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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'm wondering if anybody has missed this stuff in the past few days. The reason I'm wondering is that I'm writing this one down in a corner of the basement at home on a typewriter that was getting old when FDR ran for his third term and here Harry is getting ready to run for HIS third term.

Typewriters age over these long swings of history, and this one is no exception to the rule. Brought here in the first place as something for grandchildren to harden their muscles on, it has developed peculiarities under the treatment. I hit a "g" back there a little way, but what got printed on the paper was this jigger: ct.

Now that will obviously never do. I set out here to write a high class opinion piece, and things like this ct. ct. ct. ct. ct. ct., which stare back at me from the paper are used when you send bills to people and want to know why the heck they don't pay you what they owe you so you can go out and use the money instead of them using it.

You can't write anything worth reading when things like that keep happening, and so I started wondering if anybody had missed the stuff on the days when it didn't appear. If nobody had missed it, you see, I wouldn't need to explain why it hadn't been appearing. And if I didn't need to do any explaining I wouldn't need to use this typewriter—which would be something.

But I reckon I'd better be getting on with this explanation.

Did you ever hear of one of these FLU bugs?

I hope not.

They're disreputable characters.

I think I caught a glimpse of one the other night in something about halfway between a nightmare and whatever state it was that de Quincey must have reached when he was hitting the opium ripe really good. That is one of the drawbacks of this flu business. It brings you hallucinations like that when all you want is good, quiet, peaceful slumber that will restore your faculties and let you get back to your job.

Anyway, this thing I glimpsed was a horrible looking monster. It had a head shaped about like a sandbur if sandburs grew to be about the size of Hubbard squashes. It had a squatty, muscular body and the feet at the end of its misshapen legs were also like sandburs in appearance. And it carried in its hands a knouted whip and the knouts at the ends of the whip lashes were more sandburs, made, I would say, of sharp and shiny and heavy steel.

With this wicked-looking instrument this horrid-looking creature was laying it onto some unfortunate human shape, dancing gleefully all the while on its sandbur-shaped feet and butting in every direction with its sandbur-shaped head. And when I awoke the next morning I felt exactly as I would have felt if I had gone through an experience like that the night before.

A word of advice:

If you see a flu-bug coming, run like Billy-be-damm. If you don't, you'll wish you had.

Wider Street Plan Shelved

Property owners along Pacific Terrace have put the proposal to widen their street into deep freeze for at least six months, and probably longer.

Petitions bearing the names of 119 property owners, representing 126 of the 171 pieces of real property involved, were presented to the City Council last night in objection to the street improvement job.

The number was sufficient, under law, to stymie the project so that it cannot be brought up again for at least six months. But for all practical purposes, since the improvement job has been turned down by property owners twice in three years, there isn't much chance of it being revived for a long time.

The proposal was to siden each traffic lane four feet, cutting that much space off either side of the center park strip. It was originated by Mayor Bob Thompson, himself a resident of the street, and the City Council. The cost would have been, by engineer's estimate, $47,000 to $57,000, with the property owners paying the bill by assessment.

Sabres Knock Down 3 Migs

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — U.S. Sabre jet pilots shot down three Red jet fighter planes in two roaring air fights over Northwest Korea Tuesday.

Other Allied jet fliers reported they destroyed four locomotives on supply network.

Twenty-six Sabres fought elements of a 50-MIG formation Tuesday afternoon in a five-minute running battle. It started near Sinanju and ended near the Yalu River when the Red fighters fled into Manchuria.

The morning fight was between 27 Sabres and parts of a flight of 100 MIG-15s. It raged seven to eight miles above the ground.

The U.S. Fifth Air Force said about 300 MIGs were sighted in Northwest Korea Tuesday—100 in the morning and 200 in the afternoon.

The North Koreans' Pyongyang have devised new methods with mobile "plane hunting units" in an effort to check the Allies daily bombing of Red transport routes and supply centers.

The radio quoted Premier Kim Il Sung as saying Red forces now "can operate with speed and shoot down all enemy planes that bomb our positions."

Communist flak, night fighters and searchlights tried unsuccessfully Monday night to break up an attack by five B-29 superforts on the Sinanju rail bridge complex in Northwest Korea.

2 Hurdles Still Face Truce Plan

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Negotiators agreed Tuesday on the final clause of a Korean armistice, but two major hurdles still blocked a truce settlement.

The agreement: To recommend that belligerent governments hold a high level political conference within 90 days after an armistice to consider "withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea, the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, etc."

Agreement was reached in a full dress session.

Staff officers were assigned to the job of incorporating the recommendation in the armistice.

