

CALIFORNIA ROCKED BY QUAKE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Over the Alleghenies—which in the East are called mountains. Up at the summit, at an elevation of maybe 3000 feet, it looks like the fog end of winter, just trailing off into spring. Here and there one sees a precocious daffodil and an occasional peach tree is bursting into bloom.

The sun is shining, but a chilly wind is blowing. The children are bundled up in their heavy winter clothes. The grass is turning faintly green, but the oak trees are as bare as January.

Then over the top and heading downhill. In a matter of 20 miles or so, one becomes aware of advancing spring. Where there was one lone daffodil at the summit, there are dozens now. The trees are showing a faint tinge of green. The wind's chilly edge is dulling.

The train, slowing but not stopping, slides into Harper's Ferry, where John Brown and his motley crew fired the shots that echoed fatefully from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Down below the village there is a little plot of tillable ground. An ancient mule, hunched single to an ancient plow guided by an ancient citizen whose grandfather must have looked on fearfully at the ruckus stirred up by John Brown and his men, turn lazy furrows in the warming ground.

The rest of the world has gone a long, long way since then, but this little valley hasn't changed much in the nearly a century since John Brown's raid.

Out into the valley of the Potomac—and out into full and lusty spring. It's like coming out of the Dunsmuir canyon into Redding in early February. Then on, into Washington, where it's so hot you pant and perspire.

There was a time when you would have confessed candidly that you were SWEATING. But Washington has changed. I think perspire is now the preferable word.

Washington is just Washington. It's best to put it that way and leave it there. It's like no other city in America. There are good reasons why it is like no other city in America.

Elsewhere they are sound economic reasons for cities. Maybe like London, there was a ford in a river which made it easy to cross. So trade grew up at the crossing.

Maybe, like New York or San Francisco, there was a safe anchorage at the mouth of a river which invited roving mariners to let down their anchors. As more mariners let down their hooks and anchored their ships a trading place came into being.

And so on.

The city of Washington owes its origin to the fact that the Founding Fathers, being basically suspicious of city slickers, wanted to get the capital of the young nation they were bringing into being out of New York and Philadelphia, so they picked a spot of virgin ground down here on the banks of the Potomac and said: "This is where the capital of our country will be, and it will be known as the city of Washington in honor of the Father of His Country."

Its beginnings, you see, were utterly different from the beginnings of other cities, and it has been different ever since.

Washington, among other things, is a great railroad center. It is necessary, for obvious military reasons, that the capital of a nation shall have ample transportation. All the railroads in this part of the country run into Washington.

But as you come into these great rail yards you note that there are few freight cars—comparatively few, that is. That is because there are no factories. The only factories in Washington are the great stone buildings where GOVERNMENT is manufactured.

In Washington there is no smoke, no smog and no smut—the kind of smut, that is, that gets white gloves dirty. It is strictly a white collar town. And, since the white-collared folk who work here got their jobs in the first place either by election or appointment they tend to be the white collar belief that they are BETTER than other folk.

That helps to make Washington different.

Famed Author Dead At 74

SWA ISLE CITY, N. J. (AP)—Joseph Hergesheimer, prolific novelist who shunned soft "social" living, is dead at 74.

The noted author, who turned out 20 novels in as many years between 1914 and 1934, died yesterday in Mercy Hospital after a brief illness.

Originally an art student, he turned on impulse to literature. As proof-reader for a woman novelist, he thought her work was so poor that he decided "even I could do better."

But for 10 years he went unrecognized, although he produced many novels and stories.

Then in 1917 he won attention with "The Three Black Pennies." His next novel the following year, "Gold and Iron," proved a best seller. "Java Head" in 1919 was responsible for worldwide fame.



AN ARGUMENT over a woman was blamed for the fatal shooting of Roy Durham, 48-year-old bank janitor. At the bottom, Policeman Jim Brown is shown with Arthur F. Pigg, 77, night club photographer, accused of the slaying. At the top, Patrolman Bud Switzer is pictured searching for bullets in front of Pigg's home where the killing occurred.

Hailstorms, Cold Over Wide Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hailstorms the size of baseballs in the Texas Panhandle, snow and 22-degree temperatures in Montana, blowing dust in Nebraska—those were the highlights of a weather picture pretty generally rainy over northern United States Monday.

An outsize hailstone gashed a man's forehead, requiring seven stitches, at Tulsa, Tex., it fell through the already broken windshield of his automobile. The violent storm flooded a highway. Hailstones flattened to a measured 11-inch circumference on the highway surface.

Cutbank, Mont., was the nation's cold spot with 22 degrees, accompanied by snow. There were flurries of snow along the southern shore of Lake Superior, and Grand Marais' 42 was a sample of the chill in that sector.

Grantsburg, Wis., got a two-inch downpour along with hail and thundershowers were scattered throughout the Southern Great Lakes section, the northern plains, northern Pacific Coast and in Virginia.

