

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 41. Lowest temperature last night 33. Precipitation for 24 hours .01. Precip. since first of month 2.17. Precip. from Sep. 1, 1936 6.55. Deficiency since Sep. 1, 1936 11.28. Snows or rain.

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FLOOD REGION HOMELESS REACH 280,000

STRIKES

They'll be dealt with in labor union bills due in the Oregon legislature next week. A hot fight is the offing. Keep posted through the news service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS HOWARD HUGHES, who crossed the country faster the other day than any human being ever traveled a similar distance before, gets his living out of oil and movies. He flies speed planes as a hobby.

He BUILDS them as well. The "winged bullet" in which his record-breaking trip was made, was built in his own factory at Burbank, California.

His job has made him a millionnaire. His hobby has made him world-famous. Hobbies, you see, are worth while.

HE FLEW in an open plane, through the icy sub-stratosphere, which is the thinner upper air above the denser air we breathe. In this thinner air, atmospheric resistance is greatly reduced, making possible higher speed.

If we could drive automobiles through the sub-stratosphere, we could attain speeds that would make modern ground speeds seem like crawling. But we can't, because there are no highways up there.

The stratosphere is reserved for airplanes. When it is conquered, engineers and designers promise as speeds dwarfing anything we now know.

IF YOU want to get an idea of what lowered air resistance means, swing a lath, with the broad side to the air, at sea level, then climb to the summit of Mount Shasta and swing your lath there.

Even at this moderate elevation, still far under the sub-stratosphere in which Hughes traveled, you will find the resistance to your lath

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MORE FUNDS SAID NEED OF SCHOOLS

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Divulging an increased expenditure for the year ending June 30, 1936, the audit of the state department of higher education commented that "it is apparent new sources of revenue must be forthcoming or curtailment of the department's activities would be necessary."

Inspection of the secretary of state's audit, just completed, revealed current fund disbursements for the year were \$53,329 in excess of the current fund income, or an increase in expenditures of 4.81 per cent in expenditures over the previous year.

One of the direct causes of the increased expenditure, the audit report pointed out, was the \$8.2 per cent increase in enrollment during the student bodies at the five institutions within approach of the 1932 "normal year." Salaries for an enlarged teaching staff likewise added to the increase.

Arguments on Proposed Repeal of Milk Control Act Heard at Salem

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The opening battle over the milk control act staged in the house chamber here last night saw a capacity crowd listen to views of opposite factions at the public hearing before the Oregon legislature.

During the two-hour session arguments for and against the proposed repeal of the 1935 statute creating the milk control board were given by milk producers and distributors and delegations from consuming groups.

Senator Dellmore Lessard, Multnomah county, sponsor of the repeal bill, held that the law was primarily aimed as a supplementary measure to the national AAA and NRA acts. He said the "very purpose for which the law was passed was out of existence."

FLOODS OVERBILLS TO CURB STRIKES

Battle Lines Being Drawn Over Measures Before Legislature; Clark One of Sponsors.

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Close upon the heels of the statistical flurry over the now famous million dollar error in the Oregon state budget, which threw the legislative ways and means committee into a quandary, battle lines were being drawn for the assembly's consideration of the so-called anti-strike bills scheduled early next week.

To precipitate immediate action on two proposals already introduced into the house, the identical measures will be introduced in the senate Monday by those favoring their passage. Sponsors announced the senate bills will carry the names of Senators Clark of Roseburg, Dunn of Ashland and Duncan of Burns.

The move was designed to force quicker action on the house bills, which would prevent sympathy strikes and lock-outs and the other to require registration of labor unions, by the members of the house labor and industries committee. That committee was considered pro-labor while the senate labor committee was declared to lean to the other side.

In addition to these two proposals, the controversy will take in the other bills not introduced but which have been prepared by the anti-labor groups and representatives of growers' organizations which have been hard hit by the maritime strike. One of these would call for a 30-day compulsory arbitration and the other would require the payment of all strikes.

Producers over the state are showing united front in defense of their own interests in support of these measures. On the other hand the organized labor leaders have been rushing in lobby reinforcements to assist in the senate. These bills will be aired in public hearings before floor debates, committee announced.

Error Upsets Hopes The budget error uncovered during the past week and which overshadowed all other events of the second week of the legislature, meant a delay in the ways and means consideration of biennial appropriations and seriously impaired hopes for termination of the session shortly after the constitutional 40-day period. Predictions were the session would reach 60 days. Legislators must serve without their \$2 a day pay after the 40 days.

