

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 91%
Highest temperature yesterday 40
Lowest temperature last night 38
Precipitation for 24 hours .15
Precip. since first of month 1.54
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 12.47
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 2.69
Light Rain.

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FINNS ERASE ANOTHER RUSSIAN DIVISION

ANTI-LYNCH BILL

This perennial issue is again before congress, carrying a threat to split the democratic party at the presidential election if it is passed. The debate opens tomorrow. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire service for the result.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SAILORS from the British cruiser Achilles and the cruiser German battleship Graf Spee meet in Buenos Aires bars and instead of staging a bloody fight drink beer together and tell each other they harbor no ill will.

Odd? Not at all. It merely proves the unsoundness of governments, leaders and politicians.

If the people who do the fighting and the dying also did the DECIDING, there would be fewer wars.

FROM Alexander "the Great" on down through the Machiavellian princes of the Middle Ages to our own time, FOREIGN POLICY has a lot of crimes against common, ordinary humanity to answer for.

HARRY HOPKINS, secretary of commerce, says: "Industrial activity in the last three months of 1939 MATCHED THE BEST QUARTER IN 1929. Christmas trade was the LARGEST SINCE 1929."

In order to get the true meaning of this perfectly truthful and tremendously heartening statement, it is important to remember that in 1929 business was RAZED LESS by New Dealers.

KICK the family cow in the ribs, beat her with the milk stool and take away her hay and she will GIVE LESS MILK. Give her intelligent care, punishing her only when she kicks you off the milk

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Student Captured In Fatal Hold-Up

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A youthful robber shot an American District Telegraph Co. guard to death early today in the Western Union Telegraph Co. main office here.

The youth, who said, he was a University of Pittsburgh senior, was critically injured.

The guard, Theodore Nichols, 34, of West Richfield, O., died several hours after the gun fight. Police Sergeant Anthony Luciano, who fired several shots at a man running from the office, said the youth told him his name was John McCormick, 21, Pittsburgh.

"My mother had been trying to get me to quit college, and I was getting tired of studying anyway. I figured this would be an easy way to make money," Luciano quoted him.

"I was holding up this place when the officer (Nichols) came in. He just looked at me and pulled out his gun. He shot at me and I shot back. We were facing each other, and neither of us said anything."

Both Nichols and Luciano were summoned when Abe Lettovsky, 38, Western Union night manager, quickly touched a burglar alarm amid the attempted holdup, which took place before two customers.

Roosevelt Not Expected to Blast at Foes at Jackson Day Feast Tonight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Although President Roosevelt's address at the \$100-a-plate Jackson day dinner here tonight is expected to be non-partisan, democratic gatherings in other cities may hear political oratory keynoting the party's 1940 campaign.

The general Washington opinion is that the president will limit his theme to the need for national unity in facing foreign crises, leaving to administration lieutenants—such as Robert H. Jackson, attorney general-designate—any political message from the new deal.

Jackson will speak at Cleveland, while Secretary of Agriculture Wallace will talk at Des Moines and Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator, at Raleigh, N. C.

Dinners will be held in 44 states, with anticipated profits of \$700,000 going to the democratic campaign

Anti-Lynch Bill Wrangle To Launch House Session

Issue Forced Onto Floor By Double Vote

Debate Will Open Tomorrow; Trade Agreements Bill Introduced; Opposition Registered By A. F. L.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The house plunged into its first legislative controversy of the new session today by voting to start debate tomorrow on the perennial anti-lynching bill.

By a standing vote announced by Speaker Bankhead as 179 to 67, the house ratified a petition signed earlier by 218 members to force the legislation to the floor for debate. Representative Cox (D., Ga.) denounced the legislation as representing "senseless and ignorant hostility" toward the south.

A roll call vote of 256 to 114 affirmed the standing vote.

Opening the discussion, Representative Martin J. Kennedy (D., N. Y.) expressed a wish the house debate could be characterized by the same "feeling of good will" that democrats expected at the party's Jackson day dinners tonight.

Kennedy told the house that as in 1776 when Europe watched the development of democracy here "Europe looks to us again. We preach democracy—shall we practice it?" That question will be answered by the votes on this bill.

We condemn oppression abroad. Shall we sanction it here?

The anti-lynching bill would provide up to 5 years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine for a peace officer who permits a lynching through negligence or willfulness.

