

POWER LACK OPENS REDDING ROW

Hollywood Visitors



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parks of the film colony stopped for dinner at the Pelican cafe last night en route from Timberline lodge where they had been for the skiing. They continued on south last night. Parks, as most ardent movie fans remember, played the lead in "The Jolson Story." He was particularly interested in the inland route from Klamath Falls to Los Angeles and was advised by The Herald and News photographer, Wes Guderman, that that was the proper travel route from here south. Wes also said Parks and his wife, known in private life as Betty Garrett, on the skiing at Crater Lake national park.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR three days, in the nation's commodity markets, grain prices have been skidding. During the same period, the stock market has been experiencing sympathetic sinking spells.

Does somebody know something? Are we going to export less grain than had been expected? Are world food prospects better than had been supposed?

Or is it just a case of jittery? TIME will tell. But WATCH IT. Our price structure is top-heavy. Something is going to happen sooner or later. It could be a price drop. It could be all-out inflation, going through the wringer at the end of the road.

Either is possible. NEW types of navy ships are in the wind. Some of them will be whoppers. We're talking of aircraft carriers UP TO 80,000 TONS. Our biggest carriers now are 45,000 tons.

The new ones will be of "flush-deck" type. There will be no "island" at the side to get in the way of the wings of BIGGER planes.

Bigger carrier planes can't take BIGGER ATOM BOMBS FARTHER. AT the same time, we'll build "hunter-killer" destroyers to hunt down submarines. (Submarines, operating under water, therefore less vulnerable to atomic attack could strike enemy bomb-carrying planes striking distance of us. Remember the Jap sub that loosed a tiny incendiary bomb-carrying plane over Brookings?)

WHAT does it all mean? Well, if you lived in a dark forest and the wolves were getting bigger and tougher, you'd want a BIGGER GUN, wouldn't you?

AT Lake Success (UN headquarters) the Soviet Ukraine (one of Moscow's stooges) accuses Britain of obstructing the splitting up of Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews.

It's bunk, of course. The British are getting out of Palestine because the Holy Land potato got too big and too hot for crippled Britain to handle. What she did there was to hand the torch to US.

For nearly a century, while we were small and weak, the British fleet backed us up after we had talked bigger than our britches in the case of the Monroe Doctrine. The British feel that it's OUR turn now.

WHAT is Russia driving at this time? This writer's guess is that Moscow is merely following her regular tactic of trying to discredit us and the British at every opportunity.

DON'T write the British off—yet. They're doing their recovery job the hard way—pulling their belts in and doing without what they can't produce. We're splurging high, wide and handsome, bidding up the price of things that are scarce.

We're having more fun, but the British may have less headache in the end. THE British, unfortunately, are handicapped by socialism—which spends so much time dreaming up ways to divide things that it hasn't time enough to produce things to divide.

But they're doing without the things they can't afford, and in the long run that may overcome the handicap of socialism.

Low Mercury Promised For Next 24 Hours

Old Man Winter, who is hitting back hard after a false spring forced him to take a back seat for several weeks in January, again promised sharp cold for the next 24 hours. His promise of a minimum of 5 above these parts this morning matured to the north but it was only 10 degrees here at 7:30 a.m. He repeated a 5 above minimum for tomorrow.

Below zero readings came in from Crescent Lake where it was a minus 7; Kirk, minus 4; Leuz, minus 2; Chemult, minus 8; Mowich, minus 6, the Southern Pacific office here reported.

Coldest place in the state of Oregon this morning was Austin in Eastern Oregon, with 16 below, but Sun Mountain pass to the north on highway 97 was not far behind. The state patrolman there shivered as he took the minimum reading of 11 degrees below zero this morning. It was straight zero at Odell lake on the Willamette pass, and 5 below at Meacham on the Old Oregon Trail to the east.

No new snow fell in this section of the state but the highway commission said snowfall crews, which have been battling eight-foot snowdrifts for 24 hours on the Sherman highway and the north end of the Dalles-California highway, reported today both routes might be closed if the wind drifts any more snow over the roads.

