

WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 55
Lowest temperature last night 49
Precipitation for 24 hours .74
Precip. since first of month .74
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1935 12.16
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1935 1.79
Showers Tonight.

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BONUS

Looks like a victory for the war vets at the session of congress opening tomorrow. All signs point to Roosevelt's approval of a compromise. The glad tidings will be in the NEWS-REVIEW.

BONUS BILL ASSURED OF ROOSEVELT O. K.

ETHIOPIANS GAIN NOTHING IN OFFENSIVE

First Major Drive Against Enemy Proves Futile; Inhumanity Charged by Both Sides.

By DEVON FRANCIS
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
Ethiopia, her first major offensive reported away, served notice on the league of nations today that she will retaliate by seizing the property of Italians unless Italy abandons alleged outlawed war methods.

The African empire, in a communication to Geneva, promised to refrain from reprisals entailing inhuman treatment of Italian soldiers.

But in Italy, where Premier Mussolini's government already has accused the Ethiopian warriors of decapitating fascist aviators and has cited that as a reason for a southern aerial bombardment in which a Swedish hospital unit was wrecked, observers speculated on a possible campaign of "punishment."

Reliable sources in Rome said Italy had vast quantities of "scientific weapons" which it is reluctant to use against the enemy, unless Ethiopia war practices arouse a national demand to "fight fire with fire."

Some fascists thought a merciless aerial drive might be Italy's course to "punish" the hostile armies for the alleged decapitations.

The whole question of aerial bombardments, particularly attacks on Red Cross medical units, appeared in Geneva to be a likely topic for discussion by the league council January 20 or sooner.

Offensive Fails

In Addis Ababa, authoritative

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FARMER IN MARION SLAIN BY NEIGHBOR

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Hugh Jean Sloan, 41, a farmer at Broadacres, three miles west of Woodburn, was shot and killed at his home early this morning. State P. C. Fredman Farley Morgan said the slaying was done by John Kyle, 65, a neighbor, after a reported drunken party.

Kyle, arrested by police and brought to the Marion county jail, told police he shot his younger neighbor in self-defense, Morgan said.

Morgan reported Kyle told him the two men had come to Salem to see a boxing card, and, returning, had been drinking. After the shooting Kyle went to another neighbor's house and reported what he had done.

Sloan received one shot through the abdomen and three in the back, Morgan reported.

According to the state police, Kyle had served time in McNeil prison from Washington on a charge of possession of a gun. He has been operating a small chicken ranch near Broadacres in recent years.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ANOTHER old year has ended, and a new year is beginning. BEING AMERICANS, we are all quite certain that the new year will be much better, in every way, than the old one.

AFTER all, that is a fine way to be.

You remember, of course, the myth of Pandora's box. The box was very beautiful and very alluring, and the fact that she had been forbidden to open it made Pandora all the more curious about its contents.

Finally she yielded to temptation and OPENED IT, and out flew every conceivable variety of plagues and pestilence and stung her terribly so that she cried and moaned and covered her face with her hands.

Then, from the very bottom of the box, flew HOPE and by a touch of her caressing fingers cured the

Removal Order Affects 122 At Transient Home

Evacuation orders affecting 122 men at the Roosevelt transient home were received today and put into immediate effect. Forty-eight men were transported from the home this afternoon to the Savage creek camp near Grants Pass and 24 to Camp Lane in the Triangle lake district, 40 miles west of Eugene. Fifty men will leave tomorrow morning for Coquille. The men are to be placed in WPA camps.

The evacuation order has been expected for several days, and results from delays at Washington, D. C., in bringing about the transfer of the home at Roseburg to the WPA. Efforts to keep the institution intact were launched by the county court, city administration and chamber of commerce but failed to prevent the movement.

It is expected, however, that the transfer will be made in the near future, in which case the home will probably again be occupied and maintained as a work camp. The labor will be used on a landscape project at the veterans facility, grading job at the high school grounds and improvement work at the airport.

PLAN FUTURE NEEDS, DOUGLAS ADVISED

Reserve PWA Projects Should Be Prepared, Is Agent's Suggestion.

