

MANY KILLED BY QUAKE IN NICARAGUA

Navy Headquarters State Thousand Dead And Many Injured

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BALBOA, Canal Zone, March 31. (UP)—Several hundred persons were killed in an earthquake and fire which ravaged Managua, capital of Nicaragua, today, reports to United States naval headquarters here said. Managua is 500 miles in a straight line northwest of Balboa.

A radio dispatch from Col. F. L. Bradman, commander of the second brigade of the U. S. marines in Nicaragua, said that among the dead was Lieut. Comdr. Hugo Baske, medical officer in Managua. Baske, 40 years old, was born in Nebraska.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

The dispatch said that martial law had been declared in the command of the Nicaraguan national guard. United States marines assisted in the care of the wounded and in maintaining order.

Navy headquarters received a report that the death toll had reached 1,000 killed. The collapse of an American hotel, Lempire, was feared to have caused the death of several United States citizens.

The property damage was estimated at \$35,000,000, the naval advisers said.

The American hospital in Managua was reported among the few buildings standing. It was being used as a center of relief work.

PLANES TAKE AID

Two United States naval planes were ordered to leave for the stricken zone tonight, and tomorrow morning, carrying medical supplies. An emergency conference was held among U. S. army and navy commanders and officials of the Panama canal zone and the Red Cross. Plans for dispatching relief to Managua were adopted.

The army has cots, supplies and planes in readiness to supplement the navy relief units if called on, but it was believed that the naval services would be sufficient.

CRUISER ORDERED

The United States cruiser Rochester was ordered to Corinto, on the Nicaraguan coast, with medical supplies, physicians and a trained personnel to assist in the re-establishment of order and furnish relief to the victims.

Other vessels in the special service squadron were ordered to stand by, awaiting instructions.

Extent of the damage was unknown. Reports said fires which broke out in several sections of Managua continued to burn. Few buildings escaped damage.

Direct communication was interrupted.

Nicaragua, the largest of the Central American republics, is mountainous and volcanic, making it subject to earthquakes. Managua, the capital, is a city of 33,000, on the southern shore of Lake Managua, which is separated from the Pacific only by a narrow neck of land.

Wonder if the major handled the painted desert job

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



Today In Poole's Theatres

AT THE PELICAN

Too many women, a husband with a fiery jealousy and an over-zealous, false reputation as a "heart-breaker" and no means of living up to it—these are the things that spell hilarious trouble for Buster Keaton in "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's filmization of the celebrated stage hit, now playing at the Pelican.

The story is a rapid-fire farce comedy from the time Reginald Denny press agents Buster as a great lover, just to get the older sister of his fiancée interested. Instead, Buster interests other pretty women, and finally the little wife of the jealous husband comes along, and a riot in a hotel, a wild chase punctuated with bullets through a crowded lobby, a "murder" that turns out not to be a murder at all, and various other tribulations result.

Keaton, as the timid Reggie, has a role unique in his career, and fills it with cleverness. He combines the farceur and the character comedian together with a deftness that gives his comedy a new flavor.

Reginald Denny as the chap who eggs Keaton on to romance, plays straight farce characterization with his usual skill.

Charlotte Greenwood, in the role which she made famous on the stage, is seen as the elongated and cynical Polly, and the bery of charmers surrounding Buster include Dorothy Christy, who plays his real sweetheart; Joan Peers, the bogus one; Sally Eilers and Natalie Moorhead. Cliff Edwards and Edward Brophy "team up" as they did in "Those Three French Girls" and contribute many of the laughs.

A thrill is provided when the tiny roadster in which Buster and Joan Peers ride is run over by a locomotive. Another thrill is the accident in which Keaton and Denny figure and the wild chase down the hotel stairs and through the lobby provides more excitement, though tinged with laughter.

AT THE PINE TREE

Two questions arise in Radio Pictures' "Kept Husbands" which opened last night at the Pine Tree Theatre.

First: "Is there any good reason why a woman should not propose marriage to a man?"

Second: "Should a man allow his wife to pay the bills?"

In fact, the questions constitute the main theme of this emotional drama, and are discussed

Snyder Auto Repair Shop Marks Growth

Celebrating their first anniversary at their present location, Klamath avenue at Eighth, the Snyder Automotive Repair Shop founded a fresh note on Klamath Falls' business conditions with the announcement that their firm enjoyed a net gain of more than one-third in 1930 and with the prediction that 1931 would prove even better.

The Snyder repair shop, said to be one of the largest independent complete automotive repair plants in southern Oregon, has in the past year added three automobile mechanics to care for increased business. A few months ago they rounded out their service organization with the installation of a new body and fender repair department that is second to none on the coast.

The firm was formerly located in the rear of an auto parts company at the corner of Seventh and Klamath, where they remained for nearly three years until steady growth of business forced them to find larger and more convenient quarters. The shop is owned by Frank Snyder, who came to Klamath Falls following the close of the World War when he was demobilized from the army.

