

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 30% Highest temperature yesterday 82 Lowest temperature last night 53 Precipitation for 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 29 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 25.04 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 7.32 Fair, Warmer.

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SAKHALIN

The island half owned by Russia and half by Japan, rich in oil and coal, threatens to become the scene of a major clash between those two nations, leading to general warfare on the mainland as well. Watch developments through NEWS-REVIEW service.

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HOUSE VOTES CURB ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS MRS. CLARA ADAMS, of New York, using strictly commercial airplanes, flies around the world in a few hours less than 17 days. That is about one-fifth the time Jules Verne was able to imagine.

THE cost of her tickets, using Pan-American clippers across the Atlantic and the Pacific, the regular airline from San Francisco to New York and European airlines from Marseilles, France, to Hongkong, was \$1925.

That is around \$129 a day. Assuming that her route equaled the 25,000-mile circumference of the earth at the equator, the cost per mile was in the neighborhood of eight cents.

IF you drive a car somewhat better than the cheapest and keep a careful record of ALL expense, including depreciation, you will find that the cost is not far from eight cents per mile.

TRAVEL is still too costly to be indulged in by all Americans, which is a great pity. If ALL AMERICANS were able to travel to ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, this silly talk of making America over into something quite different from what it has been would die out as quickly as the rattling of loose window shades when the wind quits blowing.

THROUGHOUT much of the rest of the world, war is raging already or is feared at any moment. Americans sincerely want to stay out of wars that are in progress now and other wars that may break out in the future.

Question one hundred average American citizens and you will find not more than one who wants to fight except in defense of rights that are fundamental to national existence.

HOW to stay out is the problem. President Roosevelt thinks the way to do it is to threaten aggression.

MINISTER FACES BAD CHECK CHARGE

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—Detective L. L. D. Manciet said today Rev. Noel L. Murray, 34, of Portland, Episcopal minister, was wanted on a bad check charge.

A warrant was issued for his arrest. The Portland church directory listed Murray as pastor of St. Paul's church in southeast Portland.

The detective said the investigation involved about \$200 in suspicious checks.

Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press) Happy Habit

YADKINVILLE, N. C.—The first time a movie house offered a "jackpot," W. Banks Horton, a lawyer, won it.

The second week, the winning name was "W. Banks Horton." But he wasn't present, so the prize was carried over for another week.

A winning name was picked the third week "W. Banks Horton." Disgruntled yells went up. So a fourth drawing was held in the theater lobby.

Yep, the winner—"W. Banks Horton."

Anti-Climax

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa.—William Hallman's knee was fractured, three of his wife's ribs were cracked, and the Hallmans' three-year-old grandson was bruised when their automobile crashed into a tree.

Russia's Threat Draws Jap Fleet

Coal, Oil On Sakhalin Bone Of Contention

Tokyo Assembles Warships to Resist Any Attempt to Confiscate Isle Concessions.

By the Associated Press Far eastern conflicts today drew attention from European troubles as Britain and soviet Russia became further embroiled with the expanding Japanese empire.

A Tokyo navy ministry source said a section of the Japanese fleet was assembling in northern waters as the result of a soviet threat to confiscate Japanese coal and oil concessions in the Russian half of Sakhalin island off the Siberian coast north of Japan.

Russia rejected Monday a Japanese demand "ultimatum form" concerning rights on the island, which is half Russian and half Japanese.

Immediate cause of the dispute was a \$100,000 fine levied against Japanese companies working concessions in Russian territory.

The situation was said at Tokyo navy ministry to be "extremely grave" as Japan waited to see if a soviet threat of confiscation was carried out.

At Moscow, Tokyo, Japanese ambassador, with the soviet vice-commissioner of foreign affairs, in a last minute effort to avert a clash.

"Will Never Surrender" Vice-Admiral Sakonji, president of the North Sakhalin Oil company, said "Japan will never surrender her concessions."

"If necessary," he added, "we will occupy the island." Officials circles expressed a fear of the repetition of the Nikolayevsk massacre of 1920, when some 600 Japanese were slain.

Sakonji charged soviet obstructionist tactics had reduced the annual oil yield from 150,000 barrels to less than 40,000.

