

NUMBERS GAME RAIDED

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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair today and Wednesday. High today 78. Low tonight 49 to 53. High Wednesday 81. Max. (July 31) 77. Min. 47. Precipitation last 24 hours .00

Lindbergh Case Figure Picked Up

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP)—One of six men booked here today in a three-state roundup of an alleged \$50,000,000-a-year numbers racket ring was identified by police as once prominent in the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

Irving Bliz, 46-year-old circulation inspector for the New York Journal American, was described in the police lineup by Acting Captain Harry Hanley as "the celebrated Bliz who was mixed up in the Lindbergh kidnaping."

Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh named Bliz and Salvatore Spitalo as "go betweens" in negotiating the return of their kidnaped baby on March 3, 1932. The two withdrew from the Lindbergh baby hunt the following April 23.

The six, booked after all-night questioning by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan and aides, denied in the lineup that they participated in the alleged racket.

Nine persons were arrested yesterday in New Jersey and Cincinnati, and two were seized here previously.

Today's batch of prisoners—including two newspaper circulation employees—were charged with conspiracy and conspiring a lottery.

Totals Charged

The cheating was done by manipulating the reports on the daily totals of the Cincinnati, O., Clearing House association.

Dennison Doble, secretary of the association, was reported to have admitted he had juggled the figures for a year and a half so that the players' normal 1936-1937 chance of winning would be reduced enormously.

The Cincinnati bank clearing figures were a factor in determining the winning numbers on which suckers in many states bet their pennies, dimes and dollars.

One of the prisoners, Anthony Strullo, alias Tony Bender, was described by New York County District Attorney Frank S. Hogan as "one of the top underworld figures in the East."

Strullo was arrested yesterday in Cliffside Park, N. J., as the three-state crackdown hit Doble, who was arrested in Cincinnati, will be brought to New York to face charges.

Seven persons were arrested in Newark, N. J., after New York and New Jersey officers raided the alleged headquarters of the racket in a fashionable hotel.

Three of the Newark prisoners were held in jail of \$100,000 each. One of them is the occupant of the raided house, Daniel Zwillman, a cousin of Abner ("Long") Zwillman, a prominent prohibition era figure in the Newark area.

Two men were arrested July 12 in an "initial raid" in Staten Island, the district attorney said.

A numbers player collects a sequence of any three digits—such as 227 or 559 and puts his bet on that for the day. With the odds 1000-to-1, the payoff was only 640-to-1.

Raging Typhoon Blasts Shanghai

Backers Of Military Aid For Europe Seek Cost Slash

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—Republican backers of military aid for Europe moved today to cut by more than half President Truman's \$1,458,000,000 foreign arms program.

Greeted with a storm of criticism, the president's proposal seemed to have headed the bipartisan foreign policy toward one of its severest tests in congress.

Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Dulles (R-N.Y.), who have taken active parts in trying to keep that policy alive, were obviously irked that the state department had ignored their advice to submit only a token arms program to a congress already fretting about foreign spending.

They felt themselves open to attack from GOP colleagues on the ground that the administration seemed to be making cooperation a one-way street.

Nevertheless, the two were reported working with Rep. Verry (R-Ohio) on an alternative plan. Under it congress might be asked

to approve a \$77,000,000 outlay, to forward \$458,000,000 in surplus military equipment to North Atlantic pact signers and make about \$700,000,000 more available to buy new equipment for them at home and abroad.

This would be in addition to about \$228,000,000 to continue arms aid for Greece and Turkey, the amount the president asked.

Thus the total outlay under the alternative plan would be less than half of the total sought by Mr. Truman. He also asked the \$77,000,000 for repairing, packaging and

shipping surplus supplies along with about \$1,500,000,000 for new equipment for eight Atlantic pact signers.

As an example, Senator George (D-Ga.) who has gone along on most of Mr. Truman's foreign policy moves, charged that an effort is being made "to stampede congress into quick action."

"The moves that have been made gave an impression of an urgency that is not there," the Georgia senator declared. "There is no need for urgency and it would be most unfortunate if action is taken on the arms program before the defense council is set up under the Atlantic pact."

In submitting the proposal, President Truman told congress he was covering only "the most pressing needs for military aid."

But Senator Dulles told a reporter the arms program has been ready, in about the form in which it was submitted, for six months or more.

