

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 91%
Highest temperature yesterday 39
Lowest temperature last night 25
Precipitation for 24 hours..... 0
Precip. since first of month 2.30
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939..... 13.23
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 3.20
Unsettled.

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RUSSIA IS RESUME AIR RAIDS ON FINLAND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ROY GARDNER, describing himself in a note as "old and tired," (he was 56) commits suicide in a San Francisco hotel by corking the cracks in the doors and windows and mixing chemicals to produce poison gas.

Gardner, in his day, was one of the nation's most glamorous bandits, but the glamour wore off. It sounds like preaching to say so, but Gardner of that sort ALWAYS wears off.

MIKHAIL M. KAGANOVICH, soviet commissar for aviation, is relieved of his duties, the papers tell us, and "transferred to another post."

(The post to which he has been transferred, doubtless, is the one referred to by the ancient Teutonic tribes as Valhalla, where the soviet, being godless, do not recognize.)

COPENHAGEN dispatches quote reports that more than 100 Russian officers have been called back from the Finnish front, some of them to face trial before special courts consisting of people's commissars.

Their crime is that THEY FAILED.

These Copenhagen (Denmark) dispatches add that the commissariat dealing with supplies is especially under Stalin's fire, with many reported executions.

RECOMMENDED to Stalin's attention:

Persia, driving vast hordes of semi-slave troops into battle under the whip, FAILED CONSPICUOUSLY to conquer the free Greeks who were fighting for their homes and their liberties.

THE Germans say eight British vessels were sunk in Tuesday's naval blitzkrieg in the North sea and adjacent waters. The British say it was only two.

In Wednesday's air fight over the German fortified island of Sylt, the British say two enemy planes were downed with a loss of only one of their own. The Germans, going them considerably better, say three British planes were shot down and one crippled with NO GERMAN LOSSES.

Americans, shrugging their shoulders cynically as they read,

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New Jap Premier Seeks U. S. Accord

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Continuity of Japan's diplomatic policy toward the United States will be maintained under a new cabinet being drafted by the one-time naval chief, Admiral Yamao, a foreign office spokesman said today.

The new premier-designate, who rose through the ranks to the command of Japan's fleet, and served as naval minister in 1937 during a naval expansion program, succeeded Premier Abe, who resigned Sunday with his cabinet amid repudiations over Japanese-American relations.

Terrorist Roundup in Plot To Overthrow U.S. Will be Extended, Official States

Surface Only Scratched, Is Declaration

Seventeen Netted in New York Swoop Deny Guilt, Held in \$50,000 Bail Each; Arms Seized, More Being Sought.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Federal officials today declared the arrest of 17 men and the seizure of a small arsenal had merely "scratched the surface" of a terrorist plot to overthrow the United States government.

"More arrests" were predicted by United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy, who said FBI agents under J. Edgar Hoover were "virtually forced" to act now because their investigations indicated a series of bombing outrages was imminent.

Kennedy disclosed FBI agents closed in on the suspects Saturday night because they had received information of definite instructions issued to one of the plotters to set off a bomb in a public place.

Jews Also Marked

The plot, he said, included plans to blow up buildings, raid utility plants and government offices, "illegitimate" Jews, assassinate a dozen unidentified congressmen and "not up to a dictatorship."

Kennedy said he regretted it had been necessary to close in on the men at this time, but added the type of mind which would conceive so grotesque a program of terrorism would be capable of perpetrating an outrage that might cause great damage and bloodshed.

"We expect more arrests," said Kennedy. "We have merely scratched the surface in making arrests thus far."

He said his investigators and FBI agents were checking to determine whether the alleged plotters had been sending ammunition and arms to the outlawed Irish republican army.

Some in National Guard

Hoover, in announcing disruption of the alleged plot said those in custody were members of an inner circle of the Christian front, an anti-semitic organization. More than half the suspects, he said, served in the active or reserve branches of the armed forces of the United States or were members of the New York national guard.

One official was asked if efforts were being made to learn whether the group had influential or moneyed backers. He replied "that would be the logical conclusion."

