

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 49%
Highest temperature yesterday 72
Lowest temperature last night 47
Precipitation for 24 hours T
Precip. since first of month 1.90
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 40.40
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 11.23
Partly Cloudy; Mild.

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METHODISTS
Will the three branches unite, to close the breach created by the the slavery issue in 1844? Dispute rages in the convention at Birmingham, Ala. Follow developments in NEWS-REVIEW service.

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FRANCE BRITAIN FORM DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

Roosevelt Urges Stronger Curb on Monopolies

STRESS Laid ON HOLDING COMPANIES

Study of Economic Power Concentration Advised, Four-Point Program Given Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt recommended to congress today a \$500,000 appropriation for a "comprehensive study" of the "concentration of economic power in American industry and the effect of that concentration upon the decline of competition."

In his long promised message on anti-trust law revision, the president also proposed for immediate enactment the following legislation:

To "effectively control the operation of bank holding companies."

To "prevent holding companies from acquiring control of any more banks, directly or indirectly."

To "prevent banks controlled by holding companies from establishing any more branches."

To "make it illegal for a holding company, or any corporation or enterprise in which it is financially interested to borrow from, or sell securities to a bank in which it holds stock."

"I recommend," Mr. Roosevelt said, "that this bank legislation make provision for the gradual reparation of banks from holding company control or ownership, allowing a reasonable time for this accomplishment—time enough for it to be done in an orderly manner and without causing inconvenience to communities served by

REPUBLICANS' LEAD IN OREGON MOUNTS

SALEM, April 29.—(AP)—Republicans increased their registration lead over the democrats to 31 of the 36 counties gave them 329,314 voters to 224,146 for the democrats. Total registration today was 470,761, less than 8,000 short of the record 1936 figure.

Both parties gained in Washington county, republicans leading 10,889 to 8,018. The county was also republican in 1936.

Wallowa county changed over to the democratic column, the Democrats leading 1,942 to 1,678. A new mark of 3,641 was set in that county.

Josephine county remained republican, 4,590 to 3,308, the total registration of 8,898 establishing a new mark. Both parties made gains.

Counties yet to report are Baker, Grant, Jackson, Malheur and Umatilla.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Oregon world's fair commission, peeved because Oregon's site was withdrawn and given to France, votes to withdraw from the New York fair and spend all its available funds for an exhibit at San Francisco.

New York is a long way off, and most of the people who go there in 1939 will be inclined to ask what state Oregon is located in. San Francisco is close to us, and those who come that far can easily be induced to come this much farther.

So it will all probably work out for the best.

THE state department at Washington hears that Sigismund Levaneysky, soviet airman, and his five companions probably perished in the waters of the Arctic on their attempted Moscow-U. S. flight last August.

That is sad, and Americans are

THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

Americans' Recapture of Rights To Earn Decent Living Chief Aim, Gov. LaFollette, Wisconsin, Says

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—(AP)—A new party pledged to the goals of ensuring freedom and security for the people stand forth today upon the national political scene.

The national progressive party of America, dedicated to those ideals, was offered to the nation last night by Philip F. La Follette, governor of Wisconsin, who widened the breach with President Roosevelt, junked political theories of other parties and set a new course in this direction:

"Definitely and irrevocably we are in the lists to stay until the American people recapture their heritage."

This heritage he defined as the right of every American "to earn his living by the sweat of his brow," security "founded on a definite, decent annual income for all," and freedom of conscience and control.

Public Money Control Urged.

To attain these ends, La Follette declared for public, not private, control and ownership of money and credit, "without qualification or reservation," a staunch defense of the "basic concepts of American government, and, in particular, that grants of power

F. R. RAISES LAUGH ON NEW PRESS BILL

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ignored questions at his press conference today about a bill introduced by Senator Minton (D., Ind.) to make it a felony for a newspaper to publish as a fact anything known to be false.

In a discussion of the bill at his press conference, he said he thought the matter would have to be referred to the prison commission.