Councils of Oregon are being urged to prepare reserve WPA projects in anticipation of an increase in relief load, according to Floyd Bilyeu, field representative, who is in Roseburg today conferring with C. D. Fies, county WPA engineer.

Douglas county, Mr. Bilyeu reports, has already given this matter attention and is one of the best in the state in preparations for meeting future needs.

Mr. Bilyeu is also investigating the matter of retaining men at the Roosevelt Transient home here, and is conferring with W. H. Bailey, superintendent, preparatory to making a direct report to state WPA headquarters.

At present, the field representative states, only persons on the active relief rolls prior to November 1 are eligible for certification to the WPA. All clients added since that date must secure relief through the SERRA and county agencies. It is possible, however, that an order may soon be made providing certification of relief clients on the rolls prior to January 1, in which event additional work projects will be needed to provide employment. He is touring the counties of the state to assist engineers in preparing projects so that there will be ample work outlined to meet any emergencies.

DEATH CAR DRIVER CITED FOR HEARING

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INSURANCE FOR JOBLESS GIVEN FEDERAL NOD

Oregon to Start Promptly on Compensation Plan, With Initial Staff of 150 Persons.

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Oregon's unemployment compensation law today received formal approval by the federal social security board and its adoption made final, John G. Winant, federal chairman, today informed Governor Martin.

Work upon organization of the department under the industrial accident commission will be started at once. Administration of the act collections under which are effective this year, will require an initial staff of more than 150 persons, it was estimated by the accident commission.

Oregon's law was among the first in the United States to receive formal approval. The details of the act were presented the federal board by T. Morris Dunne of the accident commission.

Rules Outlined
In its formal adoption the federal board emphasized six points of the Oregon law.

"All compensation is to be paid through public employment offices in the state or such other agencies as the board may approve.

"No compensation shall be payable with respect to any day of unemployment occurring within two years after the first day of the first period with respect to which contributions are required.

"All money received in the unemployment fund shall immediately upon such receipt be paid over to the secretary of the unemployment trust fund established by section 904 (federal).

"All money withdrawn from the unemployment trust fund by the state agency shall be used solely in the payment of compensation, exclusive of expenses of administration.

"Compensation shall not be denied in such state to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to accept new work under any of the following conditions: If the individual offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute. If the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less

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COOS DEER HUNTER KILLED BY NEPHEW

MYRTLE POINT, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—An out-of-control deer hunt ended fatally for Wendell Robison, 27, of Arroyo, who was shot through the head late yesterday by his nephew, Harry Ira Collier, 22, of Arroyo.

Robison circled through the brush to straddle a deer from their hideout in the brush and fired. He said The bullet ripped through Robison's head.

Collier said he failed to realize he had killed his uncle until he approached and leaned over the prostrate body. Shouts summoned other members of the hunting party.

Dr. Russell Keizer, coroner, said an inquest may be held.

ALLEGED BURGLAR NABBED BY GROCER

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The owner of Cobb's grocery at West Stone held an alleged burglar, James Russell Oswald, 18, at the point of a gun until officers arrived and made the arrest.

Cobb phoned officers when he heard the prowler, and then covered the youth, he said. An allegedly stolen automobile and other loot were recovered from the youth who lives in Portland, Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch said.

GAS FUMES KILL I. O. S. C. STUDENT

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CONGRESS FACES STORMY LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Opening of the second session of the 74th congress tomorrow presages some spirited battles in both the senate and house of representatives over forthcoming legislative issues. Political plans of the administration, as mapped out by President Roosevelt and Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, chairman of the powerful senate finance committee, are expected to result in a compromise bonus bill which would avoid any outright inflationary program yet satisfy the bloc headed by J. Ray Murphy, commander of the American Legion. The \$200-a-month old age pension plan sponsored by Dr. F. E. Townsend may cause some political fireworks, but is not conceded a chance of being enacted. Stiffening of the neutrality bill promises to be a major consideration since Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota has declared his intention of fighting for legislation to bar shipments of all commodities to war zones in American vessels. Other plans of the administration await decision of the supreme court on pending New Deal measures, such as the AAA, TVA and Wagner labor bill.