Eighteen men were taken into custody in the raids, but one of them was released a few hours later when it was discovered that he was a victim of "mistaken identity."

All Plead Innocent

Arraigned before Federal Judge Moscovitz in Brooklyn, the men pleaded innocent and were held in \$50,000 bail each for hearing Feb. 1.

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Tile Industry Hit By Indictments

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted 41 persons and corporations in the tile industry on charges of violating the anti-trust laws.

The indictments were the first returned in the government's investigation of the building trade in Chicago.

Chosen to Head U. S. Bar Assn.



Jacob M. Lashly, above, St. Louis attorney, was nominated at the Chicago convention to be president of American Bar Association, and will be elected to the office next fall.

Earl Woolridge Gets Year in Prison

Hit-and-Run Guilt Admitted by Local Cook; Drain Man Paroled in Assault Case.

Earl Woolridge, 32, local restaurant cook, was sentenced here today to one year in the state penitentiary following a guilty plea in circuit court to a charge of failure to stop and give aid at the scene of an accident. He was accused of driving the automobile which on December 17th struck and seriously injured Harry Hatfield, local railroad conductor.

Woolridge pleaded guilty to a charge of driving the automobile which on December 17th struck and seriously injured Harry Hatfield, local railroad conductor.

He was paroled from a sentence of two years in the penitentiary was granted William Angel, 44, of Drain, who pleaded guilty to a district attorney's information charging assault with a dangerous weapon.

The court was told by the district attorney that Angel, while in an intoxicated condition, resisted arrest by Jake Sawyers, city marshal at Drain, and inflicted several minor knife wounds on James Herrington, Drain resident, called by Sawyers to assist in making the arrest. One of the conditions of Angel's parole was that he refrain from all use of intoxicants.

He was paroled in charge of Roy Spaulding of Drain and was advised that any violation of the conditions of the parole would result in his immediately being sent to the state prison to serve out the two-year sentence. Judge Wimberly stated that the parole was granted only to permit Angel to provide for his wife and two children.

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Car Driven by Former U. O. Gridster Kills Man

BANDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Cousin's first traffic fatality of 1940 occurred last night in the death of Gilbert Weston, 43, a logger. Keith Leslie, Coquille accountant and football player on the University of Oregon's 1939 Rose Bowl team, reported he was driving the car which struck Weston on the highway two miles south of here.

Two Lodged in Jail Here For Grand Jury Action

Two prisoners, bound over to the grand jury, were brought to Roseburg yesterday to be held in the county jail pending disposition of the charges against them. Jacob L. Shumaker, 44, a Reedsport logger, is charged with larceny. Wilson S. Durnett, 71, is accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Bail in each case was fixed at \$1,000 which neither furnished.

Fire Sweeps Japanese City, Kills 300 Persons

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Fire was believed today to have killed 300, destroyed 4,000 homes and the business district of Shizuoka, city of 200,000 southwest of Tokyo. Insurance companies estimated losses at 10,000,000 yen (\$2,342,000) with the fire still out of control tonight.

Snow, Wind Storms Play Havoc in East

Wire Service Upset, Property Heavily Damaged; Roads Blocked; Tornadoes Kill Six Persons in Alabama.

By the Associated Press

Snow storms moved eastward from the midwest today, threatening to bring ice as an aftermath to gale-blown rain that slashed the east yesterday.

Communication lines were wrecked by a 50-mile-an-hour wind in many sections; shipping along the seaboard was disrupted; the rain turned into ice in various areas, but brought some relief to New York City's water supply, which had been fast dwindling under drought conditions.

Six persons were killed and a number injured when tornadoes struck 15 miles east and 80 miles southwest of Montgomery, Ala., yesterday. Three negroes died in the Mt. Meigs section and three others at Beatrice and Riley's crossing. Twenty-five or more houses were demolished.

Traffic Demoralized

New York and New England felt the full force of the wind and rain that left widespread property damage. An unidentified vessel was reported aground off New Bedford harbor.