Trade Pact Bill Offered
Chairman Doughton (D., S. C.) of the house days and mena committee, brought up another controversial issue by introducing a bill to extend for three years the president's powers to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

Congress granted the power originally in 1934 and renewed it for three years in 1937. The current authority expires June 12.

Budget Study Hits Snag
Senator Harrison (D., Miss.) failed in an effort to obtain immediate senate approval of his plan to create a special congressional budget-making committee.

Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, had suggested a 24-man joint committee to examine President Roosevelt's budget and make comprehensive findings.

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Skater Drowns When Ice Breaks; Companion Saved

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Hundreds of skaters who braved the danger of thin ice to enjoy a long delayed outing on Mendenhall lake, rushed to the safety of the shore yesterday when the ice began to crack.

But one skater did not escape. Herbert McLean, 22, drowned when he fell through the cracking ice in the lake. Henry Behrends, 21, braved the frigid water to dive three times in a vain attempt to rescue him.

McLean's companion, Jean Taylor, University of Washington student, also went through the ice but was pulled out of the lake safely. The ice was only three days old.

U. S., Argentina Break Off Trade Pact Parley

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The United States and Argentina have agreed to terminate their negotiations for a trade agreement, the state department announced today.

Before a new agreement could be negotiated, both countries would have to go through the long procedure of formal announcement of intention to negotiate and the holding of new hearings, as in the case of a new agreement.

The official statement ascribed the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of agreeing on customs quotas for typical Argentine exports such as linseed and canned beef.

Italy Acts to Bar Russian Menace

Defensive Pact With Hungary Drawn; Food Rationing in Great Britain Starts.

A high authority in Budapest said the foreign ministers of Hungary and Italy had agreed on a defensive pact assuring Hungary of Italian military aid in event of invasion by Germany or Russia.

Foreign Minister Csaky was expected in Budapest tomorrow, after week end talks with Count Ciano in Venice, and if his government approves he will return to Italy for signature of such a pact.

Ciano was believed to have counseled Hungary against pressing territorial claims on Rumania in the interest of Balkan peace and unity against Russia.

War conditions were further impressed on Britain today by the start of food rationing. Butter, bacon, ham and sugar were on the restricted list. Other meats will be limited next week.

The authoritative British press association said the government "may ask the country for still greater sacrifices in the near future, including further rationing which may ultimately go beyond food and even include some standardization of suits."

The furor continued in England over the dismissal of Leslie Hore-Belisha from his post as war secretary and there were reported demands that parliament meet earlier than its scheduled session January 16 for an explanation.

The 5,160-ton steamer Cedrigton court was disclosed today to have sunk 10 minutes after an explosion off the English southeast coast yesterday. Her crew of 31 was saved.

New Graf Spee Planned
Public funds are being raised in Germany for the construction of a new warship Admiral Graf Spee, it became known today.

The original Admiral Graf Spee, one of three 10,000-ton pocket battleships built by Germany to meet naval restrictions after the world war, was destroyed in Montevideo harbor December 17 after a battle with British fighting craft.

Woman Chooses Hunger To Strip-Tease Dancing

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Petite, Auburn-haired Patricia Winfrey, 27, smashed a drugstore window and went to jail today rather than become a strip-tease dancer.

Patrolman Ross Gray said Miss Winfrey, who came here from New York last month to try to get in the movies, tossed a brick through the plate glass window to attract his attention, then told him she'd "rather starve than strip-tease dance."

Her money ran out Saturday, and her landlady evicted her for non-payment of rent, she said. She was booked on a charge of malicious mischief.

Pension Imposter Bilks Aged in 'Change Racket'

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—George O'Day, 35, confessed to Detective A. E. Eichenberger yesterday that he had bilked more than 60 persons of approximately \$500 within the last year.

Huge Increase In Navy Urged On Congress

Far Eastern Conditions Hold Threat of World Turmoil, Admiral Stark Asserts at Committee Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The navy's highest ranking officer urged congress today to approve a \$1,300,000,000 increase in the fleet because the international situation in conjunction with far eastern conditions, presents a threat of world conflagration.

Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, was a witness before the house naval committee. He testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action toward increasing the strength of its fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak naval position."

Hearings on the expansion program, which experts said would give this country the world's greatest navy, opened under the glare of camera floodlights.