OREGON'S TIMBER TAX TO BE STUDIED

Heavy Burden Stressed by Governor as He Names Committee of Five.

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Governor Martin today named a special timber tax committee of five to study the question of the timber situation and to report its findings to the legislature.

Charles V. Galloway of the state tax commission was named chairman. Others were Earl R. Day, Jacksonville, president of the county judges association; Thornton Munger, Portland, of the U. S. forest service; Aubrey Watzek, Portland, of the Oregon state board of forestry; and R. D. Moore, Bend, of the Oregon forest fire association.

In making the appointment Governor Martin declared:

"The heavy tax burdens which timber lands in this state have been forced to carry have greatly depressed their value; they no longer stand as an attractive investment. The growing tax load is forming a wasteful and unprofitable cutting of our vast timber resources and stands in the way of every orderly, constructive plan for the renewal of those privately owned."

"Spasmodic attempts have been made to present a legislative program providing for a deferred system of taxation but all have failed largely because of lack of agreement on the part of the timber owners and opposition from counties whose revenues would have been affected by such legislation."

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR BRIDGE LUMBER

Bids on 271,000 feet of bridge lumber were received by the county court today and contracts awarded. The court received proposals for materials on five bridges in various parts of the county.

Material contracts on three of the proposed jobs were awarded to C. A. Steigler of Myrtle Creek, who made an offer of \$12 per thousand feet on 151,000 feet of lumber.

Hargan Bros. of Elkhart were low on 35,000 feet at \$15 per thousand; while C. A. Briggs of Umpqua was low on 45,000 feet at \$14.75 per thousand.

Deferred Sewer Plan Slated For Council Tonight

A special meeting of the Roseburg city council is to be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock to consider revival of the proposed trunk line sewer and sewage disposal project. Following a recent conference by City Attorney R. L. Eddy with PWA officials at Portland, a plan is under consideration to divide the project between the PWA and WPA, to bring the cost within the amount available on the city's part for the construction program. The council tonight will consider forms of resolutions and applications under the proposed new plan.

WOMAN DROWNED IN LAUNDRY TRAY

SALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Vera Melis, 24, of Milwau, Mont., drowned at home today in a laundry tray in the basement of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith. Efforts to revive her by a palmist were declared useless after 10 minutes.

City police officers did not learn her husband's initials, but said he was in Washington, D. C. She is also survived by three small children.

Mrs. Melis was discovered, police said, by one of her small daughters. Mrs. Smith had left shortly before the noon hour to bring her husband home for lunch.

City Traffic Officer Don Nicholson said when he first arrived Mrs. Smith had told him the woman had been dependent. Later, however, she told him the daughter was subject to fainting spells and believed while she was washing clothes she fainted and fell into the laundry tray.

Coroner Barrack was investigating.

AGED WATCHMAN IS STILL MISSING

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The whereabouts of J. H. Moore remained a mystery today. State police have been searching for the 63-year-old watchman for the Lariver & Bunn Logging company of Douglas Ridge, who disappeared Christmas day.

HARRISON POTTER JAILED AT VISALIA

Fugitive Coos Junction Man and Pal Wanted in Coos on Theft Charge.

Harrison Potter, who escaped several months ago from officers seeking him on a charge of burglary, is under arrest at Visalia, California, according to word received by the sheriff's office here.

Potter and Allen Cameron, former residents of the Coos Junction district, are wanted in Coos county, where they are accused of burglarizing a store at Powers.

The two men, it is claimed, broke into a store at Port Orford and then went to Powers where another robbery was committed. Escaping from Powers, it is alleged, they were in an automobile collision, picked up the driver of the other car in the crash, carried him to the highway junction and then at the point of a gun forced him out of his auto, despite the fact that he was severely injured.

Neat Bridge, while driving to their home near Coos Junction, they demolished their own automobile, in which they had been travelling, despite a damaged axle, and both men were hurt.

They succeeded in eluding pursuing officers, however, apparently escaping into the timber.

Potter, it is stated, was recently traced to Visalia and taken into custody upon information furnished by the Coos county authorities.

