

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 34%
Highest temperature yesterday 89
Lowest temperature last night 52
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 96
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 39.46
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 11.75
Unsettled with rain.

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REORGANIZATION

The final vote on the embattled bill in the house tomorrow. Watch for the result in the NEWS-REVIEW, along with other congressional action which may include disposal of the tax revision bill.

AMENITY TO SAVE COMPTROLLER LOSES

Editorials ON THE Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
OUT of the Western business advisory council that has been meeting over at Sun Valley this week, comes this statement:

"Industry and business will recommend to Secretary of Commerce Roper support of new home construction as an imperative aid to recovery."

IF all that now remains is to restore a little confidence so that those who want and NEED houses will go ahead and build them.

IT'S odd, but it's nevertheless TRUE that mere abundance of labor and materials isn't enough to cause people to go ahead and BUILD THINGS. There must also be willingness to take a chance.

Taking a chance is just another term for SPECULATION, and we all cuss out the speculator—especially when he makes a little money.

But where would this country be if nobody had ever been willing to take a chance?

HERE'S a thought:

Our troubles are largely political. (For example: Nobody is afraid of the COUNTRY itself; fear arises out of the way the country is being run.)

Our political troubles come from having the WRONG KIND OF MEN in office.

WERE facing two elections this year—first a primary to choose candidates and then a general election to pick the men to run the country for another couple of years or more.

Let's forget all minor side issues

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FUNDS FOR MOUTH OF UMPQUA OKAYED

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—The house today approved improvement of the Umpqua harbor and river in Oregon for about \$273,000 plus \$35,000 annual maintenance.

The work would include a 22-foot channel 200 feet wide from the mouth of the river to Reedsport, Ore., with a turning basin there 1,000 feet long and 600 feet wide.

BLUM GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE RESIGNS

PARIS, April 8.—(AP)—Premier Leon Blum tonight handed his cabinet's resignation to President Lebrun.

Blum and his ministers tendered their collective letter of resignation after the senate had voted down his demand for dictatorial powers over French finance.

Oddities Flashed From Press Wire

By the Associated Press

Service Under Difficulties

COATESVILLE, Pa.—The customer wanted a chicken. Grocer Charles Ely's supply was exhausted but he drove to another store to get one.

While he made the purchase, a policeman tagged his car for double parking.

En route to deliver the chicken, he stopped to see a friend.

And some one stole the chicken.

Easy Prey

LEIDYARD, Conn.—Frederick W. Burton has quite a reputation as a hunter but he didn't need a sharp eye to bag the partridge he ate this week.

The bird crashed through a window and fell dead on his bed.

No Fences

SUNDANCE, Wyo.—The Wyoming wilderness is a haven for frugal nudists.

Dr. Artemus K. Hertzog, secretary of the Western Nudist association, reporting on prospects of building a camp near here, noted:

"Construction costs would be cheaper as the necessity of erect-

Storms' Death Toll Increased to 24

DIXIE STATES WORST HIT IN WINTERY BLOW

Snow, Sleet and Rain Lash Wide Area, Threatening Floods; Damage Rises Past \$1,000,000.

CHICAGO, April 8.—(AP)—Thirteen deaths in a Georgia flood raised to 24 the death toll today of storms gripping a broad section of the nation for the third consecutive day.

At least 11 other persons perished in an Alabama tornado. Elsewhere communities were harassed by sleet and snow, cold rains and rising rivers and the forecast of continued weather disturbances.

More snow and sleet were predicted for parts of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, lower Michigan, Missouri and Kansas; rain for parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, with possible gales on southern Lake Michigan.

Fair weather was forecast for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and western Kansas, which were among the first to suffer the heavy April snow Wednesday.

Heavy rain poured upon the south and some eastern states today. Hardest hit were Virginia and Maryland. At Myrtle Beach, Miss., 5.76 inches of rain fell during the last 24 hours.

Occasional rain fell in New York City and in New Jersey light rain removed a record April snowfall of 5.1 inches in Indiana, the Wash and White rivers rose toward flood stages.

Schools Close, Traffic Upset. Six foot snow drifts marooned seven Texas school children and scores of motorists, but all were believed safe in rural homes. Four inches of snow piled up in Dodge City, Kas. Coffeyville, Kas., schools were closed. At Kansas City snow and sleet measured six inches.

