

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 47%
Highest temperature yesterday 51
Lowest temperature last night 30
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 2.30
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 13.23
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 3.74
Unsettled.

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RUSSIAN ARMY OF 40,000 IN FULL RETREAT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most startling (NOT most important) news: Seventeen members of an organization calling itself the "Christian Front" are arrested in New York by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (G-men) and charged with plotting to overthrow the government of the United States and replace it with a dictatorship.

THE DAY was set for somewhere around January 20.

THIS is significant:

The revolution was to be brought about by seizure of communications (telephone, telegraph, radio), transportation systems (railroads, bus lines, etc.), customs and post offices. Terror was to be inspired by the assassination of members of congress.

The plan was that when the people of the United States recovered from the shock of surprise and fear they would find the machinery of everyday living in the hands of the revolutionists.

It was a crackpot idea, of course; and it WOULDN'T have worked here.

We have seen it work in Italy, in Germany, in Spain, etc., but the American people are a different breed of cats. Instead of tamely submitting to dictatorship when they found their congressmen murdered, their transportation and communications systems seized and their customs and post offices in the hands of the conspirators, they would have come out from under the shock FIGHTING MAD.

The would-be revolutionists wouldn't have lasted long.

BUT DON'T FORGET THIS:

If the effort should ever be made to bring fascism or communism or any other of the numerous "isms" to America, it will be by some such scheme as this one said to have been unmasked in New York.

It won't be BY THE BALLOT.

BELGIUM and Holland are virtually mobilized, with a million troops along the German border.

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Women Named to Head Annual Spring Opening

Appointment of Mrs. Story Iles and Miss Lia Laubach as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the annual spring opening was announced today by Tom Parkinson, president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The spring opening for the past few years has been an outstanding seasonal event. The details have been handled by the Business and Professional Women's club, cooperating with the chamber of commerce. The appointment of Mrs. Iles and Miss Laubach to direct the event again this year assures the same efficient handling as heretofore, as both are active members of the Business and Professional Women's club, Mr. Parkinson reports.

More Than Half of U. S. Children Listed in Poor-Income Families

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—In ten years, the number of persons aided by public funds in the United States has increased from 11 in 100 to 1 in 6, said a report presented today to the White House conference on children in a democracy.

Other 1/4 submitted to the conference included these: Ninety-nine per cent of funds for needy persons come from public sources.

One-third or more of the unemployed are youths under 25, numbering perhaps 4,000,000.

There are 6 to 8 million children in families dependent on economic aid. More than half the nation's children belong to families

Dictatorship in Louisiana Gets Quiet

Primary Vote Ends Policies of Huey Long, No Matter Who Wins Governorship; New Legislature Elected.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Louisiana voters, regardless of who they put in as governor, have smashed the only dictatorship ever established in the United States.

Returns of Tuesday's democratic primary clearly indicate the absolute will be stripped from the regime set up in Louisiana 12 years ago by the late Huey P. Long. If Huey's brother Earl K. Long, goes in as chief executive.

Still incomplete returns from the first primary gave Long a commanding lead over Attorney Sam Jones of Lake Charles but he lacked a majority over Jones and the three other "reform" candidates.

All indications pointed to a second primary, February 20. Long scoffed at Jones' chances but said he would start a runoff campaign tomorrow if necessary. Jones planned to get back on the stump Saturday.

Minority Vote Vital What happens in the second primary will depend largely on the disposition of the vote polled by State Senator James A. Noe of Monroe and Attorney James H. Morrison of Hammond and Vincent Mosley of Opelousas.

The latest returns, from 1153 of the state's 1703 precincts, gave: Long 161,621 votes, Jones 109,419, Noe 83,271, Morrison 25,743, and Mosley 2214. The total vote was 388,576.

Among the more significant developments of the primary was the lead taken by Eugene Stanley, anti-administration candidate for state attorney-general, over three opponents. His election would be an effective brake on roughshod tactics previously employed by administration leaders.

