

Telling The Editor

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HOLY WAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—We read of war and fighting in the Holy Land, referring to Palestine, a little country about the size of Klamath county.

Perhaps there is no country in the world of comparable size where so many unholy things and deeds have taken place, and yet this little country has produced some of the finest characters in all the world's history.

At one time it was one of the richest countries in all the world and supported a population of several millions, but now, except for a very few spots, it would not support but a small fraction of the population it formerly supported, and those who think a strong nation is going to be built up there are mistaken.

Jerusalem was of one time a large city and at times held several million people at the time of great festivals.

At the time it was besieged and taken by the Romans, 1,100,000 Jews lost their lives and thousands became slaves.

A land of great contrast, a great snow mountain in the north, in the central and eastern part a great depression for the deep-water lake, Sea of Galilee, is below ocean level, yet the Jordan flows on down from it to the Dead Sea where all its water evaporates.

Formerly it produced a great variety of fruits and grains and there are a few rich spots yet.

The first inhabitants were Canaanites and they were divided into several separate kingdoms, yet when the Hebrews invaded the land they federated together to resist Joshua's army of 600,000 soldiers and the decisive battle was fought at Lake Merom near the source of the Jordan and 1,000,000 of the Canaanites were slain.

Do you know of any battle in history where more lives were lost? Jerusalem has been besieged at least 15 times, now its population is little larger than Klamath Falls. Why it's so important and a trouble spot in the world must be told another time.

F. L. CHITWOOD.

Weather News

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Yes, we had a storm and the snow made trouble for all the mountain passes and also either stopped logging or slowed down operations. Fine!

Everyone, including local population, knows that the mountains and passes are snowy or icy. Associated Press passes the word all over the country, and Oregon's money spent for advertising our state to travelers and tourists goes blooey! We know any stranger to these parts can at the worst be delayed a while over our highways until the plows make a clean trail for them. Us poor tourist court operators sit by the fire and toast our skins and wait for the newspaper to announce that the storm is over and chains are unnecessary, and we do business again.

Alright, Los Angeles has an earthquake. No Angeleno ever knows it unless he takes an Arizona or Nevada paper. His rain is called "liquid sunshine," everything is polished and lovely, but Oregon makes one think if he ever got into the state he could not escape before the Fourth of July to get back into the United States.

Put this storm news in the lower right hand corner of the back page and keep our highways busier.

J. V. Kindig, De Luxe Motel.

KILLED

CAMAS, Wash., Dec. 16 (AP)—Edward Lampas, 32, Portland, fell 40 feet to his death Monday on a construction job at a paper mill here. He suffered a broken neck and skull fracture and was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's hospital in Vancouver.

Engraving Interests Camp Fire Girls



Mrs. Ward Pease, leader for Altamont Junior high Camp Fire Girls, took her group on a tour of The Herald and News plant recently. In the engraving department Tom Patty showed them how the church cuts were made for the Christmas edition, December 3. Left to right: Barbara Custer, Norma Lee Douglas, Lorna Pease, Jean Evans, Ruby Clark, Adena McClurg and Tom Patty of the engraving department.

Mrs. Paul Buck To Head March Of Dimes In Klamath

Announcement that Mrs. Paul Buck of Klamath Falls would act as Klamath county director of the 1948 March of Dimes was made today by Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state campaign chairman.

"I am certain," Dr. Hedlund said, "that under Mrs. Buck's leadership Klamath county will have the most successful campaign in its history." The 1948 March of Dimes, to be held January 15-20, marks the 10th anniversary of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. During this time county chapters of the foundation in Oregon have helped provide medical, hospital and nursing care to more than 900 polio patients.

Such care is exceedingly costly. Hedlund pointed out, stating that Oregon county chapters with only 97 cases reported have expended more than \$100,000 this year on patient care, hospital equipment and training of professional personnel.

Hospitalization for a single patient for a full year can cost \$2500 and up. Respirator cases, requiring 24-hour nursing service, may cost as high as \$29,000. With rising prices it is estimated that hospital and medical care for the average polio case approximates \$2000 per patient.

"Few families," Hedlund declared, "can weather such a financial burden. It is our hope that through the 1948 March of Dimes it will be possible to raise sufficient funds to assure continued care required by past victims of this disease, to provide adequately for whatever emergencies 1948 may bring, and to maintain and extend the research and educational program designed to unravel the secrets of this baffling disease."

Skiers Hurt In Rainier Tumbles

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Twelve skiers at Paradise valley, Mount Rainier, and Snoqualmie and Stevens passes were injured Sunday.

Two Bremerton residents were injured at Paradise valley. They were Monte Haugen, 29, of Sheridan Park, ankle sprain, and Pfc. R. C. McDaniels, 19, Marine Corps barracks.

Liquor Board To Retire 55 Workers

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—The state liquor control commission said Monday that 55 commission employees would be retired January 1 on reaching the age limit of 65 years.

The commission was expected to take up policy matters later in the day, one possibly being a proposed regulation to license bartenders.

Germany was admitted to the League of Nations by unanimous vote of the Geneva conference on September 8, 1926.

Housing Deal Probe Slated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Rep. Harness (R-Ind.) announced Monday that auditors will be sent to San Diego, Calif., to investigate "charges of misconduct" on the part of federal public housing authority officials there.

Harness acted as chairman of the subcommittee on publicity and propaganda of the house committee on expenditures in executive departments. His announcement followed formal receipt of a report on the preliminary inquiry conducted in San Diego in October by committee counsel, Frank T. Bow.

Bow recommended further investigation, stating that conversations with public housing authority employees and others indicated "mismanagement—and possible fraud—in connection with the handling of commercial leases."

The public housing administration issued a statement saying it is ready to cooperate in any investigation "the purpose of which is to bring out the facts regarding allegations of any improper actions on the part of its personnel in San Diego and elsewhere."

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