

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 72% Highest temperature yesterday 56 Lowest temperature last night 45 Precipitation for 24 hours .11 Precip. since first of month 3.98 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 17.67 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 4.07 Partly Cloudy and Cooler.

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DEFENSE PROGRAM

House action on the Roosevelt outlay of \$552,000,000 to strengthen U. S. armaments is expected tomorrow at the latest. Approval is expected despite absence of democratic harmony. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire service.

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SHRECK, MISSING AVIATOR, TREKS TO SAFETY

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS HERE'S a question for you: Why is it that people will leave the comfortable and convenient and altogether excellent eating places that abound in the downtown districts of practically every American city and crash off to some dump across the tracks that reeks of atmosphere but otherwise has little to recommend it? Only the good Lord knows, but they certainly do.

WHY does a horse get up on its front legs first? Why does a cow get up on its hind legs first? Why does a cat wash its face? The answer is that the beasts are made that way. It's the same with humans and those nutty eating places.

NO city is better stocked with places to eat than San Francisco.

There are cheap places. There are dear places. There are places that fairly drip swank. There are places where you can tuck your napkin under your chin and eat with your fingers. About the hardest place to find here is one where the food isn't good.

But San Franciscans, as well as visitors, just will go chasing off every so often to some barn that is lighted with candles and is colder than an iceberg's back porch and cheerfully pay two prices for food that could have been had for one price down town.

It must be the zypay in us. AT one such place the other evening a young Mexican was going around with his guitar singing to the guests. (And how, by

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EARTHQUAKE JARS TILLAMOOK AREA

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Shoreline communities, weary of torrential rains, got a taste of another kind of natural disturbance yesterday—an earthquake.

The minor tremor made dishes dance and rattled windows in homes along a 25-mile strip of coastline from Tillamook to Wheeler, but caused no damage. The McNamer WPA construction camp 25 miles inland on the Wilson river reported feeling the shock between 5 and 6 a. m.

Heavy rains drenching this region for several days sent the waters of the Kilchis river over the coast highway north of here. Tuesday night and highway men said they might have to close the road. The high winds that struck Tuesday partially unroofed the Post office and general store.

New Automatic Elevator, Other Improvements at Mercy Hospital Represent Investment of \$20,000

Installation of the most modern type of automatic elevator has been completed at Mercy hospital, making possible a remodeling which will greatly increase efficiency, particularly in the surgical department, and will add much to the comfort of patients.

The elevator is a gift from temporarily anonymous donors, who have dedicated the equipment to the aid of sufferers. It is expected the identity of the donors will be announced at the time of the official dedication. The equipment is of a type particularly designed for hospital use, and is sufficiently large to accommodate stretchers and to handle heavy loads. It is fully automatic in every respect.

Ramp Abolished Installation has been made in the newly constructed annex and the shaft replaces the long wooden ramp formerly used in handling ambulance cases. The remodeling makes possible utilization of space formerly required for the ramp, and this section, it was an-

Guam Fortification Plan Retained

House Group Backs Item In Naval Outlay

Bill Providing for New and Expanded Aviation Bases, at \$68,400,000 Cost, Gets Approval.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The house naval committee recommended today that \$1,500,000 be expended for development of naval aviation facilities at Tongue Point, Ore., in the Columbia river.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The house naval committee rejected today, by a vote of 14 to 5, a move to eliminate the Pacific island of Guam from the naval aviation authorization bill and then approved the measure, authorizing \$68,400,000 for new and expanded aviation bases.

Admiral Arthur B. Cook said the Guam improvements were vital to the navy in affording a far Pacific outpost which would serve as a air scouting base to protect the United States from threats from any source ranging from Australia to Kamachatia peninsula in soviet Russia.

The bill contemplates the development of new facilities or expansion of existing naval air facilities in Alaska, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

Plane Sales Defined Meanwhile the house heard sales of warplanes to foreign nations defended today on the ground "Americans are safe only so long as England and France stand."

Crackling debate over foreign policy involved in President Roosevelt's \$552,000,000 defense program shattered the quiet which had marked the first day's discussion of legislation to authorize the army's share of the program.

Rep. Gifford (R., Mass.) launched the attack on the airplane sales abroad with a declaration the inference was "dreadfully plain" the "United States was going into an alliance "with somebody."

"Are we building these planes so England and France can get them?" Gifford asked, referring to the proposed construction of 3,032 new planes for the army air corps. "They would be mighty useful to

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HOLDUP TRY WITH TOY PISTOL FAILS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A mid-looking 39-year-old mother was held on charges of attempted robbery and felonious assault today after police said she tried to hold up a subway ticket agent with a toy revolver.

