

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4-50 p. m. yesterday 72-75. Highest temperature yesterday 55. Lowest temperature last night 38. Precipitation for 24 hours—.01. Precip. since first of month 1.72. Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 12.16. Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 4.28. Low Clouds and Fog.

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PRESIDENT URGES SALARIES, SECURITIES TAX

TAXES

The issue important to your purse is before both congress and the Oregon legislature. Proceedings in both bodies will be a daily portion of NEWS-REVIEW service.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS EARL SNELL, Oregon secretary of state, and Rex Putnam, Oregon superintendent of public instruction, have issued a little booklet entitled: "Are Young Drivers Good Drivers?"

THE conclusion of the authors is that while young people are apt to be physically skilful drivers overconfidence, inexperience and lack of judgment incline them to be dangerous drivers.

THIS writer, who drives a great deal, both in the country and in the city, follows an invariable rule.

When there is any question at all, he YIELDS THE RIGHT OF WAY unhesitatingly to youthful drivers, because experience indicates that the youthful driver will TAKE IT ANYWAY.

Following that rule has saved many a dented fender. TAKING the right of way when it belongs to the other driver, is, of course, a discourteous act.

With the average young driver, it isn't CONSCIOUSLY discour-

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PRUNE MARKETING WILL BE DISCUSSED

A large crowd of Douglas county prune growers is expected to assemble at the courthouse in Roseburg at 1:30 p. m., Saturday of this week for the purpose of hearing a marketing proposal to be submitted by the Douglas county court.

Invention of Television Basis by 14-Year-Old High School Boy Told At U. S. Probe; No Returns So Far

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The stranger-than-fiction story of how a 14-year-old high school boy invented the basis for modern television, went into the records of the monopoly investigating committee today.

Senate Hears Bitter Attack On Hopkins

Kansan Assails Commerce Nominee for Political Activity, "Coercion" in WPA Ranks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Senator Reed of Kansas opened a republican attack on Harry L. Hopkins in the senate today with an assertion that the former WPA administrator had been appointed secretary of commerce to "remove him from the line of fire."

Reed's speech began debate on the Hopkins nomination, approved 13 to 6 yesterday by the senate commerce committee with Chairman Bailey (D., N. C.) declining to vote and all republican committeemen voting "no."

In a printed statement explaining he again would refrain from voting when the roll was called in the senate on the nomination, Bailey declared Hopkins, by making political speeches while he was WPA administrator, had set an example "which must be condemned by congress."

ITALIAN PLANE EYES FRENCH TERRITORY

DJIBOUTI, French Somaliland, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Fresh reports of an Italian airplane flying down over French territory reached Djibouti today from the border region between Somaliland and Ethiopia.

INSURGENTS MEET STIFF RESISTANCE

HENDAYE, France (at the Spanish frontier), Jan. 19.—(AP)—Catalan militiamen fought off insurgent thrusts in the mountains west of Barcelona today while the government sought to run a naval blockade to rush reinforcements from the idle Madrid front.

Slayer McCarthy to Get Reprieve From Sprague if Legislature Requests it



LEROY HERSCHEL MCCARTHY

SALEM, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Governor Sprague indicated today he would reprieve Leroy Herschel McCarthy, sentenced to die in the lethal gas chamber at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, if the legislature requested him to do so.

It was expected that such a resolution would be introduced in the senate this afternoon by Sen. Ashby or Dickson (D-Portland), who already has introduced measures to abolish the lethal chamber and do away with capital punishment.

3 BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE AT SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The house today passed a bill exempting "seeing eye" dogs of blind persons from license tax, one relating to livestock running at large in Klamath Falls, and another barring livestock from running at large in portions of Klamath county.

TURKEY HOLDOVER SETS OREGON MARK

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company survey showed today about 40,000 to 50,000 hen turkeys the largest supply ever held over from the holiday period, were in the hands of Oregon breeders.

Defense Plan Lists 10,000 Army Planes

Congress Gets Intimation of Roosevelt Program From Statements of Gen. Arnold.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The first official outline of President Roosevelt's \$552,000,000 national defense program gave congress a broad new intimation today 10,000 army planes remain a long range administration objective.

