

THE WEATHER

Humidity 1:30 p. m. yesterday 67%
Highest temperature yesterday 59
Lowest temperature last night 48
Precipitation for 24 hours .11
Precip. since first of month .48
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .89
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 2.19
Mostly cloudy; occasional rains.

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ROSE SCHOOL'S RECONSTRUCTION ADVISED

Farm Legislation Battle Facing Congress

Disputes Rise Over Crop Control Plan, Levy for Financing

Processing Tax Dropped by House Committee, Which Adds Five Features to Program.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Controversial over methods of crop control and its financing dimmed today the prospects for speedy enactment of farm legislation at the special session of congress. The house agriculture committee agreed informally to discard arbitrary marketing quotas for wheat, cotton and rice. It approved quotas for tobacco but deferred a decision on corn. Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.) said he would try to write a compulsory acreage control provision for cotton into the farm bill. In the face of presidential demands that congress provide tax revenue to finance the program, the house committee shunted to the house ways and means committee the responsibility for finding about \$200,000,000 which most experts say will be required. Some farm members in the house said the president's wishes could be carried out most expeditiously by combining authorization for increased benefits with a tax bill. Chairman Jones (D., Tex.) said the agriculture committee decided it would be "better from a practical and legal viewpoint" to follow the usual procedure of separating the legislation. Processing Tax Dropped. Jones and his colleagues abandoned processing taxes as a revenue source.

LOTTERY STATUTE'S EXTENSION SOUGHT

Legalizing of Some Oregon Games for Pension Tax Object of Proposal.

SALEM, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Petition for an initiative measure providing for amendment to the lottery section of the Oregon constitution under which the legislature would legalize and tax certain games and recreational features for the payment of old age security pensions, was filed in the state department here today. The petition was filed by Eugene E. Smith, director of the Oregon Merchants' Legislative league, with headquarters in Portland. The license and tax would cover bowling alleys, bridge studios, pool and billiard rooms, horse racing, dog racing, pari-mutuel, wagering systems, bank nights, punch boards, raffles, bazaars and other games. Licensing and taxing of other games of skill and chance would be permissive by legislative action. Funds accruing from these taxes and licenses would be used for the payment of old age security payments, at a minimum rate of \$25 a month, to all persons who have attained the age of 65 years and have been residents of Oregon for a continuous period of 10 years. Persons subject to the relief would have to be legal voters of the state. The measure defines and prohibits lotteries.

RUNAWAY BALLOON SPREADS DAMAGE

CHAMONTE, France, Nov. 12.—(AP)—A runaway British balloon crashed today near Signeville, 15 miles from Chamonte, after drifting wildly across the English channel and northern France. No one was aboard. The balloon, carrying thousands of dollars worth of meteorological instruments, cut high tension wires near Audenric, causing a short circuit and setting the town's post office afire and plunging the homes of 1,000,000 inhabitants of northern France into darkness. The balloon snatched its mooring at an airframe near Rougemont last night and crossed the English channel. Its contact with electric wires had not damaged it. Royal air force planes were forced by darkness to turn back after chasing the balloon over the channel in an attempt to locate it and shoot it down. Mines, factories, lights, radios and transportation were stalled when the trailing cable cut the power lines of the Compagnie Electrique Beltonoise.

Oddities Flashed From Press Wire

(By the Associated Press)
Help! Police!
NEW YORK.—The traffic light was red, but no redner than Police woman Mary Foley's face today. She paused at a traffic signal. A man stuck his hand through the open window, snatched her purse containing \$175 and her police badge and escaped.
Wedding Belle
CONSHOCKEN, Pa.—The bride maid at the wedding today of Miss Mary Baxter Gausman and Louis Noblett was the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Emma Jones.

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CHICAGO.—A woman telephoned the Austin police station: "If you see a man in his shirt sleeves running down the street, that's my husband chasing a hold-up man." Some minutes later Sergeant Patrick Enright and his squad saw a coatless man on a street corner pointing at a street car. The squad overtook the car and seized a passenger. Sergeant Enright said the prisoner admitted he robbed the coatless man, Dr. R. W. Doty.

Something in Her Name

FREMONT, Neb.—Mrs. Gertrude Hammond, Miami college business office secretary, failed to give her full name in making out an insurance application and the firm wrote back requesting it. She sent it as follows: Mrs. Gertrude Irene Melcora Florar Minnie Robinson Hammond. The company decided Gertrude Hammond would suffice.

TWO CULPRITS GET PROBATION STATUS HERE

Passer of Bad Check Must Pay Up Involved Sums; Bunco Artist Aided by Brother.