One train was stalled and motorists were stranded by four-foot drifts in western and northern Oklahoma.

Winds blew over Chicago at velocity.

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DETROIT STREET CAR STRIKE ENDED

DETROIT, April 8.—(AP)—A strike that tied up street car service to 700,000 Detroit residents ended officially at noon today when union members ratified a settlement agreement.

The strike began at 4 a. m. Thursday when division 26 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Operators of America (AFL) overrode its leaders and staged a mass walkout in an attempt to gain additional seniority rights.

The peace formula was worked out in a conference with Mayor Reading this morning.

Fox Terrier Puppy Survives Gas That Kills Other Dogs

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 8.—(AP)—Five minutes in the pound's carbon monoxide execution chamber—

Seventeen dogs lay dead, but a nameless little fox terrier puppy walked out alive.

"I can't account for it," said Dr. R. L. Rhea, veterinarian, "unless the dog got next to a crack. Three minutes in that gas would kill any dog or human."

Pound attendants said the dog was "legally dead" and that no further attempt would be made to execute him.

EDWIN WEAVER DIES AT MYRTLE CREEK

Former Commissioner of Douglas Came to Oregon With Parents in '53.

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Edwin Weaver, 54, former Douglas county commissioner, died at his home in Myrtle Creek last night, following a short illness.

Born April 6, 1884, in Washington county, Ill., the son of Hans and Harriet Weaver, he came to Oregon with his parents in 1853.

The party crossed the plains with a 50-wagon train which met many hardships, including trouble with Indians en route.

The family settled in the Myrtle Creek district, where Mr. Weaver made his home continuously.

His wife, to whom he was married May 3, 1875, died June 30, 1932. Surviving are fourteen sons and daughters. They are John Weaver, Burns; Hans Weaver, Salem; Frank E. Weaver, Riddle; Vincent E. Weaver, Myrtle Creek; C. V. Weaver, Canyonville; C. R. Weaver, Riddle; George D. Weaver, Myrtle Creek; W. P. Weaver, Myrtle Creek; Miss Addie Weaver, San Francisco; Mrs. H. B. Carter, Roseburg; Mrs. R. W. Alspaugh, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Ernest Briggs, Canyonville; and Mrs. Henry Schmitt, Myrtle Creek. Two children, Mrs. J. D. Owens and Moses Weaver, are deceased. He also leaves two brothers, Isaac Weaver, Eugene, and Cleland Weaver, Myrtle Creek.

Mr. Weaver served as county commissioner from 1923 to 1927.

He was a member of the Elks and I. O. O. F. lodges and the Myrtle Creek Grange.

The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors.

MENINGITIS KILLS WOUNDED STATE COP

OREGON CITY, April 8.—(AP)—State Police Sergeant Ira Warren, shot last December in arresting a robber, died late yesterday of spinal meningitis which had complicated his injury.

The officer, a member of the state police since its inception under the late Governor Meier in 1931, left the hospital about two weeks ago, apparently on the way to recovery. The dread meningitis developed Monday.

Warren, former Oregon City chief of police, was wounded while arresting Earl Sears, called the "Sack Bandit" by police because he carried his money in a stockinette. Sears was sentenced to a life term in the state prison for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

KILLS WIFE ON THEIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY

CORDELL, Okla., April 8.—(AP)—Marion Lerner, 35-year-old produce dealer, demanded a prompt trial today after waiving preliminary hearing on a charge he beat his wife, an expectant mother, to death on their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

"I killed my wife... I am guilty," he told Justice M. B. Brown yesterday.

County Attorney Plumlee said Lerner, father of three children, made a statement he wrecked his car to make it appear his wife died of crash injuries.

Plumlee said Lerner admitted associating with a well-to-do widow but said they were just friends. He said Lerner made his statement when confronted with a \$1,000 insurance policy on his wife's life.

WORK RELIEF COST FACING FRESH BOOST

First Estimate of Billion too Low, Roosevelt Now Admits; No Decision on Loan Program.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—The United States conference of mayors asked President Roosevelt today to recommend that congress appropriate \$3,000,000,000 to give work to 3,500,000 needy unemployed.