Detailing Mr. Roosevelt's recommendations, Major General Henry H. Arnold proposed to the house military committee a new 6,000-plane limit on the army air corps, but made it clear this referred only to fighting planes.

Representative May (D., Ky.), the committee chairman, introduced such a bill yesterday.

On the basis Arnold outlined, almost as many training and other semi-military aircraft will be required in carrying forward into the second and third years the initial increase of a "minimum" of 3,000 planes which Mr. Roosevelt recommended.

Output Could Be Tripled. Arnold, air corps chief, estimated yesterday the American aircraft industry could more than triple its present output to 12,000 planes in three years—a production figure which, the administration has heard, Germany already has attained.

Only about \$170,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 Mr. Roosevelt asked for aircraft would be used for new planes, Arnold said. Nearly 1,000 of the 3,000 would be combat types.

Other projected expenditures include: \$62,000,000 for construction at existing air stations, and establishment of air bases in Alaska, Puerto Rico, New Hampshire and Florida; \$33,000,000 to add 2,200 officers and 55,000 enlisted men to the air corps; present 20,000 personnel; enlargement of technical schools at Rantoul, Ill., and Denver, and \$5,000,000 for additional research.

The increase in enlisted strength would include 1,200 flying cadets. War department officials consider their authorized plane limit to be 2,320, although an error in the

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CHAMBERLAIN, JR., BOMBER'S TARGET

TRALEE, Ireland, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Police today doubled the guard over Frank Chamberlain, son of the British prime minister, after an apparent attempt on his life in a bomb explosion that damaged a hotel where he was a guest.

Chamberlain, 25, was not hurt by the blast, which shattered hundreds of windows, blew a hole eight feet in diameter in a wall enclosing the hotel yard and shook two persons from their beds in a nearby building.

The young man set out immediately after breakfast on a hunting trip.

An increased force of uniformed Irish civil guards dogged his steps in this stronghold of the outlawed Irish republican army, which is blamed for a series of explosions in England Monday and Tuesday. Police worked on the theory that the army also was responsible for this blast.

Three detectives had accompanied Chamberlain since his arrival here Monday on a vacation in Ireland. He lives in Birmingham, England.

New Income Tax Bill, to Raise \$500,000, Offered To Oregon's Legislature

SALEM, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The state tax commission yesterday prepared an income tax bill designed to net more than \$500,000 a year, most of which would come from persons earning smaller incomes.

The bill second of three measures embodying Governor Sprague's taxation recommendations, was to be introduced to the legislature.

The first was a bill, already before the legislature, to abolish the tax on invested wealth which would deprive the state of \$1,350,000 a year. The new bill together with a proposed revision of the corporate excise tax, would raise an additional \$1,850,000 a year, leaving the state a net \$500,000 increase from the three measures.

Exemptions Changed. Single persons earning less than \$800 and married persons with incomes below \$1,500 would continue to enjoy exemption. Exemptions, however, would be replaced by a new system, under which a taxpayer could deduct from his

net tax \$35 for a wife and \$6 for each dependent. A married man earning \$2500 a year under the proposed law would compute his tax on his entire income. It would be \$70. From this he would deduct his married fixed credit of \$35 and pay a \$35 tax. If he had one child he would pay \$29.

Here's how the tax would affect married persons without dependents, net income being the gross income minus such deductions as other taxes, contributions to charity, business losses, etc.:

Net-income	Rate now	New rate
\$2500	\$ 20	\$ 25
3500	50	80
4500	90	135
5500	140	200
6500	200	270
7500	270	340

The tax would remain two per cent on the first 1000 net, three per cent on the second \$1000 and continue until a seven per cent rate is reached for all incomes of more than \$5000.

HIGHWAY ASSN. AIDE PROPOSAL BACKED

Douglas county, it was announced today, will join with other southern Oregon counties interested in the formation of a Pacific Highway association, and will contribute \$500 to the fund being raised to provide a salary for a fulltime executive secretary.

The association was organized at a meeting held last week in Eugene. A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was named vice-president.

Six applicants, including Lyman Spencer of Roseburg, are being considered for the office of secretary.

