

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 28%
Highest temperature yesterday 84
Lowest temperature last night 48
Precipitation for 24 hours . . . 0
Precip. since first of month . . . 30
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 . . . 35.24
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 7.55
Fair.

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NAZIS SHOW WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE are two Monday dispatches that are interesting: Rome—Fascists report Mussolini active in efforts to arrange a settlement between London and Berlin for averting war.

Berlin—Adolf Hitler was represented in well-informed circles today to be willing to have some friend like Mussolini of Italy mediate in Germany's dispute with Poland which has led Europe to the brink of war.

It sounds absurd, of course. If you were engaged in a row with a competitor, you'd like nothing better than to have YOUR OWN PARTNER name the terms of settlement. Your competitor, however, would be pretty certain to object.

It seems utterly improbable that Britain, France and Poland would accept Mussolini as a mediator.

BUT there can be no doubt of Mussolini's desire to avoid war. If war comes, it will be Italy (on the axis side) that will feel the crushing weight of it.

THE passes over the Alps between France and Italy LEND THEMSELVES TO ATTACK from the French side. Hannibal first proved that fact. Napoleon proved it again.

The German frontier on the Rhine is strongly defended, and it is hard to believe that the British and the French would waste their strength in a suicidal attack on these carefully prepared fortifications. The Germans proved the error of such tactics at Verdun.

It is much more likely that

MOOSE LODGE DROPS "DICTATOR" TITLE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Loyal Order of Moose, by unanimous resolution, today struck the word "dictator" from its rituals and titles of elective officers throughout the English-speaking world.

The action was recommended by U. S. Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, director-general of the order. In his report to 1,000 delegates attending the 61st international convention.

The word "dictator" has been used by the order since it was founded 52 years ago. It will be replaced by "governor."

"The present meaning that is given by the public to the word, dictator," Davis told the delegates, "makes it hardly a suitable title for the presiding officers of an organization such as ours, devoted to democratic ideals of free men, free government, freedom of speech and the press, freedom of assembly and freedom to worship God in our own way."

Dies Committee Eyes Activities of Doctor Ross, Agent of Nazi Interests

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Dies committee, taking unusual precautions because of an attempt to "under protest" as an agent of the state department before publishing a report on the activities of an agent for certain German interests.

House investigators were drafting the report, which Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) of the committee on un-American activities said would deal with the work of Dr. Colin Ross.

Dies told reporters Ross had registered with the state department "under protest" as an agent of various German interests, including motion picture companies. Committee members said Ross, who recently left this country for Japan and is now believed to be in Germany, ostensibly had been engaged in making a motion picture of American agriculture.

"We have evidence, however,"

Roseburg Bid May be Given State Legion

War Veterans Favor Call to Convention in 1940; Sentiment of City to Be Sounded.

Roseburg may be the scene of the 1940 state convention of the American Legion, it was announced today after delegates, at a special meeting held at the army last night, voted unanimously to invite the state department to meet here next year. Final action, however, was postponed until it is learned whether the business interests of the city, which, as before, will be called upon to underwrite the meeting are in favor of again attempting to stage a convention on the proportions of the 1938 rally in Roseburg.

Since the state convention was held in Roseburg in 1936, legionnaires have steadily proclaimed it one of the best ever held in Oregon and have been anxious to return. At the convention held recently in Salem the site for the 1940 meeting was left to the executive committee. Many veterans have urged that Roseburg be selected.

Due to the preliminary expense involved, it is necessary that a considerable sum be pledged in advance of the convention to meet costs arising before the event. In 1936 Roseburg merchants pledged several thousand dollars as security for debts incurred prior to the convention. The local post, however, during the convention raised enough money from various attractions at which admission was charged to pay all costs and there was no money paid by business firms on the pledges.

In the event the convention is held here in 1940, it is planned to follow the same system of financing, according to the discussion at last night's special meeting of Umpqua post and before an official invitation is issued to the state department the business interests of the city will be asked for an expression of opinion.

