

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 73%
Highest temperature yesterday 48
Lowest temperature last night 36
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 1.39
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 12.32
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 2.50
Rain

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CONGRESS

It will be in full working activity next week, and the nation's taxpayers will follow proceedings with deep personal interest. Read the NEWS-REVIEW for daily developments, furnished its readers promptly and accurately.

BUDGET STUDY HAS ROOSEVELT APPROVAL

Shakeup Gives Great Britain New War Head

Secy. Hore-Belisha Forced to Resign in Clashes With Older Officers Over His Policies; Press Protests.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—New ministers took over the portfolios of war and information in the British cabinet today in a politically sensational reshuffle designed to silence internal dissent in one department and press criticism of the other.

Leslie Hore-Belisha, secretary of state for war, who gained fame by breaching many taboos of tradition from the army hierarchy, was replaced last night by the conservative Oliver Stanley, president of the board of trade.

Sir John Reith, chairman of imperial airways, succeeded a fellow-Scot, Lord MacMillan, as minister of information. Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, attorney and banker, was chosen to head the board of trade.

"He has not been getting on with the generals, and he goes," commented the London Daily Mail of Hore-Belisha's replacement, which the press generally protested.

Editors called for explanation in a full-dress debate in the house of commons. Liberal and labor members of parliament also registered indignation over the change, and the opinion was that it merited "thorough investigation."

Hore-Belisha's policy of promoting younger officers over the heads of older ones was said to have contributed to his failure to get along with Lord Gort, head of the British expeditionary force in France and himself one of the younger men whom Hore-Belisha had advanced to high position.

The 42-year-old minister's advocacy of a unified command on the western front under the French general, Gamelin, was reported to have received scant support from his officers.

Although these undercurrents

"Jackie" Kidder Named For West Point Entry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary nominated James D. Kidder of Roseburg today as the principal for appointment to the United States military academy at West Point. William C. Moore of Portland is first alternate and Don G. Crowley of North Bend second alternate.

James D. Kidder, or "Jackie" as he is familiarly known to his friends, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Kidder of Manila, P. I., former Roseburg residents. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sawyers of this city.

Word also was received from Senator McNary today that he has named James Warren Briggs, formerly of Roseburg, as second alternate to Annapolis naval academy. James Briggs is a son of Mrs. Hildegarde Briggs, and a nephew of Dr. B. R. Shoemaker and S. J. Shoemaker of Roseburg. He now is a senior in high school at Eugene, where he is now making his home.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO'S great port, strike-closed since November 10, is open again, and the labor troubles that closed it are to be submitted to arbitration.

Those of us who are caught IN BETWEEN are hoping both labor and industry have learned enough out of this costly and destructive battle to ARBITRATE FIRST the next time.

IN past years, we tried giving too much power to employers. That didn't work. In recent years, we've tried out too much power for labor. That hasn't worked.

Why not try MAKING THEM EQUAL? When equals deal with equals, the results are apt to be fairer all around than when a superior deals with an inferior.

THIS writer believes the only hope for industrial peace lies in wise, tolerant and practical leadership on both sides and the building up of RESPECT FOR EACH

Reds Crushed In Icy Death Traps



Twice trumping cards dealt from the Red deck, outnumbered the Finns on the north central front have aligned with Nature to snare thousands of the invaders' troops in icy death traps. Latest move near the Salla front was to cut off Soviet supply lines and wipe out enemy soldiers rendered powerless by exposure to sub-zero weather. Finns at Suomusalmi used similar tactics to encircle and annihilate Reds there.

Finns Take More Booty From Russ

HELSINKI, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Destruction of two enemy tanks and the capture of 11 others and destruction of Russian supply columns and field batteries by coastal forts were reported tonight by the Finnish high command.

The army's communique, covering yesterday's developments, reported large quantities of booty had fallen into Finnish hands in the flight of Russians eastward to their own soil, in the center of the eastern front.

It said eight Russian warplanes were shot down yesterday "according to confirmed reports," while an additional two planes were believed forced down.

