

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:50 p. m. yesterday 41%
Highest temperature yesterday 64
Lowest temperature last night 39
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month .96
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .39.46
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 .11.86
Unsettled Friday.

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ATTEMPT TO SLAY REVAMPING BILL FAILS

Editorials ON THE Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS dispatch comes from Sun Valley, in Idaho, where the business advisory council of the U. S. department of commerce is holding a hearing.
"Spokesmen for Western farmers told the United States commerce department's business advisory council today (Monday) that solution of the farm problem requires expansion of agricultural markets through INCREASED INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY and reduction of waste in distribution."

THAT is to say, it doesn't matter how much farmers are hired NOT to produce if nobody has money enough to buy what is produced.

THE dispatch adds:
"The council also heard demands for revision of the national labor relations act."

WESTERN farmers, you see, are coming to the conclusion that if industry is to be torn and disrupted by constant strikes NOBODY will have money enough to buy what the farmer produces.

HERE'S a good one:
Down in Monterey, they've hatched up a scheme to move the capital of California from Sacramento to the shores of Monterey

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POWER ZONE VOTE SLATED TOMORROW

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—Voters will approve or discard the first of a series of proposed public utility districts, the Northwest Oregon Bonneville People's Utility District, when they go to the polls in seven counties tomorrow.

Involved are portions of Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Washington and Yamhill counties.

Each of 44 towns and nine other districts in the area will vote independently to enter or remain out of the PUD.

There is no taxpayer requirement for voting and any registered voter in the district can go to the polls.

Formation of the PUD, its sponsors contend, will bring cheaper rates through use of Bonneville power, remove private power companies from politics and provide more electrical energy for farmers.

Opponents declare PUD power lines would duplicate existing service and that directors could set any price they wished on products of the district, including water, water power and electric power.

They assert directors are not required to charge rates high enough to pay expenses, and express fear that losses will be incurred and charged to taxpayers through an annual levy, and that school districts will lose large sums in taxes now paid by private utilities.

Oddities Flashed From Press Wire

By the Associated Press

Scholar

CHILICOTHE, O.—U. S. Immigration Officer W. A. Kiefer asked an applicant for citizenship this question:
"In a republican form of government, how is the constitution changed?"

"By the democrats," came the quick reply.

He got his papers all right—after a clarifying lecture.

Woman Pays?

PITTSBURGH—Imagine Magistrate Anthony Lucas' embarrassment.

The lady was charged with a traffic violation and he fined her \$2.

Her name was Mrs. Anthony Lucas.

"No" Woman

BONNER SPRINGS, Kas.—When Mrs. Selma Wallace, 56, failed to

NEW PWA FUND TO SPEED RECOVERY LOOMS

BILLION AND HALF WILL BE ASKED BY F. R.

Plan Calls for Long-Term Loans to Cities, Counties, Others to Finance Local Building.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—A high administration official said today President Roosevelt contemplates recommending to congress a \$1,500,000,000 public works program in a new recovery drive to end the recession, restore employment and revitalize the nation's business.

At the same time the white house announced Harry Hopkins, administrator, and Aubrey Williams, deputy administrator, of the works progress administration, would confer with the president today on work relief.

Williams has said that a much greater emergency relief fund would be needed soon if the government was to care for the new thousands of unemployed, born of the recession.

The new public works program plan, it was learned authoritatively, calls for federal bond issues to raise the \$1,500,000,000. This money, in turn, would be lent to cities, counties and other political subdivisions to finance local building programs.

It was understood President Roosevelt would ask congress to authorize raising the billion and a half by sale of bonds.

It was also understood the money would be lent to states and cities without interest for periods as long as 50 years and would be repayable in small annual amounts, probably about 2 per cent.

The public works loan plan would be one phase of the administration's program for aiding business and increasing employment.

3,000 Projects on File
To get the works program started quickly, the government has on file a reservoir of approximately 3,000 proposed works projects which can be brought up for reconsideration.

Some sources close to the white house said the president desired primarily to stimulate business by this new program, suggestive in its size and extensiveness of the programs Mr. Roosevelt formulated to fight the depression in the early days of his administration.

Coupled with this, it was understood, the president plans to push housing and slum clearance under

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JUSTICE-LARCENIST PAROLED TO SHERIFF

TOLEDO, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly sentenced A. C. Douel, 68, Oregon Lake justice of the peace, to two years in the state prison yesterday after an examining board found him sane.

Douel, who changed his plea of innocent to guilty, to a charge of larceny of public funds, was released to sheriff McElwain on his good behavior.

Spaniards 'Finished,' Says Refugee, Reporting That Several Thousand Americans Were War Casualties

PERPIGNAN, France, April 7.—(AP)—A Californian who had acted as political commissar for the Washington and Lincoln battalions of one of the Spanish government's international brigades reached France today with a story of death among his American comrades.