Many air lines cancelled flights; motorists over much of the country were stalled in snow or wrecked by ice; and two passenger trains were derailed in Wisconsin.

No lives were lost, and no one was injured in the train wrecks, but several deaths were reported from various communities because of the bad weather.

Snowstorms whirled over Illinois, blocking highways, and onsted spring-like weather from many parts of Michigan, where cold rains set in to the accompaniment of snow and high winds that caused much property damage and interrupted communications.

Hundreds of automobiles were stalled as slush froze on Wisconsin highways when freezing winds brought rain and snow. The storm reached blizzard proportions in some sections of the state.

Snow ceased falling in Iowa, but drifts were whipped onto highways, hampering traffic. Wind and snow damaged property and communications.

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"Ham 'n' Eggs" Sponsor Cuts Weekly Sum to \$20

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—"Ham 'n' eggs" isn't the "\$30 every Thursday" pension plan any more.

Willis Allen, one of the sponsors of the proposal, twice defeated by California voters, announced the organization will seek only \$20 weekly for citizens over 50 at a third election next August.

Instead of "\$30 every Thursday, the slogan will be "\$20 now."

Named Typical Buyer of U. S.



Here's looking across the counter in a salesclerk's eye view of Mrs. Roy Fleming, Hot Springs, Ark., chosen Mrs. Typical Customer for 1940 by National Retail Dry Goods Association. She's buying things for a New York trip that comes with title.

Dr. E. B. Stewart's Farm Home Burns

Fire believed to have started from a defective flue completely destroyed the farm home of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Stewart Sunday.

The two-apartment dwelling, formerly the Henry Conn place, located near Melrose, was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Al Greer and family. The Greer family occupied the second story apartment while the ground floor apartment was used by Dr. and Mrs. Stewart during the periods spent at the farm.

The fire started about 10:30 a. m. Sunday during the absence of the family and had spread throughout the major part of the building before it was discovered, about 11 o'clock. A few articles of furniture belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Stewart were saved from the lower floor.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Dr. Stewart reported this morning that a cottage will be immediately erected for use by the tenants and that he later will construct a residence for himself and wife.

Oregon's Mineral Output in 1939 Sets New High

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Value of gold, silver, copper and lead produced in Oregon last year was \$5,268,154, an increase of more than \$500,000 over 1938, the bureau of mines reported today.

It was a record annual total since mining began in 1852. The state produced 91,100 fine ounces of gold worth \$3,188,500; 101,000 ounces of silver worth \$68,558; 94,000 pounds of copper worth \$9,776 and 26,000 pounds of lead worth \$1,300.

The gold production in 1938 was \$1,738 fine ounces, silver 100,507 ounces, copper 76,000 pounds and lead 46,000 pounds.

The Benton mine in Josephine county was credited with being the leading gold producer in western Oregon. The Cornucopia (Hacker county) was the largest in the state turning out two-thirds of the state's lead output.

Committee Unanimous in Approval of Murphy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee approved without dissent today the nomination of Attorney General Frank Murphy to be a member of the supreme court.

The committee also approved President Roosevelt's nomination of Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson to be attorney general and of Judge Francis Biddle of Pennsylvania to be solicitor general.

The senate may act on the nominations tomorrow, and there have been indications all will be confirmed.

Sicilian Earthquake Cracks Palermo Houses

PALERMO, Sicily, Jan. 15.—(AP)—One person was reported killed and a number injured in Palermo as an earthquake shook Sicily this afternoon. Many houses were cracked.

Lowlands Mass Armies On Boundary

Belgium, Netherlands Brace for Defense in Case Nazis Try Invasion to Outflank Maginot Line of Allies.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Under virtually complete mobilization, the armies of Belgium and the Netherlands were massed today behind frontier defenses to meet any German threat to the lowlands' neutrality.

Close to 1,000,000 Belgian and Netherlands soldiers were reported already at ordered positions along the meandering border—a 300-mile wall through which German would have to smash to outflank the British-French allies on the western front.

(Germany in the past has denied planning any such maneuvers.)