After laughter subsided a questioner asked if he was for the bill.

Mr. Roosevelt avoided a direct reply, saying he did not want to have to build any more prisons, and that he was trying to cut down the cost of government.

He replied in similar vein when asked about a report that the government was about to start a newspaper.

BARNES CIRCUS IS DATED IN ROSEBURG

Thursday, May 12, will be circus day in Roseburg.

Advance agents for the Al G. Barnes circus, which now combines four of the largest traveling shows of the Pacific coast, were in Roseburg today completing arrangements for the visit of the circus to the city.

Bellows field in West Roseburg will be utilized by the circus for its two performances, afternoon and evening, it was announced.

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regretful. But there is always the possibility that if they had completed their flight and returned to Russia they might have been shot against a wall.

Russia is one country you never can predict.

ACHMED ZOG, Albania's bachelor king, marries Countess Apponyi, who is half American and half Magyar. He is 43, and she 23. He fell in love with her photograph, and it is just possible that she fell in love with his title.

Zog is a former mountain chieftain who became president of the Albanian republic at the age of 29 and was proclaimed king at 33. Three attempts have been made on his life, and since 1920 there have been 20 insurrections in his country—a little better than one a year.

So it is likely that Queen Ger-

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Gov. Philip LaFollette should always be safeguarded against abuse. Flatly, the governor, opposed every form of coddling, or spoon-feeding.

METHODIST UNION DISPUTE CONTINUES

Opponents Ask Shelving of Merger Plan to "Save" Southern Church.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 29.—(AP)—Opponents of union of two Methodist branches of 12 years ago today urged the quadriennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, to shelve the proposal to "prevent destruction" of the southern church.

B. W. Crouch of Saluda, S. C., presented a memorial he said was signed by 18,000 Carolina Methodists opposing the merger and said the petition "represents the real sentiment of a majority of southern Methodists." He asked that the question be referred back to the annual conferences, all but one of which have approved the plan.

Miller S. Bell, Milledgeville, Ga., banker, said the church was split in 1844 because the northern majority tried to force its racial views on the south and warned that under the merger plan the south would have only 30 per cent of the voting power.

Northerners Approve

Bishop John N. Moore, chairman of the commission on church union, submitted the proposal and informed the hushed crowd that the Methodist Episcopal (northern) and Methodist Protestant churches already have approved the program which would create a Methodist church of some 8,000,000 members.

Bishop Moore told the delegates that the commission "unanimously approves" the plan which would bring some 3,000,000 southerners into the single church.

Vote Not Yet in Sight

Dr. T. D. Ellis of Louisville, Ky., launched what he expected to be a vigorous floor battle with the plea:

"I appeal to you to let every man have his say."

There was no indication of when the deciding vote would be reached but unification adherents insisted they would be able to rally the necessary two thirds majority despite the opposition of two retired bishops and one annual conference.

MYRTLE CREEK P. M. APPOINTMENT MADE

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The president sent to the senate today for confirmation the following postmaster nominations:

Oregon—Myrtle Creek, Bryan Dieckman; Myrtle Point, Elton A. Schroeder.

CHINESE WIN GREAT VICTORY IN AIR BATTLE

20 Japanese Planes Downed in Attempted Raid Over Hankow Area, Claim of Defenders.

HANKOW, April 29.—(AP)—Forty Japanese planes raided the Hankow area today, Japanese Emperor Hirohito's 37th birthday, but more than a score of Chinese planes counterattacked and tonight Chinese headquarters announced its greatest aerial victory.

The headquarters said the defending airmen brought down 20 Japanese planes, including eight bombers, during the spectacular afternoon battle.

The headquarters said the defending the wreckage of 13 Japanese planes and admitted loss of three of their own craft, in addition to one which made a forced landing and four missing planes.

(The Japanese also claimed victory. A navy communique issued at Shanghai, said there were 50 planes in the raiding fleet and that these shot down 51 of 80 counter-attacking planes. The communique added that only two of the Japanese craft failed to return to their base.