Secretary Edison, in a brief preliminary statement, declared he believed the proposed 25 per cent increase in the fleet's size was needed "in view of the grave international situation."

"Stark's testimony indicated the expansion program had been revised, since first announced, to provide for some larger ships than originally contemplated."

Fewer Ships, But Bigger.
Since Stark proposed the building of 19 fewer ships than had been suggested, with a reduction of 31,000 in tonnage, the plan implicated

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Bessemeyer Quits Prison To Launch Fresh Start

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Gilbert H. Bessemeyer, embezzler of millions, walked out of San Quentin prison on parole today with \$85.48 in his pocket and plans for starting life anew, presumably in Chicago.

The 54-year-old former Hollywood financier, who was accused of plundering the Guaranty Building and Loan association of \$8,000,000, had served nine years of a 40-year sentence.

The money in his pocket was his own, some of which he had earned in prison. He was not allowed the customary \$10 provided by the state because his parole terms call for him to leave California.

Live by Faith--Five Die, Seven Indicted

Mrs. Lowell McGee, one of seven "faith healer" cult members indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is pictured at the right with her children, Connie, left and Kate, before the empty crib of dead baby Kenneth who, it is charged, died because of lack of medical aid. Indictments charge four other such deaths. Above, Pastor Tommie Lee Phillips, religious leader of the cult, who said: "If they got faith strong enough, they won't need no medicine."

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Heads New Try Of Fair at S. F.



Marshall Dill, above, president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, has been named president of the San Francisco exposition for 1940. The exposition will be operated for five months, beginning May 25, under arrangements with creditors following a heavy deficit from the 1939 Treasure Island show.

Transient Nabbed As Shoplifter

JAMES O'NEIL, 32, a transient, waved preliminary examination upon appearance in justice court here today on a charge of larceny from a store and was ordered held for the grand jury. O'Neil, who gave his home address as Clinton, Iowa, was arrested Saturday evening after allegedly stealing four pairs of women's stockings from Goettel's Variety store. Chief of Police John Duer reported.

O'Neil, Chief Duer said, was reportedly seen putting the stockings into his coat by Noble Goettel, proprietor of the store. Mr. Goettel slipped out of the back door and met O'Neil as the latter came out of the building. A scuffle ensued and while the transient was being subdued by the store proprietor, Verne Drager, officer of the state liquor commission, arrived at the scene and placed O'Neil under arrest.

O'Neil was continued in custody in lieu of \$500 bail.

Rufus C. Dawes, Noted Utility Executive, Dies

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Rufus C. Dawes, 72, president of Chicago's A Century of Progress exposition and brother of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes, died at his home here today.

He was known as an able business executive, especially in the promotion and management of public utility enterprises.

Snow, Severe Cold Visiting Most of U. S.

Depth of Snow Ranges Up to 2 Feet at Clinton, Mo.; Icy Blast Spreads to Texas; River Traffic Impeded.

(By the Associated Press)
Most of the United States lay under a cover of snow today as the severest weather of the season reached the Atlantic coast.

Light to heavy snows have fallen since Saturday in at least 28 states. It was still snowing in New England, where temperatures ranged from seven below zero at Bangor, Me., to around 16 above at New Haven, Conn.

The greatest amount of snow reported this morning was 24 inches at Clinton, Mo. The cover at Fort Smith, Ark., was 18 inches deep. It was still snowing in some sections of Missouri.

Three to 15 inches of snow fell in Maryland, a record for the winter, and about 200 plows worked all night to clear the roads. Congressmen at Washington went about their business in snow more than five inches deep.

Ice disrupted Monongahela river transportation and caused a Pennsylvania coal mine to shut down, throwing 300 men out of work. Light snows were reported in New York and New Jersey.

Most of Kentucky was still snow-covered, with the temperature dropping generally from the low 30's. The Ohio river was completely frozen over at one point near Louisville.

Texas Shivers
The coldest weather since 1936 penetrated to the gulf in southern Texas. Port Arthur reported the temperature at 27 above. It was 26 above at Houston and 15 above at Dallas. Paris, in northeastern Texas, shivered in the coldest snap in nine years.

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Said Named In Red Spy Search



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Turkey growers will have an opportunity on Wednesday to ask questions and hear discussions on phases of the turkey industry, according to J. Roland Parker, county agent, who has made arrangements for an all-day meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall in Roseburg, for growers to get together, discuss their problems, and to ask questions of experiment station workers who will be present.

