

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 61% Highest temperature yesterday 59 Lowest temperature last night 41 Precipitation for 24 hours .05 Precip. ab. first of month .19 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 21.34 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 6.36 Partly Cloudy, Frost Tonight.

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WHO'S MOVE NEXT?

Britain and France spoke today in an effort to block the Rome-Berlin axis. What will be the answer of Italy and Germany? Watch for it in the wire service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

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BRITISH RENCH PLEDGE GIVEN GREECE AND RUMANIA

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS GREAT BRITAIN, the dispatches say, has accepted a promise from Mussolini to keep peace in the Balkans and Mediterranean area.

Meanwhile Britain is concentrating her great fleet at the Malta base in the Mediterranean, which is within convenient striking distance of the entire trouble zone; and France is putting her Mediterranean fleet on a war basis.

MUSSOLINI tells Greece he has no designs on Greek territory and feels only sentiments of friendship for the Greek people.

And meanwhile he calls out additional reservists, bringing the number of men he has under arms up past the million mark.

HITLER professes only friendship for Poland, but there are mysterious tales of heavy troop movements in Germany—although, of course, everything there is so clouded by the censorship that one can't believe what he reads.

TALK friendly, and keep fingering your knife, ready to plunge it into the heart of the man you're talking friendly to. That is the way the game is being played in Europe.

A NEW source of worry appears. The Germans and the Italians are showing no disposition to remove their armed forces from Spain although Mussolini is reported to have promised again to get his divisions out as soon as France has time to stage a victory parade.

The worry arises out of the fact that these German and Italian troops are strategically placed at France's back door, which is none too well defended. Besides, it's a much tougher job to defend BOTH your front and your back doors.

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PROSPERITY SIGN CONFRONTS OREGON

SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—First quarter graphs of industrial employment indicated today that Old Man Oregon is in for a prosperous year.

The graphs, compiled by the state industrial accident commission, showed the industrial payroll for the first three months of this year totaled \$34,819,118, about \$2,000,000 more than during the same period last year.

Fish Edict Hooks Local Merchants

Show Finny Specimen On 17th or Else--

Chamber of Commerce's Ultimatum Puts "Must" in Observance of Season's Debut.

Local merchants were thrown into a mild panic today when the Roseburg chamber of commerce issued an ultimatum that, in celebration of the opening of the 1939 trout season, every place of business must put on public display Monday morning a fish caught from the Umpqua river, or one of its many tributaries, by a member or an employee of the firm.

Chief of Police John S. Duer announced that he would head a stern-squad squad of his own choosing to enforce the edict and to impose penalties upon the luckless and confer prizes upon the winners.

The rules place no regulation upon species, size or weight. All that is required for the display is a fish with head, tail and fins. Sportmen are acclaiming the chamber's action, declaring it should help greatly to rid the stream of chubs and suckers.

Merchants Give Heed The chamber order was followed immediately by announcements from a majority of the city's leading mercantile establishments that they will not be open for business until 10 o'clock Monday morning in order to give the management and employees time to obtain an entry in the fish derby. A local sign painter was reported doing a rush business on "Closed—Gone Fishing" signs to be hung in store windows.

A kangaroo court session will be broadcast by the Roseburg radio station KRNZ at 1:30 p. m. Sheriff Warden, designated by Dick Maddox, appointed by the chamber of commerce to secure compliance with the ultimatum, announced that precautions have been taken to see that there are no "Derby Dodgers."

The order for the day is "Get a fish—or else!" Maddox declared. "Supervisors" Designated Street wardens and "check-ers-in" have been named to prevent any evasions of the order and to report the catches for their several districts.

Meet Kroll of the Western Auto Supply company store has been named to supervise the Stephens street section from Cass street to including the Rose hotel, talking in both sides of the street. Wally of the Pastime Clear store has been assigned to the territory on Cass street from Stephens street to the depot and including Sheridan street. A. D. Parr of California (Continued on page 5.)

FRENCH CROWD RIPS NAMES FROM DRESS

BIARRITZ, France, April 13.—(AP)—Politically-minded patrons of a Biarritz casino ripped the jewel-embroidered letters "L-O-M-E, H-E-R-L-A-N-S, T-O-K-Y-O" from the gown of a stylishly-dressed Venezian last night.