He said the soviets had reduced the quota of food supplies, machinery and replacements to one-third the normal amount, as a result of

FIRE RUINS GRAIN AT MYRTLE CREEK

Fire starting from an overheated bearing on a combine burned over 35 acres at the Epiphany-Hill ranch at Myrtle Creek yesterday and destroyed 250 sacks of grain. The crew had nearly completed threshing, when straw was ignited by the hot box and the blaze, fanned by a stiff wind, quickly raced through the stubble and straw, destroying the sacked grain in its path. The fire developed while the crew was at lunch and was not discovered until the damage had been done.

CRASH KILLS NAVAL OFFICER AND GIRL

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—(AP)—Lieut. Com. Henry A. Stuart, U. S. N., and a girl companion, Dorothy Shelley, 19, Philadelphia, were killed today in the head-on collision of an automobile and a truck. Commander Stuart, 55, attached to the navy yard here two years, had been slated to leave today to join a supply ship at Norfolk, Va.

Waiting for a Fourth?

VINITA, Okla.—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Parkhurst wonder who in their family will go to the hospital next.

A granddaughter underwent an appendectomy a few days ago. Their son, next day, had an emergency bone operation.

Swan Tank Wedding

STURGEON BAY, Wis.—A Door county couple, while standing chest deep in a tank of cherry juice, will take their marriage vows as one feature of the Sturgeon Bay cherry festival.

Heads Lions



PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 21.—A new King Lion was crowned today in Pittsburgh, when the international convention of Lions clubs unanimously elected Alexander T. Wells of New York City president of Lions International. Wells, a lawyer, served the past year as first vice-president and was United States representative at the international convention of Lions clubs.

ARABS HOLD OHIO PASTOR FOR \$5,000

Kidnaped Man Sends Note to Father in Holy City Urging Payment.

JERUSALEM, July 21.—(AP)—A donkey boy brought to Jerusalem today a note from the Rev. Gerold R. Goldner, 39, of Mogadore, O., assuring his father of his safety but urging the \$5,000 ransom demanded by his Arab kidnapers to be paid today if possible.

The same messenger brought a note from the leader of the band which kidnaped the Ohio pastor Wednesday declaring if the ransom were not paid the captors could not be responsible for Goldner's safety.

The first message, delivered to Dr. Jacob Goldner, Cleveland, O. pastor and father of the kidnaped man, said:

"Don't worry. I am sending this note with my donkey boy to you to convince you I am safe. Please bring the money if possible. Pray day. Affectionately,

"Jerry (Gerold)." Donkey boys accompanied the Goldners on the journey which resulted in the kidnaping. One was sent back with the father, who reached Jerusalem yesterday. The second was freed last night with the messages and reached Jerusalem this morning.

He was questioned intensively by British authorities and by the elder Goldner.

The Greek patriarch of Jerusalem, head of the Orthodox church in this region, joined the efforts to obtain Goldner's release. He sent a message to the priests of the Greek monastery at Mar Saba urging them to spare no expense in aiding the American.

The kidnaped pastor and his father were returning from a visit to the Mar Saba monastery when they were seized.

United States Consul General Wadsworth continued efforts to free younger Goldner. Arab intermediaries also took a hand in the negotiations. They were understood to have countered the kidnapers' original demand for \$5,000—repeated in the gang leader's note today—with an offer of \$1,000.

EXTORTIONISTS. 12 AND 14, LECTURED

GRANTS PASS, July 21.—(AP)—Two youthful extortionists who threatened death to an aged woman received a lecture and leniency today from County Judge W. A. Johnson, sitting in juvenile session.

He took under advisement the case of a 14-year-old girl and her brother, 12, who demanded in a note that Mrs. Christina Brandt, 52, deliver \$10 or die. They were apprehended earlier this week on identification by a handwriting expert. Judge Johnson said that the children had never been in trouble before and would be closely supervised in their home, which he described as "good."

Preparedness Abroad Cited By Roosevelt

President Discusses Urge For Arms Sale Permit; Claims Delay Will Hurt Business.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., July 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt in discussing neutrality legislation today said that from every capital in Europe—without exception—there was evidence of preparations for an eventuality that was believed to be fairly close.

