

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 65% Highest temperature yesterday 52 Lowest temperature last night 36 Precipitation for 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 4.07 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1928 17.76 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928 4.45 Partly Cloudy.

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FOREIGN POLICY

It looks today as if the U. S. was nearing some sort of a showdown with regard to policies toward foreign nations. Developments of a serious nature may eventuate. NEWS-REVIEW service will keep you posted.

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ROOSEVELT AGAIN WARNS AMERICAS' FOES

FREE BLOOD TEST FOR MARRIAGE APPLICANTS APPROVED

Legislature Sends Bill To Gov. Sprague

Non-Partisan Status for State School Head Voted; Death Penalty K. O. Recommended.

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR. SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The first legislative measure to revamp marriage legislation enacted by the people last November went to the governor today as the house passed 52 to 2 a bill to provide free blood tests by the state board of health. The bill would eliminate a charge now made marriage license applicants for tests by physicians and laboratories.

Rep. Hannah Martin said the amendment would temper the present bill by reducing marriage costs. "Even if it increased the costs to the state," she said, "it would be an economy measure. We would increase the fees we take in from marriage licenses."

For Non-Partisan Office

The house passed 47 to 7 and sent to the governor a bill to make the state superintendent of public instruction a non-partisan office.

Rep. Lyle D. Thomas said "there is no reason why the superintendent of public instruction should be concerned with party politics."

Rep. Earl E. Fisher objected that the bill was a threat to the two-party principle of government.

The house killed by indefinite postponement a bill which would change county relief committees

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GUN ENDS LIVES OF FARMER AND YOUTH

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—A north Benton county, Ore., farmer whose State Police man Curtis Chambers said apparently became deranged because of financial worry, shot and killed himself last night and two hours later police discovered the body of a 19-year-old farm worker in his employ under a pile of boards.

Frank H. Hughson, 69, former Albany service station owner and widely known farmer, killed himself about 6:30 after firing three shotgun blasts at his son Chesley, who had just returned home. The shots missed and the son called police but before they arrived Hughson turned the gun on himself.

The son, recalling a quarrel between his father and Robert Aerni, farm hand, instituted the search which resulted in the discovery of the youth's body. He had been killed by a shotgun blast in the chest apparently as he parked a tractor in the farm yard.

Mrs. Hughson sat in the house throughout the shooting. She said later her husband habitually shot birds in the evening and she had paid no attention to the shots.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS It's beginning to be evident that an exposition is to be held in this town (San Francisco). Even the natives themselves are waking up to it.

THE director of publicity (who is a high officer in one of the West's largest business enterprises) said to this writer this morning:

"It's a fairly well established fact in the exposition business that the city in which the show is to be held is always the last place to get really excited about it, and that's exactly true here.

"But as the island nears completion and it is becoming evident that the show is actually going to open on time, our own people are

Warplanes Sale Order of President Stirs Senate

Indicted in Insurance Murders Plot



Herman Petrillo Paul Petrillo



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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Two men and two women, accused of poisoning victims to collect insurance, were indicted yesterday on charges of murder, manslaughter, conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to cheat five insurance companies.

Chief among the witnesses for the grand jury was John Caccopardo, serving a murder sentence in Sing Sing, Caccopardo said an offer had been made to him to join the ring, which detectives said op-

erated in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

Those indicted: Paul Petrillo, 45, a tailor.

Herman Petrillo, 27, his nephew.

Mrs. Stella Alfonsi and Mrs. Carolina Favita, relatives of two men whose bodies were exhumed and in which the coroner said traces of poison were found.

Assistant District Attorney Vincent P. McDevitt has said "at least 10" persons were murdered in the plot.

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TOWNSEND GIVEN PENSION PLAN QUIZ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend told the house ways and means committee yesterday that his old-age pension movement had dipped into politics "up to our necks."

Some committee members said the Townsend organization had moved within range of the corrupt practices act, which required reports on political contributions and expenditures.

But Representative Duncan (D., Mo.), who raised the issue at a public hearing, said he had no intention to press it.

"You've got to show me where I've violated the act," Dr. Townsend told Representative McCormack (D., Mass.).

"Not at all," McCormack shot back. "You've got to show us. A very clear case has been made out showing that you have been engaged in politics."

The elderly physician had spent the whole day answering questions and explaining his proposal for federal pensions of up to \$200 a month for all persons over 60.

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He said he had strong doubts that congress would approve his bill, but insisted that \$200 was

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Golden Gate Fair Opens To Eager Throng

Dilapidated Auto With Four Youths First to Enter; Montana Cattlemen First Afoot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Pertinent facts about the Golden Gate International exposition, opening today on Treasure Island:

Gates open—8 a. m. close at 10 p. m., exhibits palace; 2 a. m. gayway.

