

WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 56
Lowest temperature last night 27
Precipitation for 24 hours—0.0
Precip. since first of month 9.17
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1935 20.89
Excess since Sept. 1, 1935 1.70
Partly Cloudy; fog, frost.

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That's the answer of today's issue of the NEWS-REVIEW to the roll-call of the cream of the day's news. And the answer is never different from day to day. If you're a daily reader, you'll never be a day behind in the news.

BOND ISSUE FOR PACIFIC HIGHWAY URGED

20 Negro Convicts Burned to Death in Truck

TWO OTHERS DRAGGED OUT MAY NOT LIVE

Tragedy Hits in Scottsboro Area When Gasoline Is Ignited by Fire in Truck Cage.

SCOTTSBORO, Ala., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Twenty negro convicts burned to death today in the cage of a prison transfer truck following explosion of a 30-gallon drum of gasoline.

Two other convicts were seriously injured and Guards Middlebrook and Wasson were seared on the hands and face in attempting to rescue the victims.

Reports as to the cause of the fire varied.

Guards said sliding of the truck on the icy highway apparently sloshed gasoline to the floor, where it was ignited by heat of the burning coals in a fire bucket placed to shield the convicts from near zero temperatures.

At Montgomery, Ala., however, State Highway Engineer Ister said a negro had "struck a match" near the gasoline drum.

"The first thing we knew of anything wrong," Guard Middlebrook said, "we heard the negroes shrieking for help."

"As soon as I could stop the truck," I dashed to the rear, and Wasson and I unlocked the door and attempted to pull them out.

"Two near the door we could save, but both are badly burned. The rest could not be reached, as the gasoline roared like an inferno."

All Listed "Bad"

The convicts described by Middlebrook as "bad," were transferred from camp "C" at Scottsboro to a state road project.

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THREAT SENDER TO F. R. GETS 90 DAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Austin Phelps, retired electrical engineer of Park avenue, today was sentenced to 90 days in the federal detention house for sending threatening letters to President Roosevelt. The maximum penalty which Federal Judge Robert P. Patterson could have imposed were five years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

The court imposed the sentence after a plea by Phelps' attorney that the 51-year-old man be extended "extreme leniency."

Palmer wrote letters to the president in which he blamed the government for his financial reverses and threatened to strangle President Roosevelt with his own hands.

MORE TAXES NEEDED, ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES

DOUGLAS PRUNE GROWERS CONTINUE TO LINE UP FOR NEW MARKETING PROPOSAL

More than half of Douglas county's prune acreage has already been placed under contracts with the proposed new state prune marketing organization now being formed, according to R. R. Clarke, who is one of the leaders in the organization movement for this district.

At a meeting held at the city hall in Roseburg yesterday afternoon, growers representing approximately 640,000 pounds of prunes signed marketing agreements, while 150,000 more pounds will probably be signed later. Several growers who are engaged in partnership orchards stated they would sign the contracts after contacting their partners.

The total sign-up now approximates 8,500,000 pounds, Mr. Clarke reports or more than one-half the total prune yield for the county, the normal prune crop being from 13 to 16 million pounds.

Mr. Clarke, A. C. Marsters and John Bacon were principal speakers at the meeting held here yesterday. Clarke and Marsters are Douglas county representatives on the Oregon prune control board.

A sign-up meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock at Myrtle Creek tonight, and a similar meeting will be held at Lookingglass Tuesday night.

The proposed organization is being formed along the same plan as was followed under the former state agricultural act. In that act, which was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, growers were compelled to market their prunes under regulations established by the prune control board, and were taxed to meet administration, inspection and police costs.

New Plan Voluntary

The new plan is practically the same, except that participation is voluntary rather than compulsory. In order to provide enforcement of the control board's regulations, the prunes of grower members are

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MAN HURT AS CAR ROLLS OVER BANK

Wreck Near Oakland Sends Traveler to Hospital in Roseburg.

E. N. Nerhaugen, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was brought to Mercy hospital late yesterday suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident just south of Oakland.

The car in which he was riding with H. S. Frost of Portland skidded off the highway and rolled over the steep embankment.