At the regular meeting of the post next Tuesday representatives of various civic organizations will be called in to meet with the legionnaires to determine public sentiment, according to George Trautman, post commander.

FORMER OREGON GRID STAR DIES

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—William "Chubby" Parks, 31, one of the University of Oregon's great basketball stars during the period of 1928-31, died in Long Beach, Calif., yesterday, according to word received here today.

Parks was the victim of infantile paralysis and is survived by his wife and baby daughter. He was football coach and director of physical education at Mount Zuma school for boys in Long Beach.

His brother, Bob Parks, was another Oregon football great and former national collegiate javelin champion.

AMMONIA BLAST FATAL TO GROCER

SALEM, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Burns suffered in an ammonia explosion last Sunday were fatal yesterday to Emil J. Roth, 67, member of a wholesale grocery firm and Salem resident since 1930. Roth was injured while supervising dismantling of a refrigeration plant.

Ex-Movie Star Weds Daughter Of U. S. Jurist

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Maurice Costello, the one-time matinee idol, brought a bride back to Hollywood today to introduce to surprised friends. She is the former Ruth Reeves, daughter of Federal Judge Albert Reeves of Kansas City. They were married yesterday after an elopement to Tijuana, Mex. He gave his age as 54, she hers as 30.

"It's a retake," he said. "We were married two months ago, but our friends didn't know it." He declined to say where the first ceremony took place.

His bride, he said, "has been in pictures." He was not eager to discuss their affairs, but added that he met her 14 months ago.

Costello is the father of actresses Dolores and Helene Costello. Dolores is a divorced wife of John Haysmore. The daughters' mother, also, died 10 years ago, two years after she and the actor were divorced.

The actor was one of the first leading men of motion pictures. His most notable role was in "A Tale of Two Cities" in 1910.

ICKES STIRS IRE OF INDIAN FEDERATION

MANDAN, N. D., Aug. 30.—(AP)—A demand for an apology from Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes and a possible damage suit to be instituted by the American Indian federation against the cabinet member was indicated today in a resolution passed by the federation's executive body.

The resolution adopted the sentiments expressed by National President Joseph Bruner of Sapulpa, Okla., who accused Ickes of "deliberate falsehood" in a letter to U. S. Rep. Oshes L. Burdick (R., N. D.).

Ickes wrote Burdick the federation was operating a "swindle" in collecting dues from the Indians and was associated with the German-American fund. Bruner said: "We deplore the unhappy fact that an officer of the United States, occupying an exalted seat in the cabinet should stoop so low as to deliberately misrepresent facts, libel our officers and members and degrade the high position he holds."

The resolution also charged the bureau of Indian affairs with failing to prepare the Indians for unrestricted citizenship, attempting to segregate them and make them race conscious, and with retarding their progress.

CANNERY TO START PACK ON TOMATOES

The Riddle Valley Cooperative cannery will start packing tomatoes Thursday, according to L. A. Smith, manager, who was a business visitor in Roseburg today. There is an unusually heavy crop of fine quality tomatoes. Mr. Smith reports, and prices have advanced \$2 per ton over last week's quotation.

The Riddle plant, he states, will probably be in full operation about the middle of next week and will run steadily for a period of six weeks. It is expected that there will be a pack of approximately 300 tons of Indiana variety of tomatoes.

MORE PLANES SENT TO CANAL DEFENSE

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Eighteen of the nation's fastest pursuit planes, based at Selfridge field here, were ordered by the war department today to fly immediately to the Panama canal.

Maj. Harold Hamgeorge will command the squadron of planes, the latest type in the service of the air corps.

War department officials said the ships, together with several non-commissioned officers and enlisted men from Selfridge field, would be stationed permanently at the canal base.

FRIEND OF CHIANG SLAIN IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Chu Hsin-Kung, editor of the American-owned newspaper Hwa Mei Wan Pao and a close friend of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, was shot to death today as he crossed a bridge over Rsoochow creek near the center of the international settlement.