Dates—Feb. 18-Dec. 2.

Total cost—\$50,000,000 (construction, exhibits, miscellaneous).

Conveniences—Restaurants, nurseries, bars, guides, "elephant" trains for transportation about grounds.

Admission—50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children under 12.

Accessibility—By auto, via Bay bridge; by ferry from both sides of bay.

Miscellaneous costs—Car parking, 50 cents; ferry trip, 10 cents each way; auto bridge tolls, 50 cents roundtrip.

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Cashiers were at their turnstiles and the first automobile was passed onto the fairgrounds shortly after 7 a. m.

It was a dilapidated college type machine, proudly driven by Philip Little, 17, San Francisco, who was accompanied by two other youths and a young girl.

The quartette arrived at the gate, via the bay bridge, shortly after 4 a. m., and then struggled to hold the first place in the line.

Two Montana cattlemen, Frank A. Hazelbaker, of Dillon, and Jack Arnold, Birney, grabbed a taxicab and were the first pedestrians admitted. They got through the automobile entrance.

Crowd Yells With Joy

There were nearly 1,500 persons, mostly eager young people, on the first ferryboat to reach the island at 7:33 a. m. The twenty turnstiles clicked merrily and the crowd, with whoops of joy, spread throughout the island.

Howard Gray, 13, a San Francisco boy, was the first to enter.

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PRUNE MARKETING PACT FACING BAN

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—A ruling against immediate application of marketing agreements to the prune industry was made yesterday by J. D. Mickle of the state department of agriculture.

Mickle suggested a state-wide meeting of growers for an adequate expression of their sentiments.

A growers' committee recently petitioned a marketing agreement under the state marketing act of 1935. The petition bore 262 signatures. The department has held 10 public hearings as required by law.

"The vote at the hearings indicated that the prune growers themselves are undecided as to whether they want a marketing agreement," Mickle said, adding that the voters at all the meetings were fewer than the names on the petitions.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF STREAMS URGED

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A resolution supporting the principle of state ownership and control of all streams was adopted by the Portland chamber of commerce directors yesterday. A proviso was appended permitting congress to intervene in preservation of navigation.

A similar action was taken by the Oregon reclamation congress recently. It urged state authorities to intervene whenever the department of justice sought to assert the principle of federal ownership and control of such streams.

TRUCK-AUTO CRASH KILL SIX PERSONS

TAYLORS, S. C., Feb. 18.—(AP)—An automobile in collision with the rear end of a truck near here just before dawn today, carried six of its eight passengers to death and critically injured the others. The two occupants of the truck were not hurt.

Deputy Sheriff Bearden said the truck had just begun to move after stopping on the side of the highway when the automobile plowed under it from the rear.

ROSE THEATER HAS NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Installation of new sound equipment for the Rose theatre, which was begun this week, was completed this morning and will be in operation for both matinee and evening performances today, says Donn Radabaugh, theatre manager. The new equipment is the Western Electric Microphonic system.

NEW "SIT-DOWN" GROUP ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Ten more would-be "sit down" strikers at the Multnomah county relief station were arrested yesterday by police who broke up the second such demonstration in a week. The demonstrators said they were protesting discrimination by the agency between families: "Some families get more than others, some don't get enough food." Three of the 10 were among the five arrested on a similar charge last Wednesday.

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Information reaching him since he left Washington Thursday night, it was understood, related to possible renewal of demands in the early future by totalitarian nations.

These demands, the reports reaching him said, were likely to be pressed through the more recent technique of using the fear of aggression rather than through normal diplomatic channels.

CHILD DIES IN FIRE, PARENTS INJURED

COEUR D'ALENE Idaho, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Robert Fisch, 7, was killed and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisch, were seriously burned in a fire that destroyed the family home two miles south-east of Garwood early today.

A year-old child, Albert, suffered minor head burns and George Drake, 65, a boarder, injured his back when he fell during the fire.

Four other Fisch children escaped injury. Hospital attendants here said the condition of the father is critical, but that the mother is less dangerously burned.

Garwood is a village about 18 miles north of here.

POKER GAME RAIDERS KILL ONE, WOUND 2nd

MALDEN, Mass., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Three gangsters, armed with a sawed off shotgun and pistol, today invaded a 12-man stud poker game in the cellar of a private residence, killed one man, critically wounded another, and escaped with an amount estimated by police at between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

John Wheelock, 40, of Boston, was killed and Patrick Flynn, a former boxer, identified by police as Wheelock's bodyguard, was deposited later on the steps of a Malden hospital, critically wounded.

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