

ONE THIEF ROBS HORSE PARLOR

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
UP at Pasco, in the state of Washington, just over the fence from the super-secret, super-government Hanford atomic project, a significant blow FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS has just been struck.

A Pasco newspaper, the Tri-City Herald, has been publishing a series of articles criticizing the quality of construction in a Pasco housing project. After three of them had been printed, the construction company last week obtained a court order restraining the newspaper from publishing ANY MORE articles while a collection case instituted by the company against a buyer of one of the houses is pending.

This morning, after a hearing in which the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press had been argued out, the court dissolved the order, leaving the newspaper free to go ahead and print what it pleases AT ITS OWN RISK.

THIS is the point: WHENEVER A NEWSPAPER CAN BE FORBIDDEN IN ADVANCE TO PRINT WHATEVER IT CHOOSES TO PRINT, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WILL BE DEAD.

FOR example: Suppose it became known that this newspaper was preparing to print a story, or an editorial, or a letter to the editor that would be DISPLEASING to government—city government, county government, state government, federal government—ANY GOVERNMENT.

Suppose government could legally order this newspaper NOT TO PRINT the article. Suppose we had to obey the order or go to jail.

In that event, there would be no such thing as freedom of the press.

LET'S keep this thing clear and straight in our minds.

Freedom of the press is not LICENSE to the press to print that which is false and libelous and damaging to the rights of others. The newspaper is RESPONSIBLE for what it prints. If it prints untruths that are damaging to you and you can prove that you have been damaged, you can COLLECT FOR THE DAMAGE. If a newspaper prints a criminal libel and the libel can be proved, its editor or editors can be sent to jail.

That is as it should be. The right to speak or print what you think ought to be spoken or printed is like other rights guaranteed to us by our constitution. It must be exercised WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

The right to print what it conveys to be the truth is not a PRIVILEGE granted to the newspaper as a special concession. Freedom of the press is based soundly and wisely upon the RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

IF the time ever comes when a newspaper can be forbidden IN ADVANCE to print something that it thinks ought to be printed, the right of the people to know what is going on will have been taken away and the road to corruption in government, as a present development, and DICTATORSHIP AND DESPOTISM IN GOVERNMENT, as an ultimate development, will be left wide open.

ANNEX NIXED

LEBANON, Nov. 23 (AP)—A proposal to annex two square miles southwest of here to the city of Lebanon was defeated last night. Lebanon voters favored it 298 to 103, but voters of the area outside the city rejected it 200 to 123.

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Reds Free U. S. Consul

Russ Scorn Nationalists' U.N. Rights

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP)—Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky announced today Russia no longer recognizes the Chinese Nationalist delegation as the spokesman for China in the United Nations.

This means that the Soviet Union will not consider the Chiang Kai-shek regime as a proper member of the security council, where China shares the right to veto with the other big powers—Russia, the United States, Britain and France.

Recently Yugoslavia was elected to the security council, over Russian protests, but Yugoslavia will not share its seat in January.

The Soviet Union previously broke diplomatic relations with the Chiang regime and accorded recognition to the Communist regime at Peiping. Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky told the United Nations assembly he fully supports last week's message from the Chinese Reds saying the present Chinese UN delegation cannot speak for China.

"We will not regard the Kuomintang delegation" as representatives of China, Vishinsky said. He made his announcement at the beginning of a speech on atomic control.

Condition Of Hunt Accident Victim Good

Condition of Earl Spry, Tulelake chiropractor, was reported good today by Klamath valley hospital attendants.

Spry was admitted yesterday afternoon for treatment of superficial face wounds received in a hunting accident.

Officials report Spry has some eye damage, but the extent has not been determined.

The accident occurred yesterday when Spry and a party were pheasant hunting. Birds were flushed and as the hunters shot, some of the buckshot struck Spry in the face.

SPUD BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23 (AP)—Potatoes: 18 broken, 33 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Oregon 1, Idaho 5, Utah 3; 17 cars arrived by truck; market steady on long whites, weaker on russets; no sales.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23 (AP)—Potatoes: 28 broken, 18 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Oregon 1, Nevada 1, California 1; market steady; street sales Klamath Russets No. 1A 4.15-25.