He said this delay demonstrated to him at least, that the program was not so pressing it couldn't wait until Europe's needs are charged by the North Atlantic defense council.

This body is to be set up under the pact ratified by the senate last week.

Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of his party's policy committee, blasted the president's proposal as one that would have congress "substantially allocate all functions relating to foreign policy."



CHESTER HAMAKER

29 Killed, Thousands Homeless

SHANGHAI, July 26 (AP)—Shanghai's worst storm in years killed 29 persons, injured 23 and left upwards of 200,000 homeless, rescuers sloshing through flooded streets learned today.

Fourteen died when a house collapsed, 19 lost their lives in a series of fires and five others were electrocuted by power lines blown down in the 23-hour storm.

Property damage appeared heavy. But the worst may have occurred in neighboring farm areas. Badly needed truck crops were either totally destroyed or badly damaged. The lower Yangtze rice crop, due to be harvested in 40 days, was destroyed partially.

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Hamaker To Take Chest Chairmanship

Chester Hamaker, Klamath's outstanding young man in civic work in 1948, today accepted a major 1949 responsibility—the chairmanship of the Community Chest campaign.

Hamaker accepted the appointment after a meeting with the heads of participating organizations at which he was assured full cooperation of these groups in staging the 1949 money-raising effort, stated for this fall. The total goal for the campaign is \$65,450, and benefiting agencies include the Salvation Army, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, YMCA, Klamath Falls, Merrill and Chiloquin Teen-Age clubs, and the State Chest.

While the allocations to various groups are not as high as requested, it was brought out that there will be a proportionate division of any coverage this year, so that if the campaign goes beyond the goal, the groups will receive more money.

Organization representatives said they had pared their requirements to the essentials in making their requests, but recognized the board's problem and would give every possible aid in reaching and exceeding the goal. Hamaker explained that each of the groups would be given a specific campaign responsibility.

The campaign will be staged in November.

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The Americans Hurt

(The typhoon left two dead on Okinawa, 16 Americans injured and damage to U. S. installations unofficially estimated \$20,000,000. Air force installations were heavily damaged by winds up to 150 miles an hour but headquarters in Tokyo reported minimum plane losses. Okinawa has a B-29 base.)

(The army in Tokyo ordered planes and ships to stand by to carry relief supplies to the U. S. base 300 miles south of Japan. Some facilities were wiped out; others suffered 50 per cent destruction. New buildings, especially designed to resist typhoon winds, came out of it with slight damage, the army said.)

(One of the two killed was the seven-year-old daughter of an air force officer, whose two other daughters were critically hurt. A Filipino construction worker later died of injuries.)

(Meanwhile, Japan was alerted for a new 75 mile an hour typhoon which missed Okinawa and passed over or near Iwo Jima and was due 450 miles south of Kobe by 4 a. m. tomorrow (2 p. m. EST, today).)

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French Press Says Russians Have A-Bomb

PARIS, July 26 (AP)—A Paris weekly newspaper claims in its current edition that Russia has exploded an atom bomb.

The story appeared in Samedi Soir, a weekly noted for sensationalism.

According to the newspaper, United States recording devices showed an atomic explosion in Siberia July 19. This, said Samedi Soir, is the reason President Truman called a top-secret conference of military, scientific and congressional leaders.

"The United States," said the weekly, "which had managed until now to keep monopoly of the atom bomb and of the material necessary for its production is in a frightful state since the moment it knew the USSR had pierced the secret of the bomb."

Samedi Soir said the United States established a listening post in the arctic after being alerted by British intelligence who had received reports from Russian refugees that the Soviets were on the point of unlocking the secret of the atom bomb.

Hutchinson Named To Farm Post

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Knox T. Hutchinson to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

Hutchinson is a Murfreesboro, Tenn., farmer.

Hutchinson was appointed to a post vacant since secretary of agriculture moved up to head the department.

Hutchinson operates a 550 acre farm. The agriculture department said he has been active in rural electric cooperatives and other agricultural activities.

Before engaging in farming he taught agriculture in the Teachers' college at Murfreesboro.

Hutchinson was born on a farm near Fayetteville, Tenn., on October 9, 1894. He served in the navy during World War I.

