

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 43% Highest temperature yesterday 51 Lowest temperature last night 30 Precipitation for 24 hours . . . 9 Precip. since first of month 4.07k Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 17.7k Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 4.91 Partly Cloudy.

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TAXES

The Oregon legislature is due to act on the new state tax schedule this afternoon or tomorrow. The news will be of interest to everyone. Full details in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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8 TRAINING PLANES CRASH; 2 PILOTS DIE

Jap Warplanes Bomb British Hongkong Colony

Nine Killed In Attack On Rail Station

Adjacent Chinese District Also Suffers; Terrific Air Battle Fought Over Lanchow.

HONGKONG, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Nine persons, including a British Indian policeman, were killed today when Japanese warplanes bombed a railroad station inside the borders of this British Crown colony.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote, governor of Hongkong after a personal investigation, sent a report to London and requested the British consul-general in Canton vigorously to protest to the Japanese government.

The raid led to the influx of several thousand refugees from the heavily-bombed Chinese area adjacent to the Hongkong border. In Shumchu village, just outside British territory, it was estimated that the planes had caused more than 100 casualties among civilian Chinese.

The bombers also demolished a railway car in which a score of British policemen were sheltered near the station.

British military authorities said the low-flying Japanese planes dropped bombs in Chinese territory not far from the western border of the British colony and then flew over the border, unloading more missiles on the Lanchow station, 18 miles from the heart of Hongkong.

A mixed passenger and freight train on the Hongkong-Kowloon railroad two miles within the colony border narrowly escaped destruction when a Japanese bomb landed near the tracks, shattering windows of the cars. The passengers were reported unharmed.

AIR BATTLE FOUGHT OVER LANCHOW; CLAIMS CONFLICT SHANGHAI, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Both Chinese and Japanese report.

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YOUTH ARRESTED FOR DRAIN THEFTS

Two burglaries at the Smith variety store in Drain were cleared up yesterday by the arrest of a 16-year-old youth, a resident of Drain, Sheriff Percy Webb reported today.

The store was robbed during the Christmas holidays, with a loss of about \$40 worth of goods, and was entered again last Sunday night, at which time ammunition and several items of merchandise taken.

Entrance was obtained by forcing a lock on a rear door. Information secured by Jake Savoyers, chief of police at Drain, led to the arrest of the youth, Sheriff Webb said, in keeping with the police in connection with juvenile cases, the name of the youth was not revealed by the authorities.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS HEADED for Los Angeles. (On business. Don't care a lot for the place on any other basis— which sentiment is probably mutual; Los Angeles doesn't care a lot for ANYBODY except in the way of business, being much too busy with its own affairs.) SOME day, when you have an hour to spare, stop at the Allied Arts in Palo Alto, located alongside the Stanford campus. This advice goes even for the men (who will be tremendously bored at the start, but will wind up interested, in spite of themselves) and of course goes double for the women, who will be interested from the beginning. THE Allied Arts is housed in an old hacienda-type house, and the story goes that it was built by a well-heeled Spaniard who entertained like a prince until one day the sad story came

VIOLENCE FLARES AT N. Y. NAZI RALLY

Congressman to Face Federal Quiz



Federal investigation is promised into charges filed against Representative John D. Dingell, above, democrat of 15th Michigan district, by Mrs. Celia Kozlowski, 70-year-old widow. Mrs. Kozlowski alleges Dingell used influence with RFC Mortgage company to convert to his own use property which she owned.

FUGITIVE CAUGHT WITH STOLEN GIRL

Church Organist, to Face Charge, Admits He "Done Something Rash."

EL CENTRO, Calif., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Manned for a trip back to Pasadena to face a charge of child stealing, 40-year-old Townsend Davis, organist and church organist, told a shocking story today, police said of his attempted flight to Arizona with golden-haired Anne, Louise Switzer, 8.

The gaunt, hollow-cheeked man and his tiny companion were seized late yesterday as his old sedan approached the state border, more than 24 hours after secret departure from Pasadena.

Paint from an attack of nausea, Anne Louise was not able to be questioned.

A medical examination was to be made of the girl to determine if she had been harmed.

As reported by police, Davis told of spending Sunday night with the girl in a single room at Indio, because he "didn't have money enough to rent two rooms." When he was arrested, he had \$2.30 and a religious tract in his pockets.