Reports of many other errors in the state budget have aroused legislators to a thorough investigation of the entire report and have brought out caustic criticism of administration officials. A bill will be dropped in the senate Monday calling for abolition of the budget department and placing that work in the hands of board of control.

Governor Martin said he was not seriously concerned over the error which he termed a "book-keeping mistake." "Five million dollar shortage in estimates for appropriation," will mean the boys will be unable to spend so much money," the governor said, adding "look at the federal budget; no two people have agreed on its figures."

Liquor Ad Ban Slain The week just passed failed to bring out final action on any of

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Bandon Man in Spain Protests U. S. Aid Ban

VALENCIA, Spain, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The U. S. government's action in invoking a 1929 law imposing a \$1,000 fine and a prison sentence on anyone enlisting in the United States for service in a foreign war brought a protest today from D. D. Dickinson, Bandon, Ore.

Dickinson, spokesman for a group of American pilots on the socialist government side, in voicing his objections to Ambassador Claude Bowers also urged Bowers to use his influence to have the United States arms embargo lifted in favor of the Spanish government.

The pilot's protest said American fighting on the government side "volunteered their services because of anti-fascist ideals and are not receiving pay other than that given to Spaniards of the same rank."

(The U. S. state department also recently invoked a law ceasing the citizenship of anyone taking an oath of allegiance to a foreign state, and said it was marking passports "not valid in Spain.")

CLAUDE B. CANNON DIES IN PORTLAND

Former Roseburg Business Man Was Son of Early-Day City Marshal.

CLAUDE B. Cannon, 65, long-time resident of Roseburg, died at his home in Portland Friday, according to word received here last night.

Son of James Cannon, early day city marshal of Roseburg, he was engaged for a number of years here as proprietor of a book store and was Roseburg's first automobile agent. Prior to his business activities in Roseburg he served as an official in the customs bureau in Alaska.

He was quite prominent in early day sports activities in Roseburg and was also a member of one of the city's first bands.

He was past exalted ruler of the Roseburg lodge of Elks. Most of Mr. Cannon's boyhood was spent at Silverton, Oregon, where he was a chum of the late Homer Davenport, famous cartoonist.

Surviving are a son, W. E. Cannon, a daughter, Mrs. George Cewne, both of Portland, and three sisters—Mrs. J. H. Upton, Bend; Mrs. L. Johnston, Milwaukie, and Mrs. J. W. Gaskill, Los Angeles.

The body is to be brought to Roseburg and funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home at 13 a. m. Monday, Rev. Perry Smith officiating. Services will be held by the Elks lodge, Intendant will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

AUTO BLOW KILLS EX-ROSEBURG MAN

Word was received here today of the death at Red Bluff, California, of Albert A. Turnell, 55, former resident of Roseburg. Turnell died from injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile while walking along a road to the county home, where he was employed as janitor, according to the report received here. His death occurred January 19.

Mr. Turnell was employed at Roseburg as a stone mason and contractor prior to moving to California about 15 years ago. He was a brother of Mrs. Franklin Barker of Dixonville, and his wife is a sister of Mrs. Edith Falbe of this city.

HEARING DATED ON RIVER CLOSING BILL

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—An open hearing on the bill to prohibit commercial fishing of salmon and steelhead in all Oregon streams but the Columbia river will be held by the senate game and fish committees Wednesday afternoon following adjournment of the upper house.

The bill was introduced by Senator C. W. Clark of Roseburg.

WINTER NO BAR TO NUDISM DEVOTEES

LOS GATOS, Calif., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Despite the chilly weather, Mrs. George Spray, wife of the manager of the Elysium nudist colony, expects the usual, week-end visitors. They will have to break an inch and a half of ice in the swimming pool if they want to take a dip, Mrs. Spray said.

CITRUS BELT WINTER LOSS \$60,000,000

Greatest Freeze Since 1913 Hits California Orchard Operators; Smudges Kept Going.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Citrus growers of semi-tropical southern California, numbered by the greatest freeze since 1913, reckoned up losses today that might aggregate \$60,000,000.

The destructive temperatures of early Friday morning moderated today but "continued unseasonable cold with freezing temperatures" is forecast tomorrow.

The smudge pail from 4,000,000 blazing orchard heaters—that cost approximately \$1,000,000 a night to keep going—cast a haze over even the midday sun.

