

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 85% Highest temperature yesterday 49 Lowest temperature last night 36 Precipitation for 24 hours .04 Precip. since first of month 4.17 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 17.86 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 5.23 Rain, warmer tonight; Sat. Cloudy

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LABOR DISPUTE HALTS S. F. BAY SHIPPING

New Utility District Bill Ordered Drawn

Measure To Meet Ideas Of Gov. Sprague

Proposal of Senate Group Alters Original Plans of Financing, Ousts Other Bills.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The senate railroads and utilities committee instructed Ralph E. Moody, house legal adviser, to draft a new peoples' utility district bill today which would require that districts be taxed on the same basis as private utilities, that districts should have to approve every issue of general obligation and revenue bonds, and that districts could be dissolved after five years by a majority vote of the people.

Moody said he expected the new bill, which would substitute for all other PUD bills, would be completed into today.

Senator W. E. Burke is the only committee member against the proposed bill. He said the "bill isn't worth five cents with the dissolution clause, which would make it impossible to sell the revenue bonds. You couldn't expect anyone to buy revenue bonds if they knew there was a danger of the district being dissolved."

Minority Report Coming. He said he would submit a minority report, and would recommend that the dissolution feature be left to future legislatures.

There now is no provision for dissolution of a district. Under the proposed bill, the directors would become trustees and would sell the assets to pay off the indebtedness. Warrant indebtedness and general obligation bonds would be paid off, first, on the revenue bonds would be retired if they were any money left. Liquidation would have to be accomplished in three years, but this

SHIPS CRASH UNDER GOLDEN GATE SPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Two large freighters were badly damaged in a pre-dawn collision under the Golden Gate bridge today, but both ships reached their docks unaided.

The vessels were the Carolinian of the American-Hawaiian company, inbound from Puget sound, and the San Clemente of the Williams Diamond line, outbound for the same ports.

There were no reports of injuries to crewmen despite the fact a large hole was torn above and below the waterline in the Carolinian's stern, and the bow of the San Clemente was crushed in 12 feet above the water line.

Coast guardsmen reported weather was clear when the ships collided.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AT Santa Anita, the horses run. People pretend that they come to Santa Anita to WATCH the horses run.

It is only a pretense. What they come for is to bet on the horses.

THAT, of course, will be denied. But take away the betting and soon the horses will cease to run at Santa Anita, at Day Meadows and at Tanforan. A few people would come just to watch the horses run, but NOT ENOUGH to make it profitable.

THE gambling at Santa Anita is as near honest as gambling can be made. It is robot gambling, the robots being the pari-mutuel machines. The theory of the pari-mutuel is that machines are harder to corrupt than men.

Besides, Santa Anita is TOO PROFITABLE to take any chances that can be avoided. Those who run it are intelligent

Hitlerism Aped at German-American Bund Rally in N. Y.



General view in Madison Square garden, New York, when members of the German-American bund and sympathizers gathered in an "Americanization" rally. Outside anti-nazis battled police in wild demonstrations. In the background of the above scene is a picture of George Washington, to whom Adolph Hitler was likened. Nazi speakers assailed international Jewry, and the Nazi element of the audience booed and hissed President Roosevelt and members of his cabinet. Scathing denunciation of the meeting drew heavy applause in congress.

PAYS FOR THEFT TO EASE CONSCIENCE

MOLALLA, Feb. 24.—(AP)—F. M. Henriksen, hardware dealer here for 25 years, was overwhelmed today by an unidentified customer's honesty.

The man made a small purchase and left 20 cents to pay for a pocket knife he said he had stolen years ago. He asserted he had recently joined a church and the wrong had disturbed his conscience.

Henriksen, although he had no recollection of the theft, pocketed the money because, as he put it, he wanted to end the man's argument with his conscience.

UNWED HIT BY NEW NAZI TAX DECREE

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Unmarried men and women in Germany were hard hit today by a revision of the income tax law enabling the government to take up to 35 per cent of their taxable incomes. The tax apparently was intended as an inducement to marriage.

Service Station and Store Burns

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Boomsblitter's Riviera store and service station at Footh Creek, Jackson county, Pacific highway community, burned this morning with complete loss. Nearby buildings were saved. There was some insurance. A faulty fuse was blamed for starting the fire.

M. C. Boomsblitter, owner, estimated loss at \$3,500. Roofs of the residence and six auto cabins nearby were damaged.

The store was located on the site of an old stage coach station torn down about 15 years ago.

UTILITY RATE CUT AIDS OREGON AREA

SALEM, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Ontario, Nyssa, Millieure, Vale and Halfway and adjacent population will benefit by rate reductions announced today by the Idaho Power company. The savings will come to about \$67,000 annually.

M'DONALD FREED OF ONE MORALS CHARGE

Jury Returns "Not Guilty" Verdict; Trial on Second Indictment Planned.

A verdict of not guilty was returned last Thursday by the circuit court jury hearing the first of four indictments against A. J. McDonald, former manager of a local wine store, who pleaded innocent to each of the counts charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The jury deliberated about four hours yesterday before announcing its decision.