Cameron, who served a sentence in Douglas county for bootlegging, prior to the repeal of prohibition, is still at large.

MISSING AVIATOR HELMS NOT FOUND

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 2.—(AP)—A report that a plane, apparently in distress, was seen flying through fog over Calaveras canyon Tuesday afternoon was received today in the search for Lieut. John T. Helms, missing army aviator.

Rudolph Gogga, Milpitas rancher, informed Sheriff George W. Lyle he saw the plane. Helms disappeared late Tuesday night, after leaving Hamilton field on a flight from Medford, Ore., to March field, near Riverside.

The search was not renewed from Moffett field today because of adverse weather conditions.

PREDICTION OF APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT VOICED BY SENATE DEMOCRAT CHIEF

Compromise Reported by Robinson Advances Maturity of Certificates Seven Years, with Payment at 97 Per Cent of Value; Roosevelt's Night Radio Broadcast Plan Creates Political Fuss.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Shadows of the forthcoming presidential campaign dominated the ice-blanketed capital today amid indications a compromise bonus redemption measure would be swept through congress. Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, forecast enactment of a bonus bill that President Roosevelt would sign.

In his first pre-session press conference, Robinson indicated such a bonus bill probably would be drafted along the lines of the Byrnes-Stetler proposal advanced last session under which the adjusted service certificates would mature in 1945 instead of 1947, as provided at present. It was designed so that payment of their face value this month would bring veterans about 57 per cent of their ultimate maturity value.

Almost simultaneously, the house steering committee backing the Patman bill to pay the bonus in \$2,000,000,000 of new currency agreed not to fight, on the house floor, any sentiment of a majority of members to strike out the currency-expansion method of payment.

"This committee is extending the olive branch," said Representative Patman (D., Tex.), author of the bill, after a secret session attended by 14 of the score of members of the committee.

"We want to cooperate to the end that the veterans will get their money," he said.

Procedure Explained
Patman said the committee intended "to permit the bill to take its natural course." Such procedure would carry it to the house floor January 13. A majority of house members late last session signed a petition to take the bill from the ways and means committee.

"If the house votes to discharge the committee and the bill is considered," Patman said, "while we have not changed our views, if a majority of the house sees fit to amend the bill by striking out the method of payment, we will abide by the decision of the majority."

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Contributors Listed
The Liberty League report, filed by R. J. Dillon, listed receipts amounting to \$482,275.46. Largest contributors were the Du Pont family of Wilmington, Del., who provided \$138,350 in loans and contributions. The league has been a leading New Deal critic.

The Bankers Trust company of New York made a \$20,000 loan to the league last April 29.

Jonett Shouse, president of the league, was reported to have received \$51,000 during the year in salary, travel and incidental expenses.

William C. Murphy, Jr., director of publicity, received \$1,165.66 a month and his assistant, William Kerby, \$438.33 a month. Other disbursements for the most part, went for printing, supplies, office expenses, travel, organization and clerk hire.

Du Ponts Lead Way
Irene Du Pont led his family in meeting league expenses with four

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MUNICIPAL MEET DATED IN ROSEBURG

A meeting will be held in Roseburg January 17 to discuss municipal problems. It is announced by Herman Kehrl of Eugene, executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities, with which Roseburg is affiliated. The meeting will be one of six to be sponsored by the league and by the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research.

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Speaker Byrnes of the house hastened also to answer Fletcher.

"This is the president's message and certainly he has the right to indicate when he prefers to make

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Roosevelt Night Broadcast Plan Defended by Democratic Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's decision to deliver his annual message to congress tomorrow night, at an hour when the number of radio listeners will be greatest, was defended by democratic leaders today against republican charges of "politics."

Replying to an assertion by Henry P. Fletcher, national republican chairman, that the arrangement brought the annual presidential duty "down to the level of a political speech," Senator Robinson of Arkansas declared:

"I think this effort to make a mountain out of a mole-hill is rather absurd. It seems to me that no one should desire to prevent the country from having the opportunity of becoming familiar with the president's viewpoints, and that anyone who takes that attitude cannot justify it."

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