

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Painful note in today's news: Movie actor Charles Chaplin, from whom the U.S. government has just extracted \$425,000 to settle an income tax claim, entered a London clinic this morning for treatment of a badly abscessed wisdom tooth.

There ought to be a smart crack in that somewhere—although one guesses that Chaplin sees nothing funny in it.

The latest on Berlin: The Western Big Three powers (Britain, U.S., France) today dispatched their "hands off Berlin" notes to their envoys in Moscow for delivery to the Kremlin.

The notes flatly reject Russia's near-ultimatum to turn West Berlin into a "free city" and suggest that any solution of the Berlin problem must "be found within the wider framework of an all German settlement."

It sounds vague—as, of course, it is intended to. The Western allies want to prolong the talking as much as possible.

What they are really proposing is that the question of re-uniting Germany—both East Germany and West Germany—shall be submitted to the people of both areas at a FREE ELECTION, with the majority to rule.

The allied strategy is to keep Russia refusing to permit free elections—which is good propaganda for the West.

How will it all turn out? We'll see what we'll see. But the longer we can keep Russia talking the less likelihood there will be that she will start shooting.

In conclusion, a word about Marie Torre, the New York Herald Tribune reporter who has chosen to go to jail rather than reveal the source of the information upon which she based a story.

Newspapers generally refuse to reveal their sources of information, their reason being that in very many cases important and responsible sources will talk much more freely for publication if their identity is not to be revealed.

The business of a good newspaper is to get the news and get it straight. Newspapers are responsible for what they print. If it is false and libelous, they can be sued.

Their job is to tell the news as accurately as possible, and so they seek to protect their news sources. Their reasons for doing so are entirely legitimate.

This Torre case, however, isn't wholly typical of the newspaper principle of protection of responsible sources. Miss Torre's story concerned Miss Judy Garland, who is suing her employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System, for breach of contract and libel.

"Source" in this case is sought to be established as material in her suit. Otherwise, the testimony in question would be hearsay, which isn't admissible as evidence.

Because of the principle involved, newspaper people are inclined to sympathize with her—but their sympathy would be stronger if her story had been concerned with straight news rather than the gossip column type of reporting.

War Criminals Given Amnesty TOKYO (AP) — The United States has granted amnesty to the last 83 Japanese war criminals. The Foreign Ministry said this "officially completes the war crimes issue."

The ministry said the U. S. government notified Japan Monday that the terms of 75 former military men and eight civilians had been reduced to the terms actually served. All were out on parole.

Kentuckian Given Nod By Liberals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican liberals agreed today to back a slate headed by Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky for the party leadership in the Senate.

In a 2½-hour meeting, eight GOP insurgent senators agreed also to support Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California for whip, or assistant leader.

The group decided not to contest the reelection of Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire as chairman of the GOP Policy Committee and of Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts as chairman of the Conference of all GOP Senators.

The decision by the eight senators, all of whom have listed themselves in the past as staunch supporters of President Eisenhower, will put Cooper into competition with Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois for the post of party floor leader in the new Congress opening Jan. 7.

Dirksen, now the party whip, generally is expected to be chosen to take over the leadership post vacated by Sen. William F. Knowland of California.

In their drive for representation in the leadership, the liberals seemed likely to collide with geographical tradition unless they put Kuchel forward as their candidate for either the floor leadership or the whip's job.

With Bridges and Saltonstall seemingly certain of retaining their assignments, New England already has top-heavy representation in the lineup.

Cooper is from a border state but his election and the reelection of Dirksen would leave the Middle West and the Far West areas which Democrats are warring ardently — unrepresented in the lineup.

Aurora Chief Bans Booze

AURORA, Ill. (AP) — Mayor Paul Egan, who has seen cold water thrown on many of his burning directives in 1958, threatened today to spread a wet blanket on Aurora's New Year's Eve celebrations.

The blustery little mayor said that starting at midnight Thursday no liquor will be sold in this northern Illinois city of more than 50,000.

Egan, heartened by a court verdict in his favor, said liquor can't be sold after the start of the new year because all of the city's 1959 liquor licenses are being returned.

The reason, the loquacious, 60-year-old mayor said, is because there is no legal police department to make the proper reports. The mayor has not recognized the current police department since last fall when he dismissed the chief and his 64-man force.