(An official Chinese announcement reaching Shanghai said that in anticipation of a raid on the emperor's birthday the Chinese had concentrated a large aerial armada for the defense.)

Casualties Set at 400.

Unofficial Chinese sources reported 400 civilians were killed or wounded when the attackers concentrated their bombs on the crowded, industrial Hanyang area across

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SPANISH LOYALISTS AIDED BY STORMS

HENDAYE, France, (At the Spanish Frontier), April 29.—(AP)—Government commanders in all sectors of eastern Spain declared today the insurgents had abandoned their six-week-old offensive, but military observers were skeptical of the sweeping nature of their claims.

From Teruel east to the Mediterranean and from Tortosa north to the Pyrenees insurgents were inactive.

Neutral observers attributed the delay, however, to rainstorms that swept insurgent aviation from the sky and bogged down motorized equipment, as much as to the strength of government lines.

Dispatches from Barcelona declared two insurgent efforts to advance were beaten off with such heavy losses that the offensive "has been definitely abandoned."

Insurgents were reported to have abandoned large quantities of guns and ammunition as government militiamen in the Pesta Sica sector near Cal struck their first flank.

TEXAS POET NAMED "MOTHER OF 1938"

NEW YORK, April 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, of Dallas, Tex., who found time to write 2,000 published poems while raising three children, is "the American mother of 1938."

Her selection was announced last night by the Mother's day committee of the Golden Rule foundation. J. Paul Maynard, editor of the Christian Herald, who seconded Mrs. Crowell's nomination, said she "expressed the spirit of motherhood in her breadth of human sympathy, and in the fact that literally thousands of people write to her every year because she draws from them a desire to confide, as a child to its mother."

The new "American mother" is poet laureate of Texas and has been writing verse for 30 years

RAIL WORKERS FACE PAY CUT OF 15 PER CT.

Association of Roads Acts to Meet Continued Loss of Revenue; Unions Will Resist.

CHICAGO, April 29.—(AP)—The Association of American Railroads adopted today a resolution under the railway labor act to serve notice of a 15 per cent wage reduction effective July 1 for all classes of labor.

The cut would represent a saving of \$250,000,000, annually to member roads, the association said.

In a memorandum, the association stated the wage cut was necessary because of loss of revenue and increases in operating costs.

Revenue losses the association laid to a decline in traffic, diversion of traffic to competing forms of transportation and inadequacy of the recent freight rate raise allowed by the interstate commerce commission.

Operating costs were higher, the memorandum said, because of advanced payrolls due to the 1937 wage increases and adjustments, costly and restrictive interpretations placed on work by the railroad board, and the cost of new equipment.

Employees in the transportation group, legislative expenses accrued in opposing regulatory measures, tax expenses, and the increase in materials and supplies costs.

Losses Continue

The memorandum said that in determining the amount of the wage reduction to be sought for serious consideration was given the present financial condition of the carriers which it said was "even more desperate than it was in January, 1932, when a deduc-

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WM. PENDERGRASS DIES SUDDENLY

William N. Pendergrass, 47, employed for the past 13 years with the Page Lumber company in Roseburg, died early this morning at Mercy hospital. Mr. Pendergrass suffered a sudden collapse late last night and was rushed to the hospital, where his death occurred within a few hours.

He was born June 17, 1888, in Arkansas.

Surviving are his wife and seven sons and daughters: Austin, Norris, Horace, Hazel, Margaret Lou and Donald, all of Roseburg, and Elva Lucas, Eugene. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Pendergrass; four brothers, Joe, John, Homer and David, and three sisters, Cassie Young, Maggie James and Effie Harrington.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel.

GIRL DENIED TRIP POISONS HERSELF

CORVALLIS, April 29.—(AP)—Disappointed because she was not allowed to accompany a group of young people to the beach at Newport, Marie Jacqueline Conaway, 15, Wren, Ore., took poison which killed her, Coroner Keeney said yesterday.