The temperature in Riverside, San Bernardino and Santa Ana, key cities of the citrus belt, ranged around 25 this morning, up at least five degrees from the previous day.

In general the loss seems to be about 50 per cent of the region's crop, valued last year at \$132,000,000, but ranchers pointed out higher prices for oranges, lemons and grapefruit would be at least partial compensation.

In Santa Barbara, temperatures in the lemon groves varied from 23 degrees in the lowlands to 30 in the foothill areas. The county agricultural commissioner there, Eugene Kellogg, estimated the citrus losses to be "conservatively at least 20 per cent. It may be a great deal more than that. It is too early yet to tell."

Some orchards in Santa Barbara county, where there was no heating, suffered not only a 100 per cent loss of fruit, but a 50 per cent loss of the trees.

In Santa Maria, a vegetable district, the thermometer fell last

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BLOODY CAR EYED IN MATTSON HUNT

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The search for the kidnaper-slayer of Charles Mattson apparently swung south again today with the arrival here from Tacoma of C. C. Spears, special agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation in the northwest, the questioning of two men and the discovery of a blood-stained automobile.

Tests were being made to determine whether the blood in the machine was human. A 1931 tan coupe, it was discovered on a road near here yesterday by a farmer. Blood was spilled over the driver's seat and some straw was found in the back. Captain Wayne Gardane, of the state police, said the machine was stolen Dec. 17.

Gardane said there was no information that the machine was connected with the Tacoma kidnaping and said the thief may have been in an accident and abandoned the machine after he was hurt. The federal agents had no comment.

SHIPPING CONCERNS GET STRIKE BLAME

SALEM, Jan. 23.—(AP)—John M. Bross, president of the Portland longshoremen's union, publicly placed the blame for delay in the maritime strike settlement to four shipping companies handling 62 per cent of the Pacific coast ocean transport business.

Bross was one of four speakers at the labor hall last night giving to a packed house the union's view of the strike. Bross said further that the influence of the four companies kept 27 coastal operators from agreeing with union terms.

Declaring first that not the longshoremen but the employers were on strike, Bross stated the "ship-owners are smart enough to maneuver so we have to strike."

CASH, FOOD DONATED TO CHILDREN HERE

Donations and contributions totaling \$151.50 in cash, 91 cans of fruits and vegetables, together with a large amount of other staple food commodities were received in the benefit drive by the united service clubs of the city for the Granger children. Bruce Elliott, chairman, announced today. In addition to the proceeds already collected following the largely attended benefit dance at the armory last night, there have been promises of still further donations, Elliott said.

PLOT TO HAND RUSSIA TO 2 FOES CHARGED

Partition and Delivery of Country to Nazis, Japs Alleged Aim of 17 Put on Trial.

MOSCOW, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Soviet Russia opened the trials of 17 once high Bolsheviks today with an amazing account of "full confessions" to a plot to partition Russia between Germany and Japan and to aid Japan with Soviet oil in event that nation went to war with the United States.

The Soviet government placed Karl Radek, bearded man of letters, and 16 of his accused co-plotters on trial for their lives. America's new ambassador, Joseph E. Davies, listened avidly.

Reading of the startling indictment showed complete admissions of guilt allegedly had been obtained from all 17 defendants.

They were accused of conspiring with the exiled Leon Trotsky, now in Mexico, to give the Ukraine to Germany and the soviet maritime and Amur provinces to Japan in order to obtain foreign aid in overthrowing the regime of Joseph Stalin.

The indictment went far beyond the Zinovieff-Kameneff conspiracy accusations of last year by charging Radek and the others conspired directly with the secret agents of Germany and Japan to wreck the soviet government.

Trotsky's Letter Quoted Many of the charges were based on a letter which Trotsky allegedly wrote to Radek in December of 1925.

In this he is stated to have said: "We shall have to yield the oil of Sakhalin (a soviet-Siberian island) to Japan and guarantee her a supply of oil in case of war with America."

Radek, beaming old and broken yet with signs of the old fire in his eyes, testified Vladimir Bonov, former Washington correspondent for Izvestia, the government newspaper for which Radek wrote, helped him establish contact with Trotsky. Kim Estlin was presented two months ago after being called home from Washington.

Two agents provocateur were identified in the indictments as "Mik" of Germany and "Mikster X."

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AMERICANS SPEND MORE FOR HOMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Secretary Perkins said today the country spent 114.3 per cent more to build homes last year than in 1925.

