

THE WEATHER

Humidity 1:30 p. m. yesterday 54
Highest temperature yesterday 54
Lowest temperature last night -10
Precipitation for 24 hours .25
Precipitation for 48 hours .7
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .21.50
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 2.31
Rains.

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BRITISH FREIGHTER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

TENSION
It's growing abroad over the war in Spain and China, with attendant violence affecting other nations. If world-rocking developments occur, you'll get the first news here in the service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE is something to think about:
If during the past six years, every member of the senate and the house of representatives of the United States had been as good a man as Evan Reames, who has just been named senator-for-a-year by Governor Martin, the world experiments in government that have run us head over heels into debt would never have been made.

THIS short but important dispatch comes from Washington:
"Secretary of State Hull indicated today (Saturday) that the United States is not inclined to join in a proposed plan by which Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia would supply arms and military equipment to China in her struggle with Japan."

That is to say, if Secretary Hull has his way, the United States will not do other people's wars.
Common sense does get an airing now and then doesn't it?

NIAGARA FALLS, whose famous honeymoon bridge, weighed down with ice, crashed into the river last week, was once the nation's ONE BIG SCENIC ATTRACTION. The bride who didn't get to see Niagara back in those days felt badly cheated.

The groom, in these days, who proposed taking his bride to Niagara would be so old-fashioned as

WOMAN'S DEATH OF EXPOSURE PROBED

LA GRANDE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Coroner Söderstrom identified the body of a woman found by school children in a ditch at LaGrande as that of Jesse Murphy, 38, who was known as Jesse Harjoil.

The woman left La Grande Sunday night in a taxicab with Sam Knudson, a shepherd, the coroner said. The couple, bound for Knudson's place, dismissed the cab when it was unable to travel the rough roads.

The coroner, who will investigate whether the pair had been drinking when he conducts an inquest today, said Knudson apparently left his companion at the roadside while he went about to his cabin for additional clothing. Death was attributed to exposure.

The victim carried an unfinished letter addressed to her mother, Mrs. Wertz, of Pacific Beach, Calif.

SNOW JOKE
A NEW YORKER—What do you do for a living?
Magistrate Thomas A. Aurelio asked Warren Bergson 17, in court on a peeping-tom charge.

Find the Woman
SPOKANE—Mrs. Joe Ryan lost her wedding ring down a drain five years ago. The city sewer department hunted but couldn't find it.

Phone Rates Cut Order Knocked Out

UTILITY COMMISSIONERS' FIGHT

Decision Holding Reduction Edict Confiscatory and Illegal Upheld by Supreme Court.

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The state supreme court overruled unanimously today a three-year-old public utilities commissioner's order directing the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to reduce its rates \$365,000 a year in Oregon.

The decision upheld a Multnomah county decision that the rate reduction was discriminatory and confiscatory, violating the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

Judges Robert Tucker, James T. Brand and Hall S. Lusk, wrote the lower court decision. The investigation of the company's rates was begun in March, 1931, by Charles M. Thomas, then public utilities commissioner. He ordered the rate reduction on October 11, 1934.

On March 1, 1935, while the case was pending in trial court, Frank C. McCulloch replaced Commissioner Thomas.

The lower court decision permanently enjoined the public utilities commissioner from enforcing the order which was handed down March 19, 1936, nine months before N. G. Wallace succeeded McCulloch.

Profit Rate At Issue
The public utilities commissioner argued that the company was making a 1933 profit of 25 per cent on a fair value of \$15,900,000 of its Oregon exchange properties. The company asserted its profit was only 2.30 per cent on a \$24,193,011 valuation.

The commissioner's \$365,000 rate reduction was designed to reduce the company's revenue to 5 per cent of its investment, while the company wanted higher rates. The lower court found that the company's valuation was \$20,790,000 and that its net revenue during 1933 was \$233,555, \$433,164 below the commissioner's estimate and \$175,491 above the company's figure. The court ruled that the company should have a 6 per cent return on its investment and that under the proposed rates it would be only 2 per cent.

Tax Increase Considered
The high court's decision, written by Justice Rossman, said "we do not believe that the company's condition is so prosperous that the court pointed out that the

CORDON TO ADDRESS LANE REPUBLICANS
EUGENE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Lane county republicans will stage their first Lincoln day banquet since 1932 Saturday evening, Feb. 12, when Guy Cordon, Roseburg attorney and possible candidate for U. S. senator, will be the principal speaker.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR MISSING CHILD
UKIAH, Calif., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Hope was abandoned today by Sheriff E. L. Williams that 4-year-old Ted Thompson, missing since Saturday, would be located by possees searching the wilderness in Mendocino county.