Mr. Nerhaugen suffered deep scalp wounds, numerous face and body bruises and possible internal injuries. He was given first aid treatment by Dr. Devore at Oakland and was brought by ambulance to Mercy hospital.

Frost escaped with only minor injuries. The car was badly damaged.

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ATHENS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—General George Kondylis, 55-year-old former "strong man" of Greece, died suddenly today from a heart attack.

BORAH, LONDON HOLDING STAGE OF POLITICS

Senator's Backers Urging More Definite Remarks on Plans; Governor Draws Criticism.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Decision by Senator Borah not to seek republican convention delegates in Pennsylvania, a union leader's prediction that president would be reelected and a telephone call from Governor Landon made for continued political activity today.

Talking from Topeka for ten minutes with Representative Hope of his state, the Kansas governor evidently had farm policy on his mind.

Hope yesterday introduced a farm subsidy plan not unlike some ideas suggested by Landon. There was a tendency by some to consider it a Landon plan, but the house republican leadership and friends of the governor discouraged any description of it other than as a tentative possibility for a platform plank.

With some allies of Senator Borah taking a critical attitude toward Landon, there was speculation whether contests between the two for delegates in some states might ensue.

Former Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania disclosed Borah delegates would not be sought there, because it would take more cash than "available."

F. R. Victory Forecast

Victory for President Roosevelt in the election was predicted by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, to the United Mine Workers convention.

"I believe that after next November the powers of reaction will suffer a greater defeat than they suffered a little more than three years ago," he said.

The delegates cheered when Assistant Secretary McGrady of the labor department asked whether they supported the president.

"Let that be the answer to the money bags of Wall Street," he said.

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WAINSCOTT HOUSE AT OAKLAND BURNS

An Oakland dwelling house, owned by Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Waincott of Roseburg, was totally destroyed by fire about 5:30 o'clock this morning. The building was tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Adams, who lost all of their personal belongings.

Mrs. Adams and children were spending the night at the Grubbe home, and Mr. Adams was at home alone.

The blaze was not discovered until after it had obtained a good start and the fire department was unable to save the building or any of its contents.

The house, a two-story frame structure, was insured, according to Dr. Waincott, for about one-half of its value.

BRUNO'S CASE STANDS AS IS, WILENTZ SAYS

Nothing Changes Evidence That Hauptmann Alone Is Guilty, Declares His Prosecutor.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz, commenting on Governor Harold G. Hoffman's order that state police reopen the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnap-murder case, said today the governor's statements "contain no fragment of new evidence. The case stands as is."

Wilentz issued the following statement after a conference with Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the state police:

"All the columns of interviews, statements, and published reports by persons interested in behalf of the defense, and all the statements of the governor including the letter to Col. Schwarzkopf, contain no fragment of new evidence. The case stands as is."

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U. S. ROAD FUNDS MAY BE RETAINED

McNary Notifies Roseburg Chamber of Effort to Continue Help.

Retention of the 1937 federal highway appropriation is expected in the appropriation bill, according to a telegram received this morning by the Roseburg chamber of commerce from Senator Charles L. McNary.

The Oregon senator reports that he has joined with Senator Hayden of Arizona in submitting an amendment to retain the highway funds.

The Oregon highway program is seriously threatened by a recommendation that the usual federal highway appropriations be eliminated for 1937, due to the fact that a large amount of money furnished under the works relief program has not yet been expended.

Many states, it is reported, lagged in getting their road programs under way, and as a result will have ample funds to carry out work outlined for 1937.

In Oregon, however, all federal money will be used in improvements which will be contracted by April 1 of 1936, and failure to receive the 1937 appropriation, highway officials report, would greatly handicap the road program.

Senator McNary reports to the chamber of commerce he is satisfied the amendment will be passed, and that funds will be available to bring about the proposed complete development of the Pacific highway, in which he is particularly interested.

NEW FRIGID BLAST THREATENS NATION

(By the Associated Press)

A new drop in temperature was in store for parts of the country tonight, and little prospect of relief from the two weeks old cold wave was in sight for the week-end.