New Lawmakers Named Another important factor in the

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Youth Gets Month For Bicycle Theft

Acceptance of a job by Don R. Munson, 18, Roseburg, in a mine near Sacramento, Calif., will be delayed for at least 30 days because he was in too much of a hurry to reach his destination. Iried because he was unable to thumb a ride, Munson stole a bicycle at Myrtle Creek yesterday and was taken into custody by a state policeman as he pedaled his way south, according to Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters, who this morning sentenced the youth to 30 days in the county jail. Munson told the court that he obtained a ride to Myrtle Creek and waited there for about an hour trying to thumb a ride from passing motorists. He saw a youth leave a bicycle in an unlocked garage and proceeded, he said, to take the vehicle in an effort to speed up his southward journey.

Liquor Buying to Halt Funds to Relief Clients

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Immediate dismissal of applicants spending relief funds for liquor was ordered today by the Multnomah county welfare commission. The order applies to direct relief and WPA clients.

O. V. Bailey, county commissioner, said persons demanding more frequently had records showing "intemperance and drunkenness."

Ending of Umpqua River Feud by Using Fish Traps Suggested by Glide Man

A plan which might provide a practical solution to the fish escapement problem on the Umpqua river and put an end to the perennial battle between commercial and sports fishermen has been advanced by George Vaughn, well known Glide resident. Mr. Vaughn, an enthusiastic sportsman, is well versed in fish matters on the Umpqua river and at the last session of the legislature worked for several weeks on proposed legislation on behalf of the river.

Mr. Vaughn proposes that the fish and game commissions, acting jointly, install fish traps in the lower river, above tide water, making it possible to secure an accurate count of fish traveling upstream. The traps would be equipped with automatic counting devices or with manually-controlled gates where the escapement of fish could be regulated and count of their numbers maintained.

Determination could be made of the number of fish needed in the upper river to assure maintenance of the annual runs and to promote an increase. After the escapement of fish through the traps equalled the number needed for propagation purposes, the lower river then would be opened to commercial fishing with nets.

Problem Solution Seen Such procedure, he believes, could be handled with little expense, assure eventual restocking of the stream and at the same time

Dr. R. W. Benjamin Dies in Portland

Son of Early-Day Editor and Postmaster of Roseburg, Making Victim of Heart Attack.

Dr. Robert William Benjamin, native of Canyonville, and a resident of Roseburg during early manhood, died of a heart attack Tuesday in Portland, where he had practiced dentistry for 40 years. He was 66 years of age and the oldest tenant of the Oregonian building in point of occupancy.

Doctor Benjamin, familiarly known as "Bilby" while a Roseburg resident, was a son of the late William F. Benjamin, one-time copublisher of the old Roseburg Plaindealer and later Roseburg's postmaster, under whom the son served as a deputy. The younger man, a non-professional cornetist of outstanding ability, was a member of the city's early-day musical organizations.

Doctor Benjamin obtained his dental education at Southern Medical college at Atlanta, Ga., and one of his fellow students was Dr. Fred W. Haynes, Roseburg dentist and the city's ex-mayor, the two entering college together. Upon graduation in 1898, Dr. Benjamin, returned to Oregon, practiced dentistry successfully in Roseburg, Marshfield, Coquille and, finally, in Portland. In 1889, Dr. Benjamin was married to Miss Mabel Elliott, daughter of the late Ed Elliott, one of the first Southern Pacific locomotive engineers to work out of Roseburg. Mrs. Benjamin survives her husband as do two sons, Dr. William E. and Robert Franklin Benjamin, of Los Angeles. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Harriet Benson, of Reedsport, widow of Frank W. Benson, former Roseburg attorney and later governor of Oregon.

Dr. Benjamin was a member of the Elks lodge of Portland. His funeral will be held in Portland tomorrow under the auspices of that order.

Glide Man Dies 22 Days After Brother Succumbs

Harry C. Wood, well known resident of Glide, died Wednesday night at Mercy hospital. He was stricken suddenly late yesterday and death resulted within an hour, apparently. It was reported from cerebral hemorrhage. His brother, Marshall Wood, died at Glide December 26, 1939. The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Extension of Farm Debt Law Voted by Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The senate approved unanimously today a four-year extension of the federal farm moratorium act, scheduled to expire next March.

Senator Frazier (R., N. D.), author of the measure, which now goes to the house, said extension would enable thousands of farmers to avail themselves of seasonal bankruptcies in an effort to scale down and readjust their debts.

Frazier said the senate-approved measure