An excited, loudly protesting crowd swarmed about her when she entered the place and tore at her gown. Intervention of a police commissioner present enabled her and her companions to leave.

The woman identified herself as Sorella Margot Topete, widow of a Venezuelan general. With her were a group of young Spanish women and a German.

Author Missing In Voyage on Pacific



Richard Halliburton

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Representative Havenner and Welch, of California, joined in a request to President Roosevelt today to institute a search for the Chinese junk on which Richard Halliburton, author and adventurer, set sail from China for San Francisco.

The junk, manned by an American crew, has been unreported since March 24, when it encountered a storm near Midway Island.

GOON CASE FIGURE SEEKING PAROLE

Dave Rutz Declared Model Prisoner During Time in Penitentiary.

SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—Whether David D. Rutz, 40, former AFL organizer for eastern Oregon, shall be the first labor leader convicted of violence to be released from the state penitentiary was a question for the parole board to decide today.

Rutz, received April 16, 1938, after being sentenced at The Dalles to two years and 11 months for malicious and wanton injury to personal property, completed a third of his sentence a week ago, making him eligible for parole.

He was expected to appear before the parole board today. Board members indicated Rutz's release depended on whether Ralph E. Moody, coordinator of the state's war on labor terrorism, and Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles, who sentenced Rutz, would recommend it.

Attitude Changes When he first entered the prison, he fell bitter toward the state police who arrested him. But a month ago Rutz, who talks in the third person when speaking of himself, told the board "Dave Rutz harbors no grudges."

Prison authorities said he has been a hard-working, model prisoner. For four months he shoveled sawdust, and for the past eight months he has worked in the prison machine shop. His yard captain reported his "conduct and industry good."

Five pounds of emery dust and a bottle of nitric acid was his downfall. Rutz, with five others who pleaded guilty and turned state's evidence against him, were charged with placing this mixture in the (Continued on page 5.)

Bootleg Gold Racket Bared By 13 Arrests

Coins Melted Down, Sold as New Gold, Theory of Secret Service Men; \$24,000 Seized.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(AP)—Thirteen men accused of operating a \$100,000 bootleg gold selling ring were under arrest in four cities today awaiting action by a federal grand jury called into special session to consider indictments.

Months of patient investigation by the United States secret service, police and state mining agents, and carefully laid traps resulted in the 13 arrests made swiftly and almost simultaneously yesterday in New York, San Francisco, San Jose, Calif., and Oakland, Calif., and seizure of at least \$24,000 in illicit gold.

Capt. Thomas B. Foster, head of the secret service in this area, said the scheme apparently hinged on collection of gold coins secretly hoarded when the gold reserve act of 1933 called them out of circulation.

Coins Probably Melted Just how the hoarders were discovered and persuaded to turn over the coins, and how the coins were subsequently disposed of is not known, Foster said. However, agents worked on the theory the coins probably were melted down and sold to the mint as new gold.

A \$20 gold coin contains an ounce of gold, Foster said, and the current price of the metal is about \$35 an ounce.

Arrested in New York, with \$5,000 in United States and foreign coins in his possession, agents said, was Morris Anolik, 49.

Seized in San Jose, were Dan Levin, 44, proprietor of a jewelry store, and Edward Friedman, 39, an employee. Foster reported seizure of about \$15,000 in coins and melted bars in the basement there.

Sam Nankin, Broadway jeweler, was arrested in Oakland. In San Francisco, the five men arrested and booked as "en route to the secret service" were Michael Gail, also known as Galliani; Edward Levy, gold dealer; Morris Farmer and his son, Gus; jewelry store proprietors; George Zwilinger, gold dealer; Dominic Passabene, jeweler; Sam Hauser, night club and liquor shop operator; Frank Lindberg, and Hugo Landecker, gold dealer.

Hauser's bail was set at \$20,000 and the others at \$10,000. Agents said \$4,000 in gold pieces were seized with Landecker.

PLOWING YIELDS FARMER CROP OF \$20 GOLD PIECES WEISER Idaho, April 13.—(AP) Spring plowing on the Davis ranch (Continued on page 6.)

EMBARGO HELD NO PEACE PROMOTER CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., April 13.—(AP)—Sumner Wells, undersecretary of state, said today an American embargo on war supplies would not promote world peace.