This represented at least 270,000 new non-farm dwellings in the opinion of Stewart McDonald, housing administrator. He predicted a 50 per cent increase in 1937 for a total of between 400,000 and 450,000 new homes.

McDonald based his 1937 prediction on the assumptions that building costs would not rise "so precipitantly as to constitute a major deterrent" that industrial production would not be feeling noticeably and that the lending market would remain stable.

As favorable factors, he listed increased incomes resulting from better business, "abundance of credit available on relatively easy terms and for long periods," rising rents and shortage of houses.

McDonald said his agency anticipated more than \$300,000,000 in new business on the home-building insurance. About 60 per cent of it represented new construction.

He estimated the entire housing program had created the equivalent of a year's work for 2,000,000 men.

MURDERER OF COP DRAWS LIFE TERM

MONROE, Mich., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Alcide (French) Benoit, confessed slayer of State Policeman Richard F. Hammond, was sentenced today to life imprisonment in southern Michigan prison after he pleaded guilty to a first degree murder charge.

Circuit Judge G. Arthur Bathum imposed the sentence after talking with the stoic killer in his cell, and had obtained an automobile by pretending to be a federal bureau of investigation agent.

Deadlock Holds In Strike; Plea Sent Congress

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A meeting between longshoremen and employers was scheduled for late today but ship-owners reiterated that "the time for further negotiation has passed" in the long maritime strike.

T. G. Plant, chairman of the coast committee for the ship-owners, made public letters to three of the seven unions involved, declaring the employers had made their final and best offers of settlement.

"Our agreements negotiated with the representatives of all maritime unions and consolidated into the form of official offers, represent the last word of the ship-owners, and obviate the necessity for further meetings," Plant's statement said.

"If and when the maritime unions accept our offers, we will eagerly respond to an invitation to meet for the purpose of clarifying any points in the agreements."

The employers' statement came as mayors of San Francisco bay cities appealed for congressional action to end the "deplorable" 80-day strike.

COVERING OF SNOW GENERAL IN OREGON

Relief Experienced From Intense Cold, Wave of Influenza Declines.

By the Associated Press Snow lay over the length and breadth of Oregon today but it was a welcome relief from subzero temperatures brought on in many sections by previously clear weather. More snow was predicted.

Two and one-half inches of snow covered Portland and there were slight flurries through the day but the thermometer went no lower than 23 degrees above zero.

Marshfield and Astoria along the usually rainy coast were as white as the interior of the state, although snow was only a covering there, while inland on the central plateau it was a foot or so deep.

A silver thaw coated trees and shrubbery at Astoria and a light rain had begun to fall through a heavy fog. Roads were sanded and safe for chain-equipped automobiles. Motorists frequently found difficulty in keeping windshield clear.

There appeared to be some decline in the influenza wave. Astoria reporting only a minor number of cases. Bend saying "very little flu and Salem describing the danger as "meat." In Portland the "end of the first wave" was hailed but fear was expressed that a second and more serious spread of the disease might be in the offing. The number of new cases at Portland dropped 85 per cent from Thursday.

GANGRENE PERIL CONFRONTS POPE

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Pope Pius, endangered by the possibility of gangrene in an open sore on his left leg, was given injections tonight to combat what physicians thought might be the start of infection.

The 79-year-old pontiff was described as "slightly" after the medication. Vatican sources said he took less nourishment than during the past several days.

BAD CHECK PASSER OF SALEM GIVES UP

TACOMA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Chirford Creson, 36, steelworker, surrendered to Tacoma police Friday night, confessing he had passed two worthless checks in Salem, Ore., and had obtained an automobile by pretending to be a federal bureau of investigation agent.

The automobile, Creson said, was obtained in Portland and later abandoned in Olympia, Wash.

COLD INCREASES MISERY OF VICTIMS; RELIEF SUPPLIES POUR INTO TWELVE STATES

Roosevelt Asks Nation For Funds For Flood Relief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt issued a proclamation today asking the nation to raise \$2,000,000 as a "minimum relief fund" for flood victims in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

The president said 270,000 persons had been driven from their homes and that it was "imperative" that the people contribute to assist the Red Cross in providing immediate relief.

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, retired, chairman of the Red Cross, simultaneously issued a statement saying at least \$3,000,000 was required to meet "minimum needs," and that the relief society could provide \$1,000,000 at once.

Forty thousand work relief employees in the flood states were diverted to rescue and relief duty yesterday as part of the federal government's efforts to aid sufferers. The coast guard rushed surf boats and amphibian planes to remove marooned families.