The woman hooked last night as Mrs. Mary Cusack, was seized by two men after one knocked the revolver from her hands. Detective Eugene McNally said the woman told him she had attempted the holdup to obtain money to feed her two sons.

County Conservation Body Wants Wilderness Area Status Continued.

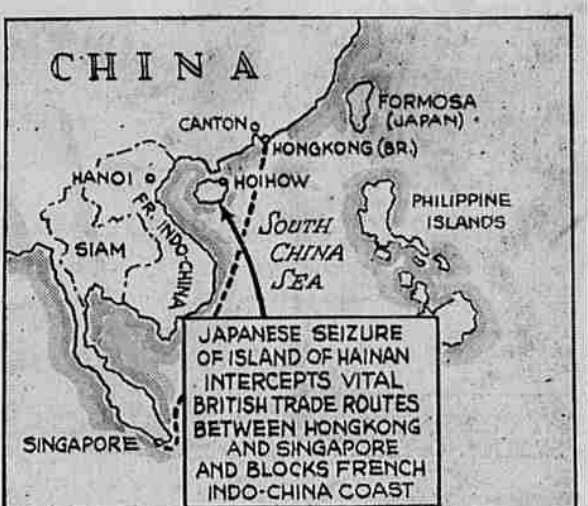
Opposition to commercial resort development in the South Umpqua lakes area was voiced last night by the Douglas County Conservation council, meeting at the offices of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. It was reported that applications had been made for commercial concessions on Fish Lake and Buckeye lake in the South Umpqua region. Sportsmen's clubs of the southern part of the county have adopted resolutions protesting the proposed developments. The council was informed. The council presented a resolution addressed to V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, in which the lakes are situated, urging that the district be continued permanently as a wilderness area, free from commercial activities.

The council gave considerable time to discussion of pending game legislation, particularly the bill to classify steelheads as a game fish in all streams except the Columbia river. F. L. Crittenden was appointed chairman of a committee to raise additional funds needed to maintain representation at the legislature.

Government hunters during 1938 killed 11,600 predatory animals in Oregon. The council was told by A. K. Crews of the U. S. biological survey. He urged that efforts be made to secure more full-time hunters particularly to aid in protection of livestock and game animals.

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Hainan Island Occupancy By Japs Arouses Concern Of France, Great Britain



Above map shows how island of Hainan, seized by Japanese who occupied the principal city of Hoihow, serves as a gateway to the coast of French Indo-China, which controls vital British trade routes. The island is only 700 miles from the Philippines. Replying to French and British diplomatic inquiries as to intentions, Japan gave assurance that the occupation of Hainan would not exceed military necessity and was done only to curb Chinese shipping.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Strong forces of gunboats and seaplanes backed by coastal artillery batteries and fortified bases were recommended to parliament today to strengthen the defenses of French Indo-China against the possibility of either Japanese or Siamese attacks. The proposals were made by Deputy Bousquet, vice-chairman of the naval affairs committee, who spent three months recently inspecting Indo-Chinese defenses. Bousquet's proposal are based on a series of international complications growing out of the Japanese invasion of China together with the recent Japanese occupation of Chinese Hainan island, east of Indo-China.

He said he considered seriously the possibility of Japanese and Siamese action against Indo-China which he declared was "isolated and with only a little chance of getting help from the mother country." (Siam in the past few months has indicated her friendliness toward Japan.)

COMMERCIALIZING OF LAKES OPPOSED

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Five holdup men rifled a group of safe deposit boxes in the Blackstone hotel early today and escaped with loot placed by some sources at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

The figure was obtained by the Miami Daily News from insurance investigators, who declined to be quoted directly. Police Chief H. V. Yocum and hotel officials said, however, no estimate of the loss could be made pending a further check.

The paper also reported four of the bandits carried sub-machine guns and the fifth a revolver. Chief Yocum said his information was that one was armed with a sub-machine gun.

The robbers trussed up five guests, the clerk, a bellboy and two housemen and then, apparently well acquainted with the hotel layout, went to the basement to bind a baker working there.

Returning to the office they broke open the safety deposit boxes with chisels, entering only 16 in a bank of 100. They escaped in a sedan. Police said no definite appraisal of the loss was available until the guests could report their losses. One box contained \$9,865 cash which belonged to the hotel.

PROBATION WON BY MORONIC PLOTTER PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Hinton C. Hardison, 24, CCC youth who confessed writing a \$10,000 extortion note to Shirley Temple, child film star, won probation of a five-year sentence yesterday from Federal Judge James Fee.