The mayors conferred with the president shortly after he had told a press conference that his billion dollar estimate for work relief in the next fiscal year would have to be increased. Mr. Roosevelt mentioned no specific figure, however.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today his billion dollar estimate for work relief in the next fiscal year would have to be increased. He mentioned no figure.

The president also said a new public works program was under discussion, but that no decision had been reached. He mentioned no amount in this connection either, but \$1,500,000,000 was the figure he was reported reliably as considering.

The president said one of the features of the work program he discussed was long term loans to municipalities without interest.

He said he had not decided whether to combine public works and work relief proposals in one message to congress or to make them separate.

One billion dollars for relief was proposed in the president's January budget message.

"Permanent" Program Urged. Mr. Roosevelt discussed relief shortly after Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, urged congress to provide a "permanent security program" based on work, instead of direct relief.

Hopkins estimated in his testimony before the senate unemployment committee that about 18,000,000 men, women and children in 6,000,000 households were receiving public assistance at the present time compared to a peak of 27,000,000 in 1932.

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BRITAIN ASKS OIL RETURN BY MEXICO

LONDON, April 8.—(AP)—Britain has informed Mexico she considers expropriation of foreign oil companies "inherently unjustified" and has requested restoration of the holdings of the British-owned Aguila company.

(Aguila, owned by Royal Dutch Shell, was largest of the 17 American, British and Dutch companies in the \$400,000,000 industry taken over by President Lázaro Cárdenas March 18.)

Informed persons said Britain had under consideration possible steps to enforce its stand but declined further comment.

They said it was "presumed" Mexico now would do something about the situation.

(The United States also has made firm representations to Mexico concerning the expropriation, but the American position, as stated by Secretary of State Hull March 20, is that while Mexico's right to expropriate the oil properties is admitted, the companies must be compensated fairly. The United States has expressed concern over the question of Mexico's ability to pay.)

TOURISTS SET NEW RECORD IN OREGON

SALEM, April 8.—(AP)—Non-resident motor vehicle registration in Oregon set a new record during the first three months of this year, 13,728 cars coming into the state. The previous record for the period was 11,411, set last year.

Cars came from every state except Delaware, California and Washington led with 5,258 and 5,274 respectively, Idaho being third with 528. There were 686 Canadian cars.

Law of 1864 Hits Alleged Opener of Another's Letter

PORTLAND, April 8.—(AP)—A law passed in 1864 was hauled down for trial in the near future, dusted off and given its first opportunity to function when Ralph Stoss charged his brother-in-law, W. H. Morrison, with "opening and reading the contents of a sealed letter without authority of the writer of the said letter or by the person to whom it is addressed."

The accuser admitted the letter was from his "girl friend."

Deputy District Attorney Tarsis said the case would be set down for trial in the near future. The 74-year-old, unused statute carried a penalty of one month to a year in the county jail and a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500.

SMASHING VICTORY OVER JAPS CLAIMED

Chinese Jubilant as New German-Trained Units Rush Into Action.

SHANGHAI, April 8.—(AP)—Chinese, rushing fresh, German-trained divisions into the 60-mile front across southern Shantung province, avowed today that victory was theirs at battered, shell-torn Tzuchwang.

The Chinese halted troops of General Sun Li-chung's 21st division as heroes for pushing Japanese from Tzuchwang's northeast gate.

Chinese said the major remaining Japanese force was being attacked by General Sun's two other columns, spread out in a triangle east from Tzuchwang.

Japanese, however, said their forces still remained within the city.

Victor Writing Ballad. Nevertheless, Chinese insisted they had won a smashing victory and the Christian General Feng Yu-Hsiang, inspired by the fragrance of the peach blossoms of the countryside, announced he was writing a ballad recounting the battle and predicting the recovery of China's lost territory by harvest time.

The German trained divisions were from China's ever available reservoir of man power, and the Chinese high command predicted 40 divisions would be in the field by summer.

Jap Troops Reinforced

Japanese, however, also were reinforcing their lines on this central China front. Foreign sources reported that within the past two weeks 50,000 fresh troops landed at Dairen, Manchoukuo, some destined for that Japanese-occupied state and some for the north China front.

