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IN THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

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High 82; Low 37; Midnight 60
24 hours to 5 p. m. _____
Season to date _____
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Expert Raises Disputed Point In Murder Case

In The Day's News

by FRANK JERARD

THE war news (on Wednesday) continues bad. The Yugoslav army is disintegrating under the German blows. The British-Greek front is being driven back. German aircraft are pounding British sea communications, hampering the bringing up of supplies and reinforcements and hoping to prevent successful re-embarkation if the British are driven out of Greece.

The lone hopeful spot is in north Africa, where for the moment at least the British seem to be holding at the Egyptian-Libyan border.

THERE are rumors that the Italians in Ethiopia are preparing to surrender. That, if it should happen, would release more British troops for the defense of Egypt.

MORE mystery: From Chungking comes this dispatch: "It is reliably disclosed that Moscow has informed the central Chinese government that Russian aid to China is being CONTINUED."

FIGURE that one out of you can.

Japan is at war with China. Russia and Japan have just concluded a friendship and non-aggression treaty. Yet Russia proposes (it is said) to go on supplying Japan's enemy with the materials necessary for continuing war against Japan.

Modern war is certainly screwy.

ANOTHER interesting rumor: Domei, the Japanese news agency (similar to the AP, the UP, etc.) broadcasts a report from Bangkok that British troops ATTACKING along the Malayan-Thailand border have caused the Thai (Siem) government to protest to the British authorities.

Why the British should pick a fight in that quarter is hard to understand. It sounds like Japanese propaganda preparation for an attack on Singapore.

WATCH Japan and Russia closely. Only by DEEDS can they be judged. Words don't count in the kind of wars that are fought nowadays.

They never did count much. Since history began there never has been a time when the double cross was not a possible weapon.

ANOTHER one: According to Russian "circles" in London, Soviet Russia is ready to sign non-aggression treaties "in the interest of peace" with ANY country—Britain included.

And just as ready, one suspects to BREAK them.

NORTHERN (British) Ireland is heavily bombed. Southern Ireland remains untouched. The Germans say the attack on northern Ireland is a blow directed against British supply centers.

It is to be suspected that it is a propaganda enterprise designed to show the south of Ireland how lucky it is to be in the good graces of the Germans. You never can tell, though, how the Irish will react to propaganda.

SIMOVIC IN ATHENS

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—The German radio broadcast today a report that Yugoslavia's premier, General Dusan Simovic, had arrived at Athens. CBS heard the broadcast.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

April 16, 1940—Britain announces landing of troops on Faroe Islands; Reynaud tells French senate Germans lost 30 per cent of navy in first week of Scandinavian fighting.

April 16, 1916—Germans repulse French attack on Dead Man's hill.

Witness Says Gun Not Over 3 Inches From Zulkoski When Fired

Expert state testimony in the James Q. Anderson second degree murder trial Wednesday placed the muzzle of the gun that killed Jerry Zulkoski just three inches or less from the sleeve of a jacket worn by the Anderson ranch hand on the fatal night of January 23.

This deduction came from Stanley MacDonald, Portland ballistics expert, and by it the prosecution sought to show a discrepancy in a story of Zulkoski's shooting asserted by Sheriff Lloyd Low by Anderson after his arrest in the case.

Low testified young Anderson told him he shot Zulkoski from the ground after Zulkoski had pushed Anderson out of a truck on the Lakeview highway near Olene. The state contends this does not check with the close-at-hand shooting indicated in MacDonald's expert findings.

The case will probably go to the jury after Anderson has told his own story from the witness stand.

MacDonald's conclusion was introduced over stubborn defense opposition. The ballistics expert said he based his deduction on tests he made with .32 calibre bullets fired point blank at various distances at least cloth virtually identical with that in the Zulkoski jacket. He then

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Miners Okay Wage Boost; Strike Stays

NEW YORK, April 16 (UP)—The United Mine Workers (UMW) and northern operators of the Appalachian soft coal region late today reached agreement on a new wage-hour contract, but UMW President John L. Lewis said the nation's soft coal mines would not be reopened until the agreement was accepted by southern operators.

Contents of the agreement, which reportedly provides for a flat \$1 increase to \$7-a-day for the miners, will be made public tomorrow when it is turned over to approximately 500 representatives of UMW locals for ratification.

