

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:20 p. m. yesterday 64%
Highest temperature yesterday 44
Lowest temperature last night 26
Precipitation for 24 hours 0.0
Precip. since first of month 2.18
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 5.93
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 .62
Cloudy.

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DEFENSE BANNER FOR AMERICAS PLANNED

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FRANCE and Germany sign an agreement pledging themselves to "amicable discussion of difficulties instead of resorting to armed force."
It sounds like a victory for common sense, doesn't it?
BUT on the same day this same-sounding agreement is signed by Germany and France Italy renews demands for a slice of French territory in Africa. The demand, to be sure, is unofficial, but there is every reason to believe that it has official sanction.
Italy, remember, is GERMANY'S PARTNER.

SPRAGUE ASSAILS 'GRAVY TRAIN' HORDE

DELAKE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—"Gravy train" voters were assailed Saturday by Governor-Elect Charles A. Sprague in a victory banquet speech to 400 Lincoln county residents.
"I shook hands with all but 14,000 of my voters before election and wondered why the additional 14,000 voted for me," said Sprague. "Now I know. They all want places on the gravy train."
The legislature, meeting January 5, faces a heavy schedule of important legislation, with the relief problem heading the list, Sprague said.
He listed as other important measures to be considered distribution of gas tax funds to cities, equalization of education costs and proposed increases for higher education, authorization of revenue bonds for power districts and smoothing out of disagreements between labor dispute definitions in the anti-picketing bill and the state unemployment compensation law.
Sprague was hailed, before a cheering audience, as presidential timber in another six years.

Cotton Control "Yes" Pleases New Dealers; Tobacco, Rice Quotas Lose

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Administration leaders expressed confidence today any congressional attempt to remove all crop restrictions would fall as a result of referendum approving cotton marketing controls but rejecting quotas for rice and flour-cured tobacco.
Secretary Wallace, obviously pleased, declared the cotton victory greatly overshadowed the rejections and assured permanence for the new deal's control policies.
"The national farm program as a whole, open to producers of all crops, will go on," he said.
Administration officials interpreted the cotton referendum results as grower preference for the present farm program over substitute "domestic allotment" and "two-price" plans which have been advanced by some farm leaders in a strenuous campaign.
They also expressed belief the cotton vote indicated farmers approved Wallace's recommendation

Nazis Score Big Victory In Memel Vote

Election Ends Control by Lithuania and Presages Return to Dominion of Germany.
MEMEL, Lithuania, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The pro-Nazi Memel directory, flushed with what it termed a smashing victory in parliamentary elections yesterday, declared the end of Lithuanian police powers today in this former German territory.
The decree asserted only police of autonomous Memel were permitted to control security of the territory lying at Lithuania's southwest corner adjoining Germany.
Lithuanian police who heretofore have collaborated with Memel's autonomous force now will be regarded as private citizens.
Political observers declared the final decision as to any change in the territory's status of Memel, object of German ambitions to expand along the Baltic, would be made in Berlin, not Memel.
The Lithuanian government which holds a somewhat nominal sovereignty over Memel awaited the return from Berlin of the German minister. It was expected he would bring precise German proposals for the future of the disputed region.
A student strike was called in Kaunas, the agricultural academy and commercial pedagogy students picketed their buildings.
The strikes followed the Nazi victory in Memel and an emergency decree "for protection of the state" but the strikers' demands were not clearly specified.
Private sources in Kaunas said more than 100 students had been arrested before the strike but many of them were released.
Memel's "horse doctor" (teacher), Ernst Neumann, 50-year-old veterinarian, sounded a rallying cry that "the time is ripe for a declaration in Memel."
He was backed by yesterday's vote which showed over 90 per cent of Memel's eligible voters—ninety per cent of the region's 150,000 inhabitants are of German origin—had participated in the election.
Final results will be known later this week, but 26 of the 29 landtag (parliament) seats were expected to fall to the Nazis.
Return to Reich Likely
The German cabinet, of two seats for the Germans and political observers said the new members would be more ardently Nazi.

WHEAT ELEVATORS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Kerr Gifford & Company wheat warehouse and four tubular storage elevators were damaged by a spectacular fire Saturday with loss estimated by company President Peter Kerr at \$125,000.
The warehouse, filled to nearly its capacity of 500,000 bushels of wheat was destroyed. The elevators, containing another 750,000 bushels of wheat, were damaged. The buildings belonged to Globe Mills of Los Angeles.