BROWN INFANT OF CAMAS PASSES ON
Mary Ann Brown, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown of Camas Valley, died at Mury hospital this morning after a week's illness. The child was suffering from pneumonia. She was born at Camas Valley Sept. 1, 1937. Surviving are her parents, two brothers and a sister. The body will be taken to Toledo, Oregon, for funeral services and burial. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

Lesser Offense
PORTLAND, Ore.—District Judge Means fined Terrance McCarthy \$20 on charges of riding a horse on a public highway while intoxicated.

Prognostication Of Groundhog Due

Woodchuck Rival Also to be Eyed to Learn Forecast for Next 6 Weeks.

GOBBLER'S KNOB, Furness, Pa., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Groundhog day tomorrow brings the "faithful" to two self-appointed "weather-workers of the nation" to learn the woodchuck's forecasts for the next six weeks.

Tradition has it that if the seer of Gobbler's Knob, on a final prognosticator at the slumbering Groundhog lodge across the state in Quarryville, see, their shadows there will be stormy weather. If there are no shadows, there will be balmy weather—so the "faithful" believe.

No one has yet figured out what the weather might be if the Gobbler's Knob groundhog sees his shadow and the Quarryville woodchuck doesn't.

THEFT, LIQUOR, GUN JAMBOREE CHARGED

Arrested Men Accused Of Car Stealing, Shooting at Deer and Sheep.

Malcolm Cauthorne, 21, and Roland C. Day, 23, both reported to be residents of Eugene, were under arrest here today charged with larceny from an automobile, following what Sergeant Paul Parsons of the state police reported to be a liquor and firearms jamboree.

According to the report to the state police, Parsons said, the two men late yesterday afternoon attempted to shoot a pet deer at the Campbell service station north of Drain. After being driven from that place they went west on the Smith river road, where Parsons reported, they were charged out of a father's pasture after allegedly taking shots at sheep. It was also stated in the police report, the officer said, that they shot a hole in the gasoline tank of an automobile parked on the Smith river road and were apprehended by a school bus driver taking gasoline and tools from the auto. After they had driven their car over a grade on the Smith river road, they were taken into custody by a state policeman while hitch-hiking along the highway, Parsons reported.

The two men were taken to Drain for arraignment in the justice court there.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON JACKSON LOOMS
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee delayed final action today on the nomination of Robert H. Jackson to be solicitor general, pending completion of hearings by a subcommittee Monday.

CHIEF OF POLICE
The chief of police of Jackson would be called before the subcommittee to answer questions of Senators King and Austin about anti-monopolistic speeches the administration's "trust buster" made early this month. Jackson now is assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division.

DOCKMEN REFUSE TO LOAD JAP SHIP
LONDON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—London stevedores refused today to load the Japanese ship Haruma Maru because, they said, they suspected bar iron on a barge alongside was intended for Japanese armaments.

IRISH PROTESTANT PRIMATE PASSES
BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Dr. Charles Frederick D'Arcy, 79, Protestant archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, Church of Ireland, died Tuesday.

SENATE GIVES FINAL O. K. TO HOUSING BILL

Passage, 42 to 20, Follows Deletion of Provision on Wages, Asked by A. F. of L.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Senate action gave final congressional approval today to the administration's housing bill.

The vote of approval was 42 to 20.

The housing bill was the first major legislation to go to the white house since the beginning of the special session last November.

It was approved by both houses during the special session, but had been tied up in a joint congressional conference until last week, by a dispute over an amendment added by the senate on the motion of Lodge (R., Mass.), to require payment of prevailing wages to labor engaged on construction work financed by government insured mortgages.

In adopting the conference report today, the senate abandoned this amendment.

The housing bill is designed to spur private home construction by liberalizing terms under which the government would insure mortgages for such construction.

Before the vote William Green asked the senate to reject the agreement because it did not include the prevailing wage requirement.

SNOW STORM IN OREGON SPREADING

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The first serious snowfall since the great storm a year ago spread over Portland today.

Driving visibility on streets and highways covered with ice from a sleet storm last night was reduced to a few hundred feet.

The storm had not interrupted airplane, bus or train traffic. The Oregon Motor association reported a number of main roads gated with ice beneath the snow but none was closed.

The motor association at noon said local storms in virtually every section were spreading and it was warning travelers of a general snow. The fall was especially dense through the Columbia river gorge and becoming thicker toward the south.

Motorists were advised not to proceed without chains.

CREATOR OF 'POPEYE' BATTLES AILMENT
SANTA MONICA, Calif., Feb. 1.—(AP)—E. C. Segar, creator of the comic strip character of "Popeye," is making satisfactory progress following an operation for removal of his spleen, the Santa Monica hospital reported today.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR TOTAL \$599,116, INCLUDING \$499,328 FROM HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AND \$7,729 FROM TRAPPERS' LICENSES.