The agreement was announced by Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the United States conciliation service and personal representative of President Roosevelt in the negotiations.

The UMW looked to government officials for the next move to bring the southern operators back into the negotiations as the only means to pave the way for reopening of the mines which have been closed since April 1 when the 1938-41 wage-hour contract expired.

The northern mines produce about 55 per cent of the industry's output. If mines in this region were permitted to reopen, approximately 250,000 men could return to work.

Government Freezes Steel Prices To Curb Up-Trend

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UP)—The government tonight froze iron and steel prices at levels prevailing during the first quarter of 1941 to forestall a general upward price trend of other commodities "which would lead the nation into disastrous inflation."

The order was issued by Price Control Chief Leon Henderson and, while its effect on steel prices may be only temporary, the move was seen as a warning that the government is determined to prevent runaway prices under the defense program.

Henderson said steps were being taken immediately to resolve prevailing uncertainties as to steel cost factors, production requirements and distribution, both as to defense and civilian needs. If it is found that the "frozen" prices are out of line, he said, the situation would be corrected.

Wage Boost He said he was confident the steel industry, "which has so

In Bridges Case



Howard Rushmore, government witness in the Harry Bridges deportation hearing at San Francisco, testified Bridges was treated as "a scared cow" by the communist publication Daily Worker during the time Rushmore was on the staff.

Royal Navy Blasts Axis Libyan Army

LONDON, April 16 (AP)—The British navy has gone into action against the axis threat to Egypt, the admiralty announced tonight, the Italian-German "operations on the Libyan coast are being constantly and successfully harassed by bombardment from His Majesty's ships."

"Enemy positions and transport columns on the Escarpment road west of Salum have been bombarded with particularly good results," the communique added.

The ships have also shelled El Gazala airdrome to the west of Tobruk it declared.

Troops Attack An official announcement today said British forces in North Africa had "successfully attacked the rear of the German position in the Capuzzo area on the Egyptian border."

Fort Capuzzo is a strong point in Libya, just across the border from Salum, where the British have been fiercely resisting axis Panzer forces thrusting eastward.

A ministry of information statement said: "It is learned in London that in Libya our forces have successfully attacked the rear of the enemy position in the Capuzzo area, where enemy ve-

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South Africa Gold Purchased By U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UP)—The treasury tonight announced the arrival in New York harbor of a \$132,000,000 shipment of "newly produced" gold from South Africa which was purchased by this government from the British treasury.

Proceeds of the purchase, made through the treasury's stabilization fund, will be used to replenish British dollar reserve resources in order to give the empire more funds to purchase materials in this country, the treasury said.

The treasurer said the gold will be delivered to the U. S. assay office in New York.

Logging Halted at Weyerhaeuser After Fire Burns Bridge

Weyerhaeuser Timber company logging west of Klamath Falls Wednesday was at a standstill as crews hurried to replace seven spans in the company's Spencer creek railroad bridge which were destroyed by fire in mid-afternoon Tuesday.

The blaze, discovered by returning trainmen late in the afternoon, had crept through 105 feet on one end of the 840-foot bridge before it was finally quenched. Cause of the fire, although not definitely established, was believed by a company official to have been caused by sparks from a brake shoe.

Hugh Campbell, Weyerhaeuser woods superintendent, said Wednesday night that repairs would probably be completed by next Monday. He said that an ample supply of logs in the sawmill pond would forestall any necessity of a temporary mill shutdown.

patriotically cooperated in the defense program, will continue to cooperate in the task of maintaining ceiling prices." The order came amid reports that a general hike in steel prices was imminent to meet a \$108,000,000 wage boost granted workers in the industry. Earlier, Henderson had modified his recent order under which bituminous coal prices were frozen to prevent increases during the labor stoppage in the industry. Henceforth the coal operators will be allowed to increase prices to enable them to finance the retroactive wage increases of miners.

No Justification Henderson acted on steel prices shortly after Defense Purchasing Director Donald M. Nelson had warned that the government might have to broaden its price control measures unless certain price spirals were stopped.

Nelson said at a press conference that the wage increase (Continued on Page Two)

TOLL REACHES 174 DEATHS IN MEXICO QUAKE

Big Area Devastated; Volcano Erupts And Tidal Wave Results

MEXICO CITY, April 16 (UP) Government authorities reported 174 known dead and at least 175 injured in a wide area devastated yesterday by an earthquake that crumbled hundreds of homes, brought a tidal wave on coastal villages, and caused eruption of the Colima volcano.

