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BETHEL ISLAND LEVEE BURSTS

Mexican President Arraigns Pope Pius

Accuses Head of Catholic Church of Meddling in Affairs of Government

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—President Plutarco Calles today arraigned Pope Pius himself for meddling in Mexican affairs; denied the insinuations of his opponents that he was endeavoring to sovietize Mexico and attacked the church for its intolerance and claim to infallibility.

The president participated in one of the most remarkable interviews ever given by a chief of state. It was a direct and forceful effort at justification of his government's position in the struggle between church and state.

Citing the papal approval of the Mexican episcopate's decision to cease priestly services in the temples and alleging that the pope had ordered Catholics to disobey the execution, Calles asked:

"By what right did he do it?" "How could any government submit to meddling of this kind?"

President Calles' words were a defiance of the church. He denied that efforts at mediation had been attempted by President Begua of Peru, who this week cabined a plea for harmony and received a tart reply from Calles.

Mediation, Calles said today, would not be accepted by the Mexican government.

While Calles received the American correspondents, Bishop Pasquale Diaz, official spokesman of the Mexican episcopate, received a (Continued On Page Two)

Cutting of Hay Is Three Weeks Ahead of Time

Hay cutting throughout the district will be well under way by the middle of this week, about three weeks earlier than usual, which is expected to give many of the farmers three cuttings this season, according to Frank Sexton, county club executive, who stated yesterday, following several days in the Merrill and Malin sections, that the hay harvest has already opened.

An early spring is the explanation for the advanced cutting this month. Those farmers who have good stands of alfalfa, will, under favorable conditions, get a third cutting very readily, is Sexton's belief, and even where the crop is lighter the fields will benefit by the early season through richer fall and winter pasturage.

No serious water shortages have been reported on the project, in spite of an exceptionally dry season, and it is generally predicted that irrigated crops will not suffer for want of irrigation this year.

Falls From Pole And Escapes With Broken Forearm

Unable to cling to the upper reaches of a 30-foot telephone pole in the Southern Pacific yards here yesterday, Fred Schrieter, an employe of the railroad company, plunged to the ground, with not even a few strap wires to break the force of his fall.

The man sustained a painfully broken forearm, according to the surgeon who dressed the injury. The accident occurred in the vicinity of the carshops. Schrieter, it was stated, is a water service helper.

BOOM OF REVOLVER HARMLESS; THOUGHT HE HAD SUICIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 7.—(United Press)—William Hayes decided to kill himself. He wrote a farewell note, leveled a revolver at his head, fired and fell to the floor. After being revived at a hospital, where it was found he had not been wounded, Hayes admitted that he had been "scared by the bang" and had fainted from fright.

McPherson Cabin Said to Be Found Close to Douglas

Is Located in Sonora, Mexico; Evangelist Says She Has No Time to Make Visit for Identification

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—Almice Temple McPherson, radio evangelist, said tonight she had not definitely decided whether she would go to Douglas, Ariz., to inspect the newly found cabin in which she claims she was held captive by three kidnapers following her disappearance May 18.

"I haven't made any definite decision regarding a trip to Douglas," Mrs. McPherson told the United Press tonight. "At the moment I am confronted by my church duties and feel them to be of the greatest importance. Being away from my congregation for some time naturally set back my progress and I feel at this time that it is a serious problem to consider leaving them for even a few days.

"I expect to speak to at least 20,000 persons between now and Sunday night, and for the time being have made no decision yet."

Discovery of the alleged captive hut was made by friends of the evangelist. It is located 21 miles outside of Douglas, in Sonora, Mexico, and 12 miles from Niggerhead mountain, not far from a road (Continued on Page Two)

Chiloquin Mayor Resents Charges Preferred on City

The Klamath News is in receipt of a letter from Mayor A. C. Glenger of Chiloquin, relative to sensational stories that have been published accusing his town of countenancing vice, and also charging that the municipal election held last March was irregular. Mayor Glenger does not mind words, and explains the situation clearly and forcibly.

The letter is well worth reading and is herewith published in full.

