

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 26%
Highest temperature yesterday 70.3
Lowest temperature last night 49.0
Precipitation for 24 hours 0.0
Precip. since first of month 0.0
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1928 11.24
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928 6.06
Fair.

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PRUNE GROWERS TO UNITE IN CANNERY PLAN

British-Polish Agreement for Defense Announced

Door Open To Russia Under Pact's Terms

Chamberlain to Talk Next With Rumanian Agent; Italy Holds Back on Albania Seizure.

LONDON, April 6.—(AP)—The British government announced today a mutual defense agreement with Poland, a drive to rid Britain of German agents and assurances from Albania her integrity was unimpaired despite reports of impending Italian military occupation.

The Polish-British agreement, still to be signed and sealed, represented the keystone of British efforts to raise defensive barricades against aggression in Europe.

The "pure" of German agents and the Albanian problem were important side issues.

Britain's part of the Polish-British alliance was a week old but Poland's promise to aid Britain against any aggression was new—the product of three days of conversations here between British statesmen and Poland's Foreign Minister Joseph Beck.

Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons "pending completion of a permanent agreement, Colonel Beck gave an assurance the Polish government would consider themselves under an obligation to render assistance to his majesty's government."

Door Open To Russia

Chamberlain took note of the arrival of Italian warships at Durazzo, Albania, but said all was quiet there and Albania had denied she had accepted any conditions incompatible with her sovereignty.

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EX-CITY OFFICIALS GET PRISON TERMS

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(AP)—Joe E. Shaw and William H. Cornack, high officials in the administration of recalled Mayor Frank L. Shaw, faced prison terms of from 5 to 70 years today, as they awaited action on a habeas corpus petition which charged their conviction on 63 counts of altering civil service records was contrary to law.

Shaw, brother and secretary to the ousted mayor, and Cornack, a member of the civil service commission, were sentenced last night by Superior Judge Frank Smith, who denied them new trials.

Each of the 63 counts carried a penalty of from 1 to 15 years, but Judge Smith ruled that only five should run consecutively, the remainder concurrently. Bail was fixed at \$25,000 each.

They sought habeas corpus release on the ground designation of charges of felonies was in error, that instead they should have been misdemeanors tried in a lower court. A ruling from the appeals court was anticipated today.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHAMBERLAIN, explaining in the house of commons his new and more aggressive policy toward Germany, says: "I am no more a man of war today than I was in December."

It would be interesting to know if in the back of his mind this thought is lurking: "It might have been better if in September I had been MORE of a man of war."

In September Czechoslovakia, with its splendidly trained army, backed by some of the greatest and most efficient armament works in Europe, was still intact behind its protecting ring of mountains that so often in the past have stood off invaders.

If Germany is to be prevented from successfully threatening the British empire, these are assets

Phonograph Record Eater in Daffy Diet Contest Matched by O. S. C. Student, Who Downs 139 Worms



"I did it for Old Chicago," said John Patrick, above, munching a chunk of "Who's Sorry Now," washed down by a sliver of "Deep Purple." Beth Stephens, coed at University of Chicago, watches Patrick eat a phonograph record and give all to shade eastern collegiate cissies who merely swallowed goldfish to prove something or other.

CORVALLIS, April 6.—(AP)—Marian Salisbury, an Oregon State college sophomore from Burns, ate 139 angle worms yesterday.

An observer of this gustatory sidshow said there originally were 140 worms but one of them got away.

Salisbury sipped a glass of water afterward and while picking his teeth remarked the worms had a rare if somewhat indescribable flavor. He collected a \$5 bet for the

OREGON WON'T ASK RETROACTIVE TAX

SALEM, April 6.—(AP)—The idea states might impose income taxes retroactively on federal employees is ridiculous, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner in charge of the income tax division, declared yesterday.

He predicted Oregon undoubtedly would follow the federal government's decision not to demand taxes on incomes prior to 1939.

He said the state law which went into effect Jan. 1, 1939, exempted federal salaries from state taxation unless state taxation of such salaries was prohibited by federal law.

Litigating of the federal ban automatically would put federal employees in Oregon in the same category with private citizens, he said.