District Attorney J. V. Long stated today that McDonald would immediately be brought to trial on the second of the four indictments.

The court today heard the case of Gilbert Cobb, indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property.

The jury selected to hear the testimony is composed of J. A. Worthington, George Aker, R. P. Duckett, Rodney Knott, James E. Parker, Florence E. Crow, Wm. F. Powell, John Lander, James D. Henneley, Carl W. Bronson, J. C. Royse and Guy Lawson.

Cobb is accused of receiving a set of harness stolen in Coos county.

The state's principal witness was Al Rahn, serving a sentence of one year in the state penitentiary for the theft of the harness, brought from Salem to testify. Rahn admitted the theft and the sale to Cobb.

The defense claims that Cobb had no knowledge the harness was stolen.

Legal Question Raised

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CHINESE CHILDREN PICKET JAP BOAT

Longshoremen at Astoria, Heeding Plea, Refuse to Load Scrap Iron.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—With banners pleas for assistance in preventing Japan's "slaughter of innocent Chinese," a group of Chinese school children held back two gangs of longshoremen assigned today to load scrap iron aboard the Japanese freighter Norway Maru.

The freighter arrived here several days ago to load logs and 21 cars of scrap iron. Since its arrival, adult Chinese and some school children have picketed the boat but today was the first mass demonstration. There was no violence.

The soberfaced Chinese children, bearing banners and signs, marched endlessly before the freighter's pier and longshoremen, accepting the demonstration as a picket line, refused to pass it.

U. S. customs officers stood quietly aside to await developments. As the morning wore on, several hundred spectators gathered to watch the parading school children.

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Vote on Guam Held Foreign Policy Swat

House Action Causes Group of Senators to Propose Statement Aimed at "War Propaganda"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—New senatorial criticism of the administration's foreign policy broke out today after house rejection of the controversial Guam naval base project.

The latter was defeated, 205 to 168, when a sizable bloc of democrats joined republicans in opposition. During the thrashing debate, foes termed the proposed harbor improvements of the far-away Pacific island "a dagger at the throat of Japan."

With the Guam provision eliminated, the house yesterday quickly passed the remainder of the administration bill authorizing a \$48,500,000 series of naval air bases in the Pacific, Puerto Rico, and the continental United States. Only four members rose in opposition on the final vote.

Senators Borah (R-Idaho) and Johnson (R-Calif.) took the leadership in a bi-partisan movement to formulate a statement of foreign policy based on the principle of avoiding conflict.

House leaders, who had pleaded for approval of the \$5,000,000 Guam project on the ground it did not merit fortification of the island, later interpreted the vote as primarily one of foreign policy.

Democratic leader Rayburn said, "I guess if the Guam improvement had been recommended by the rivers and harbors committee instead of by the naval committee it would have gone through all right."

The administration's defeat on the Guam vote had its political as well as international aspects. Republicans, who had decided on their stand at a party conference, held their lines virtually intact, but about one-fourth of the democrats broke away from their leaders.

The vote stood: opposing the Guam project, 138 republicans, 64 democrats, 2 progressives, 1 farmer laborite; supporting it, 152 democrats, 15 republicans, 1 American laborite.

Chairman Walsh, (D-Mass.) of the senate naval committee said he

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HOOPER TAKES RAP AT DICTATORSHIPS

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The "new ideologies" of dictatorships "are today dragging our democracies with illusions of economic security," former President Herbert Hoover told an audience of clerical and lay leaders of the Presbyterian church last night.

Asserting "The World was brought a decline in the political, economic and social phases of civilization, the republican leader said the world today was "seething with malice forces and ferment," adding:

"A score of democracies have sunk and armed dictatorships risen in their place. They proclaim new ideologies of economic security to sanctify personal power. They live by terror and brutality."

Mr. Hoover commented on what he termed the "hideous" persecution of Jews in Germany, "destruction of all religious faith" and "execution of political opponents by the thousands" in Russia, and Japan's "war of aggression upon China as horrible as that of Genghis Khan."

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Dictators Get "Halt!" Order From Britain

Indirect Warning to Italy Seen in Halifax's Speech; France to Recognize Franco Regime.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Great Britain has put forth one of the strongest warnings she has yet made to the dictator nations of Europe.

Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, who has been mostly on the sidelines while his close friend Premier Chamberlain dictated foreign policy, used this striking phrase in a statement to the house of lords last night:

"Halt! Major road ahead!"

The statement, it was felt here, was a warning to other powers not to underestimate Chamberlain's recent pledge, that in the event of war Britain would go to the defence of France.

Hint to Italy Seen. It was interpreted also as an obvious hint to Italy that country's thus far undefined demands upon France for colonial territory constitute Europe's major war threat.

Lord Halifax told the upper house Britain could make no move toward mediation "unless and until both parties desire it."

"In no sense," he said, "it is a case that whatever might be the Italo-French differences they do not primarily—and I emphasize the word primarily—concern this country."