32 Die When Two Mexican Trains Crash

MEXICO CITY, April 13.—(AP)—Mexican railroad officials here said they had reports of 32 persons killed and 42 injured in a passenger train collision near Queretaro early today.

The first reports were that one train crashed into the rear of a second on the Guadalajara-Laredo line.

One train, which left Laredo yesterday, had stopped to repair a defective air-brake line near the station La Llave, 140 miles north of Mexico City, when a train from Guadalajara plowed into the rear of it.

It was the latest of a series of wrecks on the worker-operated national railways, the management of which recently charged there were efforts at sabotage to discredit the railway and the government.

GOLD GRIPS LARGE SECTION OF U. S. Extensive Damage Done to Budding Fruit, Grain in Several States.

CHICAGO, April 13.—(AP)—Snow and freezing weather gave a midwinter aspect to a large section of the nation today.

The U. S. weather bureau reported the worst of the cold snap was over but no real balmy weather was in sight.

Extensive damage to budding fruit and some grain crops was reported in agricultural areas.

Smudge fires burned through the night in the Vincennes, Ind., fruit belt. Orchardists said the apricot, plum and pear crops in Pike county were almost a total loss.

Northwest Arkansas fruit growers feared apples, grapes and berries already in bloom had been injured by the unusually low temperatures. Big lettuce and onion crops on Long Island, New York, were similarly threatened.

Yesterday was the coldest April 13 in history for some cities. Chicago's 21 was seven degrees below the previous record, established in 1900.

The board of health was flooded with complaints from apartment dwellers who complained of lack of heat. City ordinance require landlords to furnish heat until June 1 if necessary.

The cold weather caused some apprehension over coal supplies in view of the suspension of bituminous mining in the Appalachian field pending negotiations for a new labor contract.

Trade Pact Program Of U. S. Blocked

Blame Placed on Dictator Countries by Wallace, Urging Congress to Back Subsidies.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house today a bill making the 1937 marketing agreement act applicable to Pacific northwest boxed apples.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Asserting "dictator nations" had blocked success of the administration's trade pact program, Secretary Wallace urged congress today to back government subsidies of wheat and cotton exports.

Wallace testified at a closed session of the senate appropriations subcommittee considering demands for a \$400,000,000 increase in funds to bolster the administration farm program.

Wallace praised the administration's crop control and benefit payment program for farmers, and also the reciprocal trade program—during normal times.

"But actions of the dictators have kept that policy from meeting full success," Wallace said. "The reciprocal trade program has not brought back to the farmers of the United States more than a small portion of their lost markets for wheat, and due to world conditions apparently can not do so in the near future."

Two Crises Faced The secretary said this government must subsidize wheat and cotton exports in order to retain its share of the world market until such time as international agreements can be worked out.

The present farm program, he added, is faced now with a surplus crisis in two fields: (1) exports of wheat and cotton and (2) crops used in this country such as "dairy products, pork products, poultry and eggs, fruits and vegetables."

Wallace said the export subsidy and more recent barrier proposals would deal with the surplus phase while increased government expenditures probably would be needed for the second.

Wallace went over the situation (Continued on page 6.)

BUSINESS PACE IN WAR TIME STUDIED

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—High administration officials met today to discuss means of keeping American business "going as usual" in the event of a European war.

They said they did not, necessarily, expect war or any other serious disturbance, but felt it their duty to be prepared.

Independence of 2 Balkan Countries To Be Supported, Chamberlain Advises House

Turkey Indirectly Included in Guarantee, Consultations With Russia Continue, Prime Minister Adds, Making It Clear That Extension of Defense Front Is Sequel to Italy's Seizure of Albania.

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—Great Britain and France pledged "all the support in their power" today to Greece and Rumania if their independence were threatened.

The action, announced to the house of commons in emergency session by Prime Minister Chamberlain, widened the anti-aggression front started by the two powers with a similar pledge to Poland after Germany absorbed Memel. Chamberlain made it clear the extension was the sequel to Italy's Good Friday seizure of Albania.

Premier Daladier, of France made a similar statement in Paris and announced his nation had reinforced its defenses "to guarantee the frontiers of France and its empire against any surprise."

The premier added France would go to the aid of Rumania if that Balkan kingdom considered her vital interests in jeopardy.

He declared the French government attached "the greatest importance" to the prevention of any modification by force or "the menace of force" to the status quo in the Mediterranean sea or the Balkan peninsula (Rumania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey).