British arms and ammunition were reported reaching Sweden as well as Finland and the Nazi press warned both Sweden and Norway to observe strict neutrality.

Nazis were eyeing the possibility that Britain might gain a foothold in Scandinavia which would aid her in the war on Germany.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator King (D., Utah) disclosed today that he had drafted legislation to extend an unqualified RFC loan of \$25,000,000 to Finland. King said, however, that because of possible international complications it might be redrafted.

Representatives of the Finnish government recently put out feelers in congressional circles to learn what the reaction would be to a \$50,000,000 loan to purchase military supplies. They were said to have received sympathy but little concrete encouragement on this score.

OTHER'S RIGHTS.)
FINLAND hears that Russia is massing seven divisions (about 100,000 men) for a mighty attack on the Mannerheim line.

Stalin HAS to do something. The way things have gone so far in his Finnish war, nobody will be afraid of him before long.

When nobody is afraid of a dictator, he's in a bad way.

GERMAN threat:
If France and England give "substantial" help to Finland, Germany will side actively with Russia in the Finnish war.

THAT is to say, if the British and the French seek to prevent Stalin from GAINING COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE BALTIC and thus getting a strangle hold on Germany, Hitler will FIGHT to help Stalin strangle him.
Poor old Hitler. He's slipping.

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Taft Offers U. S. Budget Balance Plan

Five-Point Program Outlined in Answer to Roosevelt's Challenge; Reduction Of Spending Leading Phase.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio left a 5-point program at the president's doorstep today and contended it would balance the federal budget within two years.

The senator, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, disclosed his budget balancing plan in an address last night to the Chicago Bar association and a national radio audience.

Entitled "Mr. President: Here's How to Balance the Budget," the speech was a reply to President Roosevelt's offer to award the senator a prize if he could show how to balance the budget.

The president's challenge, said Taft, was an admission that "he is unable to get the government or the country back to normal."

Program Outlined.
Taft contended the books would balance at approximately \$7,000,000,000 within two years if his program were followed:

1. The president must wish and be determined to balance the budget.
2. Eliminate bureaus; reduce number of employees; reorganize.
3. Change method of handling relief, housing, agriculture, government loans.
4. End grants for local public works; reduce federal public works; reduce subsidies.
5. Play no favorites; subject army and navy estimates to critical analysis.

Taxes or Worse.
A budget balanced under those provisions, he said, would still provide "a reasonable allowance" for relief, old age pensions, housing and soil conservation.

The present tax system, he added, should provide \$7,000,000,000 in (Continued on page 6)

N. Umpqua Road To Be Improved

Work on Turns, Bad to Start Next Week; Forestry Heads Make Inspection Tour.

Work will start next week on the cooperative road program to be conducted by the forest service and Douglas county on the North Umpqua road, Forest Supervisor V. V. Harpham reported today. The work will be done between the forest boundary and Rock creek, where it is planned to widen narrow turns and improve the road.

The road will be widened, it is planned to work toward Rock creek during the winter months, as soon as weather will permit in cutting back the rock points, and the early spring, the road will be graded to permit two-way travel throughout the entire section. Gene Shrum has been assigned to operate the power shovel to be used on the project.

Project Inspected.
An inspection of the North Umpqua road project was made yesterday by Major James Frankland, of Portland, assistant regional forester, in company with Bridge Engineer Ward Gineo of Portland and Supervisor Harpham. Major Frankland is in charge of engineering for the entire district and also is in charge of the CCC program for the states of Oregon and Washington.

He visited Steamboat camp and was taken over the North Umpqua road as far as Illabe bridge, making an inspection of the work that has been done to date and checking the logs for the coming year. He and Engineer Gineo left this morning on the return trip to Portland, which will be made by way of the Drain-Reedsport and Oregon Coast highways.

Boxer Near Death After Workout With Billy Conn

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Boxer Jim Lindsay lapsed into unconsciousness as his bride of two months rushed to his bedside today. Relatives said he took a turn for the worse last night 24 hours after removal of a blood clot from his brain.