Teacher Ousted For "Dates" Is Cause of Strife

BOTHAN, Ala., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Dan Cupid held the upper hand today as Houston county's board of education considered a demand from patrons of Rehobeth consolidated school that Hugh A. Wynn be reinstated as teacher-coach. Wynn was dismissed reportedly because of "dates" with girl students.

Solomon Baxter, Houston county superintendent of education, and Principal H. L. Ward, of Rehobeth, had not commented on the demand.

Principals in the controversy—Wynn and his fiancée, pretty Mary Grubbs, 18-year-old Rehobeth senior—awaited developments. He claimed she was the only student he had "dated," and that school authorities' knew of their engagement.

"All I want now is for things to be cleared up," said the youthful athletic director, a University of Alabama graduate.

A mass meeting of patrons yesterday adopted resolutions asking that Wynn be reinstated or given "reasonable cause" for dismissal. The resolutions also asked reopening of the school which had been closed by the authorities as the striking students persisted in their demands that Wynn be reinstated.

WOMAN CLEARS UP GUN STORY ANGLE

Employee Admits She Was With Federal Attorney Night He Was Shot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Connor Buchanan, declaring "there is not the slightest reason to be sensitive," has disclosed she was the companion of Russell Hardy, 44, government attorney who was shot Saturday night in Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Buchanan, 34, is the widow of an army officer and an office worker in Hardy's department. Hardy had refused to identify his companion, on the ground that she was not involved in the shooting.

Mrs. Buchanan said she and the attorney drove to Alexandria after working most of Saturday afternoon in the justice department. She left him for a few minutes, she said, and went into a hotel.

When she returned, she related, Hardy told her he had been shot and insisted she go back to Washington alone.

"Under the stress of the excitement and pressure of his insistence," she explained in her voluntary statement, "I reluctantly agreed to leave."

Hardy told police he was shot in the hip by a beggar who became enraged at a refusal to give alms. He accused Alexandria police of "stagnity" and said their placing him under bonds (as a marital witness was treating him more as a defendant than as a complaining witness).

Hospital authorities reported the wound was not serious. Hardy was able to receive visitors, among whom was his wife.

Mrs. Buchanan said she took "no interest" in revealing facts which there is no reason to conceal" without consulting Hardy, however, because he was "much too ill" to be bothered.

CHINESE ADMITTED THEY HAD GIVEN GROUND ON THIS FRONT, REPORTING "A STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL" TO THE WEST BANK OF A RIVER AT MINGKWANG, WHERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED AT CLOSE QUARTERS, WITH EACH SIDE REPORTING HEAVY LOSSES FOR THE OTHER. MINGKWANG IS 25 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LINHAIKWAN.

TWO JAPANESE ARMIES, THE ONE DRIVING TOWARD PENGPU AND ANOTHER ATTACKING FROM THE NORTH, SEEMING TO NARROW THE CORRIDOR OF CHINESE-HELD TERRITORY DIVIDING THE TWO MAIN AREAS OF JAPANESE CONQUEST, NORTH CHINA AND THE LOWER YANGTZE VALLEY.

U. S.—BRITISH NAVY ALLIANCE IS SUSPECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Senator Borah told the senate today the world has been led to believe Great Britain and the United States had an "alliance" for building up their navies.

The Idaho veteran warned it was the same kind of situation that led to the World war.

Borah gave his views on the foreign situation during a general debate over American foreign policy, in which it was defended by Chairman Pittman of the foreign relations committee and attacked by Senator Johnson.

Pittman, replying to remarks yesterday by Johnson, said American foreign policy was the same as it had been ever since President Roosevelt took office—"non-intervention, non-interference in the affairs of other governments."

Johnson retorted that President Roosevelt's Chicago speech suggesting "guaranteeing of warring nations," followed by the inconclusive Brussels conference on the far eastern situation, had left the nation "in the pusillanimous position of having threatened a nation and not carried through."

Borah, former chairman of the foreign relations committee, said he had heard Pittman's statement "with great gratification" because of "the relationship between the chairman of the foreign relations committee and the state department."

But he added that America was being placed in a dangerous position, in view of statements by its officials and those of foreign nations.

Borah referred first to a statement he said was made by the British foreign secretary to parliament that Great Britain and the United States had an understanding.

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JAPS OPEN WAY TO RAILWAY JUNCTION

SHANGHAI, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Japanese army announced tonight it had smashed through desperate Chinese resistance northwest of Nanking and opened the way for fresh advances toward Sochow, the railway junction which has become the main prize of the Chinese-Japanese war.