"I guess I done something rash,"

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Defense Bill Continues To Stir House

Guam Plane Base Proposal Still Muddled; Senator Pittman Says U. S. to Be Prepared.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The house reached the crux of the controversy over the administration's \$55,000,000 defense program today—a recommendation for a seaplane base on the Pacific island of Guam.

The Guam proposal, included in a \$53,800,000 bill for improved naval air bases, accentuated questions of foreign policy in the Orient at a time of intense argument over American relations with Europe.

Senator Pittman, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, emphasized European war threats last night in pleading for strong national defense.

U. S. Not Afraid While the American people hate war, he said in a radio address, "they are not afraid to die for Christianity, morality, justice and liberty. Many a mistake has been made in past history by not letting dictatorial governments know this on the spot."

In Pittman's discussion of foreign policy and defense, the Nevada senator declared Germany, Italy and Japan "are absolutely controlled by arbitrary and ruthless dictators."

He said the United States would not enter any entangling alliances. Lone Hand Policy "We will be prepared, singly and alone, to successfully defend our countries, its institutions and our citizens," he said. "We will not aid a government whose policy is based upon conquest and military domination. We will not refuse the oppressed governments any aid that we may legally give them, short of war."

"We will, unafraid, resist any encroachments upon the rights of our citizens under any treaties with us by every legal means at our command, short of war, relying upon this power which in my opinion is sufficient and will avert war."

"We are not frightened, however, by the circumstances that this resistance may cause some other country to declare war upon us."

Foreign Activity Cited George T. Messersmith, assistant

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NARCOTICS, MONEY IN PHARMACY LOOT

THE DALLES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Letting themselves into the Central pharmacy by using ropes after drilling holes in the roof, several men, believed by police to be narcotic peddlers, looted the store of \$20 worth of narcotics and \$40 in cash early today.

About \$100 in cash, some money orders in two cash registers with the silver and a quantity of narcotics were overlooked. Officers also found the tools used in making the entry, leading them to believe the burglars were frightened before they could complete their search.

Coincident with the burglary, it was learned that three men, their names unknown here, had been arrested at Toppenish, Wash., on suspicion of being members of a ring that looted another drug store of \$100 on January 27.

PORTLAND WOMAN KILLED IN CRASH

LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. H. C. Harland, of 2804 Northeast Hancock street, Portland, died in a Longview hospital last night of injuries received when the automobile in which she was riding was involved in a near-head on collision south of Castle Rock yesterday. Neither Hugh Harland, driver of the car, nor Curtis Haunson, of Chehalis, driver of the other car, was injured.

Legislation Planning Body Is Suggested

Interim Council on Kansas Idea Asked for Oregon in Message Issued by Gov. Sprague.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Changing the state planning board into a state bureau of research and development and establishment of a committee to work on legislation between sessions were recommended today to the legislature by Governor Sprague.

In a special message to both houses, the governor said the revamped bureau would do research for the governor, legislature and legislative interim committees, and also "have broad powers in exploring fields of economic development, utilization of natural resources and industrial opportunities."

He said he would "like particularly to have legislative committees make use of this bureau, if created, in preparation of legislation."

Kansas Plan Cited "Kansas has attracted considerable attention recently because of its legislative council which meets at intervals between sessions to do preliminary work on subjects in which legislation is deemed necessary."

"I believe Oregon could accomplish similar good results by having its legislature create a standing interim committee for which the state bureau could do the necessary research."

Tax Bill in Offing The legislature, in a determined effort to end the session within 10 days, began consideration today of the administration tax program, one of four major pieces of legislation yet to be acted upon. The others are appropriation bills, people's utility district legislation, and equalization of school taxes.

The tax program, calling for repeal of the eight per cent tax on intangibles, a three per cent surtax on intangibles and a slight boost in the corporate excise tax, was to come up for final passage in the house today.

The entire program would raise the same amount of revenue as at present.

Rep. Phil Brady, president of the Portland central labor council, said labor would fight the tax program because it was opposed to the intangibles tax repeal.

Four Bills Passed

A bill authorizing Multnomah county commissioner to deduct 13 per cent from salaries of county employees earning more than \$75 a month to create a pension fund, was passed by the senate and sent to the house.