The 25-year-old fighter was injured two weeks ago while working out with Light Heavyweight Champion Billy Conn.

Arrested Youth Admits 15 Burglaries in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A 20-year-old youth, so sleepy he dozed intermittently while detectives questioned him, admitted last night 15 burglaries in Portland during the last eight months. Special Officer E. V. Landers said.

The boy, Clyde Zimmerman, Seattle, told Landers he had stolen a radio he was attempting to sell when apprehended. He was held on \$5000 bail.

Sportsmen Seek Increase Of Salmon

Roseburg Rod-Gun Club Will Ask Fish Commission to Plant Silversides in Two Branches of Umpqua River.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun club will ask the state fish commission to plant two million or more silverside salmon in the north and south forks of the Umpqua rivers and their tributaries, it was announced today.

The request was authorized last night at a meeting of the club, where reports were submitted showing that the silverside run, almost extinct for years, had been restored by small plantings in 1935 and 1936. Silverside salmon have been returning in increased numbers for the past two years, it was stated, and during 1939 there was a very marked increase in the number of fish.

The silverside salmon, which once formed the largest run of any fish in the Umpqua river, were almost completely destroyed by wholesale slaughter, it was asserted, but in recent years have been increasing in the lower river, due to plantings at Mill creek, near Scottsburg. As these fish do not travel above the place where they are planted, the number above Mill creek, which is near the commercial fishing deadline, has been very small.

Reach Rock Creek.
In 1935 and 1936 the fish commission, at the request of local sportsmen, made plantings of about 500,000 fish in the north and south forks. Last year a great many salmon were seen on both streams during the late fall months, and for the first time in the history of the salmon hatchery at Rock creek, silverside salmon were found in the racks. This indicates, it was re-

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Rumania Serves Warning on Soviet

Attempt to Grab Bessarabia Will Be Resisted, Russia Informed by King Carol.

CHISINAU, Rumania, Jan. 6.—(AP)—King Carol served a strong warning to soviet Russia today that Rumania will fight "as one living all" if Russian armies attempt to invade Bessarabia.

Speaking after reviewing a huge parade of troops, planes and tanks at Chisinau (Kishinev), capital of Bessarabia, 12 miles from the Russian border, the king insisted Bessarabia "will always remain Rumania by the force of our arms."

General Argescu, commander of the third army corps, told the crowd which assembled at the governor's palace to hear the king that the "whole army from the first man to the last is ready to defend the eastern border."

Russian, Ukrainian and German minority leaders of Bessarabia—who were Russian until the world war settlement—publicly swore allegiance for themselves and their followers to King Carol and Rumania. Russia never has recognized Rumanian sovereignty over Bessarabia.

"We pledge our lives for our beloved Rumanian fatherland," they declared.

Finns Set Example.
Rumania was reported to have moved most of her troops out of Bessarabia a few months ago with the semi-official explanation that the province was impossible to defend. If it was invaded, Rumania indicated at the time, the Rumanian army would abandon it and make a real stand along the River Pruth.

However, authoritative sources have admitted that since Finland's successful resistance against the red army, the government has moved troops back into the province and expressed greater confidence in Rumania's ability to defend herself in case of a Russian invasion.

Prepared to Drill.
He has constructed a new drilling outfit particularly for the job and has equipment, he reports, which will permit him to drill to a depth of 3,000 feet if necessary. It is expected that it will not be necessary to go below 2,000 or 2,400 feet. It is possible, he states, that oil-bearing sands may be struck at 1,800 feet.

He has struck oil twice in Douglas county while engaged in drilling for water. Mr. Kernin said today, "and I am sure that somewhere there is a location where a commercial well can be sunk. My own studies have convinced me that this location is one which has good prospects for success."

