

"BOMBSHELL" HOMEWARD BOUND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S blood on the moon again — this time over American movies in Britain.

The British, scraping the bottom of the barrel for DOLLARS with which to pay for THINGS made in America (they're finding they can't produce enough things for themselves), levy a new tax on American pictures. It sounds confiscatory. Our cinema people think it will take away 75 per cent of the net earnings of U. S. films shown in British theatres.

So they announce this morning that they are going to suspend immediately export of all feature pictures and short subjects to the British Isles. Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, who seldom flexes off of hand, announces this morning, after a three-hour closed meeting with 50 leaders of industry, that the new tax measures "in effect strangles American film shipments to England."

Obviously not under the collar, he adds: "If the British do not want American pictures, that's one thing. If they do, they shouldn't expect to get a dollar's worth of films for a quarter."

HERE, according to "sources" within the picture business, is the way it has been working out in the past: U. S. films have been earning about 400 million dollars yearly in the British market. They have constituted about 80 per cent of all the pictures shown in that country. Of this total of 400 million dollars, \$32,000,000 has remained in Britain as taxes, promotional expense and operating costs, while the remaining net earnings of about \$68,000,000 have been transferred to this country.

Under the new tax, the Motion Picture Association estimates, only about 25 per cent of this \$68,000,000 of present net profit to the American industry would be realized. That is quite a reduction of profit. You can hardly blame our people for getting stirred up about it.

THE British side of the story, of course, is that this \$68,000,000 of profit which has been remitted to us in the past represents a net outgo of American DOLLARS which the British, in the present rock-bottom status of their economy, can't afford to let get away from them in payment for mere entertainment.

THEY HAVE TO HAVE these dollars, they say, to pay for American food with which to stave off actual hunger.

THIS is the condition, you see, to which the world is being reduced by LACK OF PRODUCTION. As long as there is lack of adequate production of the THINGS that people must have to sustain the standards of living that had been built up in the happy years before war plunged the earth into the abyss at whose hard and rocky bottom it now lies, this condition will continue.

There was a similar condition after the decline and final fall of the Roman empire, which, as long as it held its position as at least the accepted leader of the world main-

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California Loop Makes Travelogue

By W. G.

An interesting, scenic full-day's drive for the August week-end is this Northern California loop that takes the tourist through four cities of considerable size and gives him a view of some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in this vicinity.

This loop starts with Klamath Falls as its base, goes through Dorris, Calif., into Weed where it continues to Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir, and returns once again to Weed. There the motorist swings northwest to Yreka thence to Ashland, Ore., where he returns to Klamath Falls via the Greensprings route.

The trip is a scenic wonder throughout its entire 239 miles. From Klamath Falls to Weed, Mt. Shasta floats down the center of the road, sometimes dancing off to the left like an elusive bubble. From Weed to Dunsmuir the road takes on through good lumbering country. Returning by way of Yreka, the motorist first enters flat grain land that yields finally to the rugged beauties of the Shasta river canyon.

Coming into Ashland, the tourist has the opportunity of spending some time in Lithia park which for cool, indolent beauty cannot be surpassed in any Southern Oregon city. The home leg of this day-long tour follows the familiar Greensprings highway over tree-covered hills to Klamath Falls.

The approximate mileage log:
Klamath Falls.....0
Weed, Calif.....72
Mt. Shasta.....82
Dunsmuir.....90
Weed (return).....108
Yreka.....125
Ashland, Ore.....176
Klamath Falls.....239

The pictorial review of this trip shows (1) the Shasta river canyon, (2) the junction at Weed with Mt. Shasta towering over the city, (3) highway street scene in Yreka, (4) another view of the breath-taking depth of the Shasta river canyon, (5) Tub springs a favorite watering place on the Greensprings highway, and (6) a view of the cool stream that winds its way through Lithia park in Ashland. The little map in the middle of the layout shows the route of this Sunday drive.

WEATHER

Max. (August 8) 77 Min. 49
Precipitation last 24 hours .10
Stream year to date 11.19
Last year 14.42 Normal 12.81
Forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday.

