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In The Day's News

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN took off last night on a "grass roots" speaking tour that will cover 18 of our 48 states. As he boards his special train in Washington's impressively beautiful union depot (it takes 16 cars to hold his party), he tells the correspondents: "If I felt any better, I couldn't stand it."

The dispatches don't say so, but you can be sure that everybody within sight and hearing laughed and applauded. They like the little guy. Everybody does. You just can't help liking Harry Truman.

THE Presidential tour is tagged officially by the White House publicity crew as "non-political." Believe it or not, the secretaries keep a perfectly straight face when they apply the tag.

It has always been done that way, so they go on doing it that way. It doesn't kid anybody. From the smallest black pickaninny in the colored slums in Georgetown or Alexandria to the solemn and serious justices within the marble walls of the lovely Supreme Court building, everybody knows it's the bunk. But, after all, our politics is about 90 per cent bunk anyway. And this is traditional bunk. In our big, every-year Presidential campaign circus, we LOVE tradition. We want everything to be just like it always has been.

We're the same way about our regular circuses. We want the clowns to be painted up just like they've always been painted. We want them to pull the same old musty jokes and slapstick. If they don't, we're disappointed.

We feel the same way about Presidential campaigns.

IN some ways, we're beginning to depart from tradition.

Up until VERY recently, it would have been fatal for any candidate, from dog-catcher on up, to admit that he himself wanted the job he was seeking. He had to pull the old gag about hanging bashfully back but being urged by his friends until he finally couldn't stand out against the pressure any longer. Nobody has ever been fooled by this transparent razzle-dazzle. It was just the custom of the time—as it used to be the custom to start off a letter with something like "I take my pen in hand to let you know I am well and happy."

Here and there OF LATE, minor candidates are beginning to come out frankly and say: "I want this job, and if I get it, I'll do my darndest to make good." Every now and then a candidate WINS with this intriguingly new approach.

But they are mainly small-time candidates. It would probably never do for a President to be like that. We'd be shocked.

STILL and all, it would be good strategy if Harry S. Truman did it this year.

As the cards lie, he hasn't a chance at this moment. Trying to walk in somebody else's shoes, beating the drum (in the presence of the reporters) for causes that everybody knows he doesn't believe in, talking the curious double-talk that politicians in high places seem to think they have to talk, doing not-very-admirable things for purely and obviously political reasons, this little (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

Truman Confident At Outset Of Grass Roots Tour Of The West

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, June 4 (P)—Mr. Truman rode westward today for a major test of his popularity on an 18-state "grass roots" speaking tour. He told correspondents as he boarded the 16-car special train at Washington last night that "if I felt better I couldn't stand it."

The train first paused briefly at Pittsburgh for an operational stop. Mr. Truman came to the rear observation platform to greet Mayor David L. Lawrence, national democratic committeeman, and other officials. He did not address the crowd.

The White House tagged the journey as "non-political" but no one questioned its possible effect on the political future of the gray-haired Missourian.

His first major prepared address tonight at Chicago, at 6 p.m. (PST) shared interest with his prospective meeting there with Jacob M. Arvey, chairman of the powerful Cook county democratic central committee, and his earlier platform appearances at Fort Wayne and Gary, Ind.

Arvey has advocated Mr. Truman's withdrawal from the race. Although there was no representative of the democratic national committee aboard Mr. Truman's train, Senator J. Howard McGrath,

Mighty Steers Bring Big Price



Fattened on Lost river alfalfa and Klamath basin barley, these steers—and nearly 400 just like them—have just been sold by Liskay brothers for 29 cents a pound, an exceptional country point price. The Whitefaces average 1400 pounds.

Mediator Struggles To Bring About Arab-Jew Truce Quickly

By The Associated Press
Count Folke Bernadotte said today he hopes by Sunday to clarify Jewish and Arab differences on the four-week armistice for Palestine. The UN negotiator then could set an hour for the war on land, sea and in the air to cease.

Showers Seen For Basin Area

Prospects for clearing weather this week-end looked good to the weatherman today, as he predicted clouds tonight, Friday, and early Saturday, but clearing Saturday afternoon. Meanwhile, there will be scattered showers.