Imperial, Neb., reported blowing dust cut visibility to five miles.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Name Day
45 cars	25 cars
Total for Season	
10,581 cars	11,028 cars
1953-54	1952-53



OUT BRIGHT AND EARLY this morning before she had time to don her play clothes was Mary Anne Feedback, daughter of John Feedback, 1025 North Seventh.



Murder Charge Faces Men

MEDFORD (AP)—Two young men were to be arraigned in district court here Monday on first degree murder charges in the hatchet killing of Mrs. Hugh Hill, 30, at her home early Saturday.

The accused are James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif., who was paroled from San Quentin prison only a week ago, and Donald Verne Chesley, 18, who was raised at Turner, near Salem.

Chesley surrendered to police a few hours after the slaying, which he said was committed by Jensen after the two had broken into the Hill home. Jensen was captured later at a small grocery store in the Prospect area, 40 miles east of here.

Dist. Atty. Walter D. Nunley said both men admitted the robbery of a Medford store and the Hill house burglary, but that Jensen said his mind "was a blank" on how Mrs. Hill was killed. Hill was hit on the head, bound and gagged, and robbed of \$15. Mrs. Hill was killed as she slept in her bed.

Jensen had blood on his clothing when arrested and admitted taking the money from Hill, a building contractor, Nunley said.

According to the district attorney there were several differences in the stories the two men told.

Hill, taken to Sacred Heart Hospital here, was reported recovering from head injuries.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Tuesday. High Tuesday 60 Low Tuesday night 33.

High Yesterday 63 Low Yesterday 34 Precip. last 24 hours .00 Since Oct. 11 1.17 Same Period last year 11.85 Normal for period 10.15

Body Found In County

The body of an unidentified man was found Saturday evening in an abandoned cabin near the Diamond Lake Siding, according to County Coroner Dr. George H. Adler. The man had been dead two to three days.

There were no indications of foul play, Adler stated, and death was probably caused by exposure and malnutrition. There were no identification papers on the body or clothing, the coroner added.

Railroad workers had reported seeing the victim along the tracks at Fuego, near the Diamond Lake siding three days ago, and it is believed he went to the cabin where he died in his sleep. He was poorly dressed and had no blankets. He is believed to have been between 50 and 55 years of age.

The body was brought to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

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Death Ends Party

KF Resident Held For Shooting

By LYLE DOWNING

A 73-year-old night club photographer, who police say focused too much attention on a 44-year-old divorcee, was held in the city jail Monday on a charge of slaying the woman's ex-husband.

The accused killer is Arthur F. Pigg, 329 S. 11th St. Police say he admitted shooting Roy Durham, 48-year-old bank janitor.

Three holes were fired in front of Pigg's home shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday. Durham was dead when police arrived.

Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, who performed an autopsy on the body, said that bullets pierced Durham's heart and lungs. Police also are holding as material witnesses Mrs. Eulah Durham.

ex-wife of the shooting victim, and Mrs. Billy Little, 60, who was at the scene when the killing occurred.

Here is how police reconstruct the crime and events leading up to it:

Pigg, who has been a familiar figure around Basin night spots taking pictures of patrons, employed Mrs. Durham to solicit business. She had been working for the photographer since her husband obtained a divorce on February 5. Recently Durham is reported to have renewed his association with his wife and they were planning to remarry.

Saturday shortly before midnight Pigg and Mr. and Mrs. Durham left a downtown tavern and went to Pigg's home where a "reconciliation dinner" was planned.

Police say that after the trio reached the Pigg home, an argument started between the two men. Pigg is alleged to have obtained a gun and followed Durham to the sidewalk. The shooting followed.

It also was reported that Mrs. Durham told police Pigg was the aggressor in the quarrel. Pigg is supposed to have objected to the remarriage of Mr. and Mrs. Durham. Police said, Durham, on the other hand, was incensed over Pigg's attentions to his ex-wife.

Circuit court records show that Durham was given a default divorce decree on February 5. In his complaint, Durham charged that his wife associated with other men and remained away from home as long as five days at a time.

The district attorney's office is investigating the shooting and was expected to file a formal charge against Pigg late Monday. Durham's body is at Ward's Funeral Home.

Jobless Check Fraud Charged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spot checks of unemployment insurance claims in five states have uncovered frauds that may total millions of dollars nationwide.

Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Bureau of Employment Security, testified to a House Appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public Saturday. He said state investigators in California and four other unspecified states uncovered fraudulent claims and mistaken overpayments on a scale that would total 23 million dollars if applied nationally.

The first session lasted less than half an hour and the delegates adjourned.

Dulles, asked if he was satisfied with the opening, replied: "Yes, it got off to a good start."

As the delegates gathered at the Palace of Nations for the Asian conference's opening session today, the Western Big Three and the Soviet Union already were split far apart over the Kremlin's insistence that the Peiping regime be seated as a fifth major power.

The United States was ready to walk out and break up the conference rather than agree.

Delegations from 18 nations—the Soviets and all the nations whose troops fought in Korea except South Africa—were on hand for the opening conference session. Many of their public statements were suitably optimistic; privately they were anything but.

Ike Deplores Possible Loss Of Indochina To Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower declared Monday that this is "a time of great decisions" in world affairs, with the outcome of the Indochinese War carrying "the greatest significance for the United States."