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Britain Will Double Fund For Defense

Rearmament Limit Raised in Bill to Two Billion; Italy's Movements Cause Worry.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The government announced today its borrowing powers to finance Britain's huge rearmament program would be doubled, with the limit raised from 200,000,000 pounds (\$1,000,000,000) to 400,000,000 pounds (\$2,000,000,000).

Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, told the house of commons a bill would be introduced in the house to legalize this increase, which he said was needed to meet defense expenditures.

Sir John said Britain's defense expenditure for the fiscal year 1939-40 would be "some 532 million sterling"—\$2,660,000,000. Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house recognition of the insurgents as the local government of Spain was "still under consideration" but the cabinet was reported to have agreed in principle on such action at an appropriate moment.

Official disclosure Italy was shipping fresh troops of Libya increased the government's Mediterranean worries at a critical stage in the Spanish war.

Spanish Decision Avoided The prime minister announced Britain had ceased to sponsor any terms for ending the Spanish conflict. He said his government had made mediation efforts after the fall of Barcelona, but it did not "consider it advisable at present to take the responsibility of sponsoring any particular terms of settlement."

He mentioned both Italy's undertaking to get out of Spain at the end of the war and Adolf Hitler's promise at the Munich conference that Germany would not intervene whenever other countries were prepared to do the same.

Under the British-Italian accord which went into effect last November 16 Italy had reduced by half her strength in Libya, which faces French Tunisia, an object of fascist expansion claims.

Officials said the Earl of Perth, British ambassador to Rome, had been told by Italian Foreign Minister Ciano that Italy was prepared to discuss the possibility of a general armistice.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES IN HOTEL LOOTED

Miami Beach Holdup Men Get Booty Estimated at Over \$150,000.

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Chain Stores Tax Proposal Dies In House

Adverse Report Sustained Without Debate; State Realty Dept. Plan Wins Favor.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The house remained in a killing mood today when it voted down a bill to tax chain stores at rates from \$1 a store to \$50,000 for owners of 300 stores.

The bill went to its doom when the representatives accepted their unanimous recommendation that the bill be defeated. There was no debate and no roll call.

The measure was introduced by Rep. Walter E. Hempstead, Jr. Action on a bill to permit the state board of barber examiners to set minimum prices was deferred until Friday after the house defeated a motion that the bill be sent back to committee.

Under the measure, the board could establish minimum prices after a hearing if 70 per cent of the barbers in a county request a standard price.

Real Estate Bill Passes The house passed and sent to the senate a bill to establish a state real estate department and eliminating real estate dealers' bonds.

The bill also would provide for licensing of real estate salesmen and brokers. Rep. Stanhope S. Pier opposed the bill on grounds it is "not in the interest of the public but in the interest of certain individuals. The real estate business is not a profession. It is a business. The bond should not be eliminated because the bond is the only protection a poor citizen has."

Rep. Frank H. Hilton answered Pier by saying "this bond business is one of the meanest, most contemptible laws we have on our statutes. This bill amply protects the people against scoundwags."

New Board Voted The house passed 32 to 27 and sent to the senate a bill to provide

OREGON TO GET 5 FARM LABOR CAMPS

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Herbert M. Peet, acting regional director for the farm security administration's housing program, said one central camp and four portable camps for itinerant farm workers would be established in Oregon.

He said he hoped for regional approval but hostility of adjacent communities would not stop the program for which \$50,000 has been allotted, and which will provide seasonal housing and sanitary facilities for 1000 families and small homesteads for 50 more.

He said a 250-family central camp would be established on the Dayton-Amity road east of White-son, in the center of such seasonal employment crops as fruits, berries, nuts and hops.

Four 200-family portable camps will roam the state to cover 16 centers of concentrated seasonal labor in the Willamette valley, Malheur and Klamath counties, particularly where the peak on non-local seasonal employment reaches 45,000, he said. Leased sites will be near Independence, Cornelius, Stayton, Gresham, Athena, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Medford, Nyssa in Oregon and Payette in Idaho.

PINBALL MACHINE SEIZURE ENJOINED

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Portland and Multnomah county were enjoined yesterday from seizure and confiscation of pinball machines of the electrical novelty type so long as they were not on display or in operation.

Federal Judge Fee, deciding on a complaint of the Western Distributors, Inc., declined to grant a similar order covering machines being displayed. He said that no interference would be made with law officers enforcing a state law against operation of pinball games displayed for profit.