ORDER NEW STUDY OF UMPQUA RIVER

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The army engineers today ordered a study by Major Cecil R. Moore, district engineer at Portland, Ore., of the Umpqua river and harbor development to determine whether additional construction should be undertaken.

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that would be useful.

In his present frame of mind and with the present problems he has to face, Chamberlain must be pondering Bismarck's statement: "He who holds Bohemia risks Europe" and must be wondering if it is true.

Germany, thanks to Munich, now holds Bohemia.

BY all the rules of common sense, Hitler should stop. He has redeemed Germany from her post-war helplessness. Territorially, he has restored her almost to her peak. He has made her feared. And all this has been accomplished without bloodshed.

Common sense must whisper: "Now is a good time to quit and

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Relief Fund Boost Urged On Senators

Pepper Avers Cut Aimed to Prevent Schism; Adams Says WPA Fattened Rolls Purposely.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Senator Pepper (D., Fla.), asked the senate today to increase the \$100,000,000 relief appropriation to \$150,000,000.

The latter sum was asked by President Roosevelt, but the house approved \$100,000,000.

Pepper complained a unanimous senate appropriations committee report recommending \$100,000,000 was based on an "agreement" designed to "avoid controversy on the floor."

All session, WPA discussions have aroused controversy and Senator Adams (D., Colo.), was disclosed today as believing WPA increased its relief rolls in recent months "almost deliberately to force congress to accede to an increased appropriation."

Support Pledged

Administration supporters, anti-administration democrats and republicans generally agreed to support the \$150,000,000 allotment.

"Some might put it on ground of expediency," Senator Pepper shouted, "on the ground that we want to have no schism in our ranks."

Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.), an appropriations committee member, replied there was "nothing on the crawlers in his room, and thereafter made derogatory remarks about eastern goldfish eaters."

McKellar, who favored a \$150,000,000 appropriation, said if the agreement had not been effected the appropriations committee probably would have recommended not more than \$75,000,000.

WPA Exaggeration Seen

Adams, floor manager for the relief bill and a leader of senate economy forces, made the remark about WPA "deliberately" increasing its rolls during committee hearings on the supplemental relief bill.

He was questioning Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, on WPA cooperation with the economy sentiment shown by congress when it appropriated \$725,000,000 in January as a deficiency appropriation for WPA.

Adams said in the face of "the obvious purpose of congress" to curtail spending, WPA proceeded to increase its rolls by a net of 78,000 workers subsequent to January.

"So it results in a situation now," the Coloradan was shown in the transcript as saying, "that in

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DUPONT TAX ERASES DEFICIT OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 6.—(AP)—Payment of \$2,927,338.62 in inheritance tax by the estate of Alfred I. Dupont has wiped out Florida's deficit and given the state a boost toward paying its public school appropriation.

Comptroller J. M. Lee announced receipt of the payment yesterday, one day after Governor Cone reported to the legislature the general fund was exhausted.

The comptroller had estimated the deficit would be \$2,600,000 at the end of the fiscal year June 30 and revenues allocated to schools would fall \$1,600,000 short of appropriations.

Dupont, multi-millionaire industrialist and real estate developer, moved to Florida from Delaware. He died in 1935.

Previous state collections from the Dupont estate totaled \$2,625,791.58. A payment in 1936 helped the state make full payment to schools for the first time in many years.

FARM HOME NEAR TILLER BURNED

DAYS CREEK, April 6.—The home of Mrs. E. E. May, located on Red Hill near Tiller, was completely destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The blaze, which is thought to have been caused by a defective flue, was discovered by Mrs. May at about 4:30 p. m. There was no insurance carried on either the building or the furnishings which were also practically all burned.

War Danger Seen In Ideas Of Stimson

Discrimination in Sale of Arms Would Lead U. S. to Strife, Senators Say in Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Senator Borah, replying to Henry L. Stimson's appeal before the senate foreign relations committee to ban munitions sales to aggressor nations, declared today such discrimination "would inevitably lead us into war."

Borah said he interpreted yesterday's testimony by Stimson, republican secretary of state in the Hoover cabinet, as an endorsement of proposals to give the president full discretion in deciding whether there would be any arms embargo and whether it should operate only against aggressors.