The highway commission said if it becomes windy, both routes might close on five minutes notice. Roads to the north from here were sanded, but motorists coming into Klamath Falls said all highways were hazardous and chains required as there is packed snow and ice.

Snow and ice will not keep ski fans at home this week-end. At Crater Lake national park there is an eight-inch powder over a 50-inch pack, the weather is fair and so is the skiing. Forecast is fair today and Saturday; Sunday, snow flurries; temperature range, 8 to 18 today and Saturday; 15 to 26 Sunday, light northwesterly winds today becoming northwesterly 20 miles per hour Saturday and westerly 20 to 25 miles on Sunday.

CIO-IWA Calls Wage Session

SPOKANE, Feb. 6 (AP)—The International Woodworkers of America (CIO) have asked lumber industry leaders in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and California to meet in Portland February 16 to begin negotiating wage and other revisions in current working contracts, District President Earl Nimz said today.

Nimz said the union has given operators the required 60 days notice of its intention to reopen the contracts. He said IWA headquarters in Portland announced last month that the union would seek a wage increase of 40 cents an hour, including a 7½-cent an hour health and welfare fund and six paid holidays annually.

About 6000 workers in Inland Empire lumber camps would be affected by the negotiations, Nimz added.

January Warm Month

January was an exceptional weather month, the reclamation bureau reported today. The average temperature was 34.9, the warmest January since 1940. Sunny days and cold, clear nights marked the month. There were 16 days without a cloud and seven days that were partly cloudy, leaving only eight days that were completely cloudy.

The minimum temperature, which occurred on the 27th, was 12 degrees above; the maximum, 56 degrees, was recorded on the 22nd and 24th.

A total of 2.70 inches of rain, the total for the month, fell during the first seven days of the month. This was 0.71 inches over the normal of 1.99 inches. The greatest amount to fall for any one day of this period was 0.88 inch which fell on the 4th.

The available storage in the various bureau of reclamation reservoirs that serve the Klamath basin on February 1 of 1947 and 1948 is as follows:

WEATHER

Max. (Feb. 5), 51	Min., 40
Precipitation last 24 hours, .00	
Stream year to date, 6.15	
Last year, 7.55	Normal, 8.82
Forecast: Clear tonight, increasing cloudiness Saturday. Estimate low, 5 degrees.	

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Grain Market Drop Slowed

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP)—Prices of most grains extended their slide downward today, but at a slower pace. At the same time the stock market showed signs of regaining its balance.

Opening prices on the exchanges were little help in answering whether this week's precipitate drop in commodity and stock prices was a temporary correction or a permanent change in trend.

But wheat failed for the first time in three days to drop the allowable daily limit at the opening of the Chicago board of trade. And September and December oats contracts even managed slight advances.

Corn again hit its limit decline. Stocks were no worse than mixed on New York's exchange after losing around \$1,500,000,000 in market value in two days.

Some other commodities held to a down trend although showing signs of stabilizing. Cotton futures were erratic and mixed at New York, cottonseed oil was uneven and soybean oil unchanged to lower.

The commodity markets were closely watched by those seeking to determine if the upward spiral in the cost of living might be at an end.

Whether the housewife eventually would pay less for a loaf of bread or a cotton dress depended on one prime factor: whether the break in prices is a flash in the pan or a decisive turn in the long run.

The answer may come in the next few days. Wheat, considered a cornerstone in the national price structure, crashed the permissible maximum drop of 10 cents a bushel on Wednesday and Thursday in Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City. Corn, in which acute weakness first developed, followed suit with the eight-cent maximum fall each day.

Junked Vessel Awash At Pier

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—A former navy hospital ship, ready for scrapping, was awash at a pier here today, and was filling with water faster than crews could pump her out.

The stern of the vessel, the former USS Refuge, sank to the bottom. The ship was not expected to capsize, but she was blocking the port of Astoria's principal pier, which is used for grain loading.