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Overleaps Seniors To Head Air Force



Ignoring military seniority, President Roosevelt appointed 51-year-old Brig. General Delos C. Emmons, above, to command the army's mobile general headquarters air force. The appointment is part of Roosevelt's reported "accent on youth" policy for the country's armed forces.

SCOUT-CAMPFIRE GIRL AID PLANNED

Campaign to Raise Money for Activites Starts Here Tomorrow.

Arrangements are complete for the perpetual financing of Scout and Campfire work to begin Thursday morning in Roseburg, according to E. S. McClain, chairman of the finance committee. Forty men and women will meet for breakfast at the Umpqua hotel which will mark the "kick-off," going in teams over assigned sections of town under the slogan "An investment in citizenship."

"Each year the operating budget for the administration of these character building programs is secured through public subscription, and it is expected that every citizen of Roseburg will subscribe something to the maintenance of this work among our youth," said Mr. McClain.

"This year the plan is to enroll 'sustaining members' toward the perpetual financing of Scout and Campfire work. Every person who contributes \$1 or more will receive a 'sustaining membership certificate' indicating his willingness to sustain a boy or girl in the movement. The cost of administration of the Boy Scout program in this area is \$5 per boy at the present time, which is considerably more than the national average. This will give parents and other individuals some basis for

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Hitler's Decision to Widen Kiel Canal Tied to Decree Permitting National Conscription of Labor

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Nazi Germany's fuhrer acted today to give the reich a canal from the Baltic to the North Sea wider than Panama or Suez by the time her largest battleship, the Bismarck, is commissioned two years hence.

Chancellor Hitler's decision to have the historic Kiel canal widened to "make possible the parallel traffic of the largest types of ships" was seconded by a sweeping decree by Field Marshal Goering, director of the four-year plan, whereby every German inhabitant can be commandeered for any job deemed necessary for the nation.

The authoritative news service Deutscher Aus Deutschland said the widening of the canal was one of the projects which under the four-year plan were given preference. Thus it was considered evident Goering's decree would be invoked to supply necessary labor power for finishing the canal in record time.

The issuance of the Goering decree apparently was prompted by two other considerations besides that of ensuring labor power for tasks deemed essential. Workers "Tied" to Jobs One was that of no longer paying to a person drafted for a job—under a previous, milder decree—the wages he drew in the job from which he was taken. The previous decree was invoked June 23, last year, for obtaining the necessary manpower to build Germany's chain of fortifications along the French frontier.

Another was that workers may now be tied to necessary jobs. This prevents their quitting one firm for another when the inducement of higher pay is offered. The general scarcity of labor in Germany has led to counter-bidding by competing firms which, in turn, resulted in a gradual raising of wages. Under Goering's decree men or women holding jobs must be given leave of absence immediately by their employers when drafted. If a task prescribed by the labor office acting under Goering's instructions is of indefinite duration, the person drafted is regarded as having resigned from his former position. But if he is drafted only for a stated period, the employer must keep his job open for him and take him back whenever the labor office's special requirement is filled. The employer is not compelled to pay wages for the absent period.

Struggle In Snow Won By Compass' Aid

Trees Cushion Plane Crash in Idaho Forest; Feet Swollen But Flier Otherwise O. K.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Roy Shreck, Spokane weather pilot missing since early Sunday, reached Coeur d'Alene, this morning and announced he had been walking three days and nights without food.

Shreck said he had crashed in heavy timber on a 5,000-foot ridge near Wolf lodge, 25 miles east of here.

Shortly after the crash, he said, he took the compass from the plane and started for Coeur d'Alene, through snow that was at times over his head and in cold so intense he had to keep moving to prevent freezing.

"I never slept more than half an hour all together," he said, "it was too cold."

"The worst of it all was not having any food. My stomach started going bad the second day. I tried to eat snow but it tasted like pine needles. That wasn't very satisfactory."

The first water he had was about three o'clock yesterday, when he found a creek in a gully he said. He had followed the creek in the snow, but it was hours before he could find it.

FIRE HITS BLACK APARTMENT HOUSE

An early morning fire today badly damaged the S. J. Black apartment house on Pitzer street, causing narrow escapes for many of the tenants.

The fire, presumably caused by old and defective wiring, started on the top floor of the two-story frame building. Occupants of that floor had narrow escapes from the flames which had filled the corridor before they were awakened.

Mrs. Nellie Rodley, asleep in a rear bedroom, was unable to reach the stairway and climbed through a rear window to the porch roof, from which she was helped to the ground.

The tenants on the top floor lost all of their clothing and personal belongings, escaping only in their night clothes.

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