No date was set for the first staff meeting.

SKIRTED

Other staff officers are working on two other uncompleted clauses. But they are skirting around the two big unsettled questions:

Voluntary repatriation of prisoners of war.

Rebuilding of airfields during a truce.

The wording of the political conference recommendation was drafted by the Communists, including the "etc."

The third staff conference meeting was a Communist idea. Red negotiators insisted on it when the United Nations Command accepted the Communist wording for the political conference recommendation, right down to the "etc."

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, head of the U.N. delegation objected at first. He said "there is nothing for the staff officers to do."

LIMITED

Later, however, he agreed. But, a U.N. communique said, Joy stipulated "the staff officers would not be empowered to make any substantive change or addition to the draft recommendation."

North Korean Gen. Nam Il said the meeting of staff officers was necessary to write a preamble and "for proper wording and insertion in the armistice agreement."

Joy's qualification limited the work of staff officers "to completing any mechanical details."

Joy named Air Force Col. Andrew J. Kenney of Atlanta and Lt. Col. Howard S. Levie of New York. They will meet when the Communists are ready.

Staff officers working on the prisoner of war clause "continued to make slow progress," a U.N. communique said.

Warren Plans Wisc. Entry

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —Gov. Warren of California agreed Tuesday to enter Wisconsins April 1 primary in his quest for the Republican nominaton for President.

Warren, an advocate of "social progress and world co-operation" thus laid down his first pre-convention challenge to Sen. Taft of Ohio and former Gov. Stassen of Minnesota.

Taft and Stassen have indicated they may enter the Wisconsin election in a bid for the states 30 GOP delegates. Gen. Eisenhower has asked that his name be withdrawn.

Warren's decision to invade the midwest will bring the first out-of-state drive for delegates by the 1948 GOP nominee for vice president.

He has authorized a favorite son slate in California's June 3 primary and, a three-time winner for the governorship, is seemingly assured of this state is 70 convention votes.

Letter Lid Left Open

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Sam E. Patterson, managing director of Leigh Memorial Hospital here, wrote a letter Monday to the director of Region Four, U. S. Civil Service Commission.

In it, Patterson complained of what he called "a good example of gross extravagance" on the Commission's part.

His complaint:—He received nine identical letters—subject matter and everything else the same—from the Commission in one mail.

All the letters, he said, were postmarked February 11 in Washington—two at 1 p.m., two at 1:30 p.m., one at 2 p.m., one at 4 p.m., two at 4:30 p.m., and one at 5:30 p.m.

West German Obstacles Overcome

THE CITY'S REMODELED City Council chamber is something of a throne room now. Members of the Council and top officials sit at a raised horseshoe table, newsmen and department heads on a lower level and the public behind a railing. Walt Salsbery, building inspector, and Jack Dyer, plumbing inspector, directed the remodeling work, not only of the upstairs portion of City Hall but the downstairs floor as well. Shown at the Council table are (left to right) Councilman Matt Finnigan, Councilman Don Kenyon, Attorney Henry Perkins, Mayor Bob Thompson, Stenographer Mary Ann Wentworth, Police Judge Bob Elder, Councilman Wendell Smith and Councilman Darrell Miller. In the well are (left to right) John Barton of KFJI, City Engineer Taxi Thomas, and Hale Scarbrough of the Herald and News. Councilman Mark Smith was absent when the picture was taken.

Idaho Potato Hike Sought

BOISE, Idaho, (AP)—District Office of Price Stabilization officials and representatives of potato shippers met again Tuesday to discuss potato ceiling prices.

Monday, the OPS sent a telegram to Washington, recommending an increase in carlot shipment prices for Idaho potatoes.

Eli Weston, Boise attorney representing the Idaho Advertising Commission and Idaho Potato Shippers Association, said the increase is due shippers because "We had it under the old OPA."

Truman Loses Morris Bid

WASHINGTON (AP)— A House Judiciary subcommittee Tuesday unanimously rejected a proposal by President Truman to give cleanup boss Newbold Morris power to grant immunity to witnesses in his scandals investigation.

The subcommittee is to confer with Morris late Tuesday about the second part of Mr. Truman's request: That Morris be granted subpoena powers usually reserved for the courts and Congressional committees.

The President and Attorney General McGrath picked Morris to head the government cleanup program Feb. 1.

Morris is a Republican attorney who once was president of the New York City Council.

Some senators have suggested summoning Morris before a committee investigating big profits made in a surplus ship deal. Morris has denied any wrong-doing.

The proposed immunity waivers was rejected on a motion by Rep. Keating (R.-N.Y.).