"Poultry—A Million Dollar Industry," a moving picture, will be shown in the afternoon. The morning program will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and will include the situation and outlook of the turkey industry for 1940, breeding, feeding, and management problems. In the afternoon, in addition to the movie, diseases and their control will be discussed by Dr. E. M. Dickinson, poultry pathologist of Oregon State college.

Turkeys provide a large portion of the annual agricultural income in Douglas county. It is estimated that 175,000 turkeys were raised during the past year, a slight increase over the 1938 production, estimated at 160,000 birds. Many growers, it is reported, are wondering what the turkey situation will be for 1940. It is to answer such questions at the meeting that is being held on Wednesday of this week, states Parker. All turkey growers and individuals interested in the turkey industry are invited to be present.

Pickpocket Uses New Technique on Victim

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The pickpocket who lifted a wallet containing \$5 from Richard Harland, Salem, here Sunday had a new wrinkle.

Harland told police the man suddenly yelled—"your coat's on fire."

The stranger then began to beat out the imaginary flames by pounding Harland on the back. When the "fire" was out he left with Harland discovered shortly after the theft.

Infant Smothers to Death Under Blanket

Thousands Of Enemy Killed; Booty Heavy

Intense Cold Helps Finns in Checking Invasion; Whole Force at Outpost Found Frozen to Death.

HELSINKI, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Finnish forces wiped out the 44th Russian division, killing thousands and taking more than 1,000 prisoners, near Suomussalmi, a special army communiqué reported today.

It was in the northern part of the Suomussalmi region, at the narrow "waistline" of central Finland, that the Finns, a week ago, reported the virtual destruction of the invader's 163rd division.

(Neutral military experts have estimated there are from 15,000 to 17,000 men in a Russian division.) The communiqué said:

"The war booty was large including 192 different guns, 43 tanks, ten armored cars, one airplane, 20 tractors, 278 different cars, among them 16 anti-aircraft cars, with four anti-aircraft guns each, 75 automatic rifles, a number of other arms, 1,170 horses, 47 field kitchens, etcetera."

"Clearing up operations and the collection of spoils continues. On other fronts, except for the customary skirmishes and artillery exchanges, it was a fairly quiet day. Our patrols have been active and destroyed during the course of the day numerous enemy patrols."

Icy Weather Aids Finns
The severest January cold in years—temperatures ranging 15 to 40 degrees below zero Fahrenheit—has combined with stubborn Finnish defense and counterattacks to halt the red invasion; with 8,000 square miles, one-fortieth of Finland, in Russian hands after 40 days of fighting.

The Russian command, emulating ski patrol tactics which the outnumbered Finns have used with slashing success, was said by the Finnish high command to have lost the outstanding engagement in the guerrilla fighting that persisted over the week-end.

The high command communiqué, reviewing Saturday's operations, said that in the Salla sector of the central eastern front "an attempt by an enemy ski detachment to outflank our troops was defeated."

"The bodies of more than 300 enemy dead remained on the field."

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Gauss Named U. S. Envoy to Australia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated Clarence E. Gauss of Connecticut today to be the first United States minister to Australia.

Formal diplomatic relations between Australia and the United States have just been established. Previously Australia has transacted diplomatic business with this government through the British embassy.

The president also submitted to the senate reappointments of five members of the board of directors of the reconstruction finance corporation for terms of two years beginning next January 22. They are Emil Schram of Illinois, Carroll B. Morham of Kansas, Charles B. Henderson of Nevada, Howard J. Klossner of Minnesota and Sam H. Hanks of South Carolina.

The president also named Brigadier General Guy N. Henninger of the Nebraska national guard to be a brigadier general in the adjutant general's department of the United States national guard.

Gauss is in the state department's foreign service and has been consul general at Shanghai, with the added title of "consul general of embassy."

Glide Man Suffers Burns Subduing Fire in Home

GLIDE, Jan. 8.—James Miles is suffering from first degree burns on his hands and arms as the result of a blaze, which threatened his home Friday morning. He kindled a fire with gasoline and an explosion set fire to the container. He checked the blaze by smothering it with his daughter's dress but the house was set afire by the flaming gasoline can as he carried it out of doors. Retreating to the blazing room Mr. Miles fought the blaze with his bare hands and finally succeeded in gaining control.