fact that the first wife of Elliott Roosevelt was permitted to marry a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The retired bishop of the Diocese of New York also protested the fact that the Very Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, was allowed to marry a divorced woman.

In his letter, Bishop Manning asked whether the action in the two dioceses concerned meant "we are now to have a number of ecclesiastical Remos, and the consequent abolition of any Christian standards of marriage, in the church."

Unhurt



Henry N. Moe, retired Klamath Falls businessman, apparently escaped serious hurts in an automobile accident at Oceanlake yesterday, while W. J. Groves, Merrill railroad man, received a broken jaw. First Associated Press report was that Moe's jaw was broken, but new information today indicated this was in error. —Kennell-Ellis

Groves Hurt In Crackup

Henry N. Moe, retired Klamath Falls businessman, may not have been injured in an automobile accident near Oceanlake, Ore., as reported yesterday, but W. J. (Bill) Groves, Great Northern railway dispatcher at Merrill, is believed to have received a broken jaw. The accident cost the life of one woman and badly injured another man.

Fragmentary reports coming in from Oceanlake yesterday indicated that Moe had been hurt, but it is now fairly well established that it was Groves who was injured. He was driving Moe's car and investigating officers got the name of "H. N. Moe, Klamath Falls" from the auto registration.

The Great Northern office here received a card from Mrs. Groves, written from McMinnville, saying that it was doubtful whether Groves would be able to return to work Monday, but did not tell the extent of his injuries or mention Moe.

Mrs. Ted Durgent also received a letter containing word of the accident, indicating that Groves was alone in Moe's car and was injured.

The dead woman was tentatively identified as Mrs. John F. Karjale, about 60, of San Francisco. A man identified as John F. Karjale was critically injured and taken to a McMinnville hospital.

Oceanlake City Marshal George Meade said that the car driven by Karjale was trying to pass a truck on a hill when it was rammed head-on by the car driven by Groves. The woman was thrown clear of the vehicle and down a 20-foot embankment.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves and Henry Moe had been on a vacation trip to Canada and along the coast for two weeks and were due home Sunday.

Reds Deny UN Balkan Power

LAKE SUCCESS, July 25 (AP)—Russia told the United Nations security council today the council had no power to force the Balkan states to cooperate with the American-proposed border commission.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko thus took sharp issue with contentions of Herschel V. Johnson, deputy U. S. delegate, that decisions of the council under chapter six of the UN charter were binding.

Johnson immediately countered with another warning that failure of any state to comply with a decision of the council might result in enforcement measures of the strongest kind.

"Any failure would lay the non-complying states open to serious action to insure their cooperation," Johnson said. "The council can make such decisions under chapter VI."

Ex-Congressman May Given Prison Jolt In Bribe Case

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The two men accused of paying May the bribes—munitions makers Murray and Henry Garsson—also were given prison terms with a minimum of eight months and a maximum of two years.

The sentencing was delayed for more than two hours while the defendants' lawyer pleaded for a new trial and May beseeched the court for mercy.

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The 72-year-old former Kentucky democratic congressman insisted that he had never taken "a single dime" dishonestly during his long service in congress.

Mt. Lassen Hotel Razed By Flames

SUSANVILLE, Calif., July 25—Two men, both employees of the Mt. Lassen hotel, are missing and are believed to be buried under tons of debris in the basement of the hotel which collapsed after a day-long \$700,000 fire yesterday. The building was still smoldering this morning and too hot for searchers to probe for the bodies.

James A. Daugherty, night clerk at the hotel, was believed to have been asleep in his room in the basement when the fire was discovered and is considered to have died, but officials are not sure about the fate of Joe Munkittrick, a bootblack who also had a room in the basement and hasn't been seen since the fire.

Thirty Rescued
Thirty guests of the hotel were rescued from the burning building, brought down by firemen's ladders while choking smoke obscured the scene. All other guests were able to get out of the building safely. The fire was believed to have started in the basement of the three-story building, second largest structure in Susanville.

Several office rooms and seven stores in the building were burned out. The structure is located on the corner of Main street and Lassen avenue in the heart of town. It was built in 1925, of reinforced concrete and stucco.

On the ground floor of the building was the office of the Susanville chamber of commerce, bureau of internal revenue, a cocktail lounge, coffee shop, dining room, clothing store, realty office, office of an optometrist and other businesses.

Buildings adjacent to the Mt. Lassen did not catch fire, although water flooded the basement of a hardware store.

Fire fighting equipment was brought to the scene when the blaze was discovered about 9:30 a. m. from the Hurling ordinance depot, Westwood, several lumber mills in the district and the state forestry service. The firemen attached hoses to every fire plug within four blocks of the building and at one time there were 32 hoses playing on the blaze.

Huge Water Use
For six hours the hoses turned 5000 gallons of water a minute on the flaming building—1,500,000 gallons total during the six hours. A few streams of water were still going in this morning. Late yesterday afternoon the roof and third story of the structure collapsed, falling into the basement.

The Mt. Lassen hotel building was owned by Fred Abbey, his wife and mother-in-law. Abbey set the damage estimate at \$700,000. Nothing was saved from the burning structure except a few optical instruments from the optometrist's office on the ground floor.

Foreign Aid Finance OK'd

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) told the senate today that "irregular bands from Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria" are attempting to "overthrow the government of Greece and install therein a communist state."

His statement came as the senate passed a \$1,530,361,000 bill to finance American foreign policy, including the \$400,000,000 promised to Greece and Turkey for their drive against communism. The measure now goes back to the house for action on senate additions.

Connally, former chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, said it is of the "utmost importance that the United States make good on President Truman's promise of economic and other aid to Greece and Turkey."

Bold Thief Gets Policeman's Cash

NEWARK, N. J., July 25 (AP)—Patrolman Frank Meyers reported to police today that two wallets containing \$970 and miscellaneous papers were stolen from his back pocket while he slept last night in a parked automobile.

Patrolman Meyers has been a member of the police department for 25 years.

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