"The letter of a Chiloquin resident addressed to Assistant District Attorney West, requesting the calling of the grand jury to investigate alleged corruption in our first municipal election, and to investigate alleged immoral conditions in Chiloquin, recently published in Klamath Falls newspapers, has been (Continued on Page Six)

American Legion Elects Officers Ensuing Year

MARSHFIELD, August 7.—(United Press)—Arthur A. Murphy, Portland, was unanimously selected as commander of the Oregon department, American Legion, this action being taken upon a motion by his only opponent, J. O. Freck, also of Portland. Other departmental officials elected were George E. Love, Eugene, vice-commander; Thomas D. Stoughton, Portland, finance officer, and A. C. Bailey, Dallas, chaplain.

Murphy announced that Carl R. Moser of Portland will be reappointed as state adjutant.

The legion auxiliary elected Mrs. Harold Hershner of Hood River, president; Mrs. Gerald Wilcox of Estacada, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. McInturff of Marshfield, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Marie Walker of St. Helena, historian. Mrs. Hershner and Mrs. McInturff were chosen national delegates.

Gaines is Calm as Evidence is Given

Although Not Directly Connected With Murder of Daughter, Testimony Damaging

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—An automobile resembling Wallace C. Gaines' roadster was seen racing wildly through Woodland park and toward the road that skirts Green lake the night Sylvia Gaines was beaten to death on the shores of the lake.

This testimony, introduced by the state, came as a climax this afternoon to another day's interrogation of prosecution witnesses in the Wallace C. Gaines murder case.

John H. Reitz, caretaker at Woodland park, who testified to seeing the car, said it was going so fast he feared it would turn over when the driver tried to make a turn in the road.

"I thought there would be a wreck," Reitz said, "so I watched it."

"I saw where, in making the turn around some posts, the car skidded (Continued On Page Two)

Boxes on Poles Order For Mail Fully Explained

Because some misunderstanding has resulted from a recent announcement to the effect that post office patrons are forbidden by law to place mail boxes on telephone or light poles, John McCall, postmaster here, wishes to clear up the situation.

The trouble occurs principally with out-of-limit patrons, or those who live just beyond the carrier limits. These people have in the past, in many cases, placed their boxes on poles within the carrier limits in order to have their mail delivered. The post office is willing to extend these patrons the carrier service, but the boxes should be supported by posts installed for the purpose. McCall states, as the light and telephone companies have a lawful right to tear down all boxes on the poles.

In the past boxes torn down, have been immediately replaced on the poles, causing the companies no little trouble. The laws reads that no mail box, sign or any other hindrance, may be fastened to poles which linemen have occasion to climb.

Pullman Rates on Cascade Line Not Yet Determined

J. J. Miller, district freight and passenger agent here for the Southern Pacific, after endeavoring for the past three weeks to ascertain pullman rates over the new Cascade line for those who will travel with the local delegation to the Eugene Trail to Rail celebration, yesterday was advised from San Francisco that because the line is new, a set of rates have not yet been worked out by the Pullman company in Chicago.

Straight transportation on the special will be \$9.25, it was announced previously. Travelers on the special will be given a round trip ticket for one-way fare. Pullman rates however, are established by the Pullman company, and until these are quoted from Chicago, Miller will not be able to give correct information on the rates, locally. It is expected that complete information will be received here this week. (Continued on Page Two)

CENSURES EMPLOYEES WHO ARE LATE; IS THEN LATE HIMSELF

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—John Byrne, boss of the architects' division of the board of education, notified 12 of his hirelings to appear in his office at 5 p. m. to receive reprimands for being late on the job. At 5:07, Byrne rushed in breathless from hurrying in a vain effort to be punctual and meekly asking the boys to try dropping around to work on time in the future.

Diamond Lake to Remain Property State of Oregon

Coordination Committee Votes Unanimously to Omit Wonder Resort From Crater Lake National Park

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 7.—A unanimous vote by the President's Coordination commission which has been considering the proposed inclusion of Diamond lake in Crater lake national park, decided against the action after a brief hearing here last evening. Fifteen local witnesses spoke against the inclusion, at the hearing.

The committee, according to a statement from Congressman H. W. Temple of Pennsylvania, chairman, is still considering the alteration of the boundaries of Crater lake national park, but that the new areas proposed will not include Diamond lake.

After hearing the fifteen Medford witnesses, cautioned to brief speeches by Ray W. Moore, Medford, acting chairman at the hearing, the commission went into closed conference to return in a very few minutes with a decision, which when announced, was greeted by continued applause from the audience taxing the capacity of the courtroom. Moore spoke briefly at the close of the hearings, complimenting Stephen T. Mather, director of national parks, and Superintendent C. G. Thomson on park progress.