The ship sprang a leak yesterday morning off Willapa Harbor, Wash., as she was being towed from Olympia, Wash., to Portland for scrapping.

The Puget Sound Tug and Barge company's tug Neptune managed to tow her on here, but early this morning she began sinking at the pier. By mid-morning, despite pumping, the water was gaining a foot an hour.

A call went out for more pumps from Portland and other coastal points. The pumping crew expressed anxiety the vessel's bulkheads had given way, letting water filter through the engine room.

The ship had been bought by Consolidated Builders, Inc., to scrap at the Swan Island yard in Portland.

Hypnosis Aids In Childbirth SEATTLE, Feb. 6 (AP)—A 31-year-old mother, delivered of a child while under hypnosis, said today: "I didn't feel a single pain and I don't remember anything about it," she added.

The woman said she had found another woman unsatisfactory in giving birth to her other children, Dr. Louis Gellerman, Seattle psychologist who hypnotized her, told she would feel no pain until Saturday noon. He said she was "in a deep relaxation throughout the birth."

Daughter Born To Lost Hunter A daughter was born Thursday at Klamath Valley hospital to Mrs. Ed Young of Macdoel, Calif., whose husband has been missing since last October 16 when he left Macdoel on a deer hunting trip in the Whaleback mountain country of Northern California.

The little girl weighed 7 pounds 14½ ounces.

No trace, other than the finding of Young's gun, was ever located by scores of searchers including forest rangers who scoured the mountain country where Young was last seen.

Pay Of Foremen On Skill Basis DETROIT, Feb. 6 (AP)—A new plan covering responsibility and compensation of foremen in its employ was announced today by the Ford Motor company.

Henry Ford II, president, said foremen, as individuals engaged exclusively in management functions, will be paid salaries determined by the skill of the operations they supervise.

Ford said foremen will be classified into six occupational groups. Periodic community salary surveys will be made, he added, to insure that foremen are paid salaries equal to, or better than the going rate in the area of their employment.

Late Spud Bulletin LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 21 broken, 40 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 2, California 2, Idaho 14, Utah 1, by truck 6; market slightly stronger; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, 5.30-5.80.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 2 broken, 7 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 3; market slightly stronger; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, 5.65-5.75.

Good Shot, But Receiver Ducked



Clyde Walsh, who was supposed to be on the receiving end of an 11-pound chocolate cream pie to settle a basketball wager last night, ducked and the pie—tossed by Sam Neslin—splashed on the Oregon Vocational school gymnasium's hardwood. Neslin's basketball team beat Walsh's quintet, 62 to 47. Note the pastry sailing off into space at the corner of the picture.

George Asks Senator For Captured Nag

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Senator Tom Stewart (D-Tenn.) is considering this proposition from a constituent named George:

If the senator will get him a horse—preferably a "mother" horse—George has promised to "vote for you when I get big."

That will be in 12 years. George wrote to Stewart after reading that the senator had urged the state department to hang on to a number of captured Hungarian horses as war booty.

"Dear Tom," the letter said, "I read that you have some horses captured by the U. S. army overseas."

"I would shore like to have one." "Make it the fastest one you have," George added—if possible "a mother one, so it can have babies."

Stewart did not give the youngster's last name. But George obviously is a pretty sharp lad, he told a reporter.

Longshore Crew Quits Freighter

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 6 (AP)—A crew of longshoremen loading a Russian freighter walked off the job today when, a spokesman said, the vessel's officers refused to raise the American flag.

L. W. Thomas, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union local, said the refusal violated international custom, and "we won't load her until they get that flag up."

There is no maritime law covering the situation, he said, but adding raising the national flag in any port visited is an international courtesy.

Highway Won't Rename Route SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—The Oregon highway commission doesn't want the highway between Lewiston and Enterprise, Ore., renamed after Chief Joseph, chief of the Nez Perce Indians in the early days.

But the commission said that if residents of the area get the approval of the Oregon Historical society, they will be permitted to place markers along the route calling the road the "Chief Joseph Trail."

The commission said, however, the official name for the route will remain the "Lewiston - Enterprise highway."