DRAIN MAN WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

W. H. Dinehart, 49, who has been employed as a clerk in a feed store at Drain, will fight extradition to South Dakota, it was announced today, following his arrest Saturday on a telegraphic warrant. He was taken into custody by sheriff's deputies at the request of authorities at St. Pierre, South Dakota, and is charged in the warrant, according to Clifford Thornton, deputy sheriff, with obtaining money by false pretenses, unlawful sale of securities and sale without an agent's license. Dinehart, Thornton said, announced he will fight efforts to return him to South Dakota.

TOM MOONEY AGAIN DEFEATED IN RULING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Thomas J. Mooney's long fight for freedom encountered defeat again in the supreme court.
The tribunal today refused a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, designed to free the California convict from San Quentin penitentiary, where he is serving a life sentence for complicity in the 1916 Preparedness day bombing in San Francisco.

Boy Christmas Shopper Falls to Death in 'Manger'

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Christmas window shopping and a penny scale brought death in "Bethlehem manger" last night to 10-year-old Cyril Sheppard, son of a WPA tailor.
He shinned up the scale to gaze into a store brilliantly decorated and knocked with toys. The scale toppled over and knocked Cyril through a show window displaying a reproduction of the most sacred Christmas scene.
A sliver of glass severed his jugular vein. He died in view of a younger brother.

DRUG FIRM'S HEAD ASKED TO RESIGN

DIRECTORS ACT WHILE LAW INVESTIGATES STATUS OF M'Kesson-Robbins.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The resignation of F. Donald Coster, president of McKesson and Robbins, Inc., was requested today by the board of directors as ATTY. GEN. JOHN J. BENNETT JR. pressed his inquiry into the financial affairs of the 105-year-old drug concern.
The board also voted to request the resignation of George E. Dietrich, assistant treasurer and assistant vice-president of the company, who had charge of the crude drugs department under Coster's supervision.
Evidence developed at a hearing in Bennett's office Saturday indicated alleged irregularities in this department resulted in overvaluing the company's assets by approximately \$18,000,000.
Assets Tied Up
Coincidentally with the announcement of the board's action, Bennett said four new brokerage accounts in the names of Coster or his wife, Carol E. Coster, have been discovered. On Saturday Bennett presented a court order tying up cash and securities, worth approximately \$100,000 in brokerage account of Mrs. Coster.
Ambrose V. McCall, assistant attorney general in charge of the inquiry, and Max Furman, another assistant and senior accountant in Bennett's office, said no details were available yet as to the size of the newly found accounts.
The company filed a petition for reorganization under the federal Chandler act last Thursday.
Alleged Stocks Mythical
The questioned assets, according to testimony offered at the

LABORERS LAUNCH PICKET BAN TEST

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The American and State Federations of Labor announced they would file action today to restrain the Portland chief of police and the sheriff and district attorney of Multnomah county from enforcing the anti-picketing act approved at the November 8 election.
Kelley Loe, the organizations' public relations representative, said the suit, brought under a declaratory judgment law, would test the constitutionality of a measure regulating strikes, picketing and permitting members to examine union books.

STORAGE COMPANY SUFFERS FIRE LOSS

A cigarette carelessly dropped in a basket filled with waste paper is believed to have started a fire which caused minor damage Sunday afternoon in the office of the Douglas Ice and Storage company. The fire charred the interior of the office and destroyed a counter and some furniture, causing also a loss of a few of the records. The loss is covered by insurance.

Italy Still Casts Eyes On French Lands

ROME, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Italy's need of French Somaliland for the development of Ethiopia was declared today by Virginia Gayda, the fascist editor who often expresses Premier Mussolini's views.
Gayda, who previously had aired Italy's alleged grievances against France in Tunisia and her desire for lower tolls and a share in control of the Suez canal, charged the French with hindering Italian colonial interests through possession of Djibouti.
That port of French Somaliland is the terminus of the railway linking Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, with the Red sea.
Gayda's declaration, in his Giornale D'Italia, coincided with other Italian press charges France was arming Tunisia, her north African protectorate, for military use against Italy.
Says Friendship Periled
French Somaliland, Gayda wrote, "continues to nullify the policy of friendship and collaboration contemplated in the defunct Italo-French accords of 1935 and continues to be a chronic provocation which can no longer last or be tolerated."
Other Italian papers cited a Paris report that General Morin, who helped build the Maginot line of fortifications facing Germany, is now in Tunisia as confirming that France "intends to transform Tunisia into a sharp war instrument against Italy."
Il Messaggero found it strange the British should see "an eventual threat to peace" in the Italian agitation for Tunisia and other parts of the French empire. Revision of Italian relations with France "derives logically from Munich," the paper declared.