Those who spoke against the inclusion were: C. E. Gates, P. B. Harrison, Bert Anderson, Paul Scherer, Charles Reames, T. E. Daniels, Allison Moulton, Ralph Cowgill, Dr. W. W. Howard, John Denison and E. E. Kelly, of Medford; and William Briggs and O. N. Franklin, of Ashland.

Beatty Man Is Surprised When Brother Appears

Had Not Seen Each Other for 15 Years; A. P. Schmitz is Prominent Resident of Omaha, Nebraska

Klamath Falls, despite the fact that it was ignored for years by railroad and highway, is attracting the attention of "big business" in the middle west.

A. P. Schmitz, with his wife and son, arrived in Klamath Falls yesterday from Omaha, Nebraska. They were looking for Schmitz' brother, who is no other than Frank J. Schmitz, well known storekeeper of Beatty on the Klamath Indian reservation. Mrs. Leah Smith, of the Triple A. desk, while giving the visitor valuable information concerning roads, threw light upon the whereabouts of Frank Schmitz. The brothers have not seen each other in 15 years, and although the Nebraska man was positive that his brother lived in Oregon, he did not realize that he should find him so easily.

Schmitz is owner of 11 large garages in the middle west and owner of half interest in another shop in Washington, D. C. With a view of adding another string to his list, he has come west and is thinking seriously of locating in the Klamath country.

"Three years ago I went broke in San Francisco and lost every cent I had in the garage business. Then I started out again and now things are running smoothly enough for me again that I can venture out here this week. (Continued on Page Two)

Pine Belt Northern Idaho is Damaged

Nearly 400,000 Acres of Valuable Timber Is Devastated, According to Report

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—Forest fires continued to sweep the white pine belt of northern Idaho and the Spokane territory today, devastating 170,000 acres of federal forestry acreage, 50,000 acres of adjoining forests and an estimate of 75,000 to 100,000 private lands within 100 miles of this city.

Cooler weather during the last 24 hours has aided the fire fighters tremendously, but more fighters are being employed wherever available in an effort to check the fires, while they are burning slowly.

High winds this week have played havoc with the thousands of fire fighters, and smoke hanging low over this entire district has made airplane reconnoitring valueless to those in charge in the field.

Spokane alone is sending 100 fire fighters a day to the woods. (Continued on Page Three)

Fifteenth Fire In One District Causing Alarm

The fifteenth forest fire to break out in one district north of the Klamath Indian reservation, was reported to Jackson Kimball of the local protective association late yesterday. Six men were fighting the flames within a short time after the fire was reported, and at nine o'clock last night, eight additional fighters were dispatched to the flame-stricken area from the local office.

A grass fire of considerable magnitude was reported yesterday afternoon to be spreading rapidly in the vicinity of Grass Lake, in northern California, threatening valuable stands of timber on Goose Nest mountain, belonging to the Weed lumber company. Forest fire lookouts in this district stated that huge columns of smoke were sighted rolling up from the flames, which were believed at the time to be raging through dry grass and juniper trees.

A wire report from Weed, California, received here late last night that a small army of volunteers were desperately back firing yesterday to prevent possible destruction of the town by a brush fire raging in neighboring hills. Barring a change in the direction of the wind, the workers expected to have the fire controlled by this morning.

State Official Likes This City In Business Way

Will Moore, state fire warden, is here looking after official business matters. Moore is a great booster for Tillamook and its dairying industry, but remarks that he never saw a better place in which to engage in dairying than right here in Klamath county. He believes that ultimately there will be developed one of the greatest industries in the state, barring Tillamook, of course, as he sees it, and predicts a wonderful future for Klamath.

WEATHER OREGON—Fair Sunday, Monday; fog on coast, temperature normal; gentle variable winds. (Continued on Page Two)

HOT WEATHER IS CAUSE OF TROUBLE. STATES JURIST

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 7.—(United Press)—Declaring that "assault and battery" and "disturbing the peace" charges are the result of hot weather, Judge H. H. Sawyer has instructed court officials to discourage the filing of these cases in municipal courts. Forty per cent of the July cases on a crowded docket were of this nature, he said.