VALUABLE RAIN

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australia has had its most valuable rainstorm in more than a year in the past three days. It broke a year-long drought in Eastern Australia, ended bush fire danger that has caused 22 million dollars in damage in two months and saved vast areas of dairying and grazing country.

City May Rent Park Meters as Ad Posts

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Klamath Falls' 748 parking meters probably will bloom this Spring with reminders to the public to buy this or than brand of soft drink, soap, shoes, automobile and what not.

The City Council is working up a contract with the Ad-o-Meter Corporation of Ferndale, Mich., for installation of 5x7 inch advertising signs on the meters, for which the city is supposed to get 60 cents per meter per month.

At that rate, the 748 meters would bring in $5,385.60 a year from the advertising source, the money to go into the parking meter fund which is earmarked for traffic control use only.

That amount is about what the city spends each year for meter replacements.

CONTRACT

The contract being drawn would give the Ad-o-Meter firm the right to install and maintain the signs for three years, without option, and the city is asking that a $5,000 performance bond be posted by the company to insure against damage to the meters, neglect of the signs or other contractural failures.

The advertising would be national in scope, with no local soliciting.

A clause in the contract provides that if the advertising devices are found illegal, the company would remove them immediately. Their legality apparently has not been tested in Oregon. The Attorney General of Washington state on March 23, 1950, wrote an opinion on the subject in which he concluded that a city does not have legal authority to authorize a corporation, firm or individual to place commercial advertising on parking meters or other traffic control equipment.

CONTROL

Parking meters themselves have been upheld only as an exercise of the city's police power to regulate traffic. Advertising matter on parking meter standards would scarcely seem to be an aid to traffic control in any way, other than in that the money derived would go into a fund used for traffic control.

The Dalles is believed to be the only city in Oregon presently allowing advertising on parking meter standards. According to information obtained by the Herald and News, merchants of Pendleton some time ago killed a similar proposal, and the City Council of Forest Grove dropped the advertising scheme there after the advertising outfit was unable to sell enough ads to go on all that city's meters.

At Forest Grove the soliciting firm apparently was able to book advertising for only about 20 per cent of the meters, those in the choicest, most-used locations.

Here in Klamath Falls the parking meter ad idea was brought up before a meeting of the Klamath Merchants Association last week by Mayor Bob Thompson, and the merchants did not raise objection.

But in other localities where the advertising scheme has been tried, there have been very real objections from merchants who have found the parking meters outside their business doors plugging for one brand of merchandise, while they inside are trying to sell another brand.

The Klamath Falls contract with the Ad-o-Meter Corporation apparently would require that advertising be obtained for all meters, not just those in most-used locations, and would require city approval of the ads used.

Willie Denies Bank Robbery

NEW YORK (AP)— Notorious Willie (The Actor) Sutton pleaded innocent to bank robbery charges Tuesday and was ordered held in prison for a hearing Feb. 29.

The elusive Sutton was arrested Monday in Brooklyn, where he had been living the role of an obscure miser in a $6-a-week room, after being sought as one of the nation's top bank robbers and escape artists.

He broke out of two of Philadelphia's best prisons, once in 1945, when he was recaptured soon after, and again in 1947.

Two alert young policemen recognized Sutton on a Brooklyn street Monday to end a five-year manhunt launched when he made the second break five years ago.

Queens County authorities have him under indictment here for the $64,000 robbery of a Sunnyside bank in 1950.

Sutton has been suspected of having a hand in the famous $1,500,000 Brink robbery in Boston the same year.

He was brought into court surrounded by three officers. A fourth kept a close grip on the prisoner's belt from behind him.

Red Cross Kickoff Set

The 1952 Red Cross Kickoff Coffee Hour has been schedued for 10 a.m. Feb. 27, Chairman Mrs. Buz Larkin announced today.

The hour, for all volunteer Red Cross fund campaign workers, is extremely important, Mrs. Larkin said. About 20 volunteer staff aids are scheduled to assist in pouring.

Chairman of the day will be John Houston, who will introduce a Red Cross Pacific area field director, Miss Fay Smith who will discuss Red Cross "in the field."

Also due for introduction will be George Dimbat and Russ Tisdale, co-chairmen of the 1952 fund drive campaign.

Something new in the way of features as a kickoff affair will be added this time, with a skit by Mrs. Julian Eccles, Mrs. Robert Thompson and Rev. Gordon Ashbee entitled "Do's and Don't's of the 1952 Red Cross Fund Drive Campaign.'

Exec. Secy. Virginia Dixon is slated to give a short talk on what the local Red Cross has accomplished here during the past year. The talk will be an explanation of Red Cross services to the local community. Klamath citizens are invited to attend.

