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Comment in Brief

NO EFFORT was spared by the chamber of commerce and the local army hospitality committee in giving all desirable assistance to the 30th infantry as it moved 1600 men in nearly 300 motor vehicles through Klamath Falls Friday morning.

Numerous advance details were arranged by the chamber of commerce, which has been in touch with officers of the 30th infantry for several weeks with regard to movement through here. Further arrangements were made after the regiment's supply officer came in Thursday and conferred with the chamber for added local assistance.

The community has good reason to be proud of the efforts being made to cooperate locally with the national defense units which are routed through this territory. It is a patriotic enterprise, and it is civic activity at its best. The Dalles-California highway seems to be a favored route for military movements, and this community is prepared to give the maximum of local assistance whenever the opportunity arises.

It is good news that the Klamath county court has made substantial progress already in developing plans for improvements on the Sprague River road this year.

Members of the court said Thursday, after reading comment on the road in this column yesterday, that there are strong probabilities the road can receive such permanent improvement this year as to prepare it, at least, for oiling between the Lakeview highway and Sprague River. Plans along this line began shaping up at the first of the year.

It is highly possible Sprague River people will have less difficulty next winter in getting to the Lakeview highway than in any past season. We hope so. Further, we hope that in the not too distant future the Sprague River road can be brought into the state secondary system.

It's not pleasant to complain, but perhaps complaint will help to prevent a repetition of the puzzling and bothersome delays which have occurred in connection with Klamath's street signal system.

To recap briefly, the state highway commission authorized a call for bids on these signals last fall, then rejected all bids as unsatisfactory. Nothing was done again until a few weeks ago, when it was stated the new bids would be opened in April. Now comes word that pressure of other matters has made it necessary to postpone opening the bids until May.

Specifications are not prepared and bids are not opened in the out-of-doors, and there was really nothing about the winter weather that could have prevented getting all these inside details out of the way so that actual construction could have started in the spring. Instead, this has yet to be done, and Klamath Falls isn't likely to have stop and go signals before mid-summer, if not much later than that.

Now that May has been set as the time for bid-opening, nothing should be permitted to prevent the procedure from coming off at the May date.

The election at which Klamath voters authorized a levy to finance traffic signals occurred so long ago that many people have forgotten the signals are actually authorized.

50 Civilians Killed For Each Soldier

LONDON, March 28 (AP)—About fifty civilians have been killed for each military fatality in German air raids on Britain since the war's start, it was disclosed today in an official statement which placed the civilian dead at 28,859 and the seriously wounded at 40,166.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK

BERLIN, March 28 (AP)—Four ships have been sunk or damaged by German bombers today, DNB, the official news agency, reported.

Fishing Boats, Waders, Fishing Jackets—Gun Store, 714 Main.

Tailor Made Clothes—That Fit—Gun Store—714 Main.

SIDE GLANCES



Here comes Mrs. Needle with that half-pound of butter she borrowed six weeks ago—I wonder what she wants this time!

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 28—The series of strikes disrupting the defense program and sabotaging Mr. Roosevelt's course may seem to those on strike to involve issues as important as life itself. To a disinterested bystander, they seem to involve only superficial technicalities.

In an effort to present succinctly the points at issue, in half a dozen of the outstanding conflicts, I consulted the least partisan sources of expert information in the government, and received the following studied advice:

VANADIUM—This bottleneck strike, holding up production of a particular kind of steel necessary for machine tools (the very center of defense effort) involves the company's right to hire six non-union guards. The union claims this violates their contract, as it probably does. The company claims the guards are a part of management, not labor.

UNIVERSAL CYCLOPS—The employees claim the company pays about \$6.50 a ton below its competitors, and want a wage increase.

BETHLEHEM—The company wants to foster the employees representation plan (company union) ordered disbanded 19 months ago by the national labor relations board. A decision against Bethlehem has been appealed by the management to the courts.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER—A union in which suspected communist elements are controlling, has demanded recognition of its setup in all plants. The NLRB has certified it as the bargaining union in only two of six plants.