Probation was granted two defendants who pleaded guilty today to charges brought in circuit court here. Louis K. Klein, indicted by the grand jury on bad check charges, was sentenced to one year in the county jail, but will be given probation after December 1, conditioned upon payment of the amounts covered by the checks. Max Skolnick, charged in a district attorney's information with obtaining money by false pretenses, through a Christmas card money game, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$25. The court was informed by the defendant's attorney and by physicians that Skolnick is suffering from an advanced stage of tuberculosis and only recently left a sanitarium in California. A brother told the court he would return Skolnick to that state. He was given probation, conditioned upon paying back \$15 secured from three Douglas county residents. Klein told the court that he had given checks to Yoncalla business firms, knowing that he lacked sufficient funds, but that he had sent money through a friend to be deposited to cover the amounts due, but that the deposit was not made. Brother Pays Fine. The court was told that Skolnick's physical condition was such that imprisonment would result in death within a short time. Upon a statement by the brother that he would be returned to California and placed in a sanitarium, the court agreed to probation as requested by Attorney Paul Giesler, appointed by the court to represent the defendant. The brother paid the \$25 fine and agreed to reimburse the three persons from whom Skolnick was alleged to have obtained \$15 each on his Christmas card racket.

Caused Windsors To Shy From U. S.



Here is the man responsible for the cancellation of the Duke of Windsor's projected trip to the United States—Joseph McGurdy, 45-year-old Baltimore labor leader. McGurdy drew up the resolution, endorsed by A. F. of L. and C. I. O. chiefs, condemning the Windsors' association with Charles Bedaux, who was called an enemy of labor.

CENSUS OF JOBLESS TO BEGIN TUESDAY

Final Instructions Issued by Biggers; Broadcast by Roosevelt Set.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Administrator John D. Biggers gave final instructions today to begin Tuesday the gigantic task of taking a national census of the unemployed. Some 150,000 regular and special postmen will deliver unemployment report cards to every dwelling—cottage and mansion, flop house and deluxe apartment alike—in the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska. More than 85 million cards, which required 50 carloads of paper stock, have been printed. They must be in the mail before Saturday midnight, Nov. 20. Only the unemployed and partly employed are expected to fill out. All information will be confidential. The questionnaire will show: Total number of unemployed; total number of partly employed; age groups of the idle; geographical location of the idle; work qualifications of the unemployed and industries which they are fitted to engage in. John D. Rockefeller Jr., endorsed the census, saying business alone could provide jobs "on a continuing basis and on an adequate scale." President Roosevelt will discuss the census tomorrow at 10:30 p. m. eastern standard time in a nationwide radio broadcast. Sixteen thousand committees have been set up, local newspapers are assisting, 1,550 motion picture trailers have been put out, 40 governors and hundreds of mayors have issued proclamations, and letters have gone to 32,000 labor unions. The Chinese were retreating steadily toward their "Hindenburg line," unable to withstand the Japanese pressure or entrench themselves to stiffen their resistance.

JAPANESE CONTINUE DESTRUCTIVE BLOWS

SHANGHAI, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Japanese planes, widening their activities, today bombed the railway station and warehouses at Ningpo, on the south shore of Hangchow bay in Chekiang province, and concentration areas north of Kating and west of Kashi in the Hangchow bay region south of Shanghai. A number of fires still were blazing in Nantao, the native area bordering the French concession, and in Pootung, the once rich agricultural and industrial district across the Whangpoo from the international settlement. A Japanese spokesman declared that the objectives of bombings at Soochow and at Wusih, 80 miles northwest of Shanghai, were "industrial areas in which Chinese military supplies are manufactured."

MOTHER OF 16 WINS LENIENCY IN FRAUD

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Federal Judge Schoonmaker gave Mrs. Lillian Ryan, Portland, Ore., a suspended penitentiary sentence of two years and put her on probation for five years for participation in the Baker estate mail fraud. Mrs. Ryan, mother of 16 children, is the ninth person given probation for using the mails to obtain money from supposed heirs to the fictitious estate left by A. Jacob Baker.

FIRE RAZES HOME OF MAJOR BOWES

OSHSING, N. Y., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Laurie Hill, the country home of Major Edward Bowes, radio and theatrical producer, was in ruins today from a fire of undetermined origin. More than 100 paintings and many art treasures collected by Major Bowes were destroyed.

GRIDSTER TRIO, CLERK HIT BY INDICTMENT

Monmouth Normal Youths and Ashlander, Accused of Theft, Helped by Many Letters.