Timber Stand of Great Value to Be Sold Shortly

Contains 150,000,000 Feet and is Located in Squaw Flat Near Indian Reservation; Expect Many Bids

One hundred and fifty millions of feet of standing timber, located in the Squaw Flat and near the Indian reservation, and along the right-of-way of the Strahorn railway, is going to be sold to the highest bidder on September 4, or thereabouts.

This timber is owned by S. O. Johnson and the Long Bell interests, and the timber stand is adjacent to the Big Lakes company which has been operating extensively for years.

Bids for this magnificent stand of timber must be submitted to Elmer H. Cox, 801 Crocker National bank building, San Francisco, on or before September 4, 1926. A certified check in the sum of \$2000 must accompany each bid to show good faith, and the successful bidder will thus have applied on the purchase price the amount of the check. Bids must state quantity of timber to be removed annually, terms desired and initial payment.

Of the 150,000,000 feet of timber at least 80 per cent is classed as being pine.

Dairy, Poultry Tidings Spread In This County

Almost daily new tidings of successful dairy and poultry ventures in Klamath county, are spread. R. F. Pepple, owner of a diversified 160-acre farm in Langell valley, was in Klamath Falls yesterday searching for additional Guernsey dairy stock to increase his present herd. "The prospects for dairying and poultry production throughout this county are excellent," Pepple declared. "The two industries are already firmly established here, and now await development only."

Settling in Langell valley less than two years ago, Pepple, originally from Idaho where he was a druggist, is gradually working into exclusive dairying and poultry raising. Last winter his flock of hens averaged an exceptional egg production of 70 per cent. "I expect to raise all my own feed next year," he said, "and I don't claim to be a real farmer, either."

On the Pepple ranch is a 25-acre field of natural grass which produced about 12 tons of very good hay this summer, and which furnishes all-year pasture, the visitor stated.

Irrigation Board Expects Cut in Interest Rates

A conference between the Klamath Irrigation district board and representatives of the Reclamation Service will be held on or about August 12, with the arrival of Richard J. Coffey, from Berkeley, district counsel for the service, when possible changes in the present contract will be discussed. Announcement of the conference was made yesterday morning at a regular meeting of the irrigation board. A proposed amendment to the contract will give the district 40 years to repay approximately \$900,000 construction costs, with the interest rate under the new plan, cut to six per cent. Present rate of interest is 12 per cent and the time limit 20 years.

Thousands of Acres Inundated By Deluge

Three Foot Hole Becomes Thousand Foot Gap That Brings Deluge of Water

STOCKTON, Calif., Aug. 7.—(United Press)—Several thousand acres of the richest farm lands in the state were completely inundated late today when the Bethel Island levee burst above Antioch, 18 miles west of Stockton. Crop losses exceeding \$150,000 were reported here.

The levee, which is made by a subsidiary of the San Joaquin river and surrounds the 3500-acre Bethel Island, broke as a result of being tampered with by brush fire fighters. A three-foot hole became a thousand-foot gap from which swirling waters poured down over hundreds of acres of celery, potatoes, beans, corn, tomatoes and asparagus, leaving them in utter ruin.

Although many ranch houses and other buildings were in the path of the waters, the only great damage was suffered by the crops.

Hundreds of ranchers, shortly after the scope of the inundation became apparent began a one-sided battle to stem the flooding waters. Crews of workers were recruited everywhere and calls for aid were received here. Floating motor pumps on rafts and hand pumps worked to keep the water's level down, while construction drove piles and dumped sandbags, rocks and mud to fill the break in the levee.

Late reports from Antioch were discouraging and the workers were making little headway in their efforts to keep down the crop damage.

Suburban Homes Proving Mecca For Newcomers

A movement toward the acquisition of suburban plots of ground in the vicinity of Klamath Falls, is noted by local realtors who state that for the most part their clients purchasing from one to two acres outside the city limits, plan gardens and chicken pens almost before the ink on their house plans has dried.

Among the latest to purchase along The Dalles-California highway, near here, is G. E. Mann, Portland, who arrived here last week, and who yesterday bought an acre of ground from the Tri-state realty company here. Mann stated that he will start construction of a home at once, but as to whether or not he will raise poultry on a small scale, he did not say.

New Wool Blazers

Men's— \$4.85—\$4.95

Boys'— \$3.95

In Bright Plaids

GOLDEN RULE CORPORATION Center of Shopping District.