The chief, Donald Curran, and his force have stayed on the job. Their stand was upheld 4-1 by the Aurora City Council.

Egan, who told The Associated Press of his plan to ban the sale of liquor, said: "That means no liquor will be sold in taverns, private clubs, package stores. I hate to do it, but I have to."

He said he would call on the sheriff and governor to carry out his latest order.

PLANE CRASH

PORTLAND (AP)—Two Los Angeles youths were killed today when a plane apparently stolen from a nearby airport crashed south of here.

The youths were identified from papers on their bodies as Gerald Wayne Hallett, 18, and Harold Richard Monroe, 20, both of Los Angeles.

Both were killed when the plane crashed near the Portland-Salem freeway about 15 miles south of Portland. Police said they may have been trying to land on the freeway.

The owner, Joseph Obrtschke, said he had not loaned his plane, which was at the nearby Beaverton airport, to the youths.

The single-engine plane apparently crashed shortly after 4 a.m. but it was not discovered until nursery workers went to work.

Roy Harvey, a nursery worker who lives a half-mile from the wreck, said he heard a crash but could find no wreckage in the early morning darkness.

Stove Blamed In Town Fire

SUMMER LAKE—A fire caused by an overheated oil stove in the store at Summer Lake practically wiped out the small settlement at 10 p.m. December 27. The one story frame building housed the store, Summer Lake Post Office and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Delma Hand, store proprietors.

The young couple was also in charge of the post office. The belated report of the blaze was given by Hand's father, Guy Hand of Route 3, Box 430, Klamath Falls who received word of the fire by telephone.

Mr. and Mrs. Hand and their two young children, Lawrence, 4 years old, David, 2, and Kenneth Hand, 13, brother of Delmar who was spending the holidays in Summer Lake, escaped unhurt.

The loss was total except for a few articles of bedding and a few items of clothing.

The family moved into small cabins adjacent to the destroyed store, which are rented as motel cabins. Postoffice service is also being set up in one of the cabins.

There are no other buildings in the immediate vicinity, except a small schoolhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hand are former residents of Klamath Falls, having moved to Summer Lake about three years ago. It is not known at this time whether the building will be replaced.

Summer Lake is 25 miles north of Paisley and 75 miles north of Lakeview.

Havana Citizens Awakened As Blast Rips Nearby Town

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Rebels carried their war of sabotage to the Havana area today as an explosive accompaniment to the battle of Santa Clara in central Cuba.

A heavy blast rocked the town of Guanabacoa, across Havana Bay, just before dawn and awakened thousands of people in this capital, 10 miles away.

This was reported to have resulted from firing of a Cuban arms company warehouse. There were rumors that seven soldiers on guard duty there died in the explosion.

Two smaller blasts were reported in the southern part of Havana. Rebel sympathizers here say they have 5,000 armed partisans within the city they declared there would be startling developments soon in Havana regardless of the outcome of rebel leader Fidel Castro's battle to seize Santa Clara and cut Cuba in two.

Fierce house-to-house fighting apparently persisted today in that capital of central Las Villas province.

Informed sources said casualties were heavy on both sides. One private informant estimated nearly 1,000 men had been killed or wounded.

The government used bombers, tanks, armored cars and artillery to support troops fighting from house to house against outnumbered infantrymen of rebel leader Fidel Castro. Government sources claimed rebels were being dislodged from key positions.

Thousands of civilians fled Santa Clara, capital of the rich central farming province of Las Villas. The city of 150,000 persons is 160 miles east of Havana.

The rebels claimed control of several other towns in the heart of Las Villas province and much of the countryside. Government sources denied loss of the towns.

If the rebels win Las Villas, government forces fighting rebels farther east would be cut off by land from Havana. Such a rebel victory might also touch off further uprising against Batista.

It also would cut the government off from its main source of income, the sugar cane crop scheduled for harvesting soon in eastern Cuba.

The main rebel forces continued trying to capture Santiago, capital of easternmost Oriente province and one of the few government strongholds left in Oriente. Campaigning province, between Oriente and Las Villas, has been the scene of scattered rebel raids.

The rebels said their forces were in position to attack Santiago itself after taking 14 towns in Oriente. The port city, Cuba's second largest, is defended by 10,000 to 12,000 troops. Castro is believed trying to make it his capital and proclaim a provisional government headed by Dr. Manuel Urrutia, who as a judge once freed the rebel leader.