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Hughes Mum On Names

Portion Of German Crown Jewels Stolen; Stepson Of Kaiser Blames Soviets

BERLIN, Aug. 9 (AP)—U. S. agents launched an intensive investigation today of the mysterious disappearance of part of a fabulous collection of German crown jewels, and a stepson of the late Kaiser said he thought the Russians were involved.

Prince Ferdinand valued the 29 missing items at \$2,000,000 and the entire collection at \$5,000,000. American criminal investigation department agents previously reported the missing portion was worth more than \$500,000 and the whole collection of 95 pieces about \$1,000,000.

The jewels belonged to Ferdinand's mother, Princess Hermine, widow of Kaiser Wilhelm II. They were smuggled from the Russian-occupied zone of Germany, and some quarters here speculated that the Russians might demand that the balance of the treasure, now in American custody, be returned to their zone.

American agents said a young woman friend of the 34-year-old prince spirited the jewels from Princess Hermine, at Frankfurt-on-Oder, to her son in the American zone. Princess Hermine died in the Russian-zone city Thursday.

Truth Serum Used
The prince said he had submitted to a truth serum test to support the version of the mystery he unfolded to American authorities.

The thin, nervous prince, who lost the sight of his left eye as the result of a war wound, said he was sure someone had told the Russians that the jewels were smuggled out of the Soviet zone and that NKVD (Soviet secret police) agents had been shadowing him.

The American agents said the prince had been smuggled out by a young woman friend of the prince who "risked her neck." Ferdinand was to convert the valuable into cash for investments in Western Germany, the investigators said, but 29 of the best pieces vanished.

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Hearing Recessed To Monday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Howard Hughes testified today that he decided upon entertainment for army officers and other important government officials after he learned they had a "hatred" for him as "being stuck up."

Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich.) of the subcommittee, questioning Hughes about his \$40,000,000 in airplane contracts and entertainment accounts, promptly demanded that Hughes identify by names these officials.

When Hughes said he could not do so immediately, Ferguson recessed the hearing until 9 a. m. (EST) Monday.

Hughes told senate investigators that "bad feeling" on the part of army officers prevented him from getting wartime contracts for the production of pursuit planes "faster than any the army or navy had."

Still Has Faith
Hughes acknowledged that his huge flying boat under construction is too big to be "tremendously efficient," but backed his faith in the project by declaring that if it fails, "I will leave the country."

Asserting that he had "put the sweat of my life" into building the 200-ton flying boat, Hughes told the senate war investigating committee that "this plane crossed a barrier in size—the control system can no longer be operated by a man, even in an emergency."

Senate Group Will Hold Hearings At Courthouse

The senate public lands subcommittee definitely will meet in Klamath Falls, at the courthouse, August 18 through 22, the county court learned in a telephone call today from Forrest E. Cooper of Lakeview, special counsel for the committee.

Courthouse space had been reserved for the Indian reservation hearing originally, but the Klamath tribal council had undertaken to have the hearing conducted on the reservation at Klamath Agency.

Today's announcement by Cooper was that the hearing proper would be conducted here in town, but that one day would be used in an inspection of the reservation.

There may also be a slight shift in the schedule, as Cooper said the committee members would be on the reservation August 17 and would open their sessions in town August 18. Previously the scheduled call for the inspection August 18 and opening of the hearings the next day.

Cooper said that the senate group would receive testimony on two issues involving the reservation:

1. On the proposal (SB 1222) to abolish the Klamath reservation.
2. On allegations of improper administration by the Indian bureau.

The committee will be headed by Senator Watkins, and includes Senators Cordon, Butler and Hatch.

The ban is in retaliation for the new British tax which the industry estimates would take away 75 per cent of the earnings of American films shown in British theatres.

The suspension was announced yesterday by Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, after a three-hour closed meeting here of 50 leaders of the industry.

The tax was announced by Great Britain as a means of helping combat that country's dollar shortage, and was described by Johnston in a statement as a measure which "in effect strangles American film shipments to England."

LONG SHOT
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 9 (AP)—Arnold Hanger's Rico Monte, a five-to-one shot in the three-horse field, today upset Stymlie, the million dollar horse, in the \$25,000 added Whitney stakes at Saratoga today. W. L. Brann's Galloretta finished second with Stymlie third.