REAMES' RECOVERY CHANCES FAVORABLE

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Dr. George W. Calver, capital physician, said yesterday the chances for recovery of Senator Reames (D., Ore.), a pneumonia sufferer, were "very favorable" although he was not entirely out of danger.

ROSEBURG'S EPISCOPALIANS WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING

Present Structure, Dating Back to 1860, Will be Displaced During This Summer.

Having completely outgrown its 78-year-old edifice, the congregation of St. George's Episcopal church is working on plans for a new church building to be erected during the coming summer. It was announced here today. Authorization for the building has been given, and the preparation of plans has been placed in the hands of the vestry.

Vestry members include J. C. Humm, M. E. Ritter, Nathan Fallerton, Leonard Riley, H. H. Turner, Frank Middelburg, R. H. Brand, Archie Elliott and L. A. Dillard.

It is tentatively planned to construct the new building of brick or stone at a probable cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The present building was constructed in 1860. It has been repaired, improved and altered on several different occasions, but is now too small to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation.

During the past eight years, under the pastorate of the Rev. Perry Smith, the congregation has grown from an active membership of 40 to 200. Several hundred persons confirmed in the church during that period have since moved from the community.

ROSEBURG TO GET NEW FOODS MART

Owners, D.H. M'Cargar and Fred A. Wimer, to Open Business May 7th.

Mac's Market, a grocery store and general foods mart, will be opened in Roseburg Saturday, May 7, according to plans announced by the owners, D. H. M'Cargar and Fred A. Wimer, who are here supervising work preliminary to opening the new business.

The store will be located on Stephens street in quarters formerly used by Bradley's Groceria.

Both Mr. M'Cargar and Mr. Wimer are well known in Roseburg, having previously been engaged in the grocery business in this city, the former for a period of 18 months and the latter for three months.

Mr. M'Cargar now is engaged in the operation of two stores, at Grants Pass and one at Marshfield.

The local business, he reports, will be entirely independent from the other stores with which he is connected, except in the matter of buying. However, in the purchase of staple goods the four stores will cooperate in order to obtain lower prices through quantity buying.

Mr. Wimer will serve as manager of the local business. He reports that a special feature will be a fresh fruit and vegetable department, where he hopes to utilize Douglas county farm products to the fullest possible extent.

The quarters to be occupied by the store are now being enlarged and remodeled, the work being done by local laborers under contract with C. A. Chamberlin, local contractor.

COOKING MOVIE'S FINALE SATURDAY

The News-Review's unique talking picture cooking school continued to draw a large audience today at Hunt's Indian theater. Final showing of the film, which affords a great deal of information on cooking and household matters, will start at 9:30 a. m. Saturday. The theater doors are open at 9 a. m.

All housewives of Roseburg are invited by the News-Review to see and hear this most unusual cooking school, which has brought expressions of praise from the several hundred women who already have viewed the film.

ASST. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE NAMED

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated Richard C. Patterson, Jr., of New York today to be an assistant secretary of commerce.

Patterson is former vice-president of the National Broadcasting company. He was named to the post vacated by Ernest G. Draper, recently appointed a member of the federal reserve board.



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ROME EDITOR ASKS IF U. S. SEEKS WAR

Fascist Writer Criticizes 'Hostile Manifestations' Toward Italy.

ROME, April 29.—(AP)—The authoritative fascist editor, Virginio Gayda, criticizing the United States for what he termed "hostile manifestations" toward Italy, today demanded whether the American people desire "war" with Italy.

In a three-column, front-page editorial in Il Giornale d'Italia, the widely quoted writer took particular exception to Representative Byron Scott's proposal that violators of the Kellogg pact be identified as "aggressors."

Also included as "hostile manifestations" cited by Gayda were an article by Ernest Hemingway, regarded as reflecting on the valor of Italian troops in Spain, speeches by Secretary Ickes and William E. Dodd, former American Ambassador to Germany, and statements by Admiral William D. Leahy regarding Italian-German designs on South America.