The assassin fired one shot which struck the editor's head and then he fled.

Government Costs Mount In 48 States

Oregon Alone Has 5-Year Increase of \$3,000,000; Principal Items in Outlays Given.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—A study reported today by the department of commerce tells the story of the rising cost of operating and maintaining state governments.

The total cost for the 48 states in 1937, the last year for which complete figures are available, was \$1,491,387,000, an increase of 67.4 per cent over the \$1,552,075,600 expended in 1932.

The cost in Oregon was \$19,758,000 in 1937, compared with \$14,755,000 in 1932.

The cost was exclusive of operating public services, acceptance and payments for interest and outlays as well as payments for debt retirement and other non-cost payments.

The state functions covered by the cost report included the legislative, executive and judicial branches, highways, protection, natural resources, development, health, hospitals, charities, corrections, schools, libraries, recreation and miscellaneous operations.

Oregon's cost of operating its "general government" was \$1,452,000 in 1937, compared with \$1,281,000 in 1932.

(General government includes the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the state government, staff administrative offices and finance and law, elections, and general government buildings.)

Chief Items Listed

Protections cost, including highway patrols, militia, armories, etc., for the state amounted to \$1,250,000 in 1937 and \$1,230,000 in 1932.

Highway costs for Oregon amounted to \$4,362,000 in 1937 and \$3,400,000 in 1932.

Oregon spent \$1,484,000 in 1937 in the development and conservation of its natural resources and \$1,535,000 in 1932.

Health and sanitation cost \$224,000 in 1937 and \$147,000 in 1932.

Miscellaneous payments (including pensions and gratuities to former employees or their dependents) amounted to \$1,484,000 in 1937 and \$1,484,000 in 1932.

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ACTRESS ARRESTED FOR U. S. INQUIRY

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—(AP)—An immigration department hearing will investigate the entry into this country of Joan Manners, British actress.

She was arrested yesterday. Inspector Francis Hickey asserted she had remained illegally after entering the United States nine years ago on a temporary visitor's permit at Blaine, Wash. She is a native of Rustenberg, South Africa.

Benefit to Oregon Woman Prompts Aged Sisters on Indiana Farm to File Claims.

By NEA Service

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Roosevelt Will Set Nov. 21 For Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has decided to proclaim November 21 as Thanksgiving day for 1940, it being the third instead of the usual fourth Thursday of the month.

This will correspond with the president's action in moving up this year's Thanksgiving from November 30 to November 22.

Following announcement of this year's change many governors, sports authorities and calendar makers protested and some governors have announced they will not follow the president's action, but will proclaim November 30 as the day for Thanksgiving.

The chief executive's original action was taken on the belief there was not enough time between November 30 and Christmas, December 25, in which to conduct holiday trade and be believed by moving up the date retail merchants could do more business.

Officials said the president was announcing next year's date this year in advance to permit calendar makers and football schedule arrangers to take action accordingly.

SALEM, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague hopes there will be two days of thanksgiving in November, 1940—the first on election day and the second on November 21.

"As a republican, I hope there will be two days of thanksgiving in 1940," the governor said today, adding he hoped he would have occasion to be thankful for the defeat of President Roosevelt on election day. The governor doesn't care when the second day of thanksgiving occurs.

FOREST FIRES IN DOUGLAS SUBDUED

Douglas county's forest fire situation was "all under control," today, according to reports from the protection agencies. With approximately 90 fires set out last Wednesday and Thursday, the county was faced with a critical situation as a result of electric storms, but prompt work on the part of more than 1,000 fire fighters, employed on the Umpqua National forest and by the Douglas Forest Protective association, now have all fires corralled.

It was stated today, while three fires in the South Umpqua district of the national forest reached major proportions before being halted, it now is believed that there is little danger of further damage. The fires, although still burning, are surrounded by well established barriers and unless dry weather and high winds are encountered to scatter embers across the boundaries, it is believed the fires will burn out within a few days.