As rescuers dug through the wreckage of homes and public buildings, indications were the death toll would be considerably higher.

MEXICO CITY, April 16 (AP) Great sections of the city of Colima, which has a population of 15,000, were destroyed in yesterday's earthquake. Governor Pedro Torres Ortiz of Colima state telegraphed the government information bureau today.

Water and electricity have been cut off, the message said, and troops are patrolling the city to prevent looting. There were no disorders, the governor's message continued, despite the fact that half of the population is homeless.

Full Toll Unknown Water wagons which customarily are used to sprinkle the streets now are carrying water to quake victims from the broken reservoir. Fires still burned on the slopes of the Colima volcano and ashes covered the stricken city.

Federal troops have removed 36 bodies and nearly 100 of the injured from the ruins the governor telegraphed. The full toll of dead and injured in the towns (Continued on Page Two)

Two Women Injured In Plane Crash

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 16 (UP)—A Pennsylvania-Central Airlines plane carrying three crew members and six passengers crashed in a heavily wooded area two miles south of Charleston airport today, shearing off the right wing and injuring the two women aboard.

Hostess Irene Coates, 22, of Pittsburgh, and Ann Gould, 20, of Royal Oak, Mich., suffered broken bones.

Capt. Russell Wright, of Sewickley, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and First Officer William Riley were cut on the face and forehead, and Howard M. Jardine, of Pittsburgh, suffered a possible fracture of the back. The other passengers were released after hospital examination.

Too Low The plane encountered trouble immediately after leaving the airport, according to A. H. Crawford, of Charleston, a passenger. It was evident the plane was too low to clear a crest immediately in front of it, he said.

The plane landed in the woods about a mile from the nearest highway, Crawford said, and the passengers walked to the road to meet ambulances called from Charleston hospital.

Members of the ship's crew (Continued on Page Two)

Witness Says Bridges Spoke At Red Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 (AP)—The government's fifth witness in Harry Bridges deportation hearing testified today that the longshore leader spoke at a committee meeting of a California communist convention, closed to everyone but members of the communist party.

Sam Diner, who identified himself as a former communist now operating an apparel shop in San Rafael, said Bridges made a report on the San Francisco general strike to the communist trade union committee at the party convention in Fresno, December 23, 1934.

He said Bridges was a member of the committee.

War Bulletins

LONDON, Thursday, April 17 (UP)—The all-clear sounded in London before 5 a. m. today.

LONDON, April 16 (UP)—British and German armored forces are engaged in the battle of Greece along the 150-mile-long allied battlefield hinged on Mount Olympus, the British war office announced tonight.

"Heavy fighting is taking place at Maroussi, one sector along the allied line," the announcement said.

LONDON, April 16 (UP)—The British fleet, sweeping in to action against the axis drive toward the Suez canal, tonight reported the "annihilation" of a large Italian convoy in a Mediterranean battle.

Not one of the five ships of the convoy or of its three escorting destroyers escaped destruction, while the British lost one destroyer, the admiralty announced.

ATHENS, April 16 (UP)—German "panzer" forces are driving toward the important railroad terminus of Kalambaka, nearly 90 miles into the heart of Greece, and have reached the Kosani plateau near the Mount Olympus bastion of the allied line, the Greek high command reported tonight.

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British In 'Mousetrap' At Mount Olympus, Say Nazis

Germans Claim 40-Mile Push Into Greece



With the spearhead of the German offensive at Kozane, the German high command claimed a 40-mile thrust into Greece as Italians renewed pressure in the west. 1. Italians claimed the capture of Koriza. 2. A German column sweeping past Phlorina was reported at Kozane. 3. Germans reported they had crossed the Aliakmon river north of Veria in a drive against British occupying positions near Mt. Olympus.

WILLKIE TAKES LAW POSITION

1940 Candidate for President Returning To Legal Profession

NEW YORK, April 16 (UP)—Wendell L. Willkie announced tonight he is returning to law practice and has become senior partner in the 60-year-old firm of Miller, Owen, Otis & Bailly, hereafter to be known as Willkie, Owen, Otis & Bailly.