Maximum temperature Thursday was 66 degrees, far below the season's high of 84 Wednesday afternoon.

Most Klamath people were making week-end outdoor plans with the stipulation "weather permitting," just in case the weatherman proved wrong.

Malin Men Fly Over Flood Area

MALIN, June 4—Carl and John Coulson, sons of C. C. Coulson, flew over the Vanport area in an AT-6 last Wednesday to view the flood damage which they reported "beyond any description pictures could give."

John was at the controls when the plane left the Klamath Falls airport at an early hour Wednesday. The two returned the same day after flying down the Columbia river to Astoria.

the democratic chairman, saw him at the White House last night and drove with him to Washington's Union station to see him off.

So did Secretary of State Marshall, Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Attorney General Clark, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Senator Lucas of Illinois, democratic whip of the senate.

Mr. Truman plans other major, prepared talks, as follows: At Omaha Saturday at 7 p.m. (PST), before the 35th division's annual reunion.

At Seattle June 10 at 1 p.m. (PST) in Victory square under auspices of the Washington State Press club.

At Berkeley, Calif., June 12 at 3:30 p.m. (PST) at commencement exercises of the University of California.

At Los Angeles June 14 at 2:15 p.m. (PST) at Ambassador hotel under auspices of Greater Los Angeles Press club.

Mrs. Truman and her daughter, Margaret, will join the president in Omaha.

The devastating floods in the Northwest brought eleventh hour changes in the president's schedule for the Pacific Northwest to permit him to fly over the stricken area.

The president cancelled plans for a visit to the Hanford atomic energy project in Washington state originally set for next Wednesday.

Basin Steers Bring Near Record Price

Four hundred head of Klamath basin steers have just been sold for 29 cents per pound—rated among the highest prices paid at country points for beef in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Dan Liskay, cattleman who raised these Herefords on Liskay Brothers' Poe valley ranch, said he believes the price sets a Northwest record. There have been some similar reports of small bunches sold for prices around 29 and 30 cents, but not involving animals of such size or number as the Liskay sale.

The transaction was consummated by Fulton Dodge, buyer, and the cattle will be shipped in two bunches, Saturday and Wednesday. They go to the Santa Cruz Packing company, Santa Cruz, Calif.

The huge animals, resembling corn-fed steers of the Middle West, have been on feed since October, Liskay said they were fattened on good Lost river alfalfa and Klamath basin barley.

Dr. Jim Jacks of Cutter laboratories in Berkeley recently inspected the cattle and took numerous pictures of the herd.

Davis Victor In Assemblyman Race

Lester Davis, democratic incumbent, won both the republican and democratic nominations for second district assemblyman, according to word today from the Associated Press compilers at San Francisco.

Davis is a resident of Portland. The second district includes Siskiyou and Modoc counties.

Flood Cuts Highway; Supplies Come In By Airplane



The small community of Kalama, Wash., cut off from the outside areas by the flooding Columbia river, was receiving its supplies by air (note airplane, lower right on highway). Although the Columbia flood crest was moving on to the sea, another threat of floods was seen in rising waters at the source of the mighty river.

GOP's Join Demos Over Fund Issue

WASHINGTON, June 4 (P)—A group of house republicans decided informally today to join democrats in fighting cuts in the foreign aid bill.

The house appropriations committee has recommended a slash of \$533,000,000 in the multi-billion dollar aid measure.

Secretary of State Marshall declared such a cut would turn the European recovery program into a "mere relief" project.

Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) told newsmen he will offer amendments to restore the committee's cuts. Dirksen said a "substantial bloc" of republicans has agreed to support him. He did not say how many.

Dirksen made his announcement as the house prepared to take up the bill. Leaders aimed for final action by night fall.

Marshall authorized this direct quotation at a news conference: "The reduction proposed would, I consider, alter the European program from one of reconstruction to one of mere relief."

Marshall spoke as the house headed into a bitter fight over the proposed slash in funds.

Serious Effect

The secretary said in response to a question that if the cut which was recommended yesterday by the house appropriations committee is confirmed by congress, it will have a most serious effect on the political situation in Europe.