The department said the new assistant will have general supervision of marketing policies and programs of the department.

Ellingson Planing Mill Work Pushed

Work on a planing mill being erected by the Ellingson Lumber company on an acreage near the Klamath Memorial cemetery is about 60 per cent complete and a concrete foundation for the planing machine is to be poured tomorrow.

The company recently purchased seven acres of ground from the city for the mill.

The eight-knife planing machine being installed was brought over from Ashland and when put into operation will mark an advancement for the lumber industry in this area.

The company plans to bring lumber from its mill west of Keno on the Klamath river down to the planer for finishing, then load it onto freight cars at the Great Northern tracks directly from the planer.

Robert Ellingson, head of the lumber company, said he did not know when the planing mill would be put into operation. No electric power has been brought to the site yet and the carpentry work on the platform is being done with the aid of a portable generator.

Work on the planer started about three weeks ago.

Flexible Farm Price Plan Eyed

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—Senator Anderson (D-N. M.) said today he will propose a "flexible price support" program tomorrow.

It will be offered at a closed-door session of the senate agriculture committee, Anderson, former secretary of agriculture, said.

This same group held a stormy session today with Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said Brannan shied away from all proposed compromises for his own plan.

Demos Go Along On ECA Fund Cut

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) said today the democratic policy committee has decided to "go along" on a \$419,000,000 cut in European recovery funds voted by the appropriations committee.

Lucas, the majority leader, announced the decision after a meeting of the policy unit.

The economic cooperation administration asked for \$4,198,200,000 to finance the recovery program for the year which began July 1. The senate committee approved \$3,778,380,000.

The bill now is being debated by the senate.

In the debate Senator Ellender (D-La.) accused Britain of holding up recovery in Western Europe by refusing to go along on a currency exchange deal to spur trade.

Republicans Ask Date Of Session End

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—House republicans demanded today an end to the uncertainty over the date for adjournment of congress.

And if things aren't cleared up in a hurry, they hinted, they may fight any move to keep the senate and house in session after July 31. That is the adjournment deadline fixed by the 1946 congressional reorganization act.

Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts told reporters he would demand a showdown tomorrow by publicly asking the democratic leadership what it intends to do.

Specifically, Martin said, he will ask Speaker Rayburn if it is the intention of the democrats to follow the July 31 deadline set in the reorganization act. If they don't intend to follow it, Martin will want to know why, and how much longer the session will last.

No Surprise

Martin's question won't take Rayburn by surprise. For several weeks the house leaders have been debating whether the reorganization act's provision is binding this year because technically the nation still is at war.

The reorganization act says congress shall adjourn not later than July 31 of each year except in time of war or national emergency, or unless congress extends the session by affirmative action.

Both Martin and Rep. Monroney (D-Okla.), co-author of the reorganization law, said there may be doubt of the validity of any act passed after July 31 unless a resolution continuing the session is passed.

There is no use taking a chance, Martin said.

"Abduction" Count Cut To Car Theft

RED BLUFF, Calif., July 26 (AP)—Federal charges of transporting a stolen car across a state line are to be filed against two carnival workers arrested here after bringing two young girls from Bend, Ore.

Sheriff James N. Froomo said the FBI would file the charges in Sacramento against J. B. Rich, 20, and Norman Betts, 21. They both were charged earlier in Salem, Ore., with armed robbery and automobile theft.

The girls, aged 14 and 16, were to be released to their parents today. There seemed little likelihood that charges of abduction would be made against the two young men, Froomo said.

The girls left the two men while they slept in a car. The girls located a farm house and the owner notified the sheriff after the girls told of being forced to accompany the men.

Driver Faces Probe In Mystery Death

PORTLAND, July 26 (AP)—A truck driver was held here today for questioning in the death of a woman whose battered body was found in a California canal.

Butte County, Calif., Sheriff H. W. Forward said Earl B. Storms, 38, Portland, was being detained until investigation of Oregon angles of the slaying was completed.

The mutilated body of twice wedded Mrs. Lena Owens Hicks, 19, was found in an irrigation canal near her Oroville, Calif., home June 24.

The sheriff said Storms and the woman were in Portland June 19. He said a letter by Mrs. Hicks to her mother, Mrs. L. C. Helman, Hellingham, Wash., had mentioned Storms and referred to him as a "good man."

