

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 71%
Highest temperature yesterday 56
Lowest temperature last night 48
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month .91
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 4.13
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1937 .29
Mostly cloudy, unsettled tonight.

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SINO-JAP MEDIATOR ROLE OFFERED HITLER

Editorials on the Day's News

ALL good citizens, regardless of political beliefs, affiliations, fears, should join in rejoicing the smashing victory of LaGuardia and Dewey in the New York City election.

Whatever else it may have been, their election on Tuesday by overwhelming majorities was a victory for decency and good government.

WHEN LaGuardia became mayor and later, when Dewey was appointed special prosecutor, New York was the worst racket-ridden city in America.

Thomas E. Dewey, with the unwavering backing of LaGuardia, smashed the rackets and brought the racketeers to their knees.

TAMMANY was against LaGuardia the first time. LaGuardia won, Tammany tried to defeat LaGuardia in the primary this year.

Defeated all down the line, several times in a row, it looks as if Tammany's back is broken.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 5.—(AP)—Five CCC enrollees, all from New York state, were in a hospital here today receiving treatment for injuries received last yesterday when their truck overturned on the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway near Minam.

Two of the boys, listed as Choline and Wolzang, were not believed hurt seriously. The three others, Dominic Mote, Raymond Kasstak and Zlakam, were more seriously injured but were expected to recover.

Reports received here said that the truck, en route from Camp Highland to a small camp at the east end of the Wallowa canyon, tumbled into the bank and overturned on a sharp curve. Twenty-five boys were reported in the truck.

MOTT UNCERTAIN ON SENATE RACE ENTRY

MEIPOD, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Mail Tribune quoted Representative James W. Mott as having said he had not considered and was not considering entry in the race for the senatorial nomination.

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LABOR PEACE LOOK NOW ENCOURAGING

of Directing Board for All Considered After Roosevelt Endorses Reunion Idea.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—An informed person said today CIO members of the labor peace conference had suggested to AFL representatives creation of a "supersession" of 25 to direct the whole American labor movement.

The peace suggestion was submitted to the conference yesterday. It was offered, the informed person said, as a mechanism both for bringing the two organizations together and for settling jurisdictional disputes.

Outlook Brighter As the conference assembled for their afternoon session, Charles P. Howard, secretary of the CIO, said:

There is a better understanding of the problems on each side than at any time since the division occurred. He referred to the AFL suspension of the original 10 unions which bolted the federation two years ago to form the CIO.

S. H. Dalrymple, president of the United Rubber Workers and another CIO peace negotiator, walked into the conference room with the statement that, "things look very hopeful."

The president gave his comment in reply to the final question put at his first press interview since returning to Washington after a 15-day stay at Hyde Park. His statement came a few hours before peace committees of the AFL and CIO were to resume their sessions.

The president was asked if he favored action to bring the CIO and AFL together. He replied he always had advocated that.

Asked next if Matthew Wall, AFL delegate to the peace conference, would call on him soon, the president said he would.

Personal Interest MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Leonard J. Mueller, 28, went before Judge A. J. Hedding charged with stealing \$19 from the poor box of Holy Angels Catholic church.

Cat vs. Curiosity CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa.—Mrs. Joe Carlyle's cat likes to watch her mistress operate the electric washing machine—that is, she did until she decided to investigate the gears.

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Glide Rancher Sentenced For Chicago Holdup

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Robert Benner, 30, described by his counsel as an Oregon rancher, was sentenced to one to 20 years imprisonment today for a \$6 holdup of a loop trader Sept. 13.

Benner, also known as Robert Morgan, pleaded innocent to a robbery charge but did not testify. Attorney Harold Levy said Benner was paroled owner of two ranches near Glide, Douglas county, Ore., and one near Valley Center, Calif.

Benner asked the court for leniency, saying the gun he used was not loaded. Criminal Court Judge Robert J. Dunne promised to recommend parole after the minimum term was served.

DOUGLAS GRANGERS HEAR STATE HEADS

Various Activities Given Attention; Contest Won by Kellogg Unit.

The drill team from Kellogg grange won the seating contest in connection with last night's session of the conference held at Riverside grange hall. Second prize went to Riverside and third to Milwaukie. Each of the three teams scored above 85 per cent.

The contest followed a potluck supper which opened the evening session. Mrs. G. W. Thiessen of Milwaukie, state lecturer, led the group in community singing, after which conferences for officers and committee chairmen were held.