"I will continue to write and speak on political questions of principle but his chief work is to be the practise of law, in which he intends to devote himself to advocacy and trial work. The arrangement by which he entered the firm permits him to

Ire Aroused Over Talk By Raver Here

PORTLAND, April 16 (UP)—The issue between private and public utilities has grown to a state of war, the president of the Portland General Electric company told the Northwest Electric Light and Power association here today.

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Editorials of Italian in Chicago Blamed for Killing

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—John F. Arena, 43, editor of an Italian language newspaper which recently published editorials accusing Italians in official circles here of "fifth column" activities, was shot to death on a North Side street last night.

Police Capt. Patrick O'Connell had his men seize copies of recent issues of his paper, La Tribuna, and assigned translators to study its articles for possible clues to the killing. The captain said Arena had received numerous telephone threats because of his articles.

Hits "Fifth Column" One editorial written in English, published Feb. 14 and reprinted Feb. 21, said in part: "We are glad to know that the great majority of American citizens of Italian blood are disgusted with the 'fifth column' activities of a vice consul at the Italian consulate and his friends. Many times we have exposed these unscrupulous people, be-

cause with their intrigue they harm both the American and the Italian people and the good understanding between these two peoples."

In Washington, the house committee on un-American activities announced that Arena had supplied the committee with information about fascist activities in this country only a few hours before he was shot to death.

Another editorial in February 21 issue of La Tribuna said warm approval of the previous article had come to Arena from Italian-Americans in Chicago and elsewhere and added:

"Many American citizens of Italian blood, loyal to their adopted country, United States of America, tell us they can not speak openly against the activity of this 'fifth columnist' (naming an Italian vice consul) because they are afraid of persecution of themselves and their families."

His wife, Dorothy, 32, told (Continued on Page Two)

LONDON SAYS MAIN DEFENSE STILL INTACT

Jugoslavia's Troops Said Defeated After 11-Day Resistance

BERLIN, Thursday, April 17 (UP)—British forces on the Greek front are being swiftly surrounded in "a natural mousetrap" around Mount Olympus where German armored columns are sweeping in upon them from the Aegean coast and from the valleys to the west, authorized Nazi quarters said early today.

"It is only a matter of time before the bulk of the British forces are encircled and wiped out," these quarters boasted.

German "panzer" columns striking across the Bosnian mountains have seized Sarajevo, the "birthplace" of the World war, and delivered a knockout blow to 11 days of Yugoslav resistance, leaving the nation prostrate and beaten, it was announced.

Surrendering

Jugoslav troops are surrendering by the thousands in a complete disintegration, including the entire Yugoslav army which "capitulated and laid down its arms at Sarajevo," according to a high command communique.

Five Yugoslav armies have not capitulated and "disorganized guerrilla mountain fighting is the only resistance confronting German troops in what once was called Jugoslavia."

Previously the fourth Yugoslav army of the north had surrendered at Zagreb, the third army gave up in Macedonia, the fifth army at Nish and the first army at Novisad, it was stated.

Germany's Balkan forces, in a swift encirclement, were said by the high command Wednesday to have overtaken retreating British and Greek forces after "hot pursuit" and to have engaged them on the slopes of Mount Olympus and the mountains westward.

Details of the fighting reaching Berlin were vague.

LONDON, April 16 (AP)—The British war office announced tonight that heavy fighting is taking place in several sectors of the British-Greek defense line across the Grecian peninsula.

It said, however, that there was no confirmation from either the British or Greek commands of a rumor, attributed to German sources, that the nazis had forced their way through the Mount Olympus defenses to the Larissa plain.

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Local Electricians Strike When Wage Deadlock Develops

Three Klamath Falls electric shops were hit Wednesday when approximately 20 members of the AFL Electrician's union failed to work Wednesday morning following a breakdown in negotiations over a \$1.40 wage increase.

According to R. H. Bigger of the East Side Electric company, one of the firms which were struck, the electricians are seeking a wage increase from \$9.80 to \$11.00 per day. Also hit by the strike are Garcelon's and the Moore Electric shop.

Negotiations have been carried on for the past four days, Bigger stated, but are now in a deadlock. Representing the electricians is a committee headed by Hollis Anderson, president of the Klamath local. The Association of Building Contractors and Employers were believed to be speaking for the employers.

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