MEDFORD, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The Jackson county grand jury today filed a true bill charging Richard M. Messenger, 22, Ashland druggist clerk, and George Marshall Hunt, 20, 421 Lee circle, Jr., 25, and Stanley Hugh Borden, 19, members of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth football squad, with "robbery by force and violence, without the use of a dangerous weapon."

Bonds for Hunt, Cagle and Borden were fixed by the court at \$100 each. Circuit Judge H. D. Norton said: "In fixing the bonds at this low sum, the court is governed by the large number of letters received from responsible parties throughout the state, informing the court of the previous good character and standing of these youths." Hunt and Cagle, Jr., hail from North Carolina, and Borden from Olympia, Wash. The district attorney informed the bench the three defendants had told him they could not furnish bonds in any amount. Messenger, a former Oregon State college honor student, has been at liberty on \$200 bonds furnished by his father of Takima, Josephine county, and his Ashland employers.

\$31.15 and Watch Involved. The indictment specifically charges the quartet with the alleged theft of \$31.15 and a gold watch valued at \$10.00 from E. J. Rice, Dallas, Texas, traveling jewelry salesman, on the night of October 29, while en route in an auto driven by Messenger, to haul Rice's disabled auto into Ashland. The asserted crime occurred on the new Pacific highway two miles south of Ashland. Rice alleged when the Messenger auto was stopped, he was seized upon and robbed and beaten, then left on the highway when the accused youths returned to Ashland.

EUGENE NEWSPAPER DAMAGED BY FIRE

EUGENE, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The plant of the Register-Guard suffered severe fire damage early this morning but the blaze was brought under control by quick work of the Eugene firemen. Starting in the mailing room at the rear of the plant, the fire shot up along the roof of the shop and the intense heat did much harm to mechanical equipment. The Register-Guard will be published on schedule for all editions Saturday and Sunday with the cooperation of the university press. Alton P. Baker, publisher, said today extent of the damage could not be estimated till machinery and other equipment had been thoroughly checked.

The blaze was first noticed by a telephone operator who called the department. Flames had broken through the wall between the mailing room and the press room when firemen arrived and forced the fire back into the rear of the building. Damage consisted chiefly of melted press rollers, and damage to delicate mechanism of press and linotype machines.

TEAPOT DOME FRAUD PROSECUTOR DIES

CLEVELAND, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Alton Pomeroy, former democratic United States senator from Ohio and several times mentioned for the presidency, is dead. The 73-year-old former senator who assisted in the prosecution of the Teapot Dome oil lease cases and who later became chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation, died of pneumonia. Pomeroy served two terms in the United States senate, his first as a leader of that body under President Woodrow Wilson.

SHOWDOWN IN POWERS' PEACE PARLEY NEARS

Italy Opposes China's Plea for Sanctions; 3-Nation Declaration Aims to Condemn Japan.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, China's chief delegate to the far eastern peace conference, appealed to participating governments today to withhold supplies of war materials and credits from Japan and extend aid to China "now that the door to conciliation and mediation has been slammed in your face." China's demand was dramatically opposed by Italy. Koo's plea evoked immediate objection from Count Marescotti of Italy against which the league of nations decreed sanctions because of her invasion of Ethiopia and which has been Japan's friend at Brussels.

"That is entirely ruled out," said the Italian. "We are not here for that. It is entirely outside the scope of the conference." Nevertheless the United States, British and French delegations presented the draft of a joint declaration stressing the illegality of Japan's military action in China and asserting it amounted to defiance of the whole world. Previously the conference had heard Norman H. Davis, head of the American delegation, declare there were "compelling reasons" why Japan should cooperate in the search for peace.

Treaty Respect Urged. Davis reiterated that respect for treaties and observance of the (Continued on page 6)

SLAYING OF TWO BROTHERS BARED

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Prosecutor Richard Wells said today Toivo Hantunen, 25, a Finnish logger and former federal transient camp worker, had confessed slaying Floyd Grimm, 21, and his brother, Ernest, 29, and disposing of their bodies on the Grimm farm east of here last winter. Officers led by Sheriff McCarthy had been investigating the disappearance of the two men while Hantunen was held in the county jail on a charge involving the Grimm brothers' 13-year-old sister, Esth.

On the girl's story, Prosecutor Wells said, searchers discovered the buried bodies this week. The motive for killing, Wells said, was the brothers' objection to attention the logger gave their sister. The older brother, Ernest, the first of the two victims, was shot to death December 17, the prosecutor said. The second brother was killed March 6. The Grimm girl, although knowing of their deaths, had not told her family because of Hantunen's threats to kill her, the prosecutor said.