Storms was arrested last night by Portland Detectives Bard Purcell and Mike O'Leary and questioned for several hours by Sheriff Forward, a Butte county deputy and a California justice department investigator.

Merrill Road Curve Changed

Huge piles of earth, deep excavations and giant machinery mark the progress of the highway construction crew contracted to straighten a curve in the Merrill highway near the Wong ranch, as well as other improvements.

The \$233,443 job, contracted by Jim Conley, includes 7.8 miles of paving south from the Henry Semon ranch.

B. P. Whitmore is engineer for the job and L. V. Blickenstaff is transitman for the survey party. The overall job also includes widening the highway in front of Malin park.

Rent Control Off In Spokane Area

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP)—Rent control was removed today from all of Spokane and Spokane county, Wash., by Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods.

Woods said the local rent advisory board submitted evidence that the supply of rental housing in Spokane had caught up with demand. The board recommended a 25 per cent increase in the general rent level if the area was not decontrolled.

The housing expediter said he concluded on the basis of information supplied by the local board and his own office that rent control could be lifted, effective today.

Shooting Mayor Fights Off Klan

DONALSONVILLE, Ga., July 26 (AP)—The mayor of a South Georgia country town said today he beat off with gunfire a mob of Ku Klux Klansmen who tried to kidnap him.

Mayor C. L. Drake of nearby Iron City, said "seven or eight automobiles loaded with uniformed and masked klansmen" approached his house about 3 a. m. Sunday, July 17.

"I opened fire on them and they scattered in a hurry," he said. "When they shot back they were too far away to do any harm."

Iron City is a town of about 800 persons in extreme Southwest Georgia. It is about 15 miles from the Alabama line and about 35 miles from Florida.

No Witness, So Smith Trial Slowed

PORTLAND, July 26 (AP)—An 18-year-old Modoc Indian scheduled to go to trial in federal court today, was returned to jail here when the prosecution received a postponement until August 23.

The defendant is Raymond (Skip) Smith of Beatty, he pleaded innocent to an indictment of second degree murder on arraignment yesterday, and the trial was supposed to start today.

Smith is accused of murder in the slaying of Elmo Lobert, 22, a Klamath Indian, on June 2 at Pine Ridge on the reservation. Lobert was stabbed in the throat.

The prosecution has been trying to locate Lavina George, an Indian girl who reportedly witnessed the stabbing, but has been unable to find her. Additional time was asked to continue the search.

Smith is represented by J. C. O'Neill, Klamath Falls attorney.

Pilot Terrorizes Stockton Area, Crashes To Death

STOCKTON, Calif., July 26 (AP)—Riding the wings of death over his wife's grave, a young flier crashed his plane near her tomb, and died.

He was Russell Gilman Higby, 23, son and partner of a wealthy produce merchant. He had been increasingly dependent since his wife died in childbirth four months ago.

Yesterday he took his father's small plane into the sky.

For an hour Stockton was terrorized. The ship rocketed over the city, sometimes skimming 10 feet above the pavement, then flitting in and out between tall buildings.

"For a while, we wondered if we ought to shoot him down," said Sheriff Carlos Sousa.

Hundreds of telephone calls reached the sheriff and police.

Then Higby raced his plane to the cemetery, on the north outskirts of Stockton.

He climbed for altitude and swooped earthward in a powerdive.

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Dave Liskey, Prominent In County's Agricultural Rise, Found Dead At Home Here

Dave Liskey, 59, for over a quarter of a century prominent in Klamath cattle and land development operations, was found dead about 8 o'clock this morning in the garage of his home at 1950 Auburn street.

Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward, who was called to the residence, said that Mr. Liskey had taken his own life. There was a bullet wound in his forehead and a 25-20 Remington rifle lay nearby. A looped rope was around the neck.

Mr. Liskey had been in ill health recently, and friends and members of the family attributed his death to his brooding over this condition. He had planned to go to Portland soon for an examination, and the fear of invalidism preyed upon his mind. He left no note.

A colorful figure identified with the Klamath country's remarkable agriculture rise in the last 25 years, Mr. Liskey was born in this county and teamed with his brother, Dan, in building a fabulous farm and cattle empire. Only a few weeks ago dissolution of their long-time business association was announced.

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