The president told the United States Chamber of Commerce that Indochina is "the work in the bottle" whose loss would affect the fate of hundreds of millions in the surrounding areas of Asia.

Eisenhower declared that survival of "the newly formed, democratic government of Japan" also hinge on events in Southeast Asia, since the affected area is the one with which Japan must trade.

How can the Democratic government of Japan exist, he asked, if those areas are lost to communism?

Eisenhower voiced hope, however, that the conference of world powers which opened Monday at Geneva would find some peaceful solution of the hazards.

"We would hope," Eisenhower declared, "that the logic of today's situation would appeal to all peoples—regardless of their ruthlessness."

"(We would hope) that they would see the futility of depending on war or the threat of war as a means of settling their difficulties."

Secretary of Defense Wilson also referred to events in Europe and Asia, saying that events in those two continents may force a full-scale new look at United States military plans, policies and spending.

Wilson reported the first new look, started shortly after the Eisenhower administration took over, has been completed and has led to "great and encouraging progress" in the military program.

The secretary said, however, that

Small Boy Hit By Car

Three year old Charles Bath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Bath, 2055 Garden, victim of an accident near his home shortly before noon Sunday, was reported recovering at the Klamath Valley Hospital this morning. The lad was knocked to the pavement and run over by a car driven by Mrs. Francis R. Berrell, 138 South Eldorado.

According to city police the boy apparently ran from in front of a parked car directly in front of the Berrell vehicle, which was reportedly traveling from 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Mrs. Berrell told authorities she did not see the boy, and thought she had run over a box or carton. When she stopped to investigate she discovered her car had struck young Bath.

Kaiser's Ambulance Service was called and the boy rushed to the hospital, where examination disclosed there were no broken bones and other than a minor head injury and bruises the boy was not badly hurt.

The accident occurred on Garden Street just off East Main.



MAYOR BOB WALKER, MERRILL, (left) and Republican candidate for Governor, Earl T. Newberry, discuss problems of widening Highway 39 through Merrill.

Watsonville Center Of Earth Shock

WATSONVILLE, Calif. (AP)—Central California's strongest earthquake in nearly two years jolted a 150-mile stretch along the West coast yesterday, frightening thousands, causing widespread minor damage to buildings and temporarily blocking a highway east of here.

A panicked crowd of some 500 rushed for the doorways of a dog show at the fairgrounds five miles north of here, bruising an unidentified 16-year-old girl. She was the only injury reported.

The shocks, recorded by the University of California seismograph for 20 minutes starting at 1:23:47.5 p.m., PDT, were felt throughout the San Francisco Bay area, 90 miles to the north.

The UC seismograph at Berkeley registered an intensity of 5.2 on the 10-point Richter Scale, compared to more than 7 for the 1952 Kern County quake in which five died, and 8.2 for the disastrous 1906 San Francisco quake.

Dr. Perry Byerly, university seismologist, said the shocks centered about 75 miles south of Berkeley. Reports indicated the towns of Hollister, Gilroy and Watsonville got the worst shaking.

The San Andreas and Hayward geological faults—source of many quakes—converge in this area.

In Watsonville, a lettuce-growing center of 11,000, Police Sgt. J. G. called it the "worst quake I've ever felt in my life—worse than the one in Santa Barbara when I was living there several years ago." Police estimated damage roughly at from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Chunks of concrete fell from the Bank of America building, plaster dropped from the ceiling and two walls of the bank cracked.

There were widespread reports in the Watsonville-Gilroy-Hollister area of toppled chimneys, fallen dishes and bottles and broken windows. The Gilroy-Watsonville highway over Chittenden Pass was blocked several hours when the quake opened a three-inch crack 50 feet long and loosed earth slides over five miles of the route.

A city water main apparently snapped as pressure dropped perceptibly after the shocks.

Two downtown plate glass windows shattered in Hollister and hotel bar.

Bodinet Trial Set May 17th

Trial of Raymond J. Bodinet, 31-year-old Portland brick mason, charged with a Klamath Falls parlor house holdup, Monday was set for trial on May 17 in Circuit Court.

Before the trial date was set, Judge David R. Vandenberg overruled a demurrer by Defense Attorney A. C. Yaden in which he contended the indictment against Bodinet did not contain sufficient facts to constitute a crime.

Bodinet has been held in the county jail since January 8 when he was alleged to have participated in a holdup at Myrtle's Farlor House. Edwin Coyle, also of Portland, an alleged accomplice in the robbery, was shot and killed by a Klamath Falls policeman. Coyle is reported to have menaced the policeman with a pistol.

After the shooting District Attorney Frank Alderson filed a charge against Paula Benton, operator of Myrtle's place. He accused her of operating a bawdy house. She is at liberty on bail and also is under subpoena as the prosecution's principal witness against Bodinet.

Patrolman Richard Enders said Pennino held a .32-caliber pistol on Randall Marvel while Mrs. Pennino took \$11 rent money from his wallet. Marvel was being dispossessed at the time.