ROAD NEAR GARDNER PARTIALLY BLOCKED

SALEM, Nov. 12.—(AP)—One way traffic for a distance of 100 feet north of Gardner was reportedly blocked today by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. A fill settlement was responsible. Baldock said highway maintenance crews had been sent to the scene and two-way traffic probably would be restored later today.

BANDON ASSURED LOAN OF \$225,000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Senator McNary advised civic leaders of Bandon, Ore., that the disaster loan corporation would loan it \$225,000 but would permit only \$10,000 to be used for settlement of municipal obligations.

U. S. Bars Il Duce's Former "Sweetie"



Magda de Fontanges, above, self-styled, one-time intimate of Premier Mussolini of Italy, came from her native France to the United States to fill an engagement in a New York City night club; but her entry was barred by immigration officials on the ground of "moral turpitude." The actress is under suspended sentence of one year in Paris, for shooting Count Charles de Chambrun, former French ambassador to Italy, whom she blamed for breaking up her "affair" with Il Duce. She is now under detention at Ellis island, pending action on her appeal to the board of review at Washington.

YULE SEASON HERE WILL OPEN DEC. 3

Celebration Details to Be Directed by Committee of Roseburg C. of C.

Formal opening of the Christmas season will be celebrated in Roseburg Friday, December 3, it was announced today, following a meeting last night by the chamber of commerce merchants' committee. A. A. Wilder, general chairman, appointed sub-committees to handle various details connected with the celebration, which will feature a visit by Santa Claus and a candy treat for all children of Roseburg and vicinity.

FILM WRITER HURT BY BLOW OF AUTO

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Donald Ogden Stewart, 42, fiction and film writer, was critically injured today when struck by an automobile as he walked across Hollywood boulevard. He was taken to a hospital.

Bonneville Dam Will Not Supply All Zone Power Needs, Ross Says

PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Bonneville dam will supply less than one-third of the power required by Oregon, Washington and Idaho within five years, J. D. Ross, administrator, said last night. He said lowest possible rates could be assured by public power districts, private utilities, municipal and industries if they utilized a maximum load. He predicted the tying in of Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects, with distribution centers at Eugene, Bandonville, Umatilla or Pasco, Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Missoula, each to serve a radius of 65 miles. Municipal plants at Seattle and Tacoma and down the coast to Los Angeles might be included, he said. This wholesale rate would be based on 3 1/2 per cent interest and 1.13 per cent amortization charges on the portion of the project's cost allocated to power, and operating cost of two generators of \$27,200 annually.

CONGRESS
Controversial measures await the special session opening Monday. Read the daily summary of proceedings in the NEWS-REVIEW. Accurate and impartial.

INSPECTION REPORT GIVEN LOCAL BOARD

Earth Tremor Might Cause Wall Collapse, Finding; Building to Be Cut to Single Story.

Reporting the strength and safety of the Rose school building in Roseburg to be questioned, C. H. Grann, state labor commissioner, advised the board of school directors in a report received today to reconstruct the building. The report was made following a survey by an inspector from the labor department. The inspection was requested by the school board, which, upon the basis of the findings, plans to submit to the voters of the district a proposal to vote bonds to be used in remodeling the Rose school building and erecting a new structure to replace the Fuller school, now housed in a frame building.

The report advises that "the second story of the present Rose school building be removed, and the school modernized by extending a new one-story structure around the compound embracing the lower section." The report is lengthy and detailed and discusses the findings in each room and section, together with a general description of the type of construction used. The building was erected in 1904. It is two stories in height and 95 by 117 feet in width and length.

While the report does not point out any immediate hazard, it does state that "should there occur a slight earth tremor the east wall in its weakened condition might collapse." Walls and ceilings throughout the entire building are cracked, doors are out of plumb and floors have settled, the report states. Numerous cracks were reported in foundations and walls, particularly on the east and northeast sides.

It also was reported that fire escapes are not adequate and the unused gymnasium was declared to be a firetrap. The local school board has recognized the danger (Continued on page 6)

3 EX-CONS CONFESS SEDER KIDNAPING

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Three former convicts faced charges today of kidnaping Dr. James I. Seder, 72-year-old dry leader, and attempting to extort \$50,000 ransom from his family. They were seized by federal agents and West Virginia officers within 24 hours of a farmer found the former missionary and retired Evangelical minister exhausted and bruised near an abandoned mine where he had been held prisoner for 11 days.

R. E. Vetter, of the federal bureau of investigation said the three, Arnet Booth, John Travis and Orville Atkins, admitted participation in the abduction and extortion attempt. A physician at a Huntington hospital said Dr. Seder was threatened with pneumonia because of general weakness and long exposure in the damp pit.