It became known also that transports from Tientsin recently carried.

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SENATE REFUSES TO BOOST LIQUOR TAX

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—The senate, nearing a final vote on the new revenue measure, rejected today a proposal to increase the tax on hard liquor from \$2 to \$2.25 a gallon.

The increase, voted in the house, was opposed by the treasury and the senate finance committee on the ground it would increase bootlegging.

Senator Frazier (R-ND) urged the senate to approve the increase, which he said would have yielded \$19,000,000.

A short time later the senate voted to eliminate the tax of three cents per \$100 on commodity futures transactions.

FOUR SAVED FROM UMPQUA RIVER BAR

REDSFORD, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—Coast guardsmen from the Umpqua station rescued two men and two women from an overturned deep-sea fishing vessel after they had been pounded on the Umpqua river bar for nearly an hour yesterday.

Taken off after clinging to the keel of the boat were Miss Helen Bogus and Miss Elizabeth Gross, both of Prineville, and Lloyd Lipincott, Winchester, Bay.

Beldon Richmond, Winchester, Bay, was trapped in the engine room but had enough air to survive until guardsmen cut a hole in the hull and released him.

CROCKETT SET FOR INVASION IN LABOR WAR

Nearly 1,000 of A.F.L. Trek to City to Demonstrate Against C. I. O. in Refinery Strike.

GRASS VALLEY, Calif., (AP)—Several persons were kicked, beaten and driven from town by more than 150 unidentified men, whose leaders today warned persons with CIO tendencies to stay away from this gold mining region.

CROCKETT, Calif., April 8.—(AP)—The first elements of a mass labor invasion of this San Francisco bay industrial community began moving today from Oakland.

Nearly 1,000 members of the American Federation of Labor were reported speeding in caravans to take part in a demonstration at 2:30 p. m., designed to show the federation's displeasure at Committee for Industrial Organization tactics in the strike that has tied up the California-Hawaiian sugar refinery here.

AFL leaders said the demonstration would be staged in an attempt to bring about peace and harmony in the AFL-CIO controversy. Sheriff officers, however, laid in a supply of vomiting gas to supplement the tear gas on hand.

The AFL army, recruited from among building trades workers of the San Francisco east bay region, were told by Roland Watson, personal representative of William Green, AFL president, to be ready "for an emergency."

CIO Sees "Riot" Plan. CIO officials said the AFL demonstration was an incitement "to riot," and announced they had ordered most of their forces out of Crockett for the day.

Sheriff John Miller said he would make no effort to stop the AFL march, but declared that deputies would be prepared with tear gas to break up any riot.

The mobilization order of the AFL leaders, which was accompanied by a declaration of a building trades "work holiday" in

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MADRID PREPARING MORE MEN FOR WAR

MADRID, April 8.—(AP)—Thirty-eight recruiting offices today opened in Madrid to handle volunteers expected to respond to the government's call for enlistment of 100,000 more men.

Recruits were lined up in front of many offices before they opened. The recruiting campaign was being stimulated by parades of volunteers already signed up. They carried posters promising to back the government fight to the last man.

The press editorially continued to pin hopes on the most recent government note in London would be effective in enabling the government yet to receive desperately needed armaments, munitions and planes to stem the Catalan advance.

HENDAYE, France, April 8.—(AP)—A second contingent of General Franco's insurgents smashed its way to today within sight of Spain's east coast today as widespread and deadly combat surged along all the Catalan front.

Forty miles north of Lercida an insurgent army struck directly in the rear of the Republican forces, cutting the important power center and cutting two high tension lines which supplied thousands of volts of electric current to Barcelona's vital war industries.

WHISLER HELD FOR GRAND JURY INQUIRY

M. E. Whisler, former manager of the Roseburg Country club, arrested Monday on a charge of issuance of checks without funds to cover the same, waited preliminary examination in the justice courts today. He was ordered held for the grand jury and was released from custody upon his own recognizance.

Tackles Oil Mess For U. S. At 32



Lean, 32-year-old Laurence Duggan, above, of New York, youngest division chief of the state department, was plunged into the major assignment of his seven years in Washington with orders to handle the Mexican oil controversy for the United States. Graduate of Harvard, Duggan became chief of the Latin-American division of the state department at 30.