New England shivered in temperatures ranging as low as 20 degrees below zero. The mercury was near zero in Chicago, St. Louis and Minneapolis. New York's forecast for tomorrow was "lightly colder."

Many places in the south were still digging out of the snow which blanketed wide areas in Georgia, Alabama and Carolina and Virginia.

Shipping along the Atlantic coast was still impeded by ice floes.

The threat of a fuel shortage continued in some parts of the south and the middle west.

Coal operators sought a six-day truce with the United Mine Workers of America to get out coal for smaller Alabama and Mississippi cities.

HALF-BILLION FOR FARMS IS FIRST ITEM

Additional Funds to Cash Bonus to Come Later; Inflation Plan Not Well Supported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—New taxes to bring in at least \$500,000,000 were projected by President Roosevelt today for enactment by this congress.

How much more revenue may be asked will depend upon a study under way on needs arising from the \$2,249,000,000 bonus payment cost.

In one administration quarter the tax figure mentioned in connection with the bonus was \$230,000,000—an amount designed to amortize the payment cost by 1945 when the bonds to be issued to the veterans mature.

The president himself did not suggest any specific amount of revenue for the bonus. But should the \$230,000,000 be decided upon, the new taxes impending would jump to the neighborhood of \$750,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt made his statement on taxes—and the necessity of voting them in an election year—at a press conference.

Dispute over currency inflation to meet the farm and bonus costs was troubling Capitol Hill.

As for presidential views on currency expansion, official Washington considered them fully presented in his veto of the Patman inflationary bonus bill last session.

No Method Suggested

Mr. Roosevelt mentioned no specific means the tax proposals may take, saying they still were very much in the study stage. He did

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TRANSIENT HOME HAS 88 OCCUPANTS

Membership at the Roosevelt Transient home was brought to 88 last night, when W. H. Baillie, superintendent, returned last night from Portland with 31 men from the station there.

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State Election Vote is Light at Roseburg Polls

A very light vote was in prospect here today for the special state election. At noon today polling places in Roseburg and vicinity reported only about a 10 per cent vote up to that hour.

Many persons, however, were kept indoors by cold weather during the morning. It is believed, and election officials expected that the warmer weather of the afternoon would bring out a larger number of voters. It was generally believed, however, that the total ballots cast would not exceed 50 per cent of the county's registered voting strength of 11,841.

THREE KILLED IN PLUNGE OF TRAIN

Reading Express Halts at Brink of River After Drop From Bridge.

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 31.—Three dead and 31 injured were counted today as railroad crews and volunteers, working in sub-zero weather, took the last of the casualties from the wreckage of the Reading company's express train which plunged 30 feet from a Susquehanna river bridge.

The three dead are: Dr. Guy Rothfuss, 32, of Williamsport.

Washington D. A. Shaw, Tamaqua, the fireman.

William Ramp, Tamaqua, the engineer.

The locomotive plunged from the tracks just as it reached the end of the bridge at Clement's station, directly across the river from Sunbury.

Witnesses told of hearing a blast and of seeing a blinding glare as the train pulled onto the span, leading to reports the boiler had exploded. No definite cause could be learned in the first investigation, however.

The locomotive, in its drop, ripped off two spans of the bridge, slid along the canal bed for several feet and finally stopped, battered and crushed, at the very brink of the frozen river.

Behind it, the baggage-mail car lay across the highway, its contents strewn around the vicinity. The three passenger cars stood upright in the canal bed.

1935 AUTO SALES NOT UP TO RECORD

DETROIT, Jan. 31.—(AP)—R. L. Polk & Company announced today that retail sales of new passenger cars in the United States in 1935 as compiled from official registrations totaled 2,743,908 units. The total has been exceeded only three times in the industry's history—in 1926 when 3,228,401 were sold; in 1928 when 3,139,579, and in 1929 when the total reached 3,880,206.

Total sales of passenger cars in 1934 were 1,888,557.

CONFIDENCE VOTE GIVEN TO SARRAUT

PARIS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Premier Albert Sarraut won a vote of confidence, 361 to 165, on the first test of his new government in the chamber of deputies tonight.