Other highly important parts in "The Dawn Patrol" are handled by Edmund Breon, William Janney, while the comedy elements of the story are in the capable hands of Clyde Cook, James Finlayson and Frank McHugh, celebrated stage comedian.

AT THE RAINBOW

Richard Barthelmess, First National-Vitaphone star of "The Dawn Patrol," which comes to the Rainbow Theatre today is supported by a brilliant cast three of whom are prominent leading men.

The role of Scott is played by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., who has been co-featured in many First National-Vitaphone productions. Neil Hamilton plays Major Brand, and he is remembered as the featured leading man of numerous Paramount and D. W. Griffith pictures. The third of this triumvirate is Gardner James.

AT THE PELICAN

Recall petitions against Mayor Frank Edwards were circulated throughout Seattle today. They charged the mayor with asserted acts of malfeasance in office and with violations of his oath of office.

The petitions were instigated by the Citizens' Municipal Utilities Protective League, which became incensed at the mayor's action in discharging J. D. Ross, former superintendent of city light.

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LEGISLATURE CLOUDS CLEAR

McKinley Reapportionment Bill Before Senate With Report

SACRAMENTO, March 3. (UP)—Reapportionment clouds began clearing tonight to reveal a more unified state legislature.

Carrying the approval of the senate committee, the congressional reapportionment bill of Senator J. W. McKinley, Los Angeles, appeared to have the best chance of making its way through the maze of political intrigue which so far has blocked any definite solution of the redistricting problem.

OPPOSITION MINOR

While a number of comparatively minor changes will be made in the bill, it is anticipated the measure will have little difficulty in passing the upper house late this week or early next week.

The bill moved out of committee with no opposition except that of Senator Roy Fellom and Thos. Maloney, San Francisco, who claimed the measure "dealt unfairly with San Francisco."

McKinley has provided for eight Los Angeles congressmen, two for San Francisco instead of three and two for Alameda.

USE BASIC QUOTA

The general division gives Southern California 10 congressmen, Northern California nine, and provides a so-called "independent" district in central California comprising San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern and Tulare counties.

By this division the southern district average is 231,255 persons per district, and the northern 232,570 persons. The basic quota was figured at 233,862.

LITTLE GAINS STRENGTH

In the assembly, forces of Walter J. Little, Santa Monica, minority leader, appeared to be gaining strength daily under the pressure of demands from Southern California which are forcing southern representatives who have been supporting Speaker Edgar C. Levey, San Francisco, "back into line."

Needing only two votes to obtain the balance of power in the lower house, it appeared likely the Craig amendments in the McKinley assembly bill might be defeated and the way paved for the congressional bill.

The principle "unsettled" districts in the McKinley bill, with the exception of San Francisco, include Contra Costa county which prefers to remain in the third district rather than being linked with Alameda, and San Joaquin, which desires to get out of the third district.

PRISON LABOR BILL

The assembly today passed a measure by Assemblyman Chester M. Kline, San Jacinto, authorizing the establishment of an industrial system in Folsom and San Quentin prisons. Articles would be manufactured by prison labor "for state use only."

The bill of Senator J. W. McKinley designed to stop the open sale of jamala ginger extract by requiring issuance by prescription was passed by the lower house and will go to Governor

Rolph for his signature tomorrow.

The senate finance committee tomorrow is scheduled to continue its hearings on the \$266,000,000 budget tomorrow. An investigation of alleged "duplicated duties" between the state board of equalization and the franchise tax commissioner also will be undertaken by the "economy bloc."

Boost The News and help boost the Klamath Empire.

Field Nurse Visits Class At High School

Miss Gladys Badger, Red Cross field nurse for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who supervises all the classes in home hygiene and care of the sick, visited at the Klamath Union high school Monday.

While here Miss Badger conducted the high school class which is under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Jackson. Miss Maisie Wetzel, county Red Cross nurse gave demonstrations on various phases of nursing procedure and care. On Tuesday Miss Wetzel conducted the class discussion on the subject of communicable diseases and their control.

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'Bombing Trio' Under Arrest In Centralia

CENTRALIA, Wash., Mar. 31. (UP)—A confessed "Bombing Trio" were charged here today with a felony, after the three men attempted to bomb the Ideal Bakery last Sunday.

The charges were placed against William Stark, 48, owner of the bakery, and two employees, Jack Shearer, 25, and Delorous Thompson, 22, by William H. Grimm, prosecutor, when they appeared in Lewis county superior court.

Police officers reported that the trio confessed that it attempted to bomb the bakery in an effort to collect \$10,500 insurance.

The bombing attempt was frustrated when a night watchman noticed that one of the bakery doors was open, investigated, and discovered 15 sticks of dynamite.



Telephoning to the young folks at school-means so much - - to them-and you!

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