He was reminded that a year ago tomorrow he first proposed the Marshall plan for European recovery. In a speech at Harvard university, he said that he had no anniversary sentiments to express.

China Warned Over Anti-US Student Riots

NANKING, June 4 (P)—The United States warned China today that Chinese student demonstrations against American policy in Japan is creating an increasingly dangerous situation.

(Chinese government officials have charged communist agitators with stirring up these demonstrations, which frequently have turned into riotous disorders.)

Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart said the agitation "is seriously damaging the traditional cordiality between the United States and China and, if it continues, it may have unfortunate results."

Juan Frutos Takes Over In Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay, June 4 (P)—Chief Justice Juan Manuel Frutos began a 10-week term, as Paraguay's provisional president today, replacing deposed President Higinio Morinigo.

Morinigo, "strong man" president since 1940, was forced out yesterday in a bloodless coup effected by the army. His cabinet resigned with him.

Frutos will hold office until August 15, when President-Elect Juan Natalicio Gonzalez is to be inaugurated. The army said it acted to insure Gonzalez's inauguration.

The provisional president, believed in his late sixties, is an old-line leader of Morinigo's Colorado party.

First news of the deposing of Morinigo came yesterday morning when the government announced his resignation at the request of "the armed forces and the people."

The army communique said the action was started when Morinigo tried to remove Capt. Rodriguez Liberato, Asuncion police chief.

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This Albino Is A Puzzler



Bill Edwards, (left) and Gene Mitchell of the JF ranch at Dorris puzzle over the carcass of a white groundhog which Edwards shot on the ranch property. It may be an albino and it may not. Edwards and Mitchell can't make up their minds because the animal doesn't have pink eyes!

All-White Groundhog Shot Here

What apparently is a genuine, and they hope not "dyed-in-the-wool" freak of nature—an all-white groundhog—was shot Thursday morning on the JF ranch near Dorris.

Bill Edwards, ranch employee, spotted the animal on a rock and let fly with a .22 caliber rifle at about 30 yards, killing the hog with the first shot.

The groundhog measured 17 1/2 inches from nose to tail tip, and had a generous coat of dead white hair, growing slightly darker on the tail. The possibility of the animal being an albino was discounted by the absence of characteristic pink eyes and eyelids.

Edwards hopes to have the animal mounted, if he can get it to a taxidermist before the fragrant state sets in.

Truman Signs Camp White Bill

WASHINGTON, June 4 (P)—The bill authorizing the veterans administration to take over and operate Camp White hospital near Medford, Ore., was signed yesterday by President Truman.

The bill passed the senate May 24 and was rushed through the house June 2 upon a plea that use of Camp White would alleviate flood distress.

The veterans administration also takes over Schick General hospital at Clinton, Ia., under the measure.

London Paper Ponders Over Sliding Stunt

LONDON, June 4 (P)—The state-ly Times mused for half a column today on the report that Miss Florence E. Dolph of Dunmore, Pa., slid down a banister before breakfast on her recent 101st birthday.

"It is difficult to resist the feeling we have been told either too much or too little about how she spent her birthday," the editorial said.

"We have no vestige of right to assume she spent the rest of the day in a rocking chair; she is far more likely to have been crouched over the controls of a helicopter, and if she was we ought to have been told about it x x x," the paper went on.

"We do not even know whether she adopted the forward seat or whether she slid astride or side-saddle. x x x"

At Dunmore, Miss Dolph chuckled heartily that her birthday slide attracted interest in England.

The centenarian said she'll slide down the banister again—July 4th, American Independence Day. She always makes a slide on holidays.

Runaway Train Fatal To Three

VERNONIA, Ore., June 4 (P)—A runaway logging train killed three men near here yesterday.

The locomotive overturned on a downhill curve near Keasey, killing Jerry R. Manning, fireman, and Frank Wills, Estacada, Ore., a time-keeper for the Oregon-American Lumber Corp.

Jeffrey R. McGregor, Milwaukie, Ore., the engineer, died en route to a hospital.