A bill to permit the liquor commission to inspect and regulate clubs to insure orderly conduct also passed the senate and went to the lower body. The bill prevents open display of liquor in clubs.

Despite objections by Sen. Lev

COBB CONVICTED OF TRAFFIC OFFENSE

Gilbert Cobb, tried in circuit court yesterday on a charge of failure to give information at the scene of an automobile accident, was found guilty by the jury which heard the testimony. The case was on appeal from conviction in the justice court. Passing of sentence was postponed by Judge Carl E. Wimberly until after completion of the jury term. Cobb also is facing an indictment charging receiving of stolen property.

The court today took up the case of J. McDonald, indicted on four counts charging contributing to the delinquency of minors. Due to the nature of the case, which involves allegations of moral turpitude, Judge Wimberly instructed the bailiffs to keep the courtroom clear of all minors.

Jews Scored, Fights Ensnue, 13 Arrested

Leader of Bund Refers to President as 'Rosenfeld,' Members of Cabinet Draw Hisses.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—In a Nazi demonstration that filled Madison Square Garden leaders of the German-American Bund stood last night under the sign of the swastika to denounce "international Jewry," some members of the Roosevelt cabinet, and any American alliance with European democracies.

While uniformed storm troopers marched intermittently inside the garden—where an official estimate held 20,000—a moving throng of anti-Nazis, theater goers and the merely curious, milled about in the streets outside.

About 1,500 police reserves stood guard over the area, while violence erupted inside the garden and out.

Violence Flares As Fritz Kuhn, national leader of the bund, was concluding a peroration against Jews, leaders Greenbaum, a slight, 26-year-old hotel worker, leaped upon the great stage and ran toward the speaker.

Instantly, a dozen or more storm troopers set upon him, knocking him down and beating him as he held his head in his arms, his black wild hair flying.

A squad of police pushed the storm troopers aside, picked him from the floor of the platform, and holding him high above their heads, ran to an exit. Most of his clothing was torn from his body.

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EUGENE, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Sheriff C. A. Swartz, acting on the request of Missouri authorities, arrested Irvin Burgard, 16, last night in connection with a charge of murdering his mother at Chillicothe, Mo.

Swartz said the youth admitted shooting his mother, Mrs. Mabel Burgard, a widow, last July 31 but asserted it was an accident. He said a rifle he was cleaning accidentally discharged. He fled in panic when he realized his mother was dead, the boy stated.

HANDY STAND SOLD TO AUSTIN GREEN

Sale of the Handy Stand, tobacco shop, confectionary and newsstand, located on Jackson street in connection with the Callen-Miller barber shop, was announced today. The business, owned for the past six years by Hugh Wells, was purchased by Austin G. Green, who is taking immediate possession. Mr. Wells is a Southern Pacific company engineer. The business in the past has been conducted largely by Mrs. Wells and other members of the family. Mr. Green, the new owner, has been a resident of Roseburg and vicinity since 1934.

Brothers Held as Kidnaper Suspects



Robert Grimes, above, and his brother, Olen, upper right, are in jail at Yuba City, Calif., accused of kidnaping Mrs. Norma Meeks, 55, pictured at right, from her Rio Oso ranch home last September 1. The brothers were arrested at their mother's home in Kentucky.



The district attorney at Yuba City said Mrs. Meeks identified Robert, 25, as the kidnaper who guarded her in a poison oak clump in Bear river hills of Placer county, 13 miles from her home, for 56 hours, before she managed to escape.

He said she picked out Olen, 29, as a man she had seen near her home before she was abducted. None of the \$15,000 ransom was paid.

CONFESSIONS OF MURDER REPEATED

Finding of Child's Bones in Texas Bolsters Tale of Oregon Convicts.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Claid and Elmer Tomison told state parole officers yesterday they killed a father and his two sons near Perryton, Texas, seven years ago.

The two men, serving 18 years each in the Oregon penitentiary for bank robbery, repeated confessions made 24 years ago which at that time were discredited by Perryton authorities who regarded the confessions as a hoax.

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FAIR SPURS AUTO CAMPS' ACTIVITIES

Roseland Business Bought, Other Properties Here Being Improved.