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Two More Women Seek Pensions From War of 1812

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When they read that Mrs. Esther Ann Hill Morgan, inset, lives at Independence, Ore., was the only daughter of a War of 1812 veteran receiving a pension, they sent the navy department their claims.



America's three Daughters of the War of 1812. Mrs. Lily Harris Stowers, left, and Mrs. Nancy Nelson Williams live together near Kirklia, Ind. Mrs. Esther Ann Hill Morgan, inset, lives at Independence, Ore.

French Liner Gets O. K. But Doesn't Sail

Order From Paris Detains Normandie at New York; Bremen Still Held Despite Nazi Ire.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The liners Normandie, Transylvania, Bremen and Aquitania, held in port here while customs guards searched them for contraband, will be permitted to sail early this evening. Hurry M. Durning, collector of customs, said today.

The New York police department, meanwhile, took extraordinary precautions to see that Fritz Kuhn, German-American band leader, did not slip aboard the Bremen either from the pier or by water. It was indicated the vessel would be escorted at least to the three-mile limit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Sailing of the French liner Normandie for Europe was indefinitely deferred today on orders from Paris.

The Normandie, ranked only by the British Queen Mary in size and speed among the world's luxury passenger ships, had been scheduled to sail at 9:00 a. m. with 250 passengers.

Officials of the line said no reason was given for delaying the sailing.

The Normandie, which docked Monday with more than 1,500 passengers after a three-day voyage across the Atlantic during which wartime blackouts were observed, was granted clearance papers last night after an inspection by U. S. customs officials to see that she carried no war contraband.

Meanwhile, despite the angry protest of its owners, the North German Lloyd liner Bremen, world's third largest passenger ship, again was refused clearance papers as a result of U. S. customs agents continued their search of the vessel for contraband.

Harry Durning, collector of the port of New York, also ordered the British liners Aquitania and Transylvania to remain at their piers "pending a search by customs of their satisfactory to me." Both vessels were scheduled to sail during the day and it was unofficially indicated they would be delayed only a few hours.

Roosevelt Explains

Although North German Lloyd line officials lodged formal complaints with the German embassy in Washington, the inspection here the personal approval of President Roosevelt. He said the ships of all possible belligerent powers would be searched to insure they were not armed to injure other commercial vessels.

The president told a press conference the United States would

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Chosen to Direct Isolation Policy



Gen. Nobuyuki Abe

TOKYO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, called from retirement to guide Japan's altered foreign policy, was installed as premier today by Emperor Hirohito. The installation of his cabinet followed an hour later.

The new government was expected to follow an isolationist policy now that Germany, Japan's partner in the anti-comintern pact, has signed a non-aggression pact with soviet Russia, Japan's rival in east Asia.

General Abe has long been an advocate of stronger friendship ties with the United States and Great Britain.

U. S. PASSENGERS HELD ON NAZI SHIP

Order at Seattle Affects Nationals as Well as Foreign Vessel.

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Virtually "interned" in their own country, a score of American passengers aboard the German liner paper, Portland, scanned newspaper headlines, slipped Munich beer and pondered their plight today.

In view of the European crisis, the Seattle agents ordered Captain Franz Harder to hold the vessel in port here, instead of proceeding to Vancouver, B. C., after arriving Sunday to load lumber for Germany.

"I guess we'll have to stick it out for a while," Miss Virginia Boyles, Irvington, Calif., secretary, laughed.

It's all interesting, and we're certainly on a bit of German territory, but we haven't heard about Hitler's ration orders. The food is grand, and the extra days won't cost us anything."

The situation arises because of the law prohibiting foreign vessels carrying American passengers directly from one American port to another, under penalty of a \$300 fine for each passenger. The Portland moved here from Port Gamble, a Puget sound port. The passengers, most of whom boarded ship

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VOWS TO SHATTER ANTI-LABOR LAW

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Joseph A. Padway, Washington, D. C., general counsel for the American Federation of Labor, told an interviewer yesterday: "We're going to take the Oregon anti-labor law and tear it to pieces."