The train, operated by the corporation, was hauling 13 log cars and an oil car when its brakes apparently failed on a hill.

The logs were coming from the corporation's Camp Olson, which was listed as Manning's address.

New Scientific Era Ushered In With Huge New Telescope

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, Calif., June 4 (P)—Astronomers ushered in a new scientific era today as they prepared to unveil the 200-inch Hale telescope—mankind's "window to the stars."

The giant telescope-camera atop Palomar mountain in Southern California was dedicated formally yesterday by some of the nation's top-ranking scientists. It will afford them twice the space-penetrating power of any instrument previously at their disposal.

Newsmen who took their first peek through the "big eye" last night labelled the show something of a disappointment.

They gazed at the planet Saturn but said they couldn't see much. Saturn, 71,500 miles across, appeared as a globe about two inches wide.

When further tests are completed and additional equipment installed, the "big eye" will be used to take

Sun Melts Snowpack To Swell Rivers

By WILLIAM PHIPPS

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (P)—Unbridled waters churned today through newly punched-out dikes on the Pacific Northwest's far-flung flood front. More strained levees were crumbling. A new crest was rolling down.

The Fraser river in Canada smashed the barriers—at Barnston and Hatzic islands in British Columbia. The Canadian navy said all of 360 men, women and children on Barnston who fled for their lives ahead of the foaming water wall had reached safety. Most of them were taken off in ships to nearby Port Kells, the navy said.

Reinforcements rushed to soggy dikes along the lower Columbia river's shores in Oregon and Washington as the massive flow of the big river threatened to widen its most destructive 1200-mile surge to the Pacific.

Crest Mounting

The fresh flood crest was mounting in the Columbia, far up in the mountains where the blazing sun too quickly changed the deep snowpack into runoff water. The Snake river, main Columbia tributary, also was rising.

The collapse of Barnston and Hatzic dikes last night flooded more fertile farmlands, adding to the tremendous but yet untold millions of dollars damage in the Northwest region.

Before the new rampages of the Fraser, estimates from qualified sources soared to \$110,000,000 for the Columbia in Idaho and the lower valley in Oregon and Washington. \$30,000,000 for the Fraser. The death toll on the Columbia was 21, two on the Fraser.

A wall of water 30 feet high roared into Barnston. The saucer-like island, almost three miles long and one and one-half wide, is 20 miles east of Vancouver, B. C.

Navy Help Sent

The Canadian navy at once sent six vessels in an attempt to save the marooned islanders who fled to the opposite side from the break. Most residents had been evacuated earlier when the situation had been considered more critical. The break came, a Canadian army official said, as "quite a surprise."

Among those on the island were 15 Canadian army and 60 navy men who had been helping civilians in holding the saturated dikes. One of them was Col. J. Toogood, commander of the 13th armored regiment.

The break on Hatzic island, 45 miles east of Vancouver, was the largest along the Fraser during the current flood siege—800 feet. Water swept away the Canadian Pacific railway's double-tracked main line, a pump station and the station-keeper's house. The town of Dewdney was isolated, and about 6000 people were stranded. The British Columbia electric power station at Dewdney was knocked out.

On the lower Columbia, more troops and civilians hurried into danger areas to aid weary workers who have spent days strengthening scores of weakening dikes against the river's savage onslaught.

Clatskanie Critical

Five hundred army regulars and 250 navy men were helping hundreds of civilians in the 12,000-acre Clatskanie area, which U. S. engineers said was in "very critical condition." Only one of nine dikes in this Oregon area 50 miles from the river's mouth, was good, they said.

Across the river in Washington, the situation in the Longview-Kelso area 65 miles upriver was almost as bad. Nearly 5000 men, including 100 fresh soldiers, labored on soggy dikes each day. Their schedule called for laying 100,000 sandbags each day.

Elsewhere along the lower river, the dikes were holding their own or the situation was improved over yesterday, the engineers reported.

The crest of the new flood—expected in the already hard-hit Portland area Monday—was beginning to swell both the Columbia and the Snake, the Columbia's principal tributary.

Record Flow

At Grand Coulee dam, most massive structure yet built by man, the Columbia's rate of flow hit a

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