"But in another sense, they concern it immediately and closely because we have relations with France and we also are glad to have repaired our relations with Italy and are anxious to maintain them on a basis of as complete cordiality as we can."

FRENCH REGIME PRESAGED

PARIS, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today gave Premier Daladier a vote of confidence, supporting his decision to ask the cabinet Monday to grant full recognition to the nationalist government of Spain. The vote

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Beery said he and his wife have a great mutual admiration and respect, but divorce seemed the only solution for their domestic difficulties. He added Mrs. Beery would leave for Reno as soon as a property settlement is drafted.

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Church Organist Held as Kidnap

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PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Bond of \$35,000 was set yesterday for Townsend Davis, 40, gardener and church organist, when he was arraigned on two charges of kidnaping and a morals offense against eight-year-old Anne Louise Switzer. He was allowed until February 28 to plead.

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WALNUT DRIERS TO BE INSPECTED

Harry Lehrbach, secretary of the Douglas county junior chamber of commerce, has been authorized by the board of directors to make a tour of walnut driers in the state to secure estimates on cost of equipment, installation and operation, and other data to be used in connection with the proposal to establish a processing plant here.

Junior Chamber Secretary Will Get Estimates for Local Project.

Committees from the junior chamber now are considering matters of site, construction, financing and operation, following conferences with leading growers.

Mr. Lehrbach will leave Saturday to visit plants at Corvallis, Newberg and Lebanon and will report back to a meeting of the directors next Wednesday night.

It is anticipated that the directors next Wednesday will elect officers and organize for the ensuing twelve months. The new board was chosen at the annual banquet meeting held recently and postponed its election because of absence of several members.

Picture Exhibit Shaping

Reports were made that the county's picture exhibit for the Golden Gate exposition soon will be in readiness. Photographs covering industrial, agricultural and recreational resources of the county have been made into slides, which will be projected by means of automatic machines upon screens. It is reported from San

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Plaques "Reward" Senate Group Who Opposed Roosevelt's Court Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Members of the senate judiciary committee who signed the historic report opposing President Roosevelt's supreme court reorganization plan have received handsome wooden plaques from a Montclair, N. J., attorney.

The donor, Kirk Brown, wrote he believed the committee report was "a state paper that ranks high in the history of the constitution" and felt the 10 senators who drafted it should be rewarded.

The plaque carried the caption, "A token of remembrance" and said:

"To the ten members of the senate judiciary committee whose report led to the defeat of the so-called 'court-packing' bill, presented by Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States, to pack the supreme court, this token of remembrance is dedicated in profound appreciation of their service."

The plaque for Steiwer, who died here recently, was sent to his widow, now residing in Washington, D. C.

STATE BOARDS

Will the Oregon bakery and milk control boards survive the present legislative session? The answer may be known by tomorrow. Watch NEWS-REVIEW reports of the daily proceedings.

Employers, Checkers In Stalemate

Two Contracts in Question as 29 Boats Stay Idle; Teamsters Refuse to Pass Pickets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—San Francisco bay shipping was thrown into a state of semi-paralysis today by a labor dispute between waterfront employers and dock checkers.

Loading and unloading of most ships in San Francisco and Oakland was halted, picket lines appeared along the waterfront and a series of conferences was called between employer and labor groups to plot their next moves.

Exact extent of the tieup and its possible consequences awaited outcome of these meetings. Both employer and labor groups agreed the dispute would be localized and not spread to other ports.

The paralysis began at 8 a. m. under an employers' edict to resume employment to checkers until the union withdrew a picket line at Embarcadero in Oakland. The two groups had reached a stalemate in an argument over how to settle their differences over which of two contracts was in force.

Longshore work continued only on docks where no checkers were required. No clerks are needed for lumber, ore and certain bulk cargo.

Teamsters Balk. Work was impossible without checkers on other docks, said Germaine Bulcke, president of the CIO local of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union. The checkers, belonging to another local of the ILWU, established picket lines where they were not permitted to work.

A U. S. marine corps service truck loaded with coffee and food for the Philippines refused to pass a picket line at the Mission Inn pier. So did AFL teamsters driving ten rice-laden trucks.

Twenty-nine ships lay idle at their piers. Stevedores worked in cargo on the nine other craft in port.

Reports were current ships would be diverted to Los Angeles. The Waterfront employers association

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DEATH CHAIR TAKES KIDNAPER M'CALL

RAIFORD, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP) Franklin Pierce McCall was put to death in the electric chair today for the fatal kidnaping of five-year-old James Bailey Cash, Jr., at Princeton, Fla., last May.

Admitting in open court he alone stole the boy and collected \$10,000 ransom from the father, McCall insisted he did not want to harm his victim and had smothered him accidentally.

The execution first was set for last Monday. Seventy minutes before the scheduled hour, L. F. Chapman, state prison farm superintendent, announced a delay until today.

The delay was given to permit McCall's attorneys to seek a stay through the United States supreme court. They were turned down by Justices Black and Frankfurter in Washington last yesterday.

McCall's pretty young wife visited him this morning, departing dry-eyed after remaining in the cell about half an hour.