John G. Honeycombe, 37, of Los Angeles, said only a few hundred out of several thousand Americans who had fought since the beginning of the Spanish civil war as volunteers for the government were still alive.

Tattered and hungry, Honeycombe crossed the frontier after what he called "the Gandesa collapse," in which 569 Americans of the Washington and Lincoln battalions were caught in the path of Generalissimo Franco's offensive. Only 29 are known to have escaped.

"I remember the last thing my wife said when I left her and my six-year-old kid in Los Angeles," Honeycombe mused. "You'll regret the day you left for Spain."

As a political commissar, Honeycombe, who said he once worked

in the American communist party in California, was left in charge of the battalion when its commander was killed in Gandesa.

"This cannot last," he said. "I have seen more than 200 planes at one time bombing and strafing our lines. That man Franco has everything. The Spaniards don't want to fight. They are finished."

"They paid us seven pesetas (about 40 cents) a day but most of us came to Spain to fight for ideals," he went on.

"That's what I came for, but when you see boys you have worked and played with being slaughtered it shakes your ideals."

HENDAYE, France, at the Spanish Frontier, April 7.—(AP)—Government defenses crumbled before a fresh insurgent march to Spain's east coast today as insurgent banners fluttered at the village of Vallbona, 22 miles from the seacoast city of Vinaroz.

Mop up squads continued operations in the north Aragon territory, threatening to send a fresh influx of refugees into neutral France.

JAPS FORCED OUT OF TAIERHCHWANG BY DETROIT STRIKE

Chinese Chief Says Foe in 'Full Retreat' After 3 Weeks' Battling.

SHANGHAI, April 7.—(AP)—The Kwangsi military chief, Gen. Li Tsung-Jen, reported today that Japanese were "in full retreat" from Taierhchwang, the Shantung province village whose mud walls have been flattened by nearly three weeks of battle north of the Grand canal.

Gen. Li said his warriors went over the top at dusk last night in a third offensive and that the Japanese, unable to withstand the fierce assault, began retreating toward Taierhchwang at dawn.

The victorious Chinese began mopping up stragglers along the narrow gauge railroad which runs northward through Taierhchwang to connect with the main Tientsin-Pukow railway.

It was along the Tientsin-Pukow which Japanese almost their southward thrust at the east-west Lanzhou railway corridor separating Japanese occupied north and central China.

Jap Drive Stalled
The Chinese-Japanese armies were locked in a stalemate along a 500-mile battle line bordering the Yellow river in the heart of China, as the undeclared war ended its fourth month.

West of the Shantung zone southwest Japanese thrusts at the Lungshai along the Peiping-Hankow railway in Honan province and through the mountains of Shansi province were stalled.

Northward advances toward the same line from Nanking and Shanghai reported no progress.

Sporadic engagements were going on in half a dozen other scattered sectors, especially about Hangchow southwest of Shanghai and up the Yangtze from Nanking.

But foreign military observers were of the opinion Japanese were making no progress in these zones.

Casualties Heavy
Total casualties in the more than

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CONSTABLE SLAYS SHERIFF AND GUARD

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS Fla., April 7.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff J. W. Kelly said today Constable James Neal admitted killing Sheriff B. C. Johnson and Franklin Hendrix, prison camp guard, whose bodies were found on a highway early today.

The Walton county sheriff and Hendrix were found shot to death in front of Neal's home and Kelly said the constable claimed he fired in self defense after the two men had attacked him.

Neal was jailed without charge pending an inquest, Kelly said.

The deputy said trouble between the two peace officers resulted from a disagreement earlier this week over a hearing for several men charged with cattle theft.

SNOW RANGES FROM TEXAS TO NEW YORK

Hail, Dust, Tornadoes Also in Weather Disb; Crops, Utilities Damaged, Roads Blocked.

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Snow fell on 11 states today, the second day of an April storm that brought out winter clothing and put many men to work clearing streets, repairing crippled service lines and fighting to save crops.

Forecasters of the government weather bureau reported snow was falling in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The storm centered along a belt stretching from Colorado and Wyoming to New York and New England yesterday and piled up snow to depths of 17 inches. Last night the center veered south to Shreveport, La., and poured rain upon eastern Texas, most of the south, the Ohio valley, the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valley.

Lloyd said the disturbance headed back north today but the snowfall would not equal that of yesterday, 9.2 inches in Chicago.

Crops, Utilities Suffer
Unofficial estimates placed the damage to fruit crops and utilities properties in Ohio at \$1,000,000. Livestock warnings were posted near the east coast of Texas. One of the state's best fruit crops was damaged heavily in 25 degree temperatures.

