

BOARD RAPS U. S. WATER PROGRAM

Proposed drastic revision of drinking-water standards by the United States Public Health Service was attacked today as unreasonable and theoretical by the Seattle Board of Public Works, which adopted unanimously a resolution refusing to accept such revision.

The board's resolution declared, "Even the raw water of the City of Seattle is above the standards required," while the treated water never has shown harmful bacteria.

Proposed at L. A. Meek

The action of the board came upon the return of its chairman, Water Supt. W. C. Morse, from a meeting of Pacific Coast water works heads at Los Angeles, at which the proposed new rules of the Health Service were discussed, and at which resolutions of protest were adopted.

Morse said the changes that would be required in the city's water system if the intricate set of rules were forced upon the city would cost Seattle \$8,000,000 in tearing up more than 500 miles of streets, relaying mains and sewers and adding personnel to the testing laboratory and other divisions of the Water Department.

Resolution Strong

The board's resolution asserted "the U. S. Public Health Service has the right to require that water delivered be of a certain quality, but has no right to control the methods by which such standards are reached."

It suggested that one requirement that residual chlorine be carried throughout the distribution system when ordered by the Health Service would be "objectionable to many customers."

Sister 'Model' In Search For Missing Twin

Eighteen-year-old Irene Stoddard, 4028 Empire Way, was at Police Headquarters today to act as a model in the police search for her identical twin sister, Eileen, who has been missing since January 3, when she left home to look for a job.

The twins have black hair and brown eyes, are 5 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 110 pounds.

"If you see a girl who looks like me—and it isn't me, why, it's Eileen," Irene told Policewoman Nellie M. Carr.

The twins live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Collyer. They are nieces of Police Patrolmen R. O. Collyer and B. M. Hull.

Prisoner Promoted

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that 2nd Lieut. Robert M. Hanna, Marine Reserve Corps, of Fort Worth, Texas, who was presumed to be a prisoner of war, had been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant Hanna had been stationed at Honolulu before his transfer to Wake Island, the Navy added.

Bon Marche's Victory Fair Is Center of Civic Protection



CONSTANCE ROSE (left) and EVELYN BICKFORD Miss Bickford prepares to try on a gas-mask at the Victory Fair

Throng of Seattle citizens of all ages received an eye-opening view of the ramifications of civilian-defense activities yesterday when they visited the Seattle Municipal Defense Commission's Victory Fair at the Bon Marche.

Extensive space on the second floor of the department store is given over to booths, where displays and demonstrations of defense work are presented.

Gas Masks Demonstrated

Much interest centered about gas-mask demonstrations by experts from the Seattle Fire Department who used volunteers from the varied audiences as models.

A featured attraction was an extensive display of the Army's "cold-climate clothing," arranged in cooperation with officers at the Seattle General Depot. It was the first, and probably the only public display of such equipment to be shown in Seattle.

Volunteers Sought

Designed primarily to show Seattle citizens how they can assist in civilian-defense work, facilities are available for registering people for volunteer duties.

Staffing the registration bureau are Mrs. A. Scott Bullitt, Mrs. James Johns, Mrs. A. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Prescott Oakes, Mrs. Cecil Cutting, Mrs. Joel Baker,

ORDNANCE PLANT PRODUCE HIT, IF JAPS ARE OUSTED

LA PORTE, Ind., Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—An explosion at the nearby Kingsbury ordnance plant this afternoon killed two employees and injured three others on a shell-loading line. The dead and injured were not immediately identified.

Plant officials said casualties were kept at a minimum because of the careful spacing of concrete and steel buildings housing working departments.

This statement was authorized by plant officials:

"While an occurrence such as this is extremely unfortunate, it must be realized, as Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson has stated, 'we are the soldiers of production.'"

The huge plant, six miles south of here, has been engaged in loading shells since last May.

1 Dead, Dozen Hurt In Florida Wreck

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A locomotive engine was killed and a dozen or more persons injured today when two fast New York-Miami trains collided near here.

William G. Guess, Seaboard Air-line division trainmaster at Jacksonville, Fla., said the dead man was J. W. Browning of Plant City, Fla., engineer of the northbound Sunqueen. Guess named five injured trainmen and said several passengers were taken to a West Palm Beach hospital.

Tariff Held Bar To Guatemala's Sugar

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Guatemalan sugar consortium declared today this country could increase their sugar exports to the United States by 60 times the present amount if American tariffs were reduced to make such action pay.

The present quota for export to the United States is 350,000 pounds, the consortium said, while 20,000,000 pounds could be made available.

Tallah Bankhead In Hospital for Rest

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Tallah Bankhead, actress and daughter of the late Representative William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House, entered Lenox Hospital yesterday for a rest. Dr. M. W. Rogers, attending physician, said her condition was satisfactory and that she was not on the serious list. Miss Bankhead's last Broadway appearance was in "Clash by Night."