Mrs. Dixon stressed the fact that the coffee hour is to be an open affair, with volunteers to receive final instructions before making initial solicitatons.

ATOMIC EXPEDITION

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., (AP) — The vanguard of Britain's first atomic explosion expedition sailed for Australia Tuesday.

Britain's first atom weapon will be detonated in some months time, in Australia's central desert or off the coast.

Jap Camp May Become Prison

TULELAKE — Three men from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons have been here for a week, making plans for rehabilitation of the military area of the old War Relocation camp at Newell which has been taken over by the Department of Justice.

The camp apparently is destined for use as detention place for federal prisoners of some undisclosed type.

The three men here are an engineer for the Department of Justice named Butterworth, an official from McNeil Island Federal prison named Hiser, and another man from McNeil named Craig. The latter is supposed to be caretaker for the camp.

TRUSTIES

The camp is to be taken over March 1, and by April 1 some trusties from McNeil Island may be brought in to do some work on the installation.

For several years the facilities had been leased to the Tulelake Growers Association for a labor camp and at times houses as many as 500 transient workers.

Twelve families were living in the camp when it was announced Jan. 10 that the Department of Justice would take over the facility They have moved out.

Forty-four buildings, including former military barracks, three kitchens and other structures, are on the property.

WAR USE

During World War II the camp housed as many as 20,000 Japanese aliens rounded up in the United States at the start of the war.

The Tulelake Growers Association is negotiating for sub-rental of a few of the remaining buildings which may not be used by the Bureau of Prisons.

No Support, Jail Ordered

Refusal of Robert L. Misner, 2012 Main, CA employe, to pay support money as ordered by a Circuit Court divorce decree, got him a 30-day jail sentence this morning.

Misner was ordered into court before Judge Charles Combs this morning to show cause why he shouldn't pay $60 a month support for a minor child.

Payment of support money was part of a divorce decree issued by Circuit Court here June 8, 1951.

A petition filed by U.S. Balentine, attorney for Misner's ex-wife, Ella, claimed Misner was $240 arrears in payments.

Misner reportedly told Judge Combs, here from Lakeview while Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is in Portland, that he would not pay the money as long as his ex-wife wasn't allowing him to see his child.

Judge Combs said Misner could clear himself of the jail term when he made payment. The judge said he understood Misner was out in custody of a deputy sheriff trying to raise the cash.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity, few light snow flurries Tuesday night, partly cloudy Wednesday. High Wednesday 31, low tonight 11. Northern California, occasional light rain through Wednesday, possibly becoming heavier Wednesday night.

High Monday	23
Low last night	15
Precip Monday	.07
Precip since Oct. 1	12.30
Normal for period	7.61
Period last year	11.76

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European Community Doors Open

LONDON (AP) — The Foreign Ministers of the three Western powers and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Western Germany said Tuesday they have removed obstacles to Germany's entrance into the European community.

United States Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman listed in a communique seven points which they said assured a successful conclusion of talks now going on in Bonn and Paris.

PEACE CONTRACT

The three ministers and Adenauer have been engaged in conferences here since Saturday in an effort to smooth out German-French relations, open the way for creation of a European army in which German and French armed forces would be unified, and pave the way for a "peace contract" between Western Germany and the occupation powers.

Earlier Tuesday the French National Assembly, by a vote of 327 to 287, gave a qualified approval to the European army plan for rearming Germany.

PRELUDE

The Foreign Ministers conferences here were a prelude to a full-dress meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Lisbon, Portugal.

In a separate communique Eden, Schuman and Acheson declared their "abiding interest in the establishing and integrity of the European Defense Community," and recalled their governments' pledges to maintain armed forces in Europe.

Ship Severed, 33 Men Saved

BULLETIN

CHATHAM, Mass. (AP) — All 33 crewmen on the stern end of the broken oil tanker Ft. Mercer were rescued Tuesday by Coast Guardsmen.

CHATHAM, Mass. (AP) — Rough seas of the Atlantic boiled anew Tuesday under freshening winds as the Coast Guard cutter Eastwind moved toward the stern of the severed tanker Ft. Mercer which has 33 survivors aboard.

Nine men were believed lost from the tanker Pendleton, which suffered the same fate as the Ft. Mercer in Mondays blinding snowstorm.

Nine others are unaccounted for. Thirty-two were saved Monday night.

At 8 a.m. the Eastwind reported she was only 10 miles from the drifting wreck of the Mercer which was more than 50 miles off Cape Cod. Three hours later, the Eastwind had not reported again.