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Hopes Grow For Record Making Trip

TOKYO, Sunday, Aug. 10 (AP)—William P. Odom, bidding for a new around-the-world flight record, landed his converted A-28 "Bomb-

BULLETIN

TOKYO, Sunday, Aug. 10 (AP)—Around-the-world flier William P. Odom took off at 5:16 a. m. today (3:16 p. m. Saturday, EST) after a stop of one hour and 48 minutes at Yokota airfield near Tokyo.

shell" at Yokota airfield, 30 miles west of Tokyo, at 3:28 a. m. today, (10:28 a. m. Saturday, PST), 48 hours and 35 minutes out of Chicago.

The lanky blond airman seeking to halve the late Wiley Post's 1933 solo record of 164 hours was more than 13,000 miles along on his 19,000-mile journey.

He had a light breakfast of scrambled eggs and a sip of coffee while he impatiently watched installation of batteries and radio parts which he had ordered in advance.

Odom, clad in a gray suit, white shirt and peaked flying cap, was anxious to be off on the trans-Pacific leg of his flight, and declined to talk as he waited nervously.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (AP)—Globe-circling William Odom's time for six legs of his current round-the-world flight is 50 minutes faster than that achieved by the first "Bombshell" crew in April.

Marshall OK's 3 Way Meet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall notified France today that the United States is prepared to agree "without delay" to a three-power meeting on raising the level of industry in the British-American sector of Germany.

Participants would be England, France and the United States.

In a note released by the state department, Marshall also stated that the United States is "similarly prepared to receive and discuss" French views on the management and control of the Ruhr coal mines.

No date has been set for the level of industry conference, nor was it entirely clear from the Marshall note whether the meeting would include discussion of management of the Ruhr mines or whether that would be the subject of a separate exchange among the three governments.

British and American delegations are scheduled to meet in Washington Tuesday to discuss methods for increasing Ruhr coal production.

Bride Keeps It All In Family

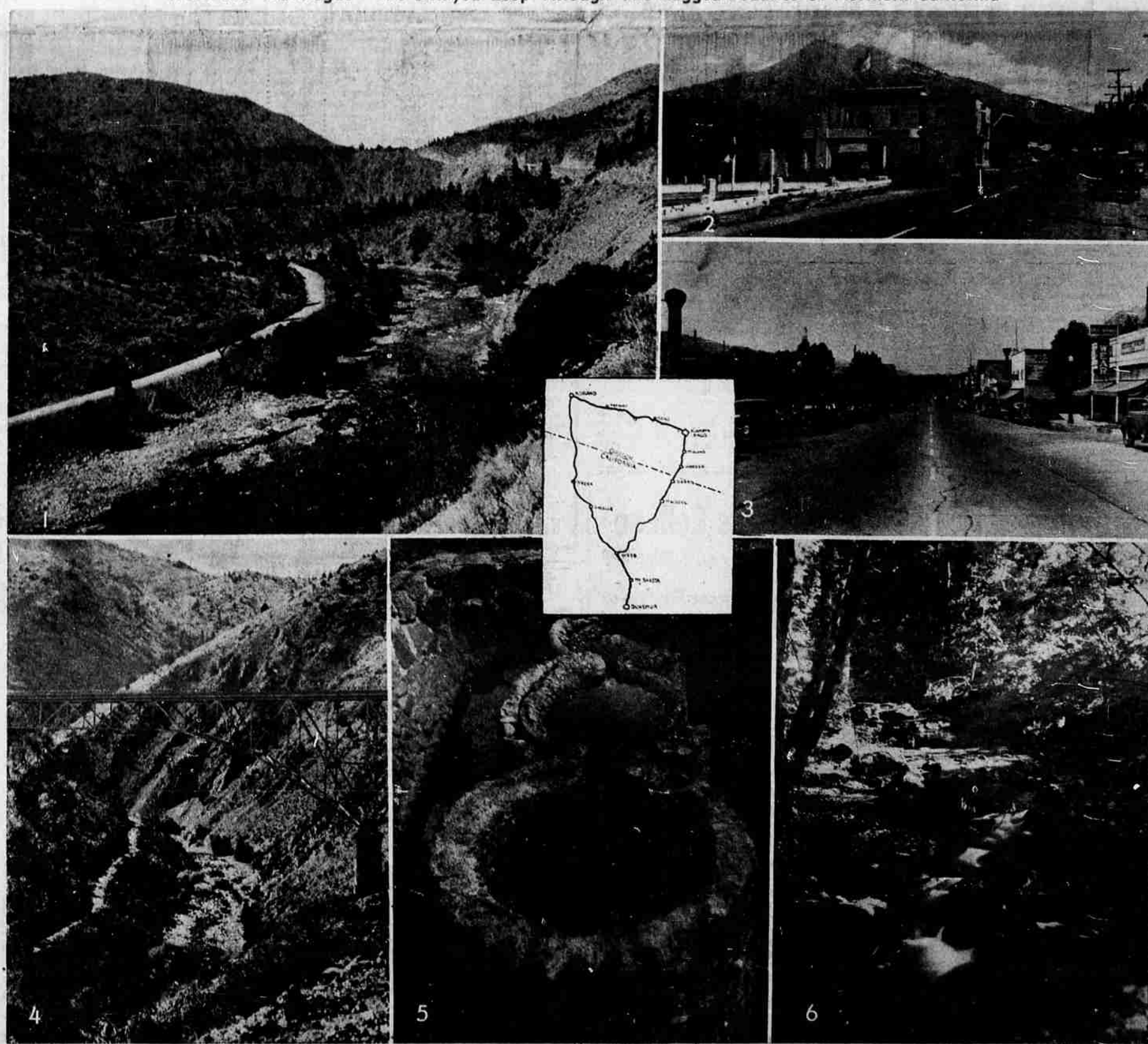
MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Aug. 9 (AP)—The fourth husband of 75-year-old Mrs. Mabel Genevieve Pitts is a 39-year-old stepson by her third marriage.