"I feel the United States supreme court will return the constitution to the people of this state," Judge Padway said.

He asserted the AFL would carry on its struggle against the unconstitutional law state courts recently upheld here and would also state labor federations facing similar laws.

The judge charged "the Oregon law, which denies the rights of free speech and assembly, is taking a determined twist into other states, such as Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania."

NATATORIUM DIVE BREAKS MAN'S SKULL

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Ted Kendall, Depoe Bay, who fractured his skull in a dive at the Newport natatorium, was in critical condition at a Toledo hospital today.

Witnesses said that despite warning, Kendall dove 25 feet into the plunge Sunday. His head struck the bottom.

CRISIS

It's still at its height in Europe, and anything can happen at any hour. The NEWS-REVIEW wire service is worldwide in coverage, prompt in report. Keep your eye on its columns and you'll be up-to-the minute in big news.

Hitler Calls His Aides To Conference

Danzig, Corridor Demands Still Hold, However, Is Report; New Note Sent by Britain.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Official French quarters said tonight the French government had approved the note the British government is sending Adolf Hitler concerning the German-Polish crisis.

They asserted the note was dispatched to British Ambassador Henderson in Berlin this evening for delivery to the German führer.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Führer Hitler late today called in his leading military aides and several cabinet members for a conference while awaiting further word from London in his secret negotiations with the British government. Those summoned included:

Field Marshal Hermann Goering; General Keitel, chief of the staff; General von Frunche, commander-in-chief of the army; Grand Admiral Raeder and Heinrich Himmler, chief of all German police.

This was done amid indications Germany might be willing to negotiate the crisis.

By the Associated Press

Adolf Hitler was reported today to have indicated some willingness to negotiate directly with Poland, but informed quarters in Berlin insisted his demands for the surrender of Danzig and the Polish Corridor remained unaltered as Europe maintained the pace of war preparations.

France requisitioned all her rail way system for military use and the former chief of the French army, General Weyand, flew dramatically to Syria as Paris military quarters said he had been chosen

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BILBO CANDIDATE IN MISSISSIPPI WINS

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The majority of Mississippi's governor-nominate Paul Turner Johnson of Hattiesburg today slowly mounted toward the 25,000 mark in returns from Thursday's democratic primary as Senator C. Bilbo scored a victory over his senatorial colleague, Pat Harrison.

Harrison's candidate, Martin Bennett Connor, was defeated in his effort to regain the governorship after the four-year interim required by law. Republican votes are so few that the democratic nomination is tantamount to election in this state.

Connor's defeat puts the Bilbo-Johnson forces in power in 1950, when Mississippi will send 18 delegates to the national democratic convention. Bilbo is an outspoken advocate of a third term for President Roosevelt.

The Johnson victory likewise increased Bilbo's political stature, which will be needed next year when he seeks election to his second term in the senate, as there are indications Governor Ross White wants to unseat him. White was allied in the primary campaign with Harrison and Connor.

Connor's defeat came with a landslide the "favorite son" talk for Harrison, whose friends will not be in control of the state's delegation next year.

PUBLISHER, GRID CLUB BOSS INDICTED

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—A federal grand jury returned today indictments accusing M. L. Annenberg, Philadelphia publisher; Charles W. McDowell, owner of the Chicago Cardinals football club, and James M. Hagen Sr., Annenberg associate, of using the mails in furtherance of a lottery scheme.

The jury returned seven indictments in all. Two charged Annenberg, Hagen and McDowell, and three Annenberg companies, National News Service, Inc.; Illinois National News Service, Inc.; and Bentley Murray and company, with use of the mails to further the alleged lottery; conspiracy to use the mails for such purposes; carrying from state to state by insured wire "a list of prizes awarded by means of a lottery scheme"; conspiracy to carry such lists.