Meanwhile France strengthened her land, sea and air forces and coordinated them with Britain's to bolster their "halt Hitler and Mussolini" campaign.

The prime minister made it plain Turkey was included indirectly in the new guarantee, stating the assurance to Greece and Rumania were being communicated "especially to Turkey, whose close relations with the Greek government are well known."

Chamberlain declared anti-aggression consultations with soviet Russia were continuing when members of the house shouted: "What about Russia?"

The prime minister disclosed new Italian assurances Italian troops, planes and pilots would leave Spain immediately after the Madrid victory parade, now set tentatively for May 2.

One More Chance for Il Duce He gave Premier Mussolini one (Continued on page 6.)

GERMANY READY TO SET WAR BLAME Responsibility Would Lie With Democracies, Nazi Officials Declare.

BERLIN, April 13.—(AP)—Official Germany took the position today if the world should be plunged into war the fault would lie with the democracies—for not heeding Reichsminister Hitler's "pleas" for peace and his warnings against "international warmongers."

The United States was presented as an example of a nation which fosters the "war psychosis." Commenting on the decision of American insurance companies to cancel war risk insurance for German and Italian ships, a government spokesman said: "If a people is being urged into war the way the American people are nobody need be surprised if business gets jittery. This is a typical example of panic politics."

DIES COMMITTEE FILES RANSACKED

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Officials of a dies committee on un-American activities were broken into four times in the ten days preceding April 3, it was disclosed today.

A special guard has been assigned since that time to the committee's suite in the old house of the building on Capitol Hill.

Desks had been searched and files in one room rifled. Robert E. Stripling, committee secretary, said it appeared to him that "snoopers" were responsible, as no important documents were missing.

WAR-FEARING LAD COMMITS SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—(AP)—A war that may never come was blamed today by the coroner's office for the death of 17-year-old Buddy Merriell.

The youth was found a suicide yesterday. Detective Captain Frank Katzenberger said Buddy feared the United States would enter a war and that he would have to fight.

During the first quarter the war board issued bills totaling \$458,600 but only \$234,500 has been paid. Water department collectors said many persons had flatly refused to remit.

Affable Tavern Keeper Branded as Head of Exposed Narcotics Racket

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—(AP)—A pudgy, smiling saloon keeper was accused today as the head man of a narcotics ring a federal agent said did a \$1,000,000-a-month business before raids swept up 13 of its leaders.

Angelo Donnici, 54, who ran a dinky little tavern next to the temporary federal building, was known as the "mayor of Ninth street." Always affable, he was a familiar, bowing figure around the federal building, where he sometimes appeared to ply his other trade of bondsmanship.

"Greetings, Mr. assistant district attorney," he would cry, and "Greetings, Mr. deputy clerk of the federal court."

When an official came into his place for lunch, Donnici himself would trot up to recommend something especially fine on the menu.

He rattled around town in a 1929 model coach and was continually benumbing the hard breaks. Life (Continued on page 6.)

Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press)

Lucky Trip PITTSBURGH—A romance on wheels began three years ago when Garnet Schuiz, 21, tripped and fell at the feet of William Emmett, 22, at a roller skating rink.

It will have its happy ending April 24 when the couple have announced they will wed—on skates.

Lucky Dog KETCHIKAN, Alaska—Thirteen is a lucky number for some pooch here.

Triple Dates COLUMBIA, S. C.—Speaking of coincidences Alice Baldwin was 12 years old today—the 13th, her sister, Mary Elizabeth, will be 17, and the 17th and her brother, William, will be 19 on the 19th.

Durables KANSAS CITY—Mrs. Geraldine Bowling received a souvenir plate at a theater. On the way home a man grabbed her and demanded her money.

Mrs. Bowling bopped him one with the plate, and he fled. "That's a good plate—it didn't break," Mrs. Bowling said. "I'll keep it forever."

EARL WISNER HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Earl Wisner, formerly employed in the Fisher store in Roseburg, suffered a broken leg and severe bruises last night in an automobile accident at Medford, where he now is employed, according to word received here. Wisner and Noble Vincent, manager of the store in which Wisner is salesman, were traveling in a taxicab after leaving the place of business, when the vehicle skidded and crashed into a pole, according to the information received here. Both Wisner and Vincent were said to be in the hospital.