State Master Ray W. Gill reported that the prospect is good for bringing the national convention to Oregon in 1938.

Fred A. Goff, county deputy and member of the state grange executive committee, reviewed grange activities in Douglas county, while Mrs. Goff, regional juvenile matron, reported on the status of the novices clubs in southern Oregon.

An interesting talk was given by George Corson of The Dalles on the Oregon Grange Bulletin, official publication of the grange. The Bulletin is printed in Roseburg and is edited by Dr. C. H. Bailey.

Kellogg drill team, as winner of the contest, opened the closed session in the evening, and the closing ceremony was conducted by Riverside drill team.

The conference opened with a basket dinner at noon, and the business session started at 1 p. m. with the state master presiding.

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G. O. P. CHIEFS EYE MID-TERM RALLY PLANS

Decision on Proposed Call Awaited From National Committee's Meet in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Members of the republican national committee met today to determine whether they should call a mid-term convention to define the party's stand on government affairs.

An authoritative source said a compromise resolution would be introduced under which an immediate decision on the controversial question would be deferred. This source said the new proposal would call for the creation of a "policy committee" authorized to ascertain the advisability of arranging an off-year gathering.

George H. Bender, president of the National Federation of Republican Clubs, issued a statement contending an interim convention was needed to "plan a program which will serve as a rallying point for those who oppose one party domination of national affairs."

At the close of the 1936 campaign, the deficit was \$1,298,870. The national committee authorized a plan to borrow money to liquidate the deficit.

Three DEFENDANTS AWAIT SENTENCES Court Arraignments Here Follow Indictments by Grand Jury.

Sentences on three defendants, indicted by the recent grand jury, were postponed when arraignments were heard by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly late yesterday.

Sentences on John N. Pinnis on an indictment charging non-support, to which he pleaded guilty, was postponed to November 22, to permit time for further investigation.

Wilbur J. Chapman, indicted on a charge of attempted burglary, pleaded guilty and sentence was postponed until Nov. 22 and the sheriff's office instructed to make an investigation into his past record.

HARM OF PREDATORY FISHING STRESSED Captain Bill Wyman of Ilfeld addressed the regular Thursday Rotary club meeting on the subject of wild life conservation.

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BEDAUX BEGS RELEASE FROM ROLE OF GUIDE

Cable to Windsors Calls Attention to 'Mistake' Attacks Upon Agent in America.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Charles E. Bedaux, friend of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, today "implored" and "begged" the former British monarch to relieve him from duties as a guide in connection with the Windsors' tour of the United States.

Bedaux, attacked by American labor organizations, sent the following cable to the Duke: "I am compelled in honesty and friendship to advise you that because of mistaken attacks upon me here, I am convinced that your proposed study will be made difficult under my guidance."

Since my sole object has been and is to serve you repeatedly expressed desire to obtain first-hand information from personal observation, a respectfully suggest, and in your behalf, I implore that you relieve me completely from all my duties in connection with your American tour.

PARIS, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor today disregarded an American labor protest against "slumming parties" professing to help and to study labor and proceeded with plans to sail tomorrow for a United States tour.

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"Our house is on fire," she explained frantically to persons conversing on the country telephone line. "Please let us through to call the fire department."

Well, you isn't that just too bad," one of the persons on the phone assertedly replied. "It'll just have to wait until we get through talking."

The conversation continued, Mrs. Brown reported, for 15 minutes. The house and its furnishings were destroyed.

Informal Bids to German Chief Come From Both Belligerents

JAPS ATTAIN GOAL IN AREA OF SHANGHAI

Soochow Creek Crossed in Hard Struggle, Chinese Forced to Abandon Four Villages.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Japanese troops, in a surprise attack, today drove Chinese defenders from four villages on the south bank of Soochow creek.

This action, the first decisive engagement in the Shanghai fighting since Chinese troops evacuated Chapei last week, enabled the Japanese to move 5,000 men across the creek on a line two miles west of Rubicon village.

The Japanese attack, according to a Chinese spokesman who admitted the setback, occurred while Chinese troops were busy fighting off smaller Japanese units which previously had effected a crossing at the Rubicon village, about three miles east of Shanghai.

Heavy rains greatly curtailed Japanese air bombardments. One Japanese bomber crashed near Shanghai and another was shot down at Chengchow on the Hangchow-Peking railway.