"In my opinion," Borah said, "Colonel Stimson's position would inevitably lead us into war. As I favor the prohibition of the sale of arms of ammunition to any nation at war, naturally I am unable to agree with him."

"Whenever we undertake to sell arms to one side and refuse to sell arms to the other side, we are already in an attitude of war toward the side which fails to get arms."

Stimson advocated legislation permitting the president to name an aggressor and to stop shipments of American supplies to such a nation. The present law prohibits sale of arms to warring nations, but lets them buy other goods if they pay cash and transport the purchases in foreign ships.

Nye Says Issue Drawn

Senator Nye (R.-N.D.) said Stimson's testimony had drawn the issue clearly on the neutrality question, which is likely to bring on the heaviest battle of the session.

"The issue is whether we shall or shall not grant more power to the

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CLOUGH TAKES SEAT ON HIGHWAY BOARD

Roseburg Spokesmen Told Shady Point Job Will Be Awarded in May.

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—Huron W. Clough of Canyonville, one of the major appointees of Governor Sprague's administration, made his public debut today as the first district's representative on the state highway commission.

The southern Oregon resident, successor to Judge F. L. TonVelle of Jackson county, took his place with Chairman Henry F. Cabell, Portland, and E. B. Aldrich, Pendleton, when bids amounting to about \$295,000 were opened on six projects. The first delegation to appear before the commission at its two-day session was one from Clough's home section—the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

The commission assured the Roseburg spokesmen the Shady Point-Roseburg section would be let at the next regular call for bids on May 11. It also promised consideration of a 15 to 20 mile stretch of the North Umpqua secondary road between Roseburg and Glendale as soon as possible.

Chairman Cabell advised the delegation this connection link in the famous Umpqua fishing country was desirable but no provision could be made for it until at least next year.

Bids will be opened Friday on projects in Douglas county.

ORA WELKER HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

A fire which apparently originated from an overheated flue, caused considerable damage in the basement of the Ora Welker home, 300 South Pine street, early this morning. The fire apparently burned out, firemen stated, causing loss to drop against a clean-out pan which, in turn, became hot enough to set fire to a cupboard set against it. The blaze was kept largely confined to the basement, but the upper part of the home was quite badly damaged by heat and smoke. The loss is covered by insurance.

Army Day Parades, Plane Activities Attest Revival Of Spirit of U. S. Defense

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Marching men and roaring planes in Army day parades throughout the United States attested today to what President Roosevelt terms a "revival of the spirit of national defense."

The 22nd anniversary of America's entrance into the World war found the army in its first major expansion since the post-armistice demobilization. The \$385,000,000 development program recently approved by congress will triple the air force in the next two years and will add about 40,000 men to the regular army's 185,000 enrollment.

Industry Commended

The president commended industry in a statement last night for its share in preparedness efforts.

"In the revival of the spirit of national defense," he said, "industry is playing a leading and vital role. I am conscious of its loyalty. I appreciate its cooperative efforts. Its patriotic services I commend as an example of good and useful citizenship."

The president's thanks were made known by Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war, in disclosing at New York industry had responded quickly to a confidential war department appeal last fall to augment stocks of war materials during Europe's crisis.

In an address touching off National Army day observances, Johnson told the American conference on national defense last night industry now was equipped to turn out within a six-month period all but 55 of the 7,000 industrial items required by the army in the event of war.

He said progress was being made toward emergency manufacture of the remaining 55 products.

Observance Nation-Wide

Johnson said the war department's program was to have "sufficient supplies on hand to carry out initial force of 400,000 men through the first six months of war."

Johnson's announcement was a prelude to the most extensive observance of Army day since it was made an annual occasion 11 years ago. Cities in all parts of the country where army units seldom are seen outside of military reservations.

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SEVEN KILLED IN TRUCK-AUTO CRASH

WESTMORELAND, Calif., April 6.—(AP)—A motorist's attempt to avoid a piece of metal on the highway was blamed yesterday by Deputy Coroner Herbert Hughes for the deaths last night of seven persons in an auto-truck crash, with the highest highway fatality toll in the Imperial valley's history.