JAPS LOSE 6,000 IN MAJOR SETBACK

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A major setback to the long-heralded Japanese mop-up campaign in Shansi province was reported today with the statement by Chinese that 6,000 Japanese had been killed there by Chinese guerrillas.
Chinese sources also reported victories in two other sectors, recapturing cities on the Sinking river and others west of Hankow.
The casualty reports could not be confirmed from other sources.
The Shansi setback was said to have been inflicted by China's famed eighth army using day and night harassing tactics to force the Japanese to withdraw after a successful offensive against Wataisha, the eighth army's fortified base at the foot of Wutai mountain.
Foreign reports said the Chinese had seized large supplies of arms and ammunition by means of a ceaseless hit-and-run campaign aimed at regaining control of the northeast province.
Other Chinese guerrilla successes by the fourth army in Anhwei, Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces were described. The leaders declared guerrillas had lost only one major battle out of 50 engagements since they took the field.
Meanwhile a Kuomintang (Chinese news agency) dispatch from Linhsien said a major Chinese offensive to attempt recapture of Canton was expected momentarily.

BURNS TAKE LIFE OF AGED WOMAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Flames from an open stove fatally burned Mrs. Viola Turley, 92, at her home yesterday. Her 67-year-old son, Ben Turley, beat out the flames, but the aged woman died a short time later.
Goods For Cash
"We are willing to reimburse this foreign Jew but obviously can't," he said.

University Ban Against Negro Loses in Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The supreme court ruled today the University of Missouri law school should admit Lloyd L. Gaines, St. Louis negro, as a student.
Gaines contended he was rejected solely because he was a negro and this violated the "equal protection" clause of the federal constitution.
His petition said there were 16 states which exclude negroes from state universities because of race or color.
The university said the Missouri legislature had provided that Lincoln university, Mo., until it developed a law school for negroes, should pay the tuition at the university of any adjacent state for Missouri negroes wishing to study law.
Gaines, who has an A. B. degree from the Lincoln university, did not apply for tuition at another university.
Chief Justice Hughes delivered today's opinion that reversed a decision by the Missouri supreme court in favor of the law school. Justices Butler and McReynolds dissented.
"We are of the opinion," Hughes said, "that petitioner was entitled to be admitted to the law school of the state university in the absence of other and proper provision for his legal training within the state."

GERMANY PROPOSES SWAP TO AID JEWS

Foreign Exchange Paid for in Nazi Goods Included in New Proposal.
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A high German source disclosed today Germany was working out what may become a new Nazi formula for the emigration of Jews.
The problem probably will be solved, he said, by allowing one wealthy and four impoverished Jews to leave the country as enough German exports are sold abroad to yield foreign exchange to meet the costs of their emigration.
The disclosure coincided with intimation of a slight let-up shortly in the severity of Nazi anti-Semitic measures in return for which, it was indicated, Germany expects foreign Jews to provide foreign exchange.
"The government, together with foreign Jewish associations, is working out a plan of coupling emigration with exports," this source said.
He told it in connection with a DNR, official German news agency announcement, which deals with aid that foreign Jews and wealthy German Jews can contribute to ridding Germany of her entire Jewish population.
In pursuance of this plan," he said, "wealthy emigrating Jews should agree to take four penniless Jews with him.
"Obviously we cannot give him foreign exchange to finance such an operation.
"He should find some wealthy Jew abroad to lend him such sums as may be necessary for enabling him and his four co-religionists to start life anew in some other country."

ALFRED L. KITCHIN OF WILBUR PASSES

ALFRED L. KITCHIN, 82, who for many years conducted a fruit distributing and nursery business in Roseburg, died at Mercy hospital Sunday afternoon, following a week's illness. He has made his home on a farm at Wilbur for the past 15 years.
His wife and a daughter, Inez Collins, died several years ago. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. R. M. (Patsy) Cooley of North Hollywood, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Cooley will arrive in Roseburg from Hollywood tomorrow.
The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements will not be made until after the arrival of Mrs. Cooley.