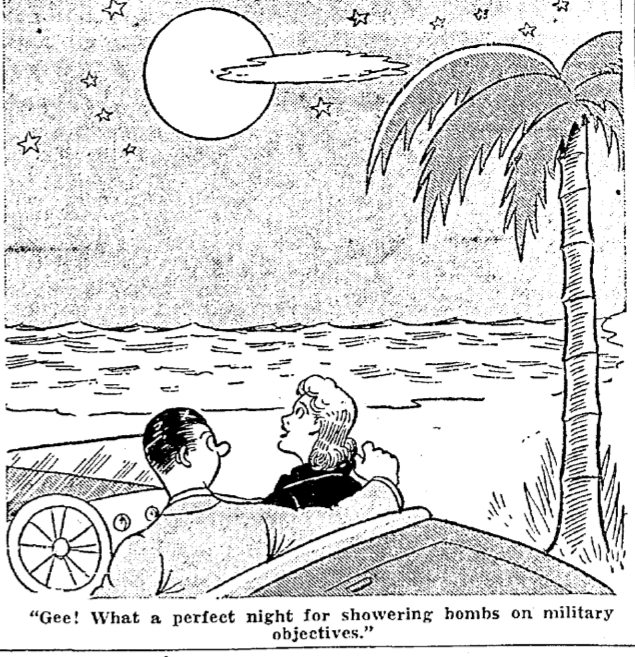
Albers Mill Vote Ordered

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A collective-bargaining election among employees of the Albers Milling Company, Los Angeles, was ordered held within 30 days by the National Labor Relations Board today. The employees will vote on whether they wish to be represented by the C. I. O. Longshoremen, the A. F. of L. Flour, Feed & Cereal Workers' Union or by neither.

Wavell Wounded—Tokyo!

The Japanese broadcast a roundabout report that Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, commander in chief of the Allied Far Eastern forces, has been wounded and is under medical treatment at Soerabaya, the United Press reported today.

OFF THE RECORD -- By Ed Reed



Menjou's at Sand Point; At Ease, Men! --- And Girls

The sundry blondes, brunettes, and red-haired young women who work in various clerical and stenographic capacities at the United States Naval Air Station at Sand Point scarcely had time to swoon when handsome Adolphe Menjou swept through the air station yesterday afternoon.

Here to deliver a monologue to service men at the air station last night in connection with the presentation of a U. S. O. three-act comedy farce, the actor arrived by train, sped to Sand Point, shot through corridors, looking neither right nor left at the beauties at various desks. He clinked coffee cups with Rear Adm. John S. McCain and Capt. Ralph F. Wood.

Five minutes later, high atop a platform in a huge hangar, Menjou addressed about 800 seamen.

"At ease, men!" Menjou cried. He whipped off his brown Homburg. "My hats are off to you boys!" said the actor, probably referring to all his head coverings which go along with the 125 suits in his wardrobe.

"I'm not going to tell you any jokes now—but tonight! We mustn't waste our ammunition, you know. Thank you."

Menjou, in a quickie interview, said he'd come to Seattle prepared for snow, ankle-top boots, muffler, velvet-collared overcoat and all.

Menjou said he didn't know that in 1927 he had been voted Japan's most popular male star in American pictures.

"I was surprised to learn that the Russians liked my type of picture, though," he said. "You know, the so-called capitalistic type of picture. Evening clothes and all that."

U. S. Consul Escaped Singapore, Say Japs

BERLIN (From German Broadcast), Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A Tokyo dispatch reported today that Sir Shenton Thomas, the British governor-general at Singapore, had told a correspondent of the newspaper Nichi Nichi that he had remained at Singapore under orders but that United States Consul-General Kenneth S. Patton and the Chinese consul-general had escaped.

MOVE JAPS, SAY 4 MORE POSTS

Four more American Legion posts in the state today announced the adoption of resolutions urging removal from the Pacific Coast of Japanese and other aliens.

The resolutions, headed by warnings that the presence of enemy aliens constitutes a menace to the safety of the Pacific Coast area, were adopted by the following posts:

North Seattle Post No. 112, which stated that Japanese are in this area in such large numbers as to make impossible the task of adequate supervision, and urged removal to inland points of all Japanese.

Wenatchee Post No. 10, which stated that control of enemy aliens is beyond the scope of duly constituted authorities unless such persons are restricted and urged removal of enemy aliens to inland points for supervision for the duration of the war.

Longview Post No. 155, which urged the removal of Japanese aliens, and Heskett Arnold Post No. 132, Concrete, Pierce County, which urged the removal of all enemy aliens.

Mrs. Lewis Recovering

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. John L. Lewis, wife of the union leader, was reported "doing very nicely" today at the Johns Hopkins Hospital after an operation. Dr. Walter E. Dandy, noted brain surgeon, performed the operation yesterday.

Land girls in England are planting spruce trees.

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