The vote, resulting in a majority for Sarraut, came even though supporters had claimed, followed a tumultuous debate in which rightists and leftists shouted invectives at one another.

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\$7,000,000 PROPOSED AS STATE'S AID

Grants Pass-Roseburg Bottle-Neck Cited in Serious Need of Attention.

Senator Chinnock Presents Five-Point Program for Consideration of the Association.

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A \$7,000,000 bond issue for badly needed improvements on the Pacific highway—U. S. No. 99—was proposed today by State Senator James Chinnock to the Oregon Pacific Highway association, with membership stretching from Portland to Ashland.

C. H. Denmar of Grants Pass, president, and C. A. Ayre of Salem, secretary-manager, said they would immediately lay the proposal before the association.

Senator Chinnock suggested the Pacific highway cities follow the lead of the Coast Highway association, which secured money for its bridges by state bond issue.

"The state of Oregon was bonded for \$3,000,000 for the construction of the coast bridges to relieve the bottle-neck congestion caused by the ferries," Senator Chinnock said. "The bottle-neck in the Pacific highway between Roseburg and Grants Pass is much more serious."

Bonds could be paid, the Josephine county senator said, probably from future gas tax revenues, and the plan would eliminate the necessity of waiting years for piece meal work if small amounts are made available year by year from the state highway commission.

5 Points Outlined

The plan Chinnock outlined has five salient features: Planting state bond issue of \$7,000,000. 2—Improvement of Roseburg-Grants Pass section of Pacific highway to attract north-bound traffic. 3—Elimination of present bottleneck which results in travel loss entire.

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EIGHT ARRESTED IN CAR LIGHT CHECK-UP

Eight truck drivers or owners were arrested last night in a state police raid in which lights were checked. Seven of the operators were accused of driving trucks with improper clearance lights, while the eighth was charged with operating a truck without a muffler.

Nearly all of the trucks, it was reported, displayed colored lights to the front, whereas the state law specifies that only white lights may be shown. In this particular the Oregon law differs from the California law, where green lights may be used, and nearly all of the trucks were showing the colored lights.

Those cited to appear to answer for the charges filed in the local justice court were Ernest Brown, Melvin Maxwell, Wiley Exley, Walter Powers, Bessie Dewar, Harold Collins, DeForest Wilcox and Charles Hansen.

Portland Facing Strike Threat in Demand of 29,000 for Wage Boost

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Portland employers faced demands for wage increases from 16 to 26 per cent today from labor unions comprising a membership of about 29,000 men.

The building trades council, with 23,000 members, set April 1 as the deadline for a 20 per cent wage boost, and the sawmill and timber workers' union, with nearly 6,000 members, issued a call for employers to meet with representatives of the union Feb. 5 to discuss a requested 10 per cent wage advance and other concessions.

The total number of men involved almost approximates the number affected by the widespread Pacific northwest lumber strike of 1935.

Representatives of neither faction would comment as to the possibilities should demands be de-

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN THE month of December, the latest for which figures are available, 26 persons were killed in automobile accidents in Oregon.

That is a little better than the record for December, 1934, when 29 persons were killed. The improvement, however, is confined to deaths, for the total number of automobile accidents in December, 1935, was 2791, as compared with 2381 in December, 1934.

The number of persons injured in automobile accidents in December, 1935, was 641, as compared with only 523 in December, 1934.

SO, IT SEEMS from the figures, we aren't getting any more careful as we go along. We just happened to be a little luckier in the way of fatalities in December of 1935.

SUPPOSE there should be ONE catastrophe in Oregon in

which 26 persons were killed and 641 injured.

What a furore there would be! We would have investigations galore, and at the next session of the legislature, probably, laws would be drafted to prevent, if possible, the repetition of such a calamity.

But because these 26 deaths occur along from day to day, in the course of the regular, everyday business of driving cars, we think little of them.

But the fact remains that the 26 persons killed in Oregon in December in automobile accidents are just as dead as if they had ALL been killed in ONE shocking

HERE'S another interesting phase of these figures: Of the 26 persons killed in automobile accidents in Oregon in December, TWELVE were pedestrians. That is to say, nearly half

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