

Alaskan Cannery Hit By Flames

JUNEAU, Alaska, April 13 (AP)—Flames, fanned by a 40 mile an hour wind, raced through the Astoria and Puget Sound Canning company plant at Excursion Inlet yesterday, destroying five buildings and the company oil derrick.

Sparks in the smoldering debris still were being soaked early today by coastguardsmen from the cutter Wachusett and volunteers from Hoonah.

Further danger from the flames was believed checked, however, barring a shift in the wind.

Cable Shed Gone

Cmdr. E. V. Carlson of the Wachusett radioed that the fire destroyed the cannery building, cable shed and three warehouses, in addition to the oil derrick. The cable shed held 150,000 feet of cable.

No one was reported injured.

The fire started from a flareback in a stove, the message said.

(At Bellingham, Wash., Daniel Campbell, company president, said he had been informed the cannery was a complete loss. It is the only plant owned by the concern, he reported. Fish on hand probably will be sold to other processors as it will be impossible to rebuild before the opening of the canning season next month.)

Excursion Inlet is 50 airline miles east of Juneau.

A government dock and two government warehouses near the cannery were spared from the flames. Also spared were the cannery bunk houses, shipyard, six oil storage tanks, the power plant and carpenter shop.

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USBR Measure Okay Certain

SPOKANE, April 13 (AP)—The president of the National Reclamation association said Monday he thought congress would pass two important reclamation bills this year.

Harry E. Polk, Williston, N. D., said congress is working on a compromise version of the Rockwell bill to extend the repayment period on federal reclamation projects from 4 to 75 years. He said he expected agreement on a 60-year repayment period.

Another bill, he said, "has a bet-

ter chance of passage at this session than the Rockwell bill." It would permit a farmer to use any "wind-fall" earnings to pay off all or part of the construction charges against his property ahead of schedule.

Polk visited Grand Coulee dam today. He is scheduled to speak here tonight.

Snapp Addresses Student Meeting

Ursal Snapp, well-known boxer, talked to an enthusiastic group of about 100 students at their invitation Monday afternoon.

The talk was given at the Winema grade school, a three-room school on Tule lake, and the students gave Snapp their divided attention as he spoke on boxing, other sports and sportsmanship.

High School

News and Comment
By MARY LOU CASE



The sophomores seem to be getting off to the best start in the Track Queen campaign. Following a meeting of the class Monday, many sophomores checked out tickets and have been canvassing the town. They are attempting to make their candidate, Sandra Moore, the queen for the track meet, May 1.

Sophomore President Bob Pretzoldt has appointed two girls to take charge of the various phases of the race. Totsie Liskey will serve as campaign manager; Rosemark Murray will take charge of ticket sales. Tom Williams is the faculty member taking care of the entire distribution of the track tickets.

Homeroom teachers will be taking a vote among the students sometime in the next few days to see whether or not they want to continue the method of voting that was used in the last election. At

that time the regular poll method was tried out with voting booths set up in the two study halls. Many opinions for and against this form of voting have been voiced, and if this survey shows that the students favor this way, it will probably be used from now on.

All this is in preparation for the coming student body elections. The nominating committee is meeting this week, and nominations from the floor will be made this Thursday in a meeting of the student body.

Modeling their own creations Wednesday before the Parents and Patrons club will be the members of the home economics sewing classes. These pupils of Louise Kelsey will display all the work

of the last semester, and the advance classes will show juvenile clothes as well. A committee has worked on the program, consisting of Darlene Price, Joanne and Carolee Robinette, Doretha Miller and Mary Lou Janssen. The style show is being held in the auditorium at 3 p. m.

A subject very much discussed by

"the girls" these days is the Spring Formal, coming up this Friday, April 16. The programs, small, yellow booklets with celluloid covers and white silk cords, will go on sale this Wednesday for \$1.20. The boys' gym will be the location of the dance, and the decorations planned will include a false ceiling and spring scenes.

WANTED HONOR
After discovering the moons of Jupiter and naming them in honor of his friends, Galileo was offered fame and wealth for life if he would name his next great discovery for Henry IV, king of France.

Crop dusting by airplane is extensively carried on in cotton fields of the south.

Italy Gets Looted Gold

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—The state department said Monday \$31,000,000 in looted gold will be returned to Italy soon by the French-British-American gold commission.

The announcement came six days before the critical elections in Italy.

Press Officer Roger Tubby told a news conference the department has received word from commission headquarters in Brussels that the Italian government's claim has been allowed "almost in full."

The three-power gold commission was set up three years ago to pass on the claim to gold looted by the Nazis from various allied nations.

This is the second distribution of gold to Italy. About \$4,000,000 was allocated to the Italian government last October 17.

Cancer Treatment Equipment Planned

PORTLAND, April 13 (AP)—Cancer treatment equipment for more Oregon hospitals will be the aim of the state unit of the American Cancer society this year.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the program would make cancer equipment available to hospitals planned under the federal-state program. He said it would permit local treatment of patients heretofore required to travel great distances from their homes.

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