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'No Mediation,' Jap Spokesman Avers

TOKYO, Nov. 5.—(AP)—A Japanese foreign office spokesman declared today that Japan was "unable to accept any mediation whatsoever" in her conflict with China.

He made the statement when asked to comment on reports from Berlin that Chancellor Adolf Hitler had been asked to act as mediator in the hostilities. Despite his assertion, it was learned that Japanese and German diplomats recently had conferred with each other.

Japan does not recede from her original contention that peace is possible only through direct negotiations between Japan and China, and then only if China changes her attitude," the spokesman said.

A sharp cleavage between official and unofficial attitudes was apparent today. Popular sentiment was strongly for peace, Nontral sources, however, believed Japan had grabbed a tiger's tail in the Chinese conflict and was unable to relinquish it and unwilling to admit she sought means to do so.

ENGLAND BIDS FOR INSURGENTS' FAVOR Latest Proposal in Spanish War Includes Inquiry to Rebel Inquiry.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—British government and the insurgent regime today, asking approval of a new non-intervention committee plan for withdrawing foreign soldiers from the civil war.

Apparently marking the first genuine progress after months of wrangling and deadlock, the impending move seemed to find the non-intervention delegates rather apathetic.

Some were encouraged but pointed to many difficulties to be overcome before the thousands of foreign soldiers on both sides could be cleared out. Others held the view that it was "a case of locking the stable door after the horse is stolen."

The war might end before the withdrawal could be effected. Some recent press opinion in London was that Britain had been convinced that the insurgents would win and for that reason already was seeking commercial favors from the insurgent regime.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's announcement in common with yesterday of an impending commercial agreement between Britain and insurgent Spain brought a measurable relaxation of European tension over the Spanish war.

Spanish insurgent quarters in London were jubilant over the announcement, which they expected soon to result in the naming of the Anglo-Spanish Duke of Berwick and Alba as Generalissimo Franco.

OLIVER P. COSHOW VERY ILL AT SALEM SALEM, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Oliver P. Coshow, ex-member of the Oregon state supreme court, was reported as seriously ill at the home of his daughter here. He has been in ill health for several months.

Burglars Rob Washington Football Team of Clothes on California Trip OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 5.—(AP)—Two sheriff's deputies were called to the Castlewood Country club today to investigate reports that members of the Washington football team had been robbed of clothing and other valuables.

W. H. Hamage, club manager, first reported he believed the disappearance of the articles was a prank by other players. Police were notified later, however, and the deputies hurried to the club.

ACCEPTANCE OF JOB HELD IN ABEYANCE

Situation Seen as Chance for Germany to Press Claim for Her War-Lost Colonies.

By LOUIS F. LOCHNER BERLIN, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Germany fully expected today to attend a march on the Brussels conference, which she declined to attend and settle the Chinese-Japanese war here.

Provisional informal requests from both China and Japan for Chancellor Hitler to act as an umpire in their four-month-old conflict were regarded by Germany as a bona fide bid by Germany to a source close to the chancellery ordered Diplomat Joachim von Ribbentrop to return post haste from Rome to undertake preliminary negotiations.

German sources conceded that considerable time might yet elapse before an official announcement of Hitler's pivotal role could be made.

They also admitted that the fortunes of war might so turn that plans for mediation would have to be postponed.

No Axe to Grind But they were fully convinced that if anyone could settle the far eastern difficulties as an impartial outsider it was Germany. While making no secret of her friendship for Japan, the reich at the same time has been careful to maintain good relations with China.

Moreover China is indebted to Germany because of the German military experts who have aided her and because Germany has renounced all claims to extraterritoriality for her nations in China.

Germany thus was regarded as having no axe to grind. Before accepting the role of mediator, however, sources close to the chancellery said Hitler wanted to make absolutely sure that his judgment would be accepted unopposedly.

May Recover Colonies Discussing the projected action with several German publicists, this writer found high hope that (Continued on page 6)

LEADER OF FOUR-H SAVED FROM DEATH

LEBANON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—A rancher saved Clair McClain, 17, Linn county's outstanding Four-H member, from drowning in an irrigation ditch today after an automobile accident at the approach to the Lebanon-Albany bridge.

McClain's car skidded on the wet pavement and crashed through a guard rail into the water. W. F. Penfold saw the unconscious body floating near the wreckage.

The youth, who won Four-H prizes at the state fair and the Pacific International livestock exposition, received broken legs, deep gashes on the head and internal injuries.

He is the son of E. C. McClain, nationally known livestock breeder.