Normal City Hubbub Quiets Tomorrow For Thanksgiving

Klamath Falls will join the rest of the nation tomorrow, and the world in general wherever American will spend the day, in the joyful celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

Business houses will be closed tight as a drum, schools end with classes this afternoon for the remainder of the week, federal buildings, city and county offices, and stores, will cease activity.

There will be no postal delivery, but The Herald and News will publish.

Chest Zooms Upward To 83% of Goal

Klamath County's Community Chest fund boomed upward at noon today when workers reported 82 per cent of the \$65,541 goal.

At the last report luncheon of the campaign, a total of \$53,487 had been turned in with "more to come."

The campaign ended today. General Chairman Chet Hamaker declared that it was obvious from

the volume of reports that "many of our people have not been asked to give" during the drive to provide operating costs in the year 1950 for the member agencies of the Community Chest.

All Contacts
"I will repeat what I told all of our volunteers when the campaign started," Hamaker declared. "That is this — you have not completely discharged your campaign responsibility until you have made every last contact you agreed to make and then have reported on your efforts."

Hamaker further told the workers that "although this is our last official report meeting, we cannot consider the job done as long as we are one cent short of the \$65,541 goal. That is the absolute minimum that our agencies should have to operate at top efficiency during the next year."

Thanks
"I know that many of you have worked hard and faithfully and in behalf of the hundreds of boys and girls and adults who will be benefited because of your efforts. I sincerely thank you. Also, in behalf of these same youngsters and the others, I urge you not to leave a single assignment uncompleted. It is never too late to get the job done."

Hamaker told his co-workers. Meanwhile, two additional firms became eligible for campaign "Oscar" when they qualified as Hard Hitters in the drive. They are J. J. Newberry company and the New K cafe.

Angus Ward Banished From China

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Angus Ward, the American consul general at Mukden, has been released from jail by the Chinese Communists and ordered out of the country.

The Communists also released four consulate aides who were jailed with Ward October 24 on what the state department called "trumped up" charges of beating and insulting two Chinese in a wage dispute.

The department announced today that it had received word of the releases from Ward himself. It was the first direct word from the consul general in a month.

'Barbaric'
In winding up what the department has denounced as their "barbaric" treatment of Ward, the Communists gave him a trial before a "people's court."

This court found them all guilty and meted out varying prison sentences. Then the sentences were commuted to deportation.

Ward, 56-year-old veteran diplomat, made his report in a telephone conversation with American Consul General O. Edmund Clubb at Peiping. Clubb rushed the information to Washington.

'Up And About'
Ward said that the other four men and he were "up and about."

The state department instructed Clubb to tell Ward "that he and his entire staff are to depart from Mukden forthwith."

The four jailed with Ward were Ralph Rehberg, of Rochester, N. Y., a foreign service clerk; Shiro Tatsumi, a mechanic, formerly of Semmes of the consulate, Franco Cicogna and Alfred Kristan Rehberg and Tatsumi are American citizens.

American officials had hopefully looked for some "break" in the case since Secretary of State Acheson's move last week for concerted pressure by 30 nations on the Communists Acheson asked the 30 nations to express their concern to the Chinese communists.

They're Shivering In Other Places

By The Associated Press
Sub-zero weather nipped Northern New England today, and it was freezing or below throughout the East as far south as Northern Florida.

Houlton, Me., had a low mercury reading of five below zero. It was two above at Caribou, Me., three above at Montpelier, Vt., six at Lebanon, N.H., 13 at Worcester, Mass., Tallahassee, Fla., where the normal temperature for the season is around 48 degrees reported a low of 31 degrees.

Klamath Billiards Loses Thousands In Bold Daylight 'Raid'

By HALE SCARBROUGH
The search turned south today for the slickest bandit to nick Klamath Falls in years—a fellow who staged a fake raid at the Klamath Billiards yesterday afternoon and got away with a cash box containing an estimated \$4500 to \$5000.

The bandit is believed to have gotten off a United Air Lines plane somewhere in California and disappeared.