Blizzard Kills Trapper Couple PRINCE GEORGE, B. C., Feb. 6 (CP)—Victims of a far north storm, an Indian trapper and his son died on a blizzard-swept trail 380 miles north of here, it was learned today. Both were frozen to death.

Word of the tragedy was brought to Fort Ware, 300 miles north of here, by Mrs. MacDonald Egnall, who trekked down the frozen Finlay river with two younger sons, to report the death of her husband and son.

A third son suffered frozen feet and was left at Weissen lake, 30 miles north of Fort Ware, and he will be brought here by plane for hospital treatment.

Wife Swears Bridges Was Commie Member

SEATTLE, Feb. 6 (AP)—The surprise testimony of the former wife of Harry Bridges, Pacific coast longshore union leader, brought a climactic close last night to a nine-day hearing of the legislative un-American activities committee in Washington state.

Testifying behind locked doors, Mrs. Agnes Bridges asserted that her former husband was a member of the communist party. She said she had a communist party membership book which he concealed under the bathroom linoleum or in a slit cut above the door of their San Francisco home.

Bridges repeatedly has denied party membership and in San Francisco last night issued a mimeographed statement charging his divorced wife's testimony was incompetent.

"That very same statement was handed to Judge Edward Foley in the form of an affidavit when I was granted citizenship, and it was thrown out by the judge on the ground that 'hell hath no fury like a woman scorned,'" he said.

Asked by Committee Counsel William Houston if Bridges ever had told her he was a member of the communist party, Mrs. Bridges replied: "On many occasions."

"Did they ever hold meetings in your home?" "Yes, x x x sometimes once a week, sometimes twice," she replied.

Mrs. Bridges testified that party applications blanks were kept in their bedroom, and that Bridges told her to stay in another room during the meetings.

As Mrs. Bridges took the stand, Committee Chairman Albert Cawwell announced that during her testimony the hearing room doors would be locked and no one permitted to enter or leave the room until she had been safely escorted from the armory afterwards.

Land Acquired For Zinc Plant

ST. HELENS, Feb. 6 (AP)—A \$6,000,000 zinc treatment plant, to be built by the American Smelter and Refinery company, is one of the probable new industries for Oregon.

The firm has acquired 55 acres of county land at Columbia City for such a plant, and has been doing test work there. County officials said that under an agreement with the county, the firm must begin construction by next January 1 or turn the land back.

John Kelly, executive secretary of the Oregon postwar readjustment and development commission, said the cost of the project—if it goes forward—would be about \$6,000,000.

Airlines May Pay If Late ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 6 (AP)—Northwest Airlines proposes to rebate five per cent of ticket prices when planes are more than 30 minutes late, effective March 15, under a proposal filed with the civil aeronautics board.

Croil Hunter, president, said last night the refunds would apply to all domestic flights on a year around basis if approved. He explained that when planes are grounded short of destinations passengers would claim from stewardesses checks entitling them to a percentage rebate of the entire fare, plus a 100 per cent refund of the unused portion.

Nazi General Swings PARIS, Feb. 6 (AP)—A war ministry spokesman announced today that Gen. Otto von Stuepnagel, wartime commander of German troops in occupied France, hanged himself this morning in Cherche-Midi prison.

Stuepnagel, a 69-year-old bachelor, was under indictment on charges of "crimes against international law," including the execution of hostages.

A spokesman for the army court which was to try him said he would have gone on trial early this summer. Brig. Gen. Jean Le Gorguillier, who had been preparing the case against Stuepnagel, said he was to have questioned the German general this afternoon.

Stuepnagel's cousin Heinrich, who replaced him here in 1942, was executed in Germany in 1944 for participating in the Munich bomb plot against Adolf Hitler.

Stuepnagel was the second wartime German army officer to take his own life in two days while facing war-crimes charges. Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz jumped to his death yesterday from a prison catwalk in Nuernberg, Germany. He was about to go on trial before an American court.

