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Legislators Quit

IT IS usually a relief to the people or the state when the legislature adjourns. They probably feel that way over the finish of the 41st assembly in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The session won distinction for the destruction of bills. That probably means it was marked for the introduction of large numbers of faulty or unsound bills. Although it had been expected ahead of the session that the volume of proposed legislation would be somewhat less than usual, it turned out differently. Altogether 970 bills were introduced.

The session was not particularly satisfactory to Klamath county. In addition to the defeat of the seventeenth senatorial district division bill, much desired here, the legislature failed to consider or turned down several other matters which had been initiated here.

Klamath county's wish to remain in the second congressional district, however, was respected by the lawmakers.

There should be general disappointment that the legislators failed to put through any program of legislative reapportionment. It seems that if anything is done on this problem, it will have to be by initiative. The legislators can't agree because they let the personal element enter into the situation, as they did with the perfectly justifiable Klamath bill.

In certain other respects, however, the legislative session turned out a sane program. It came to fair compromise on such controversial issues as the workmen's compensation law. It generally refrained from demanding more taxes from the people of the state, with the single exception of the cigarette tax, which has yet to pass the governor who has said he saw no need for added taxes.

Time to Clean Up

NOW is an excellent time for the people of this community, particularly those in the city and the suburbs, to start a program designed to improve general appearances for the benefit of all who live here and for the better impression on many visitors expected in the coming months.

A lot of unsightly places still exist along roadsides in or near Klamath Falls. There is an auto wrecking place or two that are nothing less than scenic horrors. The city has an ordinance that calls for screening such places with high fences, and it's time proper authorities were seeing to the enforcement of that rule.

The Oregon Roadside council, which has set March 23 to 29 as clean-up week in Oregon, makes some worth while suggestions along this line. It proposed surveys of the approaches of towns and cities; repair or removal of broken fences, gates and old buildings; removal of tin cans and rubbish from roadsides; raking and burning of brush and weeds along fence rows adjacent to highway rights-of-way; planting of trees and shrubbery on roadsides and on private property.

Four-H clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire girls and other civic and service groups could well enter into this program as a means of doing good deeds for their community. We hope that this year the junior chamber of commerce gives its vigorous leadership to this activity.

Klamath was for many years subjected to the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish by careless and thoughtless people. Fortunately, most of this sort of thing has stopped. There is a new spirit of civic consciousness abroad. There is a better chance that what improvements are made will be permitted to stand.

OBITUARY

SALEM ALEX DAVID
Salem Alex David, for the last six years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city Sunday, March 16, 1941, at 12:30 a. m. He was a native of Pierce county, North Dakota, and at the time of his death was aged 33 years and 28 days. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander David of North Sacramento, Calif., four brothers, Edward, William and Victor of North Sacramento, Calif., and Habib of this city; four sisters, Mrs. Victoria David of Houston, Tex., Mrs. Sophie Boddy of Redding, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Assad of North Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Victoria David of Marysville, Calif. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral will be announced at a later date.

FUNERAL

JAMES SAMUEL HEMBLING
The funeral service for the late James Samuel Hembling, who passed away in this city on Saturday, March 15, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High street, on Tuesday, March 18, at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. Eugene V. Haynes of the Community Congregational church officiating. Commitment service and interment in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

The first cotton mill in America was built at Pawtucket, R. I., by Samuel Slater.

Why, What's the Matter, Boys?



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 17—A well-placed government official of exceptional financial judgment figures this \$7,000,000,000 as only the first 25 per cent advance on aid to Britain.

His reasoning: Britain is likely to win but will require about four years. The \$7,000,000,000 figure was a rough estimate to cover the first year of new British orders. Probably nowhere near that amount can be actually spent the next 12 months, but increasing productive capacity will enable larger expenditures next year and thereafter, so the average is apt to be around \$7,000,000,000 annually.

This figuring would make the plausibly expected expenditure \$28,000,000,000. Our own contemplated three year defense program has already reached \$32,000,000,000. The two together could thus approximate \$60,000,000,000—twice the total of all government appropriations in the last war years of '17, '18, and '19.

A BILLION
A magazine, the American Investor, has figured a new way of trying to tell people how much a billion dollars is. Their system: If an unusually alert and industrious young man of 15 started counting one dollar bills at the rate of 100 a minute, he would be able to count a billion dollars by the time he was 96 years old (working 8 hours a day, five days a week.)

BRITISH DEFEAT
A profound internal disturbance has been caused here by the arrival of the last London Economist showing Britain's financial predicament. The federal reserve board survey of periodicals is devoting extraordinary space to the economist article and financial officials are handling it around.