At the same time, Mr. Roosevelt said it should be emphasized that there were no allegations of probabilities of trouble abroad, only to a statement of possibilities.

He contended at a press conference that a decision to defer action on neutrality legislation until the next session of congress would hurt business.

A prominent businessman, Mr. Roosevelt said, told him recently failure of congress to act on neutrality "was killing the nicest little business boom you ever saw."

Businessmen, the president asserted, do not want to make commitments because they do not know what form neutrality legislation may take when congress convenes next year. They do not want to place orders or take them, he said.

For several years, he added, there have been recurring threats which did not eventuate in war abroad, and there might be another which might not be actual conflict.

U. S. Cannot Aid But the United States is not in a position to help in a situation of that kind, he said, under the present neutrality law with its arms embargo provision. Members of the senate who conferred with him

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SALMON POACHERS FINED \$100 EACH

Fines of \$100 each were imposed in the justice court here today upon Irvin Woody and Alfred Hill, who pleaded guilty to charges of illegal netting in the Umquaga river near their homes at Winchester. Sentences of 60 days in jail also imposed upon each of the men were suspended.

State Policeman Fred L. Perry and Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thornton, who made the arrests, reported the two men set nets in a salmon hole near Winchester and caught seven chinook salmon.

Woody was reported today to be arranging to pay the amount of the fine, but Hill stated he would serve the equivalent of the fine in jail.

Junior High Playground Nearing Completion



Workmen are putting the finishing touches on the new playground at Roseburg junior high school. The school board has acquired six lots, providing a space 240 by 100 feet, at the corner of Washington and Rose streets. The ground has been enclosed by an attractive steel and wire fence, set on a concrete foundation. The fence will prevent users of the field from dashing carelessly into the streets, thereby eliminating traffic danger. The ground also has been graded to provide a good surface for baseball and other sports. The work has been done with WPA cooperation and represents an expenditure of approximately \$5,000 for labor and materials. Work now is in progress on a playground at the Rose school.

Wanna Bet?



Blonde, long-bobbed Mary Steele, above, of New York, is being hailed as the best bet for the crown of No. 1 Glamour Girl, about to be relinquished by much publicized Brenda Frazier, who is graduating from the deb class.

ALLEGED SUICIDE NOT IDENTIFIED

Fingerprints from the body of an unidentified man, found yesterday on Section creek near Glendale, were forwarded by airmail today to the federal bureau of identification at Washington, D. C. Coroner H. C. Stearns reported that the man, apparently a suicide, had been dead about five days. The throat had been cut. A bloodstained knife and half-consumed bottle of wine lay near the corpse.

The body was buried at Glendale last night.

The body was discovered yesterday morning by M. A. Bates of Glendale after his two small sons had reported they had seen "a drunk man sleeping by the creek."

No marks of identification were found, the coroner reported.

The man was described as being about 60 years of age, six feet in height of heavy build and weighing about 180 pounds. He had blue-gray eyes and brown hair.

VETERANS' PENSION INCREASE ADVISED

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The house inland pensions committee recommended today passage of the senate bill raising pensions to disabled peace time veterans by more than \$2,500,000 annually. It would provide pensions equivalent to 75 per cent of those paid to war veterans for similar service-connected disabilities.

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Sgt. Parsons Promoted And Transferred

State Police Officer Here Sent to Baker; Roseburg Successor Sergeant P. E. Morgan.

SALEM, July 21.—(AP)—State Police Sgt. Paul Parsons of Roseburg has been promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Baker, State Police Supt. Charles P. Pray said today.

Sgt. Paul E. Morgan of Grants Pass will be transferred to Roseburg to succeed Parsons, while the vacancy at Grants Pass will not be filled immediately.

Lieutenant Parsons has been in charge of the Roseburg state police district for the past four years, coming to this city from Klamath Falls following the death of the late Sergeant Ralph Quine.

Mr. Parsons, who has been connected with the state police since its organization in the present basis in 1931, has been outstanding among the officers of the state in administrative work, and his record won promotion. His transfer will place him second in command at the district office in Baker, now in charge of Captain C. A. Dowd, previously lieutenant at the Medford district office, who recently was promoted and assigned to the command at Baker.