Stuepnagel was arrested on his estate in the French occupation zone of Germany December 12, 1946. He had been sought by the French since Germany's defeat in the spring of 1945. He was brought to Paris to be tried.

The French press agency said the general was found in his cell shortly after midnight, hanged with strips of bedding. It said fruitless efforts were made to revive him.

Shasta Mill Owners Say Cuts Forced

REDDING, Calif., Feb. 6 (AP)—A slowdown and a controversy in the Northern California lumber industry stemmed today from the state's drought-induced power shortage.

More than 100 lumber mills were affected from the California border north into Oregon as idled hydroelectric generators caused the Pacific Gas and Electric company to cut power delivery to California-Oregon Power company and the Mountain States Power company.

In Shasta county, California, at least one large lumber mill was closed Wednesday and Thursday. Production was resumed last night on a single eight-hour shift basis.

The controversy was over whether the slowdown on the California side was voluntary or in part compulsory. Shasta county lumbermen were seeking a conference with PG&E.

Not So Here Controversy in the lumber industry to the south does not exist in the Klamath basin where electric generators caused the power shortage, Sam Ritchey, Copco district manager, said today.

"Our operators in the Klamath basin and in Northern California have not questioned the imposed 50 per cent power restrictions which went into effect here last Wednesday. Our schedule 2, sawmill contract, is a surplus power schedule which means as it is stated in the contract: 'In case of power shortage, lighting and power consumers operating under the regular schedule of the company as fixed by the public utilities commissioner of Oregon, shall have preference.'"

Ritchey said Wednesday's schedule will continue here indefinitely and until there is restoration of sufficient power to place the sawmills back on a normal operating basis.

"Lumbermen here are adjusting operations here despite the difficulties encountered," Ritchey said, referring to off-peak operations now in progress.

spokesmen to determine whether the lumber and mining industries were being discriminated against on power conservation.

A company spokesman in San Francisco said there was no change in its policy of negotiating power curtailment agreements on a voluntary basis with individual customers in cases where schedules could be adjusted without hardship.

Blanket Slowdown In no case, it was said, would there be an industry-wide, blanket slowdown.

A. B. Hood of Klamath Falls, vice president and general manager of the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company at Anderson, Shasta county, (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Illness Takes Local Matron

Mrs. Helena Sandon, 79, mother of Mrs. Percy Murray of 812 Pacific Terrace, died at the Murray home at 12:10 a. m. today following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Sandon, who has made her home in Klamath Falls with her daughter and family, since 1922, leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

In addition to Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Sandon is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Archer of Norwalk, Calif., Mrs. T. Mackie of San Francisco, Calif., six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. R. E. Rooney of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and one brother, L. L. McGilvray, Longview, Wash.

Mrs. Sandon was born May 17, 1868, in Eagle Point, Wis., and for many years made her home in Corvallis. Her husband, Michael Sandon, died there in 1923. Final rites will be held Monday from St. Mary's Catholic church in Corvallis. Mrs. Sandon was a member of that church. The Earl Whitlock Funeral home is in charge.

Kuhn Might Be In Soviet Zone MUNICH, Germany, Feb. 6 (AP)—German authorities speculated today that Fritz Kuhn, fugitive ex-band leader, might have fled into the Soviet occupation zone.

They said Kuhn, whose escape from Dachau internment camp was announced Wednesday, might have reasoned it would be harder to extradite him from the Russian sector than the British or French zones.

U. S. constabulary units and German police widened their search over Western Germany for the man who before the war led the pro-nazi band which flourished in the United States. He was deported in 1945.

Mardi Gras Has High Visitors NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6 (AP)—Merry New Orleans, in its second day of Mardi Gras make-believe, is ready for distinguished visitors from Washington and Mt. Olympus today.

From Washington will come the nation's first lady, Mrs. Harry Truman, and her daughter, Margaret, who will christen a towboat named for her father. Tonight they are expected to attend the ball of the mystic club.

Hermes, the mythical Greek god of commerce and travel, will come from Olympus to lead tonight's 15-boat parade, based on famous rulers of history.