

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 87% Highest temperature yesterday 46 Lowest temperature last night 23 Precipitation for 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 0 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 12.53 Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 3.63 Partly Cloudy to Cloudy.

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HOUSE BREAKS WAGE-HOUR BILL DEADLOCK

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS A. C. MARSTERS said to this writer the other day: "I've lived through several periods of abrupt and at the time rather terrifying change, when people were uneasy in their minds and scared of the future and afraid the country was going to the dogs. It never has, and I have confidence enough in the American people to believe that our country isn't going to the dogs now—although admittedly we are going through changes that are disturbing."

TO THOSE who are doubtful of the wisdom of many of the things that have been done in the past four years and are fearful of the consequences that are beginning to be manifested, this writer comments Mr. Marsters' hopeful outlook. This country has made mistakes before and lived through them to go on to new and still greater achievements. It will do so again. Don't lose confidence in the United States of America.

MR. MARSTE'S came West, at the age of 8, with an ox-wagon. With his parents, he was in Laramie the night the vigilantes closed.

McNARY RAPS PLAN TO CUT ROAD FUND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary of Oregon, republican leader, predicted today that the House will chance the present road program to curtail highway appropriations would succeed.

Oregon highway officials reported the proposal reduction would delay completion and modernization of their system at least 15 years.

"A dozen democrats told me they will fight it," the senator said. "This is not the place to start balancing the budget, for road money has been well and wisely expended."

"There are numerous commissions, boards and waste which should be disposed of before economy is applied to roads. What the president has overlooked or was not advised about, is that we authorized states to make plans and commitments by statute, based upon the annual appropriation which the president now wishes to stop."

Senator Frederick Steiwer said Oregon received \$6,376,000 in 1936 and paid \$3,685,900 in gasoline and road users' taxes.

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Japs Killed Wounded in Air Raid

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Chinese dispatches from Hangchow today said more than 1,000 civilians were killed and wounded in a Japanese air raid on Hsin-shan, about 12 miles southeast of Hangchow.

Five hundred dead and wounded noncombatants were reported found in the ruins of 100 buildings destroyed by Japanese incendiary bombs.

Japanese officials here today declared that in an air battle near or over Nanking six Japanese planes shot down 13 of China's new soviet-built airplanes.

China was said to be massing a fleet of 200 Russian-built warplanes for a renewal of aerial attacks on Japan's advancing armies.

Foreign naval officers said Chinese bombers raided the Japanese airfield at Wosung, down the Whangpoo river from Shanghai. Japanese declined to comment on the report.

Twenty new twin-engine bombers arrived at Hankow, 300 miles up the Yangtze river from Nanking, and were being trained up by Chinese pilots, well informed and reliable observers reported. The remainder of the fleet of 300 soviet-built craft were said to be either at Sian, 400 miles north and west of Hankow, or on their way from Russia.

Shanghai Sees Air Raid Two Chinese airplanes raided Japanese positions at Shanghai today in the first aerial attack in more than a month.

One bomb dropped near the former anchorage of the Japanese flagship Izumo, near the Japanese consulate, but did no damage. Japanese said the Chinese planes operated at a height of 10,000 feet, successfully evading pursuit craft.

Explaining the Japanese air victory at Nanking, the Japanese spokesman said a Japanese squadron arrived at the city just as Chinese planes were about to take off. Thirty of the soviet-built planes rose to fight the Japanese, and 10 were shot down. He said three other Chinese fell victims of Japanese fire as they attempted

CREW UNAWARE AS TRAIN KILLS FARMER SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Bernard Hansen, 55, a farmer, walked into the side of a Sacramento Northern Electric passenger train and was killed last night. Deputy Coroner Frank Ackerman said the train sped on, its crew unaware Hansen had been hit.

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No Respect HAMILTON, O.—Police Chief John C. Calhoun blushed when he turned in this police report to a desk sergeant: "Car stolen, belonging to Chief Calhoun, from in front of his home."

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War Planes Slaughter Civilians

GREYHOUND STRIKE ENDED

WAGE BOOST GRANTED; NO CLOSED SHOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—John L. Lewis and William Green recessed their dramatic peace conference today without arriving at any conclusions. "We have taken a recess until four o'clock," Lewis shouted to newsmen after his two and a half hour conference with Green. "All we had was general conversation. No conclusions reached."

Green, who followed Lewis out of the conference room, said: "We had an interesting discussion, but we have nothing more to say now."

The recess was for lunch. Before the conference began, neither Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, or Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, would talk to reporters.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Nine Greyhound bus lines resumed normal operations in 14 states today—a compromise agreement negotiated by a federal labor conciliator, ending a strike of drivers called by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

John L. Conner, the federal labor conciliator who flew here from Washington when the strike was called Thanksgiving day, announced the settlement reached last night was "satisfactory to both parties."