The gap between British revenue and spending will reach \$1,200,000,000 a month (on the basis of a \$4 pound) this coming fiscal year, beginning April, the article says. Only half can be raised by means now visible. The other half must come from inflation, compulsory savings or additional taxes (the limit of taxation already having been

approximated). Inference is inflation may have to come.

British national income for the coming year is estimated at \$36,000,000,000; government expenditures at more than half that, \$20,000,000,000. Automatic new revenue increases have already been provided in excess profits taxes and purchase taxes. (Government levy of cosmetics for instance is 35 per cent.) The deficit in spite of all this is estimated at \$13,000,000,000 for the year. Savings, foreign holdings, and sterling balances will be tapped for half this, but no one knows where the other half can be found.

What stirred our financial officials so much was the possibility that the British predicament is a foretaste of what we will have to face in some degree.

NOTE: A considerable inflation is already under way in Britain. Using the pre-war year 1935 as 100, note circulation has already increased to 153.

NUTTY NOTIONS
Let it not dismay you to note in your daily news or conversations increasing numbers of nutty notions. During the world excitement such ideas as "a concentration camp for Senator Wheeler," or institution of a general government wiretapping system for citizens are bound to come up, probably with increasing frequency from now on. Yet there is no indication that the great bulk of dominant government officials are being swayed in the slightest by the fury of an infinitesimal number of hot heads.

As for wiretapping, Mr. Roosevelt has already said he, with the late Justice Holmes, considers it a dirty and undemocratic business, and would tolerate its use by the government only in legitimate cases of espionage, sabotage, kidnaping and extortion. J. Edgar Hoover said about the same thing. Against their judgment, the mysterious force which is propagandizing for the Hobbis bill (tapping by all government departments for all suspected felonies) is likely to gain more attention than headway.

As for concentration camps, not even Interior Secretary Ickes has yet mentioned them and possibly he joins with every other official in considering the idea preposterous.

The wonder of most officials

Gems of Thought

ACTIONS
The actions of men are like the index of a book; they point out what is most remarkable in them.—David Thomas.

Thought is the essence of an act, and the stronger element of action; even as steam is more powerful than water, simply because it is more ethereal.—Mary Baker Eddy.

I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.—Horace Mann.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness.—Colton.

It is vain to expect any advantage from our profession of the truth if we be not sincerely just and honest in our actions.—James Sharpe.

The chief value of superior knowledge is that it leads to a performing manhood.—Bovee.

Explosives of Orange Peels Said Possible
LOS ANGELES, March 17 (AP)—Orange peel may become an important factor in the war.

Dr. Walter J. Fischel of the Hebrew university, Palestine, flew here from Australia and told newsmen the university was working with the British government to make explosives from the peel of oranges.

"It seems that orange peel contains yeast, alcohol, sugar and acetone and chemists on synthetic believe they have an explosive in the making," Dr. Fischel stated.

is not that bitter hatreds have gained root, but that the great bulk of the people, the 99 per cent, have so well kept their heads and feet after months of hot pressure.

BRITISH SLASH INTO ITALIAN COLONIAL AREA

Troops Still Massed on Greek Border; Ships Sunk in Sea War

By The Associated Press
Prime Minister Churchill's threat to tear Italy's African empire into "shreds and tatters" advanced nearer realization today with the announcement that imperial forces have recaptured Berbera, British Somaliland port on the gulf of Aden, and seized Eritrean heights covering a long-besieged Cheren.

A communique issued by the middle east command at Cairo said the re-entry into Berbera, abandoned last August when the fascist occupied the British colony, was made yesterday in cooperation with the royal navy and air force.

The brief announcement that "the British flag again flies over Berbera" was the first indication that the swift British conquest of neighboring Italian Somaliland now has carried all the way to the gulf of Aden coast of the north.

The British declared that the general advance by seven columns of imperial and native patriot forces boring into the country "continues in all sectors."

Troops Massed
In the Balkans, Germany was reported by a military expert in Belgrade to have massed 16 divisions—perhaps over 240,000 men—on or just behind Bulgaria's frontier with Greece. With another 180,000 men in Rumania.

To match the Nazi forces, the British were said to be pouring 300,000 men onto the Greek mainland, 100,000 of them already disembarked with full fighting equipment.

With Adolf Hitler's all-out spring offensive against British shipping just beginning, the authoritative Lloyds shipping register today listed British, allied and neutral shipping losses in the first 18 months of the war at 1245 ships totalling 4,962,257 tons.

This total—700,000 tons more than the allies lost in the first two and one-half years of the World war—was against 422 German, Italian and axis-controlled ships aggregating 2,028,140 tons reported sunk up to March 2.