Longevity Tips Offered at 103



On his 103rd birthday Dr. S. J. von Hirsch displays calm nerves with a "straight" razor shave. The doctor, who lives in Oakland, Calif., gives this recipe for longevity: "Plenty of walking, a cold bath every day, kiss the girl whenever you get a chance and take a good nip of liquor now and then."

Commerce-Labor Head in Taft's Cabinet Passes

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor in President Taft's cabinet, died here yesterday at the age of 96.

A prominent lawyer, Nagel had held offices in city government and served in the Missouri house of representatives. He was a member of the republican national committee from 1908 to 1912.

Mr. Nagel often was called the father of the chamber of commerce of the United States, having given inception to that organization through an address delivered in Boston in 1912.

Drilling For Oil Launched by Presence of Natural Gas on Farm West of Roseburg

A test well in a search for oil was "spudded in" Friday by W. F. Kernin, local well driller, at the Vincent Preschern farm on the Melrose road west of Roseburg. The actual start of drilling follows several years of study of geological formations in the area, Mr. Kernin reports.

Natural gas on the Preschern farm, Mr. Kernin states, gave the first evidence that oil might be present. The gas comes from a 140-foot well drilled nine years ago to supply water for Mr. Preschern's large dairy barns. The water was found to bear minerals which made it unpalatable and at the same time carries sufficient gas to burn a strong flame at open faucets. The amount of gas at first varied from time to time but in late years seems to be increasing in volume, Mr. Preschern reports.

Although no measurement has ever been made of the volume of gas obtainable from the well, he expresses his opinion that it would be possible to obtain a sufficient amount for domestic use if proper equipment was to be installed.

Mr. Kernin, who has been interested in drilling for oil in Douglas county for many years, states that he had the territory thoroughly surveyed by an experienced and successful oil geologist and that his present location, adjoining the Melrose road, was selected upon the basis of a survey made last year.

He has constructed a new drilling outfit particularly for the job and has equipment, he reports, which will permit him to drill to a depth of 3,000 feet if necessary. It is expected that it will not be necessary to go below 2,000 or 2,400 feet. It is possible, he states, that oil-bearing sands may be struck at 1,800 feet.

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Sub-Zero Cold Spreads Over Many States

Accompanying Snow Storms Extend as Far South as Texas; Ohio River Blocked by Ice; Gale Hits Pacific.

By the Associated Press
Temperatures skidded toward the zero mark in the east today as the cold wave advanced another lap in its journey from the Rockies. The frigid weather eased somewhat in the middlewest after a day of zero and sub-zero temperatures but the mercury was still far below freezing.

Snow ranging from flurries to a 10-inch fall was reported from scattered parts of the east, middlewest, southwest and Rocky mountain regions.

Snow Blankets Southwest
A snow storm raged in the southwest. The weather bureau at Albuquerque, N. M., reported the storm area extended from the Continental divide in western New Mexico northeast to Wichita, Kas., east to Oklahoma City, and southeast to Abilene, Tex.

A two-day storm left two to 10 inches of snow in Utah and southern Idaho, but temperatures were only slightly below freezing. Strong winds whipped new snow into drifts in Nebraska where the minimum below, in contrast to -21 yesterday, was reported early today was today.

Fifty persons were treated at (Continued on page 6)

Prisoner Admits Bunco of Aged in Pension Baiting

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Police arrested George O'Day, 29, last night on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Detective A. C. Heckman said the suspect admitted "buncoing" at least 11 elderly persons.

Heckman stated that about 40 cases in which old people were victimized by a man posing as an old-age pension official were being investigated.

He said O'Day admitted bilking several persons under guises of obtaining change for currency. O'Day was held in lieu of \$5000 bail.

Named Oregon's New Forester



Carl Davis, above, Marshfield republican, named acting forester of Oregon until a permanent successor to J. W. Ferguson is chosen. Davis, a veteran Coos county lumberman, was not an applicant for the position and never before held public office.

Oregon to Get Increase in Federal Road Funds

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, announced today that he had been advised that Oregon's share in federal road funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1940, would be \$2,595,000.

