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Gen. Canby's Massacre Retold On Anniversary

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

There are many accounts of the actual chain of events that took place on this day 90 years ago when the Modoc Indians fired upon the Peace Commission in the Lava Beds.

First, here is the account of the event as detailed in a letter to the adjutant general of the United States Army by Col. Alvan C. Gillem, First U.S. Cavalry, commanding the Modoc Expedition, dated April 11, 1873.

He wrote, "Sir—It is with the most profound sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Brigadier General E.R.S. Canby, U.S.A., which occurred today at 1:30 p.m. about one mile in front of this camp under the following circumstances:

"For a day or two communication between the Indians and the Peace Commission had been virtually suspended. Yesterday morning an Indian (Boston Charley) came into camp and informed the commission that Captain Jack would 'talk.' In order to avoid all misapprehension, the commission sent their interpreter, Frank Riddle and his squaw, Winema into the Indian camp; they returned in the evening and reported that Captain Jack said he would not meet the commission, nor come out of his stronghold again until the troops were removed from the vicinity. An Indian returned with Riddle and confirmed his statement. This morning, however, the Indian, Boston Charley, asserted that Riddle (the interpreter) had not told all that Captain Jack had said, and asserted that Jack had agreed to meet General Canby, myself and the commission at a tent that had been pitched about a mile in front of this camp in order to reconcile these conflicting statements the two Indians, Boston and Bogus, were sent back to the Indian camp. They soon returned and said that Jack would meet five of us—General Canby, myself and three commissioners, at the tent. After duly considering the subject it was determined to accept the proposition. I was too ill to accompany the party, and before leaving the interpreter brought the commis-

sioners to my bedside and asked me to bear witness that he had warned them that there was danger in going out; however it was decided to go.

"At 11:06 a.m. the party left camp. I directed the signal officer to keep a strict watch on the tent and to inform me of everything that occurred. At 1:30 p.m. the signal officer brought me information that Major Mason's camp on the east had been attacked and two officers probably captured. (This afterwards proved to be incorrect.) Convinced that treachery was intended, I sent for Assistant Surgeon Cabanis, who volunteered to take a note to General Canby. I could not send a verbal message as many of the Indians understood English. I had written but a few words when shots were heard, and officers from the signal station brought the information that General Canby and the peace commissioners had been murdered. The troops were under arms at once and advanced. I found the bodies of General Canby and the Rev. Dr. Thomas

about 70 yards from the tent. Mr. Meacham was near, severely if not mortally wounded; all were stripped. Mr. Dyer, one of the commissioners, escaped unhurt, having a small pistol which he drew on his pursuer.

"The remains of General Canby and Dr. Thomas will be sent to Yreka tomorrow, in charge of Lieutenant H.R. Anderson, A.D.C. to the general."

In Colonel Gillem's account we have the basic facts, stated summarily in military form to his superior.

One of the most important witnesses to the tragic event was the interpreter, T. Frank Riddle. The following is an extract from a portion of the evidence which he presented at the subsequent trial of Captain Jack and the other Modoc leaders.

He said, "Mr. Meacham, then he made another speech, and he told Captain Jack: 'Jack, let us talk like men and not like children,' and he sort of hit him on the knee or shoulder once or twice, or tapped him—he said, 'Let us talk like men and not talk like children.' He said, 'You are a man that has common sense, isn't there any except Willow Creek and Cottonwood?' And Mr. Meacham was speaking rather loud, and Schonchis told him to hush; that he could talk a straight talk; to let him talk. Just as Schonchis said that, Captain Jack rose up and stepped back, sort of in behind Dyer's horse. I was interpreting for Schonchis, and I was not noticing Jack. He stepped a few steps out to one side, and I saw him put his hand to his bosom like—Well, he stepped back and came right up in front of General Canby and said: 'In Indian, 'All dy, boys—' at us—that is, 'All ready, boys—' at us—that is, 'All before you could crook your finger he fired. . . . Yes, sir, and after the cap busted, before you could crook your finger, he fired and struck General Canby under the eye, and the ball came out here (showing—in the neck under the chin). I jumped and ran then, and never stopped to look back any more. I saw General Canby fall over, and I expected he was killed, and I jumped and ran with all my might. I never looked back but once, and when I looked back Mr. Meacham was down, and my woman was down, and there was an Indian standing over Mr. Meacham and another Indian standing over her, and some two or three coming up to Mr. Meacham. Mr. Meacham was sort of lying down this way (showing) and had one of his hands sticking out. . . . They commenced firing all around. I could not tell who was firing except Schonchis, here; I saw him firing at Mr. Meacham, but the others were kind of up in behind me, and they were firing and did not turn around to look back to see who it was. I thought I was warm times there."