The victims, all occupants of the automobile and residents of Westmoreland, were:

L. D. Hurley, 26, identified by Hughes as the driver; Marshall R. Null, 51, George A. Kerr, 68, Ruben Lopez, 24, H. R. Whitman, 37, who came here recently from Winslow, Ariz.; Mrs. Estella Henry, 59, and her daughter, Lona, 24, Henry Milligan, 21.

Hughes said the car was demolished as it struck a lettuce truck operated by Mrs. Katherine Sarah Shelby of Artesia, Calif. She, her husband, Van Shelby, and Norman McQueen, asleep on the vehicle, were injured, but hospital attendants said they probably would recover.

LOGGERS WARNED LOAD LIMIT STANDS

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—The state highway commission warned loggers yesterday the 10 per cent leeway on load limits means that and no more.

The board ruled any logging truck found carrying more than 59,400 pounds on a state road would suffer temporary loss of its public utility license. The limit is 54,000 pounds but the 10 per cent tolerance law permits the additional poundage.

The law was passed when lumbermen protested it was impossible to judge the weight of loaded trucks to the pound.

SHOWDOWN

It's daily tearing in Europe as nations act to checkmate each other and indulge in diplomatic maneuvers. A major explosion may occur any day. Watch developments through the wire service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

Marketing Of 1,500 Tons Aim of Move

Contract for Use of Hurd Cannery Here Approved; Loan From R. F. C. Held Likely.

Formation of an organization of growers, with the objective of canning 1,500 tons of Umpqua valley Italian prunes, was started at a meeting held last night at the office of the Douglas county agent, J. H. Parker. A form of contract was approved by a growers' committee, and a sign-up, which must be completed before April 30, is to be undertaken immediately.

Contract forms are being placed in the hands of members of the committee, which is headed by Tence Benson of Melrose. This committee was appointed by growers at a meeting called several weeks ago by County Judge Morris Bowker to bear a discussion of several plans advanced for improvement of prune marketing conditions.

Would Use Hurd Cannery

Under the plan approved at last night's meeting, the cooperative organization would utilize the facilities of the F. A. Hurd cannery in Roseburg. Mr. Hurd, an experienced canner, who met with the committee, has approved the contract, which provides that he shall receive the actual cost of the canning operation, plus a reasonable per cent of the sale price of the canned product after it has been sold. His cost would include only the actual canning operation. His own salary, machinery, improvement and other general overhead costs of operating the plant, would be included in the per cent he would receive after the canned product had been sold. The cannery would receive no further payment, all receipts above these costs would be distributed to the growers.

The grower, under the contract provisions, would receive \$6 per ton on the fruit when delivered to the plant for canning and a further payment if the pack is sold so as to yield a profit above canning costs.

A committee consisting of seven members, to be selected by the growers signing contracts, would

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ILLEGAL SALE OF SALMON CHARGED

Three Men Face Counts at Reedsport as Sequel to Bake in Roseburg.

Roseburg sportsmen, smarting under rumors that illegally caught fish were served at the annual salmon bake held here last June under sponsorship of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club, were awaiting with interest today the outcome of three complaints filed in the Reedsport justice court.

Under arrest are J. W. Beecroft, commercial fisherman at Scottsburg; Frank Bennett, Eugene, formerly associated with an electrical firm in Roseburg, and Ervin (Dutch) Davis, Winchester.

The arrests were made by the state police following a lengthy investigation. The state police were called by officers of the sportsmen's club last June, when rumors were heard that fish allegedly sold to the club for the salmon bake by Bennett had been caught illegally by Davis. State police investigators were told, according to Sergeant Paul Parsons, that after the rumors were circulated, Beecroft, who holds a commercial fishing license, was prevailed upon by Bennett and Davis to pay poundage fees on the fish.

One Denies, Other Admits

Beecroft has pleaded not guilty in the Reedsport justice court and is standing trial. Bennett has pleaded guilty and is free on bail pending passing of sentence. Davis

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JEERING JEWS ARE SEALED IN TRAIN

REICHENBERG, Germany, April 6.—(AP)—Süddeutsche Zeitung reported today a train-load of Jewish emigrants left Vienna for Palestine Wednesday with doors and windows of the coaches sealed.

The paper said the seals were ordered because Jews jeered and shouted as the train prepared to depart.