



RED TANKS SCATTER GERMANS — Rioting East German demonstrators scatter before this big Russian tank as it rumbles down a street in Berlin in effort to restore order. The Soviets resorted to martial law as they sought to curb more than 100,000 rioters in their zone of Berlin.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

By KEN McLEOD

The story of Will Steel's struggle to obtain the establishment of Crater Lake National Park is an example of the zeal of the true conservationist who remains undaunted by time or the obstacles he must overcome before attaining the fruition of his ideals. The day was Aug. 16, 1885, when Steel first viewed the lake and made the decision he would work to have it preserved as a great national park for the inspiration of all people. It took seventeen years of work before that dream was realized. Steel's perseverance and devotion to the cause has earned for him the title of "Father of the Park." Indeed very few people would have had enough love and determination to carry them through the long years of discouragement and failure.

Steel immediately set to work to have Crater Lake declared a national park by the federal government; in this task he enlisted the services of Senator Dolph who introduced a bill in Congress on June 18, 1886 to make Crater Lake National Park. In the meanwhile Will Steel had not been idle; he realized that the success of his campaign depended upon widespread publicity and he did everything possible to bring the beauties of Crater Lake to public attention.

A part of his campaign was reflected in getting the United States Geological Survey to make a study of the lake this same year, which was done by Clarence E. Dutton and George E. Davis, they invited Steel to join the expedition and gave him the charge of building a boat in Portland for

use on the lake to take soundings. The boat was called the "Cleetwood," a name dreamed up by Steel. The boat was transported to the lake and lowered over the eastern rim. Two names are left to commemorate the event—Cleetwood Canyon, the canyon down which the boat was launched, and Cleetwood Cove. The party sounded and surveyed the lake, finding the bottom presented almost a level plain. The Cleetwood became the first boat to be launched upon the waters of Crater Lake.

Back in Washington, however, things were not going so well for the proposed national park. Senator Dolph apparently was a weak ally with little heart to make a battle for his bill when he ran up against powerful opposition so he dropped the matter fearing that Congress would not pass the bill. Dolph took a different line of approach as an excuse for his failure, he suggested to Steel that they have Congress give the land to the state of Oregon to be held in trust for a park. Steel objected, knowing that the state could not finance the deal and would be in no position to maintain it. The result was that no progress was made for years.

One wonders why Congress developed such a violent opposition to the idea of making Crater Lake a national park. The opposition probably was started by the tactics Steel adopted at the first of the campaign. His first contact was with President Grover Cleveland and impressed the President so much that Cleveland on Jan. 18, 1886, exercised his presidential power to withdraw land of the

public domain from the market— withdrew ten townships of land surrounding the lake from public entry. It required courage upon the part of the President because he knew the action would draw fire from Congress and which in all probability flamed opposition to the creation of a national park out of the area withdrawn. Later when the forest reserves were created these ten townships became a part of the Cascade Forest Reserve.

Steel never gave up hope and continued his agitation for a National Park, gradually building up public opinion, however, it was not until Thomas H. Tongue of Hillsboro was elected to Congress in 1901 that Steel found the strong ally he needed to get the bill through. Meanwhile Steel worked diligently upon the home front circulating petitions, writing editors and postmasters asking for signatures for his petition, and doing everything possible to build up sentiment for the creation of the park, so necessary to strengthen the hand of Tongue in Congress.

Though Tongue was a freshman in the political arena he apparently went about his task as if he was a seasoned veteran and regardless of rebuffs he worked steadily for the passage of the measure. He won the approval of the secretaries of the departments of Interior and Agriculture and then the sympathetic support of President Roosevelt. Roosevelt went so far as to ask the speaker of the House to allow the bill, then tied up in committee to be considered, an action that no president before had ever taken.

With such powerful support Tongue finally won the passage of his bill, he was exceedingly fortunate the subject came up when it did because it occurred before the open break occurred between Congress and President Roosevelt over the creation of parks and forest reserves.

AFL Lists Resolutions

COOS BAY 18 — The State Federation of Labor Wednesday called for the state utilities commissioner and the governor to reject any future applications for a power surcharge.

A Salem hearing on surcharges is now in recess. The surcharges, ranging up to 20 per cent on monthly power bills, were imposed by three private power firms last winter. They said they were needed to cover the cost of steam generation in a low-water period.

Other resolutions passed at the annual convention of the state AFL organization:

Urged establishment of Portland State College as a degree-granting school; opposed a national sales tax; urged school authorities not to put pressure on teachers to keep

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Girl's Heart Stops; Doctor Restarts It

PORTLAND 18 — A 10-year-old girl stopped breathing while undergoing a lancing operation at a clinic.

Dr. Robert M. Hansen immediately cut open her chest, collapsed a lung and began massaging the heart. It worked.

The girl, Carole Ann Brolliar, began breathing. She was taken to a hospital where surgery was completed.

Portland To Enter Telephone Hearing

PORTLAND 18 — The city of Portland intends to intervene when the hearing opens at Salem, July 2, in which the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. will seek rate increases.

The City Council designated Commissioner Nathan Boddy to represent Portland after Boddy said half of the telephone users in the state are Portland residents. "It is my responsibility to see that patrons of public utilities within the confines of the city of Portland receive fair rate treatment," said Boddy, who is city commissioner of utilities.

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