The slight little bride and Victor Robert Pitts were honeymooning today in a two-room frame cottage after their marriage Thursday in the parsonage of the First Lutheran church.

"All my other husbands died, so I thought I'd get me a young man this time," she said.

Mrs. Pitts said that her new husky, six-foot husband was presently unemployed and that she hoped to obtain work to supplement her \$30 monthly old age pension. Her third husband died two years ago.

Week-End Travelogue—The Siskiyou Loop Through The Rugged Beauties Of Northern California



Film Tax Big Issue

LONDON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Britain's heavy tax on American motion pictures may have been followed by deep resentment on the part of the entire American public. Chester Cowdin of Universal Film, Inc., told his news conference.

"How do you think your people would feel if we in the United States were to confiscate 75 per cent of your property?"

Banner headlines in the British press informed the people they would be deprived of Hollywood movies, one of their chief forms of escape from the troubles of austerity-ridden Britain.

Man Hangs Self In Barn

David Benjamin Johnson, of route 2, committed suicide in his barn this morning by shooting and hanging. He had been reported in ill health for some time.

State police said the man apparently had gone to the barn, stood on a box and tied a rope dangling from a rafter around his neck. Then he shot himself through the right temple with a .22 caliber rifle.

When found he was dead, slumped down with his knees on the box and the rope around his neck.

Johnson was 67 years old and is survived by his wife and a daughter. The body is at Whitlock's.

Officers Get Cooking Course

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—One place the armed forces can begin unification is right around the cook stove, says Maj. Gen. T. B. Larkin.

He announced today that 60 army, navy and marine corps and air forces officers will be selected for the advanced food course to be given at the quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va., September 29.

The objective is to train officers how to teach a cook to add that little extra something to food that will make a GI want a second helping, the general said.

Bomb Blasts Train Off Track

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (AP)—A mine blasted four cars of the Egypt express off its track today. The Palestine government attributed the incident to the Jewish underground.

The train was running from Cairo to Haifa with British troops returning from leave. An official announcement tonight said its engineer was buried under debris and believed killed.

Falling Coffin Crushes Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9 (AP)—A falling coffin fatally crushed 42-year-old John Strolecki as he worked on another one.

Four coffins were being moved 20 feet overhead on a crane yesterday at Galant Products company when one of them weighing 450 pounds got loose and fell on Strolecki.