This allocation includes \$1,841,000 for regular federal aid, \$245,000 for secondary highways, \$335,000 for grade separation and \$179,000 for public lands roads.

Oregon received \$2,170,141 for the current fiscal year.

Mayor Young Continues To Show Improvement

The condition of Mayor A. J. Young was reported today to be considerably improved over that of yesterday. The mayor has been gravely ill at Mercy hospital as the result of a sudden attack of an intestinal ailment. He is reported today to be responding favorably to treatment.

Murder Follows Protection Plea

ADERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Less than a month after her husband had asked police to protect his family, Mrs. Dick Law, wife of a CIO union official, was killed last night by an intruder who crushed her head with an axe.

The house, in which Mrs. Law had been alone with her infant daughter, showed signs of a violent struggle and had been ransacked. Contents of cabinet drawers were strewn on the floor and personal belongings scattered through the rooms.

Mrs. Law's body was discovered in the living room by her mother, Mrs. Nestor Luoma, at whose home the Laws were living.

Law's appeal for police protection for himself and his family was made a short time after a riot in which a mob wrecked the Finnish Workers Federation hall a few blocks from the Luoma home. Law denounced the rioters and accompanied members of the Finnish socialist society who presented the city with a bill for the hall damage, contending that officials had failed to prevent the raid although they knew of it.

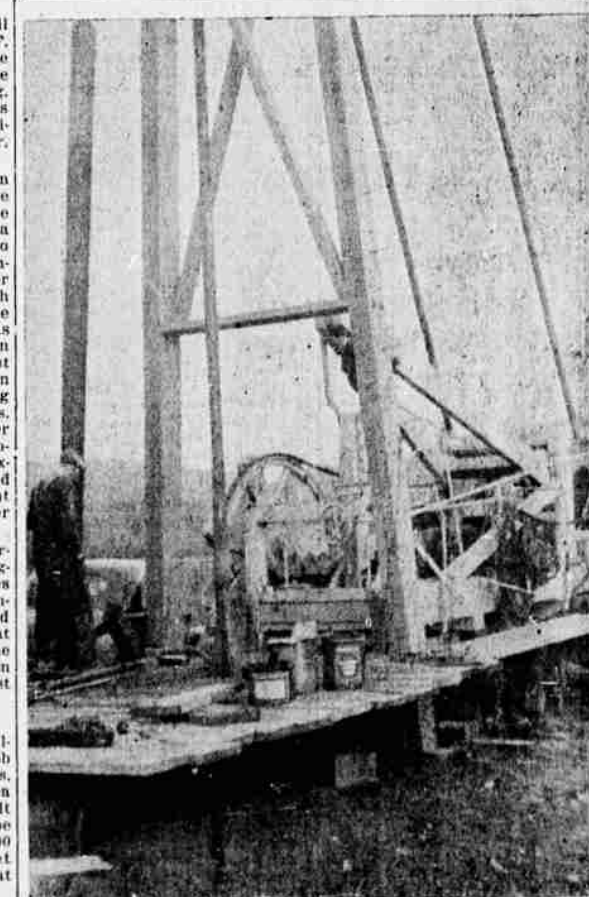
Officers said last night no special guard had been placed at the Law residence.

George H. Himes, Noted Oregon Pioneer, Passes

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—George H. Himes, noted pioneer and curator of the Oregon Historical society, died today.

The picturesque figure, born 93 years ago, served 54 years as secretary of the Oregon Pioneer association and 40 years as the historical society's curator.

Himes, who suffered a stroke late in December, was born in Pennsylvania. He struggled across the plains to Oregon with his parents in 1853. Although he was but 7 years old, he walked most of the grueling distance without shoes.



News-Review Photo and Engraving
Pictured above is a part of the drilling rig constructed by W. F. Kernin, local well driller, who will explore for oil on the Preschern farm near Melrose. The machine, built locally, follows a design which Mr. Kernin has been perfecting through several years of experience. The machine has sufficient capacity, he reports, to permit him to drill to a depth of 3,000 feet.