GOVERNOR MARTIN OPENS CAMPAIGN

Labels Self Anti-Unionist, Favors Labor Unions if Properly Led.

SALEM, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—A rally of the Young Democratic League opened the primary election campaign last night with an assertion by Governor Charles H. Martin that he remained "anti-union" and "anti-racketeer" but would oppose "the movement toward abolition of labor unions."

"We must protect the unions and union members in their legitimate functions," the governor said. "We must insure restoration of the principle of democratic control of the unions by the members and the elimination of control by terrorism."

State Representative O. Henry Olson, who will oppose Martin in the May 20 primary election, was next on the speakers' stand with a charge the governor "waited until just before the primary" to begin his campaign against labor terrorism.

Reading a statement by the governor that he had to wait until public opinion became aroused, Olson asked:

"If every law enforcement officer in the state waited for public opinion before they arrested

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Industry Will Not be Favored by Bonneville Power, Ross Promises

PORTLAND, April 8.—(AP)—Bonneville dam power will not be sold "in the Columbia gorge at a rate that will concentrate industry in the shadow of the dam," Administrator J. D. Ross said in a statement issued yesterday on the eve of a special election on a proposed seven-county public power district.

Ross said he wished to correct an impression gained from press reports that industry near the dam would be favored at the expense of cities farther away.

"Although our schedules are not yet completed, I can say that our rates will give first consideration to home and farm users," Ross said.

"In the words of President Roosevelt, Bonneville will 'help all the people of the region without unduly favoring any one locality or discriminating against any other.'"

"Circuit interests," he charged, "were repeatedly misrepresenting the president's power policy."

"Under the law signed by President Roosevelt, I am directed to give preference in the sale of Bonneville power to public districts," Ross said. "Statements that the president is opposed to such districts are contrary to fact."

REVAMP BILL'S FOES SHOUTED DOWN IN HOUSE

Provision for 6 Assistants to President Approved; Bill's Disposal May Come Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—The reorganization bill hurled another major obstacle today when the house declined to strip from it sections designed to rearrange the government accounting system.

The standing vote was 116 to 93.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—The house shouted down an amendment to the reorganization bill today which Representative Case (R., S. D.), proposed as a means of preserving the independence of the general accounting office and comptroller general.

Consideration of that phase of the measure followed house approval, without a word of debate, a provision of the reorganization bill that would authorize the president to appoint six administrative assistants. They would be paid \$10,000 a year.

After defeat of Case's amendment, Representative May (D., Ky.) proposed to eliminate all the provisions dealing with the general accounting office and a proposed new office of auditor general.

The scrap over the accounting section of the bill and another on the civil service commission, Speaker Hankshead told reporters, will make final action on the bill improbable before tomorrow.

Case said his amendment was the "crux of entire discussion that has revolved around the comptroller general" and complained that the measure "strips every shred of independence" from the comptroller.

The amendment stipulating that the general accounting office "shall be independent of the executive branch" was defeated.

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FRED J. BLAKELEY DIES IN PORTLAND

Colonel Fred J. Blakeley, 88, former Roseburg resident, died at Portland Thursday, according to word received here today. Prominently identified with southern Oregon utilities and mines, Mr. Blakeley in 1901 became head of the Umpqua Light and Power company at Roseburg. His interests were later sold to the Kendall Brothers of Pittsburgh, after which he operated the Sterling mine in the upper Applegate country in Jackson county. He operated the mine for four years and then sold it to a New Jersey concern. He also was interested in southern Oregon timber lands.

Surviving are his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Hildeburn, of Roseburg; and a son, William Blakeley, of Pittsburgh.

Light Vote Expected

A comparatively small number of the 70,000 eligible voters were expected to cast ballots today on whether to form a public power district in portions of seven western Oregon counties.

The vote involves 46 municipalities and nine outlying districts in Clackamas, Clatsop, Lincoln, Polk, Washington and Yamhill counties.

Any one of the 55 subdivisions may vote to remain outside the district. The result in a subdivision will have no bearing on the decision of another section.

County clerks said the final result might not be known for 24 to 48 hours after the polls closed at 8 p. m.