Reports from Santa Clara were conflicting. Regular rail, road, telephone and telegraph lines to the city — normally an important communications center — have been cut for almost a week.

Three rebel columns, possibly totaling 3,000 or more men, pushed into the city after encircling it and were trying to link up. The bearded rebels were armed with hand weapons ranging from machine guns to knives.

\$75,000 Suit Names Sheriff

LAKEVIEW—Lake County Sheriff Tom Elliott is being sued for \$75,000 in circuit court here on false arrest charges brought by Frank Grimes, formerly of Crescent City, California, now of Corvallis.

The suit grows out of a dual arrest September 20, 1957, of two men, both named Frank Grimes.

A Frank Grimes was wanted at that time in Lake County on bad check charges and for violation of probation previously granted on similar charges.

Officers explained that Elliott believed Grimes to be in Crescent City and sent a deputy there to arrest him. The deputy and Grimes got as far as the county jail in Klamath Falls when it was learned that Klamath County Probation Officer Otto Paulsen had arrested another Frank Grimes.

The man Paulsen arrested proved to be the correct one; the man the Lake County deputy arrested proved to be the wrong one. The error known, officers said, the first Frank Grimes was returned to Crescent City with apologies.

The damage suit is being heard by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls. Lake County Circuit Judge Charles Foster having disqualified himself.

Klamath County Sheriff Red Britton and Deputy Lee Saunders went to Lakeview Tuesday to testify in the suit.

Copter Saves Tanker Crew

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP)—An oil tanker split in two off this Maryland Atlantic summer resort today. A fleet of helicopters lifted the crew to shore in a spectacular rescue.

The first half a dozen shipwrecked sailors brought ashore were not hurt, were in good spirits and reported the entire crew of 47 appeared safe.

They spoke little English. They could give no account of why their tanker, the African Queen, broke apart.

The helicopter shuttle system had deposited 35 of the crew ashore shortly before noon. The rescue was made from the air because the ocean was too rough for an attempt by surface craft.

Both sections of the ship were grounded in shallow water about five miles off shore. They were in danger of submerging.

The helicopters sent out by the Coast Guard, Navy and Marines could carry only two or three at a time.

The African Queen, 590 feet long and 13,800 tons, was built in 1955. She is owned by African Enterprises, Ltd. and registered in Liberia. Kia Danicisen of Norway is captain.

Community Hospital Program Takes Giant Stride Forward



A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL in Klamath County was the topic of discussion at this gathering Monday evening at the Winema. The group took a step toward planning such a new hospital facility when committee chairmen were appointed, and a report was heard from Dr. Mark Blumberg, head of the Medical Economics Division of the Stanford Research Institute, on the possibilities of a survey of hospital needs.

Shown here are members of the Klamath County Medical Society, city and county officials, chamber of commerce members and others interested in a new hospital.

Planning for a community hospital took a giant forward step at a special meeting held at the Winema Monday evening, attended by members of the chamber of commerce, city and county officials, and members of Klamath County Medical Society.

A five man committee was appointed to supervise various phases of the planning for such a hospital, and Dr. Mark Blumberg, head of the Medical Economics Division of the Stanford Research Institute, reported on his preliminary observation of the community's need for such a hospital.

Bill Decker, chairman of the chamber of commerce hospital committee, opened the dinner meeting by outlining the scope of the five committee chairmen.

He announced that Don Piper had agreed to handle the legal aspects, checking into the legal requirements of formation of a hospital district, and also the relations between such a community hospital and county welfare, indigents, non-profit organizations and others.

Wait Pappas accepted the job of the architectural committee whose purpose would be to study the Hill-Burton specifications for hospitals, possible costs of hospital under this plan, as well as to investigate possibilities of asking for federal aid.

Jim Monteith will handle the financial committee.

Dr. Blumberg arrived in Klamath Falls Monday noon, and had time only to gather sketchy facts on the current hospital situation in Klamath Falls prior to the evening meeting.

However, he outlined to the group what surveys could be used to determine. He backgrounded the group regarding surveys that the Stanford Institute had made for other hospital groups, and pointed out that, although he was a physician, he was not a hospital expert, a hospital administrator or architect, but if expert at anything, it was hospital research.

"In my brief study here," he said, "it is interesting to note that I have not encountered any strong opposition to a hospital."