Wichita Falls, Tex., had its first April snowfall in weather bureau records.

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RIOTING ATTENDS CIO-AFL DISPUTE

MARTINEZ, CALIF., April 7.—(AP)—A federal conciliator strove for peace in the 27-day strike at the California-Hawaiian sugar refinery at Crockett today following a CIO-AFL fight involving 150 men in the main street of Crockett late yesterday.

Walter G. Mathewson of Oakland, newly-appointed conciliator in the dispute which has left 1,800 men idle, planned to confer with company officials in San Francisco and with leaders of the CIO Warehousemen's union tomorrow.

The sugar plant, one of the largest refineries in the world, was closed down when 200 warehousemen refused to enter because of dual unionism, picketed the entrance. They had attempted to organize the AFL refinery workers into a CIO union.

Ten men were reported injured and many others overcome by tear gas in yesterday's rioting which lasted 15 minutes before being broken up by Sheriff John Miller, 11 deputies, three state highway patrolmen and local officers.

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MRS. RUTH WATEROUS PASSES IN ILLINOIS

W. C. Harding, secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, received a message today announcing the death of his only sister, Mrs. Ruth Waterous, wife of Dr. H. W. Waterous, retired physician and surgeon, at Galva, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Waterous have frequently visited in Roseburg in past years, and at one time owned property in Garden Valley.

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SHOOTS AT SQUIRREL, KILLS HER FATHER

SPOKANE, April 7.—(AP)—Henry L. Smith, 52, stock salesman, died in a hospital last night several hours after he was accidentally shot by his daughter, Hazel, with a small caliber rifle while on a squirrel hunting trip.

Dr. L. S. Collins, coroner, said Miss Smith shot hastily at a squirrel and hit her father in the groin.

AUTO KILLS TOT AT PLAY IN DRIVEWAY

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—An automobile backed from a residential garage ran over and killed Diane Rogers, 22 months, yesterday. The child was playing in a neighbor's driveway.

NEW TAX BILL ATTACKED BY LA FOLLETTE

Step Backward in Years of Effort, Senator Asserts; Sponsors Say Plan to Banish Fear.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The senate approved today a flat 15 per cent tax on capital gains as a substitute for a graduated scale of rates provided in the revenue bill passed by the house.

Chairman Harrison of the finance committee had declared this rate would encourage investment and would be less complex than a graduated scale of levies approved in the house.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Senator La Follette vigorously attacked today the senate finance committee's tax bill, which sponsors contended would "go far toward removing some of the fear that exists in the country."

La Follette, a member of the finance group, opened his attack after Chairman Harrison of the committee had told the senate the bill would help banish fear and restore confidence "that some of the people have lost in their government."

La Follette declared that the bill would be "a step backward" in years-long efforts to base the tax system on ability to pay.

Condemning particularly the committee's recommendations to substitute a flat 15 per cent rate on corporations in place of an undistributed profits levy, and a flat 15 per cent tax on capital gains, La Follette said:

"These recommendations go a long way toward destroying a pro-

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BLUM'S DICTATOR BILL TURNED DOWN

PARIS, April 7.—(AP)—A thousand leftists massed outside the senate to protest its opposition to Premier Blum's demand for dictatorial financial powers fought late today with a group of fascist students.

The clash, in which several were injured, came soon after the senate finance committee, undaunted by the threat of a mass demonstration of leftists, flatly rejected Blum's finance bill by a vote of 25 to 6.

Defeat for the premier is considered certain if he sticks to his demands for power to regulate foreign exchange, revalue the gold stock of France, levy a tax on capital and suspend national debt amortization for two years.

Strikes, an important element in France's social-political turmoil, increased. Twelve hundred workers of a company manufacturing telephone equipment for government services joined the 15,000 workers already on strike. They wanted new collective contracts, a demand figuring in most of the strikes.

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WOMAN LEAPS FROM BRIDGE TO DEATH

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—A woman who leaped to death from the high Vista Avenue bridge over the canyon road last night was identified today as Mrs. T. L. Eck, 43.

The woman met two frightened children on the south approach and told them "I'm going to kill myself." The body landed on a steep wooded slope.

Mrs. Eck had been despondent over the illness of her husband.

3 BRITISH FLIERS PERISH IN CRASH

LONDON, April 7.—(AP)—Three royal air force fliers were killed today when their reconnaissance plane exploded and fell in flames into the North sea.

The crash was the 31th in the royal air force since January 1, and raised its death toll to 58 since then.

Salmon Netting Ban Need Cited By Fish Expert

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—Closing of all Oregon coastal streams with the exception of the Columbia to commercial fishing was urged yesterday by Dr. Henry B. Ward, ichthyologist and former member of the United States bureau of fisheries, as a move to preserve salmon runs.