ALLIS-CHALMERS—It was all settled over a month ago but at the last minute Sidney Hillman, Mr. Roosevelt's co-director of defense, attempted to interpret the agreement that had been reached. His interpretation was not satisfactory to anyone and if he had kept his mouth shut the strike would be settled today.

MIDLAND STEEL—An increase in pay has been demanded for the 25,000 who are working on a piece basis.

SERIOUS COMPLAINTS

You can see from this impartial summary of the contentions that those who are doing Hitler's business in the United States are serious about their complaints. Yet few of their contentions would be accepted as vital by a guiding government source. As a whole the complaints foster the suspicion that the strikes have been contrived by someone who does not have the final interest of labor at heart. Suppose, for an instance, that all the complaints in these half dozen most important strikes were resolved in favor of labor, the victory would not be important. If I were a communist bent on ruining Mr. Roosevelt's plan I would favor the strikers.

It is unfortunate that we have no central control capable of meeting such diverse and nationally important development in the defense program. The president has indicated no inclination to take hold. We cannot expect congress to do it without leadership. It seems we are in for an indefinite period of more of the same.

Labor no doubt has the right to strike and protect itself but the public has a greater right. It has the right of protection and in this case it has the right of a fair allocation of wages and working arrangements. But no one in the government or elsewhere is advocating the cause of the public. The only strong advocacy comes from the parties involved.

It is not a question of how many men are on strike, as Mr. Roosevelt says, but the fact that



Spring Song

anyone is on strike at a time when labor's international cause is being so well defended.

\$60,000 Damages Sought in Suit

PORTLAND, March 28 (AP)—Charles L. Mitchell filed a \$60,000 damage suit against the Weyerhaeuser Timber company in federal court yesterday charging he was seriously injured in a fall from the roof of the defendant's sawmill at Klamath Falls, August 2, 1940. He was painting the roof, the complaint states.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY

Complaints Filed
Estelle Watson versus Homer Watson. Suit for divorce. Couple married September 21, 1923. Plaintiff charges husband deserted her at Pueblo, Colo., August 6, 1932. Custody of two minor children asked by plaintiff. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Lloyd David Vail, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
Carl Steele, assault and battery, dismissed on motion of district attorney.

Tex Williams, larceny, dismissed on motion of district attorney.

Merrill

MERRILL—The young folks of the Christian Endeavor class of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a swimming party at Klamath Falls Tuesday night. They followed up the swim with a weiner roast and bonfire at the gravel pit near Merrill. About 12 young men and women were present.

Lawson and Ivan Kandra, students at Oregon State college, returning home for the spring vacation decided to farm this spring rather than return to school. They will resume classes at the opening of the fall term.

Shasta View grangers, guests of the Merrill grange Monday night, held chairs of the local grange, conducted the meeting and presented a program under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. Johnson. In addition to 21 guests from Shasta View were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wicklander, Wicklander, state deputy and Mrs. Wicklander both spoke briefly, and Graydon Broyles sang two tenor solos.

Merrill grange served refreshments.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BARBER CONVALESCENT HOME open to old people and semi-invalids. 153 Granite, Ashland. 3-28

HOUSEKEEPING room, everything furnished, \$3.50; and sleeping room \$2. 410 S. 5th. 3-31

THE INTERSTATE Business College offers you the most for your money. 432 Main. 3-28

DENTAL OFFICE for rent. Equipped; also other office space. Stewart-Drew Bldg. Inquire Drew's Manstore. 4-4

NEW furnished house, electrically equipped. No children or pets. Nice furniture. Phone 3756. 3-29

NICELY furnished 3-room apt. 825 Grant. 3-31

10,000 French Praise Serbs At Marseille

MARSEILLE, France, March 28 (AP)—Shouting "Long live Yugoslavia" an estimated 10,000 inhabitants of this city of French refuge poured spontaneously into the Place De La Bourse today where the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia was assassinated in 1934.

The unscheduled demonstration, which grew in volume every hour, came after word was whispered through the city that a new anti-axis-Yugoslav government had been formed.