To Take Training Course Lieutenant Parsons will not assume his new duties for several weeks, as he is scheduled to attend the annual training school for state policemen and will take his vacation following the school session and prior to reporting to Baker.

Following his period in school he will join Mrs. Parsons, who now is

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WALTER CRITESER HURT IN ACCIDENT

GRANTS PASS, July 21.—(AP)—Only a ditch into which Walter Criteser of Leland fell saved his life when he sawed off a high limb against which a several foot tree had fallen. Criteser, 40, was working with the limb and tree, which crashed down upon him. He was discovered by a grandnephew. Criteser's left leg was paralyzed and he suffered internal hemorrhages, a correspondent reported today from Leland.

Walter Criteser is a well known farmer resident of Roseburg and a brother of "Bud" Criteser, West Roseburg grocer. The injured man is now reported able to be about on crutches.

WOMAN BADLY HURT WHEN AUTO UPSETS

PENDLETON, Ore., July 21.—(AP)—Mrs. A. S. Keogh, Oden, Utah, was in a hospital here today, suffering from two broken ribs and two broken arms, the result of an automobile accident about 9 o'clock this morning near the top of Emigrant hill.

She was accompanied by another woman whose name had not been learned and who escaped with minor injuries and shock. They reported their car struck a soft shoulder on one of the first sharp turns on the hill and overturned. The car was badly damaged.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

NATIONAL R. H. H. Cincinnati — 611 200 000 — 4 10 1 Brooklyn — 100 000 000 — 1 8 0 Walters and Lombardi; Fitzsimmons, Tamulis (9), and Phelps. (1st game) — R. H. H. St. Louis — 329 000 000 — 2 9 2 Philadelphia 001 380 40x — 16 22 1 Davis, McGee (4), Dean (5) and Padgett, Bremer (6); Higbe and Millies.

She's Prosecutor



Maryanne Bell, (above) daughter of Federal Judge Robert Bell of St. Paul, Minn., is special assistant prosecuting in Chicago wage-hour cases, resulting in indictment of four companies, seven company officers.

SWIM SCHOOLS IN DOUGLAS SLATED

Swimming schools under Red Cross sponsorship have been scheduled for Glendale, Reedport, Diamond Lake and Elkton, according to Miss Edna Brown, executive secretary of the Douglas county chapter.

The Glendale school will be held from July 24 to 29, Inc. with the following program: 9 to 10 a. m., junior and senior life saving; 10 to 11 a. m., intermediate swimming; 11 to 12 a. m., advanced swimmers; 1 to 1:30 p. m., beginners; 1:30 to 2 p. m., beginners; 2 to 3 p. m., advanced swimmers; 3 to 5 p. m., junior and senior life saving. Miss Brown will be assisted at Glendale by Dolores Cady.

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Plot to Murder DIST. ATTY. CHARGED

REDDING, Calif., July 21.—(AP)—Orborne E. Whitaker, 32, alias Jack Lacey, remained in jail here today while authorities continued their investigation of an alleged plot to assassinate Laurence W. Carr, district attorney.

Barbara Jenkins, 29, of Portland, Ore., who was taken into custody with Whitaker, was released yesterday and departed on a north-bound bus.

Sheriff Sublett said a person whose identity he would not reveal had been placed under guard after he had reported to authorities that Whitaker had approached him last Saturday and asked for money and a gun to be used, the sheriff said he was to be, to kill Carr.

State Attorney General Earl Warren said earlier this week Whitaker had admitted he had served time in California and Oregon prisons.

FISHHOOK WOUNDS WOMAN IN CHIN

With a fishhook deeply imbedded in her chin, Mrs. R. E. Crouch, Rt. 1, San Fernando, California, was brought to Roseburg yesterday afternoon for removal of the hook and treatment of an injury. Mrs. Crouch was standing near her husband while he was fly fishing at Lyle, when a back cast snapped the fly into her chin. The hook was so deeply set in the flesh that it was necessary to make an incision before it could be removed. Mrs. Crouch was treated at the office of Dr. A. C. Seely.

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