In Belgium, there were disturbing reports of new concentrations of Nazi attack troops, while in the Netherlands, a government communique spoke of "certain less favorable symptoms in the international situation."

The semi-official Belga news agency, however, issued a note in Brussels denying what it claimed "alarmist stories" being "spread in Belgium and abroad" and said additional mobilization was proof only of the vigilance of the government.

Invasion Held Probable

Informed sources at Brussels said Belgian secret service reports inspired the hurried defense measures and one experienced observer added that German troops might move within the next few days.

A reliable informant said German aerial operations a week ago included the photographing of important Belgian industrial and defense areas. A German airplane who landed in Belgium with motor trouble was said to have carried

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Pacific Highway Project Backers Meet in Eugene

EUGENE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Scores of delegates to the first annual meeting of the year-old Oregon Pacific Highway association were here today to hear President Howard Merriam open the session.

A wide variety of subjects will be discussed by visiting speakers from Pacific coast cities from San Francisco to British Columbia.

Purpose of the organization is the encouragement of tourist travel and elimination of hazards on Route 99 through the state of Oregon.

Swam Out of Hitler's Grasp



Franz Joseph Flatz (right) was a prosperous Austrian importer. He didn't like nazis and said so—loudly and often. When Hitler seized Austria, secret police seized Flatz. Flatz escaped, swam the Rhine river to safety in Switzerland. He then contrived escape of his wife and two children, who also swam across the river. The Flatz family is pictured on their recent arrival in New York, en route to New Zealand, where they will live.

Dist. Atty. Out For Reelection



J. V. Long, above, today announced his candidacy for reelection to the office of district attorney for Douglas county in which he has served for the past four years. He will be a candidate for the republican nomination at the primary elections in May. Mr. Long, a graduate of the University of Oregon school of law, was admitted to practice in 1934. He was elected to the office of district attorney in 1936.

Tillamook Slated For State Republican Meet

OCEAN LAKE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Two hundred Oregon republicans staged the "farthest west McNary booster banquet" here Saturday night, advocating Senator Charles McNary for the G. O. P. presidential nomination.

Before the rally the executive board of the state republican club met and selected Tillamook for the next state-wide club meeting.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The republicans are out in front again in Multnomah county registration, a tabulation Saturday showed. Eliminating names of persons who failed to vote in the last election left 77,015 G. O. P. members to 76,191 democrats, an 824 majority.

The total registration was 155,223.

N. Y. Fair Bid for Dionne Quintuplets Rejected

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross society today rejected the proposal of the New York world's fair that the Red Cross sponsor exhibition of the Dionne quintuplets at the fair this summer.

F. R. Favors Only Funds Aid to Finns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The prediction was made at the capitol today that President Roosevelt will advise congress any American government aid to Finland should be confined to non-military assistance. The chief executive told his congressional leaders this morning he would send a communication to Vice President Garner and Speaker Hankford outlining his views on proposals to aid the embattled Finns.

One senate authority told reporters Mr. Roosevelt would discuss the question of advancing an additional loan to Finland through the export-import bank for non-military purchases in this country.

A \$10,000,000 loan of this nature already has been advanced.

The president was represented as believing any direct loan which would be used for military purposes might conflict with this country's neutrality policy.

In Washington sentiment grew against making a suggested \$80,000,000 to Finland in fear that direct financial assistance to a warring nation might embroil the United States in European wars.

Federal Buy of Onions In Medford Area Set

MEDFORD, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Eight carloads of Medford district onions will be purchased by the federal surplus commodities corporation, it was reported Monday by Assistant County Agent C. B. Corliss. No price has been mentioned.

According to the government agency plan, each grower will be allowed to sell a quota in proportion to the amount of onions he has on hand now. A growers committee has been named to estimate the onion tonnage, and allot each grower his share.

FINLAND
Will she get military aid, as well as financial aid, from sympathetic nations? On the answer to this question rests the "ultimate outcome of her war with Russia. Wire reports printed daily in the NEWS-REVIEW will keep you advised.