Conner said that under the terms of the agreement the companies granted wage increases but refused BRT demands for a closed shop.

All terms of the contract become effective immediately with the exception of a blanket increase of one-fourth of a cent per mile for all drivers, which becomes effective July 1, 1938.

No Discrimination Ivan Bowen, counsel for the Greyhound companies, said the agreement in all intents and purposes wiped out the company ultimatum that striking drivers must have returned to work by noon yesterday to be considered still in the employ of the companies.

"All drivers are recognized now as during and before the strike as Greyhound employees," Bowen said. "That is tantamount to no closed shop."

SEATTLE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The dispute between the Puget Sound Meat Packers' association and packinghouse local union No. 186 remained deadlocked today after a conference yesterday at Tacoma, at which union representatives rejected a proposed strike settlement.

Four large packing plants here and one at Tacoma are closed, with 600 men and women out of work, although some of the strikers have been placed in small packing plants in and around Seattle.

The union rejected an offer of a 71 cent blanket wage increase. Alfred B. Jussett, international organizer of the union, said, "because it did not apply to outside workers such as stockyard men and cut the feeders, and it was not retroactive to October 1, when an old agreement expired."

The central labor council last night placed the Carstens, Frye and James Henry companies on the "unfair list," adding them to the Acme Packing & Provision Co., which had been voted "unfair" earlier.

The Seattle Packing Co., is the only member firm of the packers' association operating with union approval. Strikers had picket lines at the plants, as well as at retail stores operated by the wholesale houses.

L. T. GIBSON, FORMER ROSEBURGER, DIES Word was received here today of the death at Chico, Calif., of L. T. Gibson, former resident of Roseburg, who left this city for Chico about two years ago. The body is to be brought to Roseburg and burial will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. It was announced this morning, Mr. Gibson was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of this city and was the janitor of their building for many years. He leaves a son and a daughter, at whose home he lived. Arrangements for services are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

BRIDGES, CIO LEADER, SAID PLOT VICTIM

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A charge that the American Federation of Labor had used gangsters in inter-union warfare led a coroner's jury today to a new path today in its inquiry into the death of Patrick J. Corcoran, AFL leader who was slain two weeks ago.

Harold Bean, leader in the AFL carpenter's union, testified yesterday that "gunmen, thugs and gangsters" had been "employed" by AFL officials "for the purpose of smashing the general drivers union or compelling it to affiliate with the AFL."

General drivers union No. 514, with which Corcoran was connected, is an AFL affiliate, formed after local 514 had been expelled from the federation.

At a mass meeting called as an outgrowth of the slaying of Corcoran, George Cole, regional director of the committee for industrial organization, read an affidavit signed by Robert John Bell, former Minneapolis union man, detailing the alleged plot. Bell is now reported to be on the west coast.

Bell's affidavit said he was called into the office of a Minneapolis AFL worker and given \$1,000 with instructions to go to Seattle, but did not know why he was being sent.

Arriving there, he received \$10 a day for expenses, the affidavit said, and after several days was sent to Portland, where another AFL leader gave him instructions.

Harry Bridges Marked The instructions, Bell said in his affidavit, were to go to Seattle and mark Harry Bridges.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Edward S. Booth, 35, of Roseburg, pleaded guilty before Federal Judge James A. Fee today to charges of embezzling more than \$18,900 from the Douglas National bank.

Booth, the bank's former cashier, asked for probation. The judge referred the case to the U. S. probation officer with the recommendation "the court's feeling is against the probation unless there are unusual circumstances."

Carl Donagh, United States attorney, said the Roseburg man had been indicted on 21 counts charging embezzlement, falsification of records and false reports to government bank officials.

Dexter Rice, one of the ex-convict's attorneys, told Judge Fee Booth had made a full settlement. He asked for a review of the circumstances.

Donagh said he would not oppose a review or an investigation by the probation officer. "In a case of this kind the court is eager to hear all facts," the judge said.

COAST HIGHWAY FREED OF WATER SALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The highway between Coquille and Hardey is now in good condition with the exception of a small slide nine miles south of the former city. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reported today.

Water which covered the highway at a depth of more than 18 inches south of Coquille has receded. Baldock said the damage from the recent rains was not as heavy as had been anticipated.

MRS. CORA SIMS DIES IN CALIFORNIA Mrs. Cora Sims died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Gladys Cavener, at Ontario, Calif., according to word received here by relatives. Mrs. Sims resided in Roseburg until a year ago. She is a sister of Mrs. Earl Hill, of this city. Funeral services are to be held at Ontario tomorrow.