He emphasized that any such survey could only cover the needs for the next five years, or at most, the next 10. He also cautioned that it would take up to five years to get such a hospital as the group envisioned.

"Some places," he pointed out, "it has taken as long as 12 years between the talking stage and the opening of the hospital door."

Dr. Blumberg told the group that he would do some additional survey work on Tuesday, and then would return to Palo Alto. He said that within a week to 10 days he should be able to furnish them with a summarized report on his findings, determining whether or not a survey would be beneficial, and what such a survey would cost.

World News In Brief

CHAPLIN — Washington — Charles Chaplin has settled his tax case with Uncle Sam with a \$425,000 payment.

MISSILES — Washington — U.S. has made more visible progress than Russia in rocketry this year.

SEIZURE — New Orleans — Two Americans dragged off plane by Cuban police.

LOAN — Washington — United States throws financial support behind program to put Argentina back on its economic feet.

CHICAGO (AP) — Twelve-month-old Gloria Diane Hansa, born 3½ months prematurely, died today.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Morning fog and low cloudiness tonight and Wednesday, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Low tonight 26-34; high Wednesday 40-45.

High yesterday 41 Low last night 32 Precip. last 24 hours 0 Since Oct. 1 1.82 Same period last year 7.92 Normal for period 4.69

Northern California — Fair through Wednesday except fog night and morning in the San Joaquin Valley. Little change in temperature. Variable coastal winds 7-15 miles an hour.

BULLETIN

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Many Rose Bowl Tourists Stranded As Snow Storm Lashes Two States

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—Roadblocks swung open in the Texas Panhandle and New Mexico today, allowing thousands of motorists to start inching slowly down icy roads between mountainous drifts.

Some 2,250 tourists were stranded in that town of 9,400 overnight. Motels and hotels were jammed, but few tourists took advantage of the emergency opening of the Tucumcari Army and the offering of free cots to shelterless families. A few stayed in private homes.

State police said all New Mexico highways were open, but travel was dangerous and discouraged.

Four hundred of those stranded at Tucumcari were en route to the Rose Bowl game in California.

Albuquerque residents, unused to snow in any amount, let alone the record fall, improvised to get along without power. Those with electric stoves were kept supplied with hot coffee and other hot food by neighbors with gas stoves or pressurized camping stoves. Since most of New Mexico's cities are heated by natural gas, no heating problems were reported.

Snow plows had cleared most of the heavy fall from rural areas, but both city and country roads remained icy.

Schools closed in much of north-eastern New Mexico. Quay County schools remained closed for the second day, and Tucumcari shut down its schools at noon Monday



PLANNING NEW YEAR'S EVE dance at the Elks lodge is this committee, chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Everett White. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Robert Craig, Mrs. Bennie Meyers, Mrs. White and Chaplain White, and Lecturing Knight Robert Craig. Back row, Tiler Bennie Meyers, Exalted Ruler Harry Leonard, Mrs. Dean Matlick and Assistant Esquire Dean Matlick, Loyal Knight Milan Holland and Mrs. Holland, and Mrs. Harry Leonard. Plans include music by Baldy's Band, with horns, hats and all the noisemakers, and later ham and eggs.

Jury To Mull Yank's Fate

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — More defense testimony was scheduled today in the general court-martial of a Marine sergeant accused of roughing up recruits and accepting payoffs from them.

The court-martial panel — composed of seven Marine officers — was expected to begin deliberating the case against S.Sgt. Ralph Grant later today.

The 26-year-old drill instructor from Racine, Wis., is charged with soliciting and receiving \$230 from members of Ohio's Steel Valley recruit platoon. Two charges of assault are also leveled against him.

If convicted on all four specifications, the Korean combat veteran could be sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and 9½ years in prison.

Final Death Toll Reported As 594

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's final traffic death toll during the four-day Christmas holiday was 594. A pre-holiday estimate of 629 had been made by the National Safety Council.

The toll compared with 341 deaths counted during a recent 102-hour nonholiday period and to the record high of 706 for the four-day Christmas holiday weekend in 1956.

In addition to the auto fatalities, 93 persons died in fires and 97 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall total of 784. The record overall total is 884, also set in the Christmas period of 1956.

California led the country in the number of traffic victims with 61. Texas had 43 and New York and Illinois 38 each.