Reports later showed that General Canby had been killed by Captain Jack, shot in the eye, the ball ranging downward, emerging through the jaw and breaking it. He had, also, received a stab under the right ear, dislocating

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NEWS OF MURDER

News of the Modoc firing on the Peace Commission broke in this copy of a San Francisco paper of April 13, 1873. Available at the Klamath County Museum, this issue recounts the events of the tragic Good Friday, April 11, when the Modocs murdered Gen. E. R. S. Canby, Dr. Eleazar Thomas, and badly wounded A. B. Meacham. There were no newspapers in the Klamath country at that time. Accounts of the treachery were telegraphed from Linkville to Yreka, then retransmitted to San Francisco.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington:

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview:
Partly cloudy and warmer tonight, lows 28-32. Mostly cloudy with a few showers; high 38. Southerly winds 7-15 m.p.h. with stronger gusts.

High yesterday	46
Low this morning	24
High year ago	72
Low year ago	25
Precip. past 24 hours	0.0
Since Jan. 1	3.79
Same period last year	4.22

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1963

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Wheeling Steel, the nation's No. 11 producer, announced Tuesday night that, effective Wednesday, it would make a selective price boost averaging about \$6 a ton. William A. Steele, Wheeling president, said the increase was due to "a steady rise in the cost of materials, services and labor."

It was just a year ago that U.S. Steel announced a \$6 a ton price hike and incurred Presidential wrath. Other companies followed the lead. But under White House pressure the price boost was cancelled.

Hope Abandoned For Sunken Nuclear Sub With 129 Men

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nuclear powered submarine Thresher with 129 men aboard "has indeed been lost," Adm. George W. Anderson said today.

Anderson, chief of naval operations, made the announcement with deep regret in disclosing that a second oil slick and materials possibly from the interior of the submarine had been found in the area where it made a test dive Wednesday in the North Atlantic.

The materials were described as cork and plastic of types used "in the internal construction of submarines."

The second oil slick was found at 10:20 a.m. EST today, Anderson told a news conference. The first was spotted shortly before dark Wednesday.

Although Anderson wrote off any chance for recovery of the submarine or that any of the 129 men might be alive, he said

search efforts would continue to try to fix the exact spot of the disaster and recover materials or bodies that might come to the surface.

The disaster is the U.S. Navy's worst submarine tragedy in peace or war. It is the worst single ship tragedy in peacetime for any kind of U.S. naval vessel.

Anderson said he had ordered the deep diving bathosphere "Trieste," now at San Diego, brought across the country on flatcars to aid in the search.

The Trieste has dived as deep as seven miles, whereas the Thresher apparently went down in a mile and a half of water at a point about 220 miles east of Cape Cod.

Salvage Impossible

Anderson said that even if the Trieste were able to locate the Thresher, there was "absolutely no possibility" that a line could be attached for salvage from such a depth. He described as "very remote" the possibility that any bodies would float to the surface.

Anderson said he abandoned hope for the Thresher for two reasons. In addition to the fact that materials were recovered, he said he could see no possibility that all communications would have been blacked out if the vessel had not met disaster.

Anderson's desolate report that hope had been abandoned for the sub and the men was given to newsmen about 25 hours after the last contact from the vessel was received.



CERTIFICATES OF HONOR — Ross Ragland, president of the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Association, handed out certificates of honor Wednesday night at the hospital report meeting to representatives of firms where at least 75 per cent of the employees had pledged an hour's pay per month for three years. Receiving certificates, left to right, are Paul Meier, OTI; Kenneth Klahn, Moty and Van Dyke; Donald Nabakowski, Klamath Ice and Storage; Clayton Davis, Klamath Falls Creamery; George Callison, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce; Joe Sawyer, city of Klamath Falls; Keith Cobo, City Center Motel and Mrs. Ina Staley, Beehive Rental.

What of the market reaction? New York dispatches this morning report that stocks opened narrowly mixed in moderate trading as investors anxiously awaited the next move in the steel situation.

The dispatches add:

"Near term market movements are clouded and will be almost entirely guided by developments in the steel pricing situation, most brokers feel. If Wheeling's price boost on products in strong demand sticks and spreads most brokers think a quick stock market rise to new record highs would be a strong possibility."

"But, if the company, for one reason or another, is forced to rescind its price increase, most houses then expect a sharp reversal."