19 More Days to Buy Christmas Seals GREETINGS 1937

Did you know... that Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, a professor at Wurtzburg, Bavaria, discovered the X-ray in 1895?

Returns to U. of O. As Its Next Head



Youngest man ever appointed to the position, Dr. Donald M. Erb, above, 37 years old, professor of economics at Stanford university, has been elected seventh president of the University of Oregon, succeeding Dr. C. V. Boyer, who resigned because of ill health. Dr. Erb was a member of the U. of O. faculty from 1927 to 1929 as an instructor in economics. His salary will be \$7,500 a year and house rent.

INCREASE IN AID APPLICANTS LOOMS

Slash in Age Limit to 65 Means Heavier Load for Douglas County. A maximum increase of 200 cases is anticipated by the county relief committee during 1938, when the age limit for eligibility to old age assistance is dropped from 70 to 65 years, Franklin Voyt, executive secretary here, reported today.

At the present time Douglas county is providing financial assistance to 430 persons over the eligibility age of 70 years. Beginning January 1 the age limit is to be lowered to 65 years under the terms of the state law passed by the last legislature, and this is expected to bring about a considerable increase in the number of persons receiving aid.

The relief committee, Voyt said, has already completed examination of 70 applications, which will be certified for addition to the rolls January 1. These are persons who already have been receiving relief.

Thirty additional applications have been received but have not been investigated. A large number of these, Mr. Voyt says, probably will not be eligible.

Census figures show approximately 2,000 persons above the age of 65 years residing in Douglas county, but figures show that only

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VOTE-FORGING PETITION GETS NEEDED NAMES

Cheers Greet Final Signer in Wheel Chair; Single Administrator Idea Likely to Win. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The house leadership broke the prolonged deadlock over wages and hours legislation today when the 218th member signed a petition to force a vote on the measure by mid-December.

Representative Mansfield (D., Tex.) rolled up on his wheel chair to be the final signer, amid a roar of cheers.

Before the 218th signature went on the petition the house heard a republican demand for investigation of statements backlogs of the administration's wages and hours bill "swamped everything but the capitol" to insure a vote on the measure at the special session.

As soon as the inquiry resolution was read in the house Majority Leader Rayburn (D., Tex.) asked that it be tabled but Representative Fish (R., N. Y.) objected and forced a roll-call. The vote to table was 281 to 94.

After the petition was completed, Chairman Norton (D., N. J.) of the labor committee and other backers of the bill pressed up shake the hand of Mansfield, who for many years has been forced by illness to use a wheel chair.

Board Plan Held Doomed Representative Healey (D., Mass.), chairman of an informal committee backing the petition, said it appeared certain that the provisions for a five-man administration board in the pending bill would be eliminated by amendment on the floor.

He said the labor committee would request administrator of the proposed law by a single administrator.

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SPANISH BATTLES SAID INDECISIVE

HENDAYE, Franco - Spanish frontier, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Spanish troops, government and insurgent, fought a series of localized, indecisive battles today on the Aragon and Teruel fronts.

Reports from both sides said the skirmishing resulted in little change in positions. Artillerymen joined in the fray.

Earlier government reports said insurgents on the Toledo front, southwest of Madrid, had lost heavily in five futile attacks on government positions.

Madrid was shelled lightly just after midnight but insurgent planes appearing at dawn were chased off by anti-aircraft guns.

ROME, Dec. 2.—The newspaper Il Messaggero reported today that Italian aviators had brought down 455 government aircraft in the Spanish civil war. The newspaper also carried the names of 35 Italian fliers who had lost their lives in Spain since Sept. 18, 1936.

Fewer Frills in Automobiles Asked Engineers Sound "Anvil Chorus"

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Out of a Massachusetts institute of technology survey of engineers today came the opinion of one that "the small, inexpensive car outperforms the larger and more expensive model."

The Technology Review, published at M. I. T., printed this as one part of a canvass of opinions from 50 scientists and engineers in New England. The technicians also promised anonymity.

Their views on the economy, control, safety, comfort, style and engineering of modern automobiles, indicated a demand for cars with less frills, more engineering stamina and lower cost.

"The principal changes in automobiles in recent years," one of the engineers replied, "have been in cars of the lowest priced class, which in general have been supplied with motors giving them the highest horse power per pound ratio. As a result the small, inexpensive car outperforms larger and more expensive models."

"I want a car safely cheapened, gadgeted with moderation, described to me with frankness and sold without insult to my intelligence," said one engineer. Cost of parts and repairs drew forth this: "Theoretically the first cost and the cost of repairs is low, but the theory is blown to pieces by the people who run the service business."

Said another: "A good car, like a fine woman, needs little superficial decoration," and a fourth declared, "A soundly-built automobile in the hands of an intelligent operator willing to give it reasonable care, should last 25 years."