The Japanese declared they had occupied Linhaiwan, about 100 miles northwest of Nanking, and advanced along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, to within less than 100 miles of Sochow.

They said their forces were within striking distance of Penpu, where the railway crosses the Hwai river, next formidable barrier to northward progress.

Chinese admitted they had given ground on this front, reporting "a strategic withdrawal" to the west bank of a river at Mingkwang, where for several days fighting had continued at close quarters, with each side reporting heavy losses for the other. Mingkwang is 25 miles southeast of Linhaiwan.

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Slapped By Jap



Climaxing a series of "incidents" in China which the United States has "emphatically" protested, U. S. Consul John M. Allison, above, became the center of newest discord when he was slapped by a Japanese entry at Nanking, Japan apologized and promise to court martial the involved soldiers, but claimed that Allison provoked the attack by refusing to leave a building occupied by Japanese forces.

ACCIDENTS IN U. S. COST 106,000 LIVES

Total for 1937 Embraces New Traffic Toll High; Money Loss Huge.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Accidental deaths cost the nation 106,000 lives in 1937, the national safety council computed today, including an annual all time high of 39,700 in the traffic field.

The permanently injured were estimated at 375,000, temporarily injured at 9,400,000.

This "gruesome jamboree of carelessness," the council said, ran up a bill of \$3,700,000,000.

It was broken down into \$2,550,000,000 in wage loss and medical expense, \$870,000,000 for property damage in traffic accidents and \$285,000,000 property loss in fires.

Despite a 4 per cent drop from 1936 in total deaths, the toll was higher than for any preceding year. Council statisticians attributed the decrease largely to a mild summer which reduced heat deaths by approximately 4,500.

Major disasters had little effect on the grand total. Notable, however, were the schoolhouse explosion in New London, Tex., in

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HEAD OF G. N. R. PREDICTS UPSWING

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Business will improve not later than the middle of the year, William P. Kenney of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railway company, predicted in an interview yesterday.

"The freight business is off," he said, "and tonnage on our lines dropped 10 per cent with revenue off 15 per cent. We have seen a little pickup in the lumber business during the past two weeks. That's a good sign."

The executive said the tourist was preparing for a big tourist year.

DEED BLAMED BY SPAIN ON ITALIAN BOAT

London Rushes Destroyers to Mediterranean Area to Destroy Pirate; 11 Lives Lost.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Spanish government today charged Italy had assigned four destroyers and two submarines to the Spanish insurgent fleet and that an Italian submarine sank the British merchantman Eudymion off Spain's southeast coast with a loss of eleven lives.

The British admiralty rushed four destroyers armed with depth charges to the Mediterranean area, where the Eudymion was bound for Cartagena, was torpedoed Sunday.

Azcarate Y Florez, Spanish government ambassador, accused Italy in a note handed to the British foreign office.

The Spanish government, he declared in another communication, is "amazed" that "foreign intervention in Spain is permitted to such an extent as to allow the rebels to receive whole, important units of a foreign fleet."

Azcarate Y Florez denied the insurgents have submarines of their own and declared "it must be clear to the whole world" that the Eudymion's attacker was Italian.

The British patrol destroyers were under orders without hesitation to drop depth charges if the attacking submarine were sighted and attempted to resist capture.

The Nyon accord against "piracy" signed last Sept. 14, established that any such submarine be "counter attacked and if possible destroyed."

The destroyer flotilla centered its patrol about the Cape Tinoso area, where the Eudymion sank following the submarine attack, which possibly signaled a general recurrence of such so-called "piratical attacks" which disrupted Mediterranean merchant shipping in the summer of 1937.

An informed source said the British government "takes a very serious view of the sinking and are considering what steps are required to deal with the situation."

It was emphasized that Britain does not recognize the right of Spanish insurgents to blockade the coasts of Spain.

Three of the dead aboard the

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TRAIN CUT APPEAL TO I. C. C. PLANNED

An appeal to the interstate commerce commission on the recent order of the Southern Pacific company eliminating day-time train service in southern Oregon is expected to follow a committee meeting here late today. The meeting is being held by the committee recently named at a hearing in Grants Pass. Members are Attorney B. L. Edly of Roseburg chairman; W. E. Gates, Medford; C. H. Demaray, Grants Pass, and C. E. A. Alken, Cottage Grove. The committee was given power to act on behalf of the counties represented at the recent meeting in Grants Pass, where the railroad company's action was protested.

charge of beating her.

Held in \$5,000 bail for grand jury action on a charge of atrocious assault and battery, the short and heavy woman was to be removed today from the local jail to the Hudson county jail in Jersey City.

Try and get it," she shouted as Acting Recorder Flaum set the bail in a crowded courtroom late yesterday.