"Commercial fishing methods," the doctor asserted in an interview, "are far too large and no small stream long can stand such an excessive toll on salmon."

Deepsea trolling for salmon should be prohibited in stipulated areas near river mouths, he added.

"The closing of your adjacent coastal streams would contribute materially to the Columbia river run of salmon."

"Most of them did," he added, "but we believe there is a general return to the region and an incomplete return to the river itself."

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TAX RECEIPTS BY DOUGLAS \$350,000

First Quarter of '38 Will Get Another \$100,000, Is Expectation.

Approximately \$350,000 has been paid by Douglas county taxpayers since the first of the year, Earl Pickens, deputy sheriff in charge of the county tax collection department, reported today.

The department has turned over to the treasurer \$24,245.15 from payments on the current year's tax and \$26,258.79 in payments on taxes delinquent in former years. The turnover represented money collected during the month of March.

Mail receipts worked since the first of the month amount to \$88,943 and it is expected the amount remaining to be checked will bring the total to \$100,000.

More receipts have been issued during the first quarter than for the same period last year, but receipts are slightly lower, Mr. Pickens reports. Last year the first quarter collections amounted to about 40 per cent, as compared with 35 per cent this year. This is due, it was explained, to the fact that the Southern Pacific company last year paid its full year's tax during the first quarter to take advantage of the rebate provisions, while this year it is paying quarterly. Rebates to taxpayers making payments in advance of the due date, totaled \$5,631.58 for the quarter.

TOWNSEND CLAIMS HUGE CLUB GROWTH

PORTLAND, April 7.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, 74-year-old leader of the Townsend national recovery plan, here for a "round the visit," said in an interview last night his movement was gaining "86,400 new members a month."

He declared "one of our greatest acquisitions is the support of union labor. This support has been coming within the last six months."

Some Townsend clubs (in Chicago) are composed entirely of union members.

Proposed U. S. Naval Expansion in Pacific Stirs Japanese "Concern"

TOKYO, April 7.—(AP)—Japan feels "imperative" she maintain command of the western Pacific and is concerned greatly over the possibility the United States might expand her sphere of influence there, Rear Admiral Noda, admiralty spokesman, said today.

Discussing the speech on foreign policy by Secretary Hull on March 17 and his letter on April 3 to Chairman Walsh of the senate naval committee, opposing a stay-at-home policy for the navy and holding it must be free to defend American interests anywhere, Admiral Noda asserted:

"The fact that Mr. Hull sent a letter at this particular time is of special interest to us. Formerly the United States seemed to regard the mainland coasts and Panama as the sole points necessary to defend."

"As late as Jan. 21 Admiral Leahy (chief of U. S. naval operations) stated a strategic triangle running from the Aleutians to Hawaii, Samoa and Panama was the defense line."

"Now Mr. Hull expresses strong

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ENACTMENT CLAUSE KEPT; VOTE 191-169

Backers of Measure Predict Ultimate Victory; House Now Sees Battle on Amendments.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The house refused today to kill the 27-amendment reorganization bill. The tally vote was 191 to 169.

The bill of a victory for the administration, was on a motion by Representative O'Connor (D-NY) to "strike out the enacting clause" without which the bill would have been ineffective and meaningless.

The measure was thrown open to amendment immediately afterward.

Representative Warren (D-NC) offered the first of two amendments which backers of the bill had promised to meet some of the opposition protests against it. It was to exempt the federal office of education, specifically from any reorganization program.

Cardinal's Wire Read
In support of the proposal, Warren announced he had been authorized to read a telegram which he said President Roosevelt received at 12:10 p. m. today from Cardinal Mundelein in Chicago.

The telegram said that "as a result of my own investigation" and on the basis of information gathered from "reliable and informed sources" the Catholic churchmen could not find that "the welfare or freedom of the Catholic church is in any way menaced" by the pending bill.

The cardinal said the only reason he was making that statement was that the Catholic church had been drawn into the discussion of the education features of the legislation.

Backers of the bill said the vote rejecting O'Connor's motion was a sure indication the house would

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PACIFIC FRUIT CO. EMPLOYES STRIKE

BAKER, April 7.—(AP)—Members of the International union of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers went on strike Wednesday at the Pacific Fruit and Produce company. Picketing followed.

The strike, according to Harold Todhunter, manager of the local plant, was called by union headquarters as a "sympathy strike" growing out of trouble at Salt Lake City.

"There is no trouble at our plant with the workers," Todhunter said this morning.

PENDLETON, April 7.—(AP)—Five employees of the Pendleton branch, Pacific Fruit & Produce company, were on strike here today and pickets frouted the company's warehouse here.

Eben Green, district supervisor for the concern at Pendleton, said the strike was called in sympathy with a walkout for higher wages in Salt Lake City.

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