Heap of Flowers
Early this morning the people began to drop bouquets at the scene of Alexander's assassination and at the monument to the father of Yugoslavia's young King Peter II.

As the heaps of flowers mounted, 300 police were called out to halt the procedure and crowds began to gather.

In the Place De La Bourse the crowds sang the Marseillaise and applauded each time someone evaded the police cordon and succeeded in adding to the floral offerings.

A similar demonstration took place before the statue at the police prefecture.

Dodge Police
The demonstration grew loudest when members of the Yugoslav colony here, accompanied by members of "Polus of the East association" appeared to decorate the monument to Alexander.

When police lines kept the crowd from the plaque which marks the place of the assassination, the people boarded a trolley car and tossed their flowers from the doors and windows as it went past.

Children, whom police were unable to control, slipped through and laid little bunches of flowers on the pile which by now almost covered the monument.

\$2500 Turned in Friday for Scout, Camp Fire Drive

With reports complete from approximately 25 per cent of workers active on the firing line of the Scout-Camp Fire girl fund drive now in progress, a total of \$2500 had been turned in at 2 p. m. Friday.

Yet to report are 74 solicitors, Dwight Gilchrist of the Boy Scout office said, and he urged all to round out their campaign.

NOW PLAYING

Big Double Bill

Bill Boyd

as "Hopalong" Cassidy in
"THREE MEN FROM TEXAS"

Companion Hit

James Stewart
Roselind Russell

in
"NO TIME FOR COMEDY"

VOX

MUST END SATURDAY

Pictured by the men who gave you "GRAPES OF WRATH"

TOBACCO ROAD

Directed by
JOHN FORD

PINE TREE

Tonight Midnight Matinee!

DOORS OPEN 11:30 P. M. — ADMISSION, GENERAL 40¢ — LOGES 55¢
GRAND PREVUE SHOWING OF THAT EXCITING
JACK LONDON ADVENTURE STORY OPENING SUNDAY



Dial
3262
For
Show
Times

Alexander Knox - Gene Lockhart

PINE TREE

CONTINUOUS SHOWING
FROM 12:30 P. M. SUNDAY

NOW PLAYING

THE LAST WORD IN STARTLING DRAMA!

Forced landing in jungle! ... Twelve marooned! ... Only five can escape! ... WHICH FIVE? ... What a climax! ... Wait till you see!

FIVE CAME BACK

with
CHESTER MORRIS
LUCILLE BALL
HENRY HARRIS
JOHN CARABINE
ALLEN JENNINGS
JOSEPH CALLEJA
C. ARNET SMITH
BETTY TAYLOR
PATRIC KNOWLES
ELIZABETH HISSON

RAINBOW

efforts as soon as possible. Deadline set by the drive committee is noon Saturday.

Gilchrist revealed all workers aiding in the \$6000 drive are meeting with a very fine response.

PELICAN NOW

2 TOP FLIGHT HITS

BEDLAM
in the
BUGHOUSE!

Hugh's a brain doctor in a silly salon...
HE'LL DRIVE YOU CRAZY WITH LAUGHTER

HUGH HERBERT

MEET THE CHUMP

JEANNE KELLY
LEWIS HOWARD
ANNE NAGLE
SHEMP HOWARD

Second Feature

WAR TORN LOVE
against a background of actual conquests in action!

CONVOY

CLIVE BROWN
John Clements
Edw. Chapman
Judy Campbell

Patrons saw the surprise preview of this picture recently and—

UNANIMOUSLY
ACCLAIMED IT

TOPS!

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PATRONS SAW THE
SURPRISE PREVUE OF
THIS PICTURE RECENTLY AND—

UNANIMOUSLY
ACCLAIMED IT

TOPS!

HESTER... of the
smoldering eyes...
the crushing lips...
the clinging arms!

Youth at the
mercy of the
wrong kind
of women!

**EMILIE... of the haunting
loveliness... the
gallant loyalty... the
understanding heart!**

A love battle... with no
rules... to win five men!

INGRID BORGMAN-BAXTER

Adam Had Four Sons

HAYWARD DENNING SHAW

STARTS
SUNDAY

PELICAN