"What is desired against Italy in the United States?" Gayda asked. "Is it war? It would seem absurd and grotesque as well as almost impossible in view of the absence of geographical contact."

"One does not see in fact what interest it is for the American people to turn the weight of unjust and intolerable suspicion on the millions of Italo-American citizens."

"There cannot be any authentic reason for hostility between the American and Italian peoples."

"The good intentions of Italy toward Americans has been proved by the very patience and serenity maintained even in face of past and present anti-Italian demonstrations by American figures and newspapers."

Roosevelt Orders Study Looking To Social Security Liberalization

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked the social security board today to study methods of improving the social security act including liberalization and extension of the old age benefit system.

The president told a press conference he had written A. J. Altmeyer of the board asking that the revised program be put in shape for action at the next session of congress.

Asked if any plan was being made to reduce the social security payments into the reserve fund, the president said that was one of the things the board was studying.

Chairman Altmeyer said later the board had been working on plans for liberalizing the old age insurance system and would continue to work on them. The board, he added, would have "something to submit to the president" before next January.

Mr. Roosevelt said he requested the board to consider the question of commencing old age benefit payments earlier than January 1, 1942, as now provided. The president also asked a study of larger

PREVENTION OF EUROPEAN WAR CHIEF OBJECT

Nazi Plan to Starve Other People Into Submission to Be Frustrated by Economic Aid.

LONDON, April 29.—(AP)—The premiers of Britain and France, Chamberlain and Daladier, today concluded a vital two-day conference in which they forged a mighty entente designed to keep the peace of Europe by virtue of its own strength. They agreed on a pooling of their vast armed strength in the world's greatest defensive alliance.

The two governments then announced a general agreement to defend their common democracy and to seek "a peaceful and just solution of problems" in central Europe.

The French approved the Anglo-Italian accord signed at Rome April 18.

A communique said both countries felt that "the Mediterranean agreement" thus affected would facilitate the withdrawal of foreign soldiers and arms from the Spanish civil war.

German Threat Met

Concerning the threat of German expansion to Czechoslovakia, the premiers announced that they "gave all their attention to the situation in central Europe and found themselves in general agreement on action which could most usefully be undertaken with a view of assuring peaceful and just solution of problems presenting themselves in this region."

The action contemplated was not specified, but informed persons believed it to consist in economic aid to prevent Germany from

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WAGE-HOUR BILL HITS SIDETRACK

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The house rules committee, ignoring President Roosevelt's insistence on enactment of wage-hour legislation at this session, refused today to grant the revised wage-hour bill right of way to the house floor.

This action, which house leaders said virtually meant the death of the measure for this session, came at the close of two days of hearings during which the committee heard the bill defended as necessary to halt a "vicious spiral of deflation" and denounced as "arbitrary and capricious."

The bill would have fixed minimum wages at 25 cents an hour for the first year, scaling up to 40 cents at the end of three years. Hours would start at 44 per week and drop to 40 in two years.

Chairman O'Connor (D-NY) said the vote was 8 to 6 against letting the bill reach the floor.

Before the committee was told the committee the initial wage of 25 cents an hour would put 2,000,000 persons to work.

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benefits for those retiring within the next few years under the pension system and also of larger benefits for widows and children. The president said successful operation of the act showed it was "soundly conceived."

He also told reporters what he had said on previous occasions, namely, that England for 25 years had been regularly amending its social security law without any fuss and was improving it almost annually in the light of experience.

Chairman Altmeyer, holding a press conference later, said adoption of the president's suggestion "perhaps" would mean increase in federal taxes but the increases, if any, would be comparatively small.

Whether the increase would be put on the present payroll taxes, on income taxes, or some other federal levy, would have to be determined later, he said, emphasizing that raising the money was not the board's particular problem.

In connection with the president's suggestion that benefits during the early years of the system be increased, Altmeyer said the average monthly payment in 1942 under the present system would be \$17.