Sale of the Roseland auto camp, located on the Pacific highway a mile north of the city limits, to Mrs. Gladys Taylor, recent arrival from South Dakota, was announced today. Mrs. Taylor is to be assisted in conducting the business by her son, Harry. The purchase was made from C. W. Knight, who has been operating the camp for the past few years.

Mrs. Taylor and her son selected Roseburg as a location after spending six weeks touring the Pacific coast after leaving their former home in South Dakota.

Anticipation of a record year for tourist travel, because of the Golden Gate exposition, has resulted in considerable local activity in the camp ground business.

Camp View, located a half mile north of town, is engaged in a very extensive improvement program. The camp was purchased last September by Duncan and John Noyes, brothers, and management was assumed by the latter. Duncan Noyes, who is in business in Fairview, Mont., is now in Roseburg assisting in the improvement program, and plans to move to this city at some future date.

The front of the grounds is being widened and surfaced entrance roadways constructed. Eight of the old cabins were razed and new cabins constructed, two doubles and a single, the new structures being thoroughly modern and steam heated. It is planned to build addition units in the near future. The camp now has accommodations for 35 parties.

The lighting system is being reconstructed. Cabins are being modernized and redecorated and plans are being made to extend steam heat into a large portion of the camp.

Additional equipment, including a hydraulic hoist, has been installed at the Camp View service station, which is operated under lease by Claude Patterson.

The store building also is being remodeled and will be reopened after March 1 by A. G. Soimes, who is installing new fixtures, including a large refrigeration plant. Mayor Young Also Busy The Roseburg Auto Camp, located

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Ships Trapped In Sudden Fog Over Florida

Six Students Save Selves in First "Chute" Leap; One Victim Found in Burned Wreck.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Trapped in a dense fog, eight navy planes were wrecked and two pilots killed on a routine training flight last night.

Rain washed away the fog at dawn today, disclosing the full toll of officers of the Pensacola naval air station.

Six student fliers escaped by bailing out in the darkness in their first parachute jumps. Four pilots landed safely in South Alabama.

Lieut. G. F. Presser, Sr., a Brazilian navy officer receiving regular training here, died when his plane crashed and burned at Corry field, where land planes are quartered.

Lieut. N. M. Ostergren was found in his wrecked and burned plane near McDavid, Fla., about 25 miles north of Pensacola.

Lieut. J. P. Monroe, aide to the commandant, said there was nothing anxious ground crews could do except wait for the pilots to jump. The planes were three radio-equipped two-seat instruction ships and nine single-seated land craft (Beings), with high landing them to alight on soft ground.

Four of the deserted ships fell on the government reservation. In addition to Lieut. Presser, another Brazilian officer, Lieut. A. C. P. Fortin, was in the group. He leaped to safety.

Two of Final Flight The two Brazilian officers were in training under a long-standing naval policy of aiding South and Central American countries to prepare their fighting forces, said those close to the situation.

These two, reported to be the only foreign officers now in training here, were on their final test flight along with other students. They were flying in squadron five, which is equivalent to a concluding examination of their fitness as fliers.

A law approved by congress last summer permits training of South American aviators in United States service schools.

Nine advanced students and three instructors took off early last night for a routine after-dark flight.

Not long after they were aloft a soupy fog rolled in from the

MONEY VOTED BOY HIT BY MAIL BOX

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to pay Roy D. Cook, 12-year-old Portland lad, \$2500 for injuries received when a large U. S. mail box fell on him in 1935.

The boy and a companion were on roller skates when he attempted to stop by grabbing the large carrier storage mail box. He slid under it, pulling the box on top of him. The accident broke four upper teeth, loosened the others, fractured his upper right jaw, dislocated his right jaw, fractured his lower jaw on the left side and severely cut him about the face.

The postoffice department rejected the claim for damages on the ground the government was not at fault but the senate claims committee held a responsibility rested on the government because the mail box was not securely anchored.

VOTING ON POPE TO START ON MARCH 2

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Cardinals of the vatican announced officials today they would meet in conclave March 1 to elect a new pope. Voting will begin March 2. All the 62 cardinals are expected to attend. Speculation quickened on the chances of various cardinals, although all conceded there was little upon which to base predictions. A few diplomats to the Holy See thought the chances were slightly increased for election of Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, vatican secretary of state under Pius and now camerlengo of interim ruler. Most observers, however, thought he would receive merely a substantial courtesy vote on the first ballot.