Wynn Named Manager Of Tulelake Growers

TULELAKE—John S. Wynn has been engaged as manager of the Tulelake Growers Association, to take office next Monday, TGA President John L. Coulson announced yesterday.

Wynn succeeds Cliff Jenkins, who has been manager for 10 years. Wynn was named by the TGA Board of Directors because of his familiarity with local problems, and his demonstrated executive ability. A 1947 Tulelake homesteader, he was president of the TGA in 1960, and is presently president of the Newell Grain Growers Association and chairman of the Tulelake High School Parents Group.

Jenkins, who will serve alongside Wynn until April 25, congratulated his successor, saying, "It was time for a change."

"Sam is uniquely qualified," said Jenkins. "He has been chairman of several association committees, and has some definite ideas of what his job should be."

Jenkins says he will move to Grants Pass for a while, where he owns a grocery store, and then might go into the hay business.

"People in Tulelake have been very cooperative. They need to know, though, that this organization cannot work without their support, regardless of who the officers or manager are," Jenkins said.

John Coulson recounted Jenkins' accomplishments since his arrival on the job in 1952—organizing the labor camp, the hay improvement and selling program, and the association's many legislative concerns.

Sam Wynn came here in 1947 with his wife Theresa. He is a graduate of Oregon State College, and was a field artillery officer in World War II, serving in Europe. They have three children: John, Dan and Sharon.

He was a member of the Homestead Board here.

"I think that Tulelake agriculture faces a crisis today," said Wynn. "We probably have more need now than ever before for an association because some very important advantages of the area have been lost."

"Our alkali clover crop has completely disappeared. The malting barley premium is almost nonexistent, and potatoes are overproduced nationally. We have no processors here, and must sell to the fresh market."

"On the other hand," Wynn said, "we have some very important advantages. Besides the excellent quality of our land, we straddle some important transportation routes. We are no worse off in dealing with eastern markets than the growers farther south."

Wynn pointed out that his duty is to carry out board policy, not to make it. "My job is to serve," he said. "The members have an important responsibility, too—to bring their problems to the association."

'Doctored' Insurance Policies Investigated

Investigation continued on several fronts today into sale of "doctored" insurance policies to many schools throughout Oregon.

The probe was touched off by complaints that parts of the policies in question are not considered valid by the California Life Insurance Company. The firm told State Insurance Commissioner Walter Korlann there were discrepancies between policies written by agents and those sent into its home office.

Korlann said the probe involved agents who sold the policies to the school districts under the name of an agency in Portland that no longer operates.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office and sheriff's office, and the county grand jury, are looking into the matter. A "friendly" suit has been filed by the California firm against Douglas School district in Portland to determine its liability.

Korlann said there was no exact amount of insurance involved but that claims in dispute may be more than \$50,000.

"Some of the claims on disputed student insurance policies that had been temporarily 'held up' by the California Life Insurance Company have apparently been taken care of," Cliff Robinson, county superintendent of schools, said Thursday.

There is indication, however, that there are still some claims that are being contested.

According to Robinson, the only claims that haven't been cleared are in policies that involve riders for athletic accidents such as football and wrestling injuries.

Klamath County schools that are affected by the sale of "doctored" policies are Henley, Altamont Junior High, Bly Junior and Senior High, Bonanza High, and Chiloquin, Gilchrist, Malin and Merrill high schools.

Hospital Fund Drive Nears Goal; Total Tops \$600,000

More than \$600,000 in cash and pledges toward construction of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital were reported at a special meeting of campaign fund chairmen and leaders Wednesday night at the Winema.

Campaign general chairman, Jim Stilwell, said total pledges and gifts were at \$627,236.81 when the reporting session ended.

Totals reported Wednesday night by the various divisions were:

Business and Professional	\$53,895.65
Churches and Organizations	\$14,757.34
Employee-Executive	\$50,265.95
Medical	\$44,978.50
Intercommunity	\$81,382.37
Memorial	\$302,450
Special Gifts	\$79,787

With the campaign drive scheduled to end April 30, Stilwell urged that every division and section chairman be ready to report some pledges and donations at the next report meeting, Wednesday, April 17. All but five section chairmen reported last night. With the initial minimum goal of \$725,000 apparently cinched, Stilwell and vice chairmen, Mike Balsiger and Dick Henzel, urged that efforts be doubled to assure that at least \$1 million would be realized from public subscription. Stilwell emphasized that a greater amount of money raised locally would mean a minimum of mortgage money would have to be used in the almost-\$3 million project.

"If Klamath Falls can raise a million dollars toward a hospital project, we will serve as a shining example in the state," Stilwell said.