CABIN CRUISER IN RIVER OVERTURNS
Making a turn at "too high a speed" the 26-foot cabin cruiser of Edgar Thompson Sunday overturned in five feet of Williamson river water throwing Thompson, Mrs. Thompson and Frank Snyder, local automobile dealer, from the craft and damaging the motor.

According to Thompson, an employee of the Snyder Motor company, the accident occurred five miles upriver as the trio were making a pleasure cruise. All three were thrown into shallow water and only slightly bruised.

The three were able to right the boat but were unable to start the motor after the wetting.

Potatoes Given To Society
Following a request for potatoes from Mrs. Margery MacLaren of the Oregon Protective Society, Inc., Portland, the first shipment to that organization went out today by Consolidated Freightways.

C. V. Barton, prominent potato grower and dealer of Merrill, donated the potatoes to the society. The shipment consisted of 50 sacks.

about 7 per cent of the total population of the world, own and operate 71 per cent of the world's passenger cars.

SIDE GLANCES



"The new minister is a little too young and optimistic—he doesn't pin people's ears back the way old Reverend Beelle used to!"

"Grandma" Flackus Passes After 54 Years Residence On Hildebrand Homestead

Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth Flackus, 96-year-old pioneer of the Hildebrand and Dairy sections of Klamath county, was buried Monday afternoon by the side of her husband, August Flackus, in IOOF cemetery at Bonanza. For the past 54 years "Grandma" Flackus, as she was known to hundreds of friends and neighbors throughout the basin, made her home in this district. Her death occurred Friday, March 14.

Mrs. Flackus was active up until December of this past year when she suffered a light stroke. Up until one year ago, "Grandma" Flackus was busy at her spinning wheel which she brought from her old home near Coblenz, Germany.

Born in Frucht, Germany, January 13, 1845, Mrs. Flackus was married to August Flackus in 1864. Both were born and reared in the little town not far from Coblenz. There were born their four sons, William, Charles, Theodore and Emil, and with them, the family left Germany in 1882 for Des Moines, Ia., where other relatives had settled.

William Flackus, the eldest son, first came to the west coast in 1886 and went directly to the government land office in Portland where he was advised to seek land in the Klamath basin. William was too young to file on a homestead but sent word to his parents and brothers to come west and August Flackus filed on 160 acres upon his arrival in 1887. The original land is still in the Flackus name.

August Flackus died in May, 1908, at the age of 66 years. He had suffered an injury while working on his ranch and death followed an operation. He is buried in the old IOOF cemetery at Bonanza. Following the

death of her husband, Mrs. Flackus moved into a small cottage on Theodore's ranch near Hildebrand on Four-Mile spring. For years Mrs. Flackus was an active member of the Hildebrand grade and up until this year the occasion of her birthday was observed by many of her friends and relatives.

Members of "Grandma" Flackus family recall she was an ardent gardener and could "make anything grow—flowers, vegetables, or fruit." In late years she spent many hours carding and spinning wool which she would knit into socks for her four sons and grandsons.

All residents of the Hildebrand country knew "Grandma" Flackus, according to her sons, and one of the closest friends of the family was the late Captain Oliver C. Applegate, a frequent visitor at the Flackus home.

Six of "Grandma" Flackus' grandsons served as her pallbearers Monday afternoon. They were Walbert Flackus of Ashland, Charles and Silas Kilgore of Langell Valley, and Ernest, Warren and Victor Flackus of Hildebrand. The service was read by Rev. Wilson of Bonanza and arrangements were under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

Messages Sent To Rickenbacker

ATLANTA, March 17 (AP)—Eddie Rickenbacker once flew a plane against the winged fighters of Germany.

One of these was Ernst Udet, and he and Rickenbacker came to know of each other's prowess in the days of the first World war.

Rickenbacker today lies injured from the crash of one of his own commercial airline planes. Among the hundreds of messages wishing him well and awaiting his attention is one from — Udet.

SANDY, March 17 (AP)—The smelt here were running in the Sandy river today and hordes of dipnetters were making good catches. F. O. Haldeman, field representative of the state game department, said the smelt were "of a good size."

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NOW PLAYING
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RAINBOW
NOW PLAYING
A FREE-FOR-ALL AND LAUGH KNOCKOUT!
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TODAY
There are two kinds of love...
THE KIND THIS WOMAN HAD... and every woman wants!
THEATRE'S GREATEST FULFILLER PRIZE WINNER!
THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED
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DANCING ON A DIME
IT'S A MUSICAL METEOR!
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