Faces are red all over town as a result of the affair, and understandably. This is how it came about:

About 3:45 yesterday afternoon, a man stepped in an enclosure at the rear of the famous Main street pool hall—housing what is commonly known as a "Horse Room"—flashed a five-pointed star pinned to his waist and announced:

"This is it, boys."
He grabbed a strongbox at the window, containing considerable currency, taken in on horseshoe bets, then said to Bob Alexander, 27, and Grover Ward, 50, employees behind the horse room windows:

"Come along with me."
Take a Walk
The startled Alexander and Ward came along, out the back door and down the alley with the poney coop.

He marched them to the court-house and up on the second floor where he told Alexander and Ward to sit down at a row of seats along the corridor wall, and to wait.

The bandit then walked into the district attorney's office where DA Dayton Van Vactor was leaning against the counter. He asked Van Vactor where the office of the city attorney was located.

DA Obliges
Van Vactor gave the man directions to the city hall, and he left, still carrying the grey-green strong box under his arm.

After a few moments, Alexander and Ward, sitting in the hall, began to scent that all was not what it appeared.

They went into the district attorney's office to ask where their captor had gone—and the story was out.

The sheriff's office, city and state police were alerted on the smooth robbery and the search got under way.

Fast Check
As fast as possible the bus depot, railroad station and air line office was checked to see if anyone answering the description of the bandit had bought a ticket, a watch was kept on the highways and word of the daring coup was spread into California, all without success.

Several hours later it was determined that the man had bought a plane ticket to Sacramento at the Winema hotel travel bureau and had taken a cab to the airport, presumably boarding a southbound plane, and neatly circumventing the United ticket office at the airport.

The plane left about 4:25 and some passengers did get aboard here. It made a stop at Red Bluff before reaching Sacramento and at Sacramento a California detective, Henri Warren, said no passenger answering the fugitive's description got off there.

If the bandit—by split-second timing—boarded the plane here, he may have gotten off at Red Bluff.

The man was described by persons who saw him at the Klamath Billiards as about 6-1 tall, grey hair, tweed top coat and a dark hat. The bandit was a stranger to Alexander and Ward, but Herbert Hoppe, manager of the pool hall, said "some of the boys" around the place thought they had seen him before.

The thoroughness with which the toberry had been planned led officers here to believe the man had studied the layout of the pool hall and horse parlor.

The Klamath Billiards, run for years by the Serruys brothers and now by Louis Soukup, is one of the most famous establishments of its type in the west.



HERE'S THE ROUTE—or was it a walk? The white dots lead from the rear of the Klamath Billiards, between 6th and 7th, to the Klamath county courthouse where a pseudo officer escorted Grover Ward and Bob Alexander from the KB horse parlor to the district attorney's office late yesterday afternoon. The two employees were left to cool their heels while the erstwhile officer took off with a KB strongbox holding between \$4500 and \$5000 of the day's receipts.

Vet Wounds Wife, Killed by Cop

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 23 (AP)—A beserk marine veteran was shot and killed by a policeman today a few minutes after he seriously injured his pretty brunette wife in their suburban apartment.

A year-old baby in a bedroom a few yards away was not harmed.

Policemen John Pate and W. H. Brown identified the dead man as Alexander Sokolsky, 26, and said he was released from veteran's hospital, Coral Gables, yesterday.

Margaret 'Very Good Girl'

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23 (AP)—Margaret O'Brien "is really not a problem—she's a very good little girl," her mother said as a judge approved a movie contract for the 12-year-old actress to make "City Girl" for \$66,500.

The mother, Mrs. Gladys O'Brien Sylvio, made the remark yesterday in recalling that her daughter also is set for a radio series in which she portrays a problem child.

Meet Klamath Falls People Shopping For Thanksgiving Day Dinner



THIS TOM TURKEY, Klamath grown, is tested for a Thanksgiving dinner possibility by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kopley who live at 2850 Bisbee. The tom weighed 32 1/2 pounds.



CAUGHT IN A box of chestnuts is this moppet, 2-year-old Nita Payzant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon C. Payzant, 3235 Bristol.



THANKSGIVING dinner problems ironed out by Mrs. Claud J. Thompson, 620 Washington, who was shopping for the big day. She will have 12 guests.



VEGETABLES for Thanksgiving dinner take much consideration. Mrs. John D. Merryman is thinking artichokes would go nicely with the turkey.