A highlight of the reporting session was the announcement that the First National Bank and the U.S. Bank of Portland had pledged \$12,500 each toward the campaign.

Douglas, Wife Plan Divorce

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The wife of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said today that she plans to file for a divorce.

In a statement issued here by her attorney Joseph L. Rauh, Mrs. Mercedes H. Douglas said she planned to file for a divorce this summer.

Mrs. Douglas did not mention the reason for the divorce, but said she would seek it in her home state of Washington. Douglas' office refused comment on the divorce.

Unit Plan Opposed By County School Group

The Joint School Boards Administration met at the school Administration Building Wednesday night and heard county school representatives tell of inequities in taxes, duplication of efforts and possible bad feeling on the part of the rural people if a single county unit school plan is adopted.

The joint boards called Wednesday night's meeting specifically to hear the reasons why the county group opposed the plan which seems to be held in high regard by many segments of the city and suburban populations.

Several questions posed by county representatives were:

1. Does the county-wide system mean equalization of educational opportunity?
2. Will costs be reduced in such a county-wide reorganization?
3. What will the impact be on the rural part of the county?
4. Does this type of reorganization necessarily mean elimination of duplication of facilities?
5. Would the rural people in the county support building programs in the city or suburban area, support the school budgets, and would they be pleased at paying the same school tax and yet have different programs?

Paul Fairbro, vice chairman of the county school board, asked Cliff Robinson, superintendent of county schools, to read some of the objections to the single county district plan compiled by the county board.

It was emphasized that the objections reflected the sentiments of the rural people and not necessarily those of the suburban population.

In discussing the question of educational opportunity, Robinson said, the rural people acknowledge that inequalities in education already exist in the county district because they are inherent in the differences in size. The example given was the quality of the program at Bly compared to Henley High.

"These differences are directly related to the facilities available at a large school compared to a smaller one," Robinson explained.

The rural people therefore feel that the equalization of education is a goal that should be pursued.

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Steel Price Action Eyed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The White House today postponed for the third time in less than 24 hours President Kennedy's departure for a Florida vacation, keeping alive the possibility of some move in connection with a steel price rise.

Kennedy first had planned to leave at 4 p.m. EST Wednesday. He put that off until 9 a.m. today, then postponed his departure again until 12:30 p.m. By 1 p.m. EST, he had not left and there were signs of more urgent conferences.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger maintained tight wraps on the President's activities and continued to refuse any comment on the steel issue touched off by an average \$6 a ton price boost announced by Wheeling Steel Corp.

Plane Crash Kills Crew

TRAVIS AFB, Calif. (UPI)—An Air Force C-130 Cargomaster crashed in soggy marshland 3,000 feet from the landing strip here Wednesday, killing all nine crewmen aboard.

The plane, a type which often carries missiles, was apparently attempting to land after a routine training flight, Air Force officials said. Officers said the plane carried no nuclear material.

The Air Force identified the victims as:

Major Roy M. Johnston, Rt. 1, Manatopa Okla., pilot; Lt. Leonard R. Dorman, Boise, Idaho; 1st Lt. William H. Grey, Grahamville, N.Y.; and Lt. Russell R. Zabolian, Honolulu; 2nd Lt. Edward Melas, Parma, Ohio; T-Sgt. Donald D. Cox, Jacksonville, Fla.; T-Sgt. Joel H. Nipper, Derby, Ohio; T-Sgt. Lloyd J. Richard, (Louisiana address incomplete); Airman 3-C Charles W. Whittle, Baltimore, Md.

A spokesman said all but Melas and Whittle were married.

Shot Misses Gen. Walker

DALLAS (UPI)—A bullet from a high-powered rifle whizzed through a window Wednesday night, narrowly missing former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker who was sitting at a desk filling out his income tax.

The bullet bored a one-inch hole in the wall and fell out on the other side on some packages. Splinters from the bullet's casing struck Walker in the arm.

"I want a purple heart," said Walker, who was not seriously injured.

Walker grabbed a pistol and made a search for the would-be assassin. He would not say who he thought did it.

"We have lots of enemies in Dallas and everywhere," Walker said. "It looks like the mayor is going to have to start giving out purple hearts."

Walker seemed more perturbed by the fact he did not get his income tax finished than he did about the attempt on his life.

Forest Road Project Okayed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Bureau of Public Roads today announced approval of a forest highway project in Oregon.

The expenditure of \$200,000 provides for resurfacing six miles of U.S. Route 265 in Lake County. The improvement in Fremont National Forest extends southerly from a point four miles south of Valley Falls.