Oddities Off the Press Wire

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Defendant In Murder Trial Ends His Life

Decasto Mayer Strangles Self in Jail; Doesn't Reveal Location of Bassett's Body.
SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73-year-old former inmate of the state prison, was alone today to face a first degree murder charge in connection with the death 10 years ago of James Eugene Bassett, 20-year-old of James Eugene Bassett, Annapolis, Md., man.
Her son and co-defendant, Decasto Earl Mayer, 41, serving a sentence in the penitentiary as a habitual criminal, killed himself yesterday in the county jail where he was incarcerated during the couple's trial, under way the past two weeks.
Prof. B. Gray Warner was prepared to continue the trial without the principal defendant but authorities where chiefly concerned with obtaining from Mrs. Smith a clue to the whereabouts of Bassett's body.
"I wish he had confessed I would rather he had been hanged than kill himself—then the creator would have forgiven him. I wanted him to tell the truth about the whole matter."
These were Mrs. Smith's words to Sheriff Severens several hours after she had recovered from the shock of learning her son had committed suicide.
Memory Hazy
The sheriff spent more than an hour with her in an attempt to learn the whereabouts of Bassett's body, but said little information was obtained during the interview.
"If she can remember she'll be glad to help the authorities," Severens said. "But 10 years is a long time and she isn't very well acquainted with the ground where the body was reportedly buried. I'm afraid Mayer is the only one who could have told us where it was."
He said Mrs. Smith changed her story, repeated by witnesses at the trial, that the body was cut up and buried in different places.
In her interview, he said, she said Mayer carried the body in several parts to the same burial place.

MRS. F. CRAWFORD DIES IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Florence Watson Crawford, 76, native of Douglas county, died Saturday at Portland, following a long period of ill health. She was the widow of the late A. M. Crawford, a former Roseburg attorney, one time registrar of the U. S. land office and attorney general for Oregon.
Mrs. Crawford was born near Glade, September 22, 1862, the daughter of James and Emily Watson, who crossed the plains in 1852 and took a donation land claim at the junction of Fall creek and Little River.
She was married to A. M. Crawford in 1886 and resided in Roseburg and Salem prior to taking up residence in Portland in 1915. Judge Crawford died June 29, 1925.
She was an active member of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal church.
She leaves a son, Judge James W. Crawford, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Kate Floyd, Redlands, Calif.; and a brother, Charles F. Watson, Glade. She was an aunt of Attorney J. O. Watson of this city.
Funeral services were held in Portland this morning.

Former Roseburg Resident Daughter of Pioneers of Douglas County

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—An automobile struck and fatally injured Charles Padrick, 71, ex-ster bed watchman, on the Coos bay bridge yesterday. The driver was not held.
WALTER J. KUMILA, 25, driver of the car in which Guderson was a passenger, suffered burns on the face and hands. His car was in collision with one driven by Ebert M. Lundquist, 23.
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The younger boy was pinned beneath the wreckage, but escaped with minor injuries.

11 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Lindbergh Ransom Hoaxer Passes on

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Gaston B. Means, 58, off-time convict widely known for his \$100,000 Lindbergh baby ransom hoax, died today at the United States Medical Center here.
Undisclosed to the end was his secret of what became of the large sum Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean of Washington, D. C., gave him on his promise he could return the kidnapped son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh alive.
The big-time swindler offered no death-bed statement. He had met earlier attempts of G-men to obtain here the inside story of the case with stony silence.
Means suffered a heart attack Thursday following an operation for removal of his gall bladder.

Conference Committee Drafts Plan

Landon Represents U. S. in Great Task; Agreement Will Apply to All Forms of Attack.
By ANDRUE BERDING
LIMA, Peru, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Alfonso de Mello Franco, former foreign minister of Brazil, today was elected chairman of the important Pan-American conference committee for the organization of peace.
The committee, of which Alf M. Landon is the chief United States member, already has started work on a sweeping project for safeguarding the security of the Americas.
A meeting of the committee was the first order of business today, which included meetings of half a dozen other committees mostly for organization. The peace committee must handle the potent problem of coordinating various "Americas for Americans" plans into one instrument which will be acceptable to the whole conference.
Venezuela Offers Project
The security project was advanced by Venezuela. It defines what would be aggression from a non-American nation and calls for immediate consultation and common action by the Americas in the event of attack.
Some of the delegates considered the project too advanced in concept for conference approval in its present form, but from the committee discussion may emerge a draft acceptable to all.
Some delegates saw a favorable omen for peace legislation in the address by Jose Cantillo, foreign minister of Argentina, who said on Saturday the American nations were ready to maintain a common front against any danger which might menace the independence and sovereignty of any of them.
In view of the previous Argentina attitude against any step drawing away from European ties, the feeling prevailed Cantillo took a step further than might have been expected.
Deciding to return home today, Cantillo instructed his delegation to proceed upon the outlines of his speech but no further.
Broader Limit Desired
Much criticism of the Venezuela aggression project was that it did not consider the possibility of in-

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