Lane and Jackson counties each have pledged financial support, and others are expected to announce their decisions within the next few days. As soon as the budget is raised, the organization plans to choose a full-time secretary and to outline a program to secure reconstruction of the Pacific highway from Eugene south to the state line.

One of the principal objectives of that campaign will be an endeavor to interest the federal government in the rebuilding program for military purposes.

CLARK GABLE, WIFE REACH AGREEMENT

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Clark Gable and his estranged wife, Maria, have reached a financial understanding and she may seek a divorce in the near future, it was learned today.

Negotiations between the film star and the middle-aged matron were undertaken to clarify provisions of an agreement by which she received an estimated \$286,000 since their parting in 1935.

Mrs. Gable's attorney, Isaac Paehl, said today a settlement approved by both sides had been made.

Among Hollywood friends, it was predicted the actor would wed Carole Lombard, screen comedienne, if he regained his single status. They have been "keeping company" the past two years.

300 Million Revenue Gain Seen In Plan

Roosevelt, in His Message, Offers Opinion Courts Will Back Abolition of Immunities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged congress today to make all private income from all government salaries and all future government securities subject to the general income tax laws of the federal and state governments.

Federal tax officials have estimated federal revenue would increase, as a result, as much as \$300,000,000 annually. State governments also would benefit by large revenue increases from retroactive authority given them to tax federal salaries and bonds.

In a special message Mr. Roosevelt also advised congress recent supreme court decisions had made some state salaries and some state securities subject to taxes. He asked legislation to prevent the persons whose income would thus be taxed retroactively from suffering inequities.

Alternative Cited. "Unless the congress passes some legislation dealing with this situation prior to March 15," Mr. Roosevelt said, "I am informed by the secretary of the treasury that he will be obliged to collect back taxes for at least three years upon the employees of many state agencies and upon the security holders of many state corporate instrumentalities, who mistakenly but in good faith believed they were tax exempt. The assessment and collection of these taxes will doubtlessly in many cases produce great hardship."

"Accordingly, I recommend legislation to correct the existing inequitable situation, and at the same time to make private income from all government salaries hereafter earned and from all government securities hereafter issued subject to the general income tax laws of the nation and of the several states."

Hopes For Court O. K. The president said immunities granted income from government securities and employment "are not inexecutable requirements of the constitution, but are the result of judicial decision."

"I regret," he added, "that it is not unreasonable to hope that judicial decision would permit the elimination of these immunities."

Recalling he had urged congress to pass a measure of the sort he urged today, Mr. Roosevelt said decisions of the supreme court rendered since his earlier message.

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ATTACK ON THREE CHILDREN ADMITTED

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Hudson Dodd White, 25, son of Solon T. White, former state agriculture director, was arrested last night and, State Police George Rogers said, confessed he attacked three girls and a boy near Wallawa Monday.

Rogers said White was held for the grand jury on a sodomy charge. White had worked in the county agriculture agent's office since July 28 as assistant secretary for the soil conservation agent. His father is a present coordinator for the soil conservation service in Oregon.

The children, two girls 7 and 9, and a boy 6, reported late Monday near Wallawa they had been picked up by a motorist and criminally attacked and later released. None was seriously hurt.

Rogers said their description led to the arrest of White.

White was bound over to the grand jury under \$4,000 bond on a sodomy charge. He remained in jail. His father arrived this morning to confer with young White.

LOCAL MILL WORKER INJURED BY SAW

Bill Loomis, employed at the Metzger mill, suffered a very severe injury to his left wrist yesterday afternoon. The hand was caught in a saw which cut the wrist to the bone, severing six tendons. An operation, requiring more than three hours, was performed at Mercy hospital. Unless infection or other complications result, it is believed, according to the report today, that he will have the use of the hand when the injury heals.

INCOME TAX SUIT HITS ROSSER, WIFE

HILLSBORO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The federal bureau of internal revenue has filed claim for unpaid income taxes amounting to \$321 against Albert E. Rosser and his wife, Pauline Rosser, former secretary of the joint council of American Federation of Labor teamsters in Oregon, was denied an appeal to the supreme court on an Oregon conviction. The action covered 1935-36 taxes.

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