MADRID BLASTED BY FASCIST GUNS

Artillery Deals Havoc to Buildings as Populace Flees to Cellars.

MADRID, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Fascist artillery batteries poured shells into central Madrid today in one of the most intense bombardments of the civil war.

Crowds in the main thoroughfares of the capital hurried for cover as the rain of projectiles continued for more than an hour. Casualties were not immediately known.

Firemen raced to extinguish fires in shelled buildings from which flames and smoke poured soon after the bombardment started. More than a score of shells crashed into the city in two periods of attack, each lasting half an hour.

Insurgent artillerymen apparently were using larger shells than in previous bombardments when six-inch projectiles rained on Madrid. Streets in the center of the city were strewn with debris, mortar and bricks, forcing a rerouting of traffic. Thoroughfares were crowded because of the Saturday rush, and thousands fled to refuge, many in the cellars of buildings struck by shells.

Government Planes Busy

The air ministry announced today fascist planes had bombed an insurgent fleet concentration in the harbor of Cadiz, sinking one of the vessels.

Among the many ships anchored in the fascist port on the southwestern coast of Spain was the insurgent Cruiser Canarias.

As the government aviators flew away after losing their dead-end cargo, they saw one ship slowly sinking in the harbor.

Food Shortage Feared

Portsmouth, Ohio, feared a milk and food shortage, with half the city submerged and 20,000 of its inhabitants refugees. Damage

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Death Toll Mounts to Twenty; Damage to Property Vaults Into Millions.

(By the Associated Press) Human misery mounted in the nation's flood zones today as high water invaded new territory and the number of homeless and destitute exceeded 280,000.

The American Red Cross and other rescue agencies poured supplies into the inundated areas of 12 states to prevent threatened epidemics of disease.

Bitter cold added to the suffering of the flood refugees, but acted to stay the rise of water. Weather bureau darkened hopes with a prediction of more rain Monday in the Ohio valley and Tennessee.

Coast guard forces mobilized additional men and boats for service in the flood wastes, where more than 40 surfboats already were on duty, evacuating stricken families and aiding in the transportation of food, fuel and medical supplies.

A special train sped toward Cincinnati with 55 men and 13 boats recruited from the Atlantic coast. The Red Cross launched a campaign to raise \$3,000,000 for the relief of flood victims.

Kentuckians Routed

Forty thousand Kentuckians abandoned their homes before the devastating flood of the Ohio river. In cities along the river electric power failed, water supplies were polluted, and property damage rose into the millions.

Louisville tried to care for 6,000 homeless as the Ohio went several feet above the all-time record. A third of the city was threatened with inundation if the rise continued.

The list of dead increased to 20, divided among these states: Ohio 4, Illinois 3, Tennessee 4, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, 2 each, Arkansas, Mississippi and Pennsylvania 1 each.

The river at Cincinnati reached a record crest of 72.7 feet, but Meteorologist W. C. Devereaux predicted 73 feet or more by Monday.

Fire Hazards Arise

Cincinnati was icy with the temperature around 19 degrees above zero. A recapitulation of the homeless in that area showed 25,000 in Cincinnati, 15,500 in northern Kentucky suburbs, 3,500 in Clermont county and 3,000 in Aurora, Ind.

A panic appeal was made to avoid fire hazards from more than a million gallons of gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil floating on the surface of the Millcreek bottom. The liquids spilled from overturned or leaking tanks.

There were 12,000 homeless in the Wheeling, W. Va., area, where the water was nearly 10 feet above flood stage. The total for the metropolitan area was estimated at 40,000.

Townsend Plan Spender, Facing Last Dollar, "Visits" With Sedan

CHELAN, Wash., Jan. 23.—(AP)—With the bottom dollar bill of his pocket of 200 fast fluttering upward to haunt him, 62-year-old C. C. Fleming stroked the wheel of a shiny new sedan and philosophized.

"Maybe I ain't no auto driver now, but in one of these here new cars I sure would like to learn. Me and Ma would take a trip everywhere, especially back to Texas where we lived 'fore I went broke raising 'em cotton."

Fleming—if you haven't heard—is the rejuvenated unemployed orchard worker who has "been having the time of his life" during the past week in spending \$200 awarded to him in the nation's first Townsend revolving dollar experiment. He had put \$155.77 into free-wheeling circulation today.

The depression-battered grandfather was suffering from no delusion of motorized grandeur as he puffed one of his Townsend-tri-