At Coast Guard headquarters it was considered probable the Eastwind might throw a line aboard the Mercer and tow her into Boston rather than attempt a rescue in the rough sea.

The cutter Yakatat, meanwhile, reported taking four survivors off the bow of the Mercer before it overturned in heavy seas.

Six Major Reforms On Agenda

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)— Urged by former President Herbert Hoover to help wipe out the "humiliation" of government scandals, the Citizens Committee for the Hoover report launched Tuesday a lobbying effort in behalf of six major federal reform proposals.

Heading the list of projects it will push is a Senate-approved bill to remove many jobs from political patronage, provide for advancing able workers in government careers, and facilitate the removal of incompetents.

'SICKENING'

Hoover told the National Reorganization Committee Monday night that the "sickening conduct" of some officials recently exposed is an indictment of the government's method of choosing and managing its 2 ½ million employes.

"No one can ignore the flood of exposures of less than sacred honor or real patriotism by employes in many agencies of the government during these recent years," the ex-President told 500 civic and business leaders and government officials.

"Daily, Congress and grand juries are turning up sickening conduct of federal civil officials. These exposures can mean only one thing: That our method of selection and organization of federal employes is badly at fault somewhere.

"Surely the nation has a right to a better system of choice and management of its employees than one which has produced these months of humiliation."

COMMISSION

Hoover was head of the Congress-created, 12-member, bi-partisan commission which in 1948 produced recommendations for streamlining virtually the entire executive branch of the government.

The strategy meeting was told that about 55 per cent of the recommendations have become law in the past three years; that the resultant savings can be estimated at around two billion dollars annually, and that adoption of the remaining Hoover proposals could save about another 3 ½ billions.

Six May Race In GOP Field

PORTLAND (AP)— Six Republicans, some of them unwilling candidates, may be on the Oregon presidential primary ballot.

Petitions to put Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon on the ballot were ordered printed Tuesday at Oregon City. Also Tuesday, F. E. Epton took to the state capitol for filing, petitions signed for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Only Monday two Republicans, Mrs. Fred Gronert and C. C. Martin, had petitions prepared for Harold E. Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren. They said they wanted the people to have a chance at all potential candidates. Tuesday, in adding Morse to the list, they pointed out that labor groups had mentioned him.

READY

Signed petitions for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower are ready for filing whenever the sponsors decide to do so.

And petitions were put in circulation last week for Sen. Robert A. Taft, just after he had visited the state and said he would not enter the Oregon primary.

A candidate has no final voice on that. Under Oregon law, 1,000 signatures put a candidate on the ballot for his primary nomination.

MacArthur has said he is not a candidate, but Epton has declined to accept the general's statements should not be on the Oregon ballot.

Sports Bulletin

OSLO (AP)—Canada took over undisputed lead in the Olympic games hockey tournament Tuesday with a close 4-1 decision over Czechoslovakia.

Giant, Unknown Negro Rescues Trapped Man

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — A giant Negro walked out of the night on the highway about ten miles northwest of here early Tuesday, saw a man trapped in the cab of his smouldering truck-trailer and ripped the cab apart to save the driver.

The unconscious driver fell free into the arms of waiting and astonished deputy sheriffs, and the Negro disappeared as quietly as he appeared.

TERRIFIC

"No one knows his name," said Deputy Sheriff Don Henry, "but he did a job I couldn't do with six trucks and a wrecker. It was a terrific display of human strength."

The trapped truck driver was Roy Gaby Jr. 26, Houston.

He was driving a loaded truck to Houston when he ran out of gas and telephoned his wife to bring some gasoline.

She had brought the gas and was driving the family car ahead of him when a driver forced her off the road on the right side. Her husband's truck was forced off on the left.

Gaby was trapped inside his telescoped truck. Flames appeared. His wife flagged a passing motorist, and he notified the sheriff's office.

Officers, trucks and a wrecker congregated. But the men couldn't budge the crushed metal with cables. A call went out for cutting torches.

The giant Negro appeared.

"Can I be of help?" he asked.

Then he walked up to the cab, placed his hands on the door and wrenched it off.

PRESSURE

He climbed into the cab, planted his feet on the floor and his neck and shoulders against the top.

"You could hear the metal give," said Henry. "The top bowed out, the seat buckled down and the dash broke under the pressure.

"I saw the Negro's shirt sleeves rip open as his muscles bulged."

In the excitement of rescuing the driver, still unconscious, no one thought to thank the Negro.

He walked off into the night.

9 O'clock Special

CHATTING THIS MORNING at the Olympia Grocery were Chris Lampropulos, whose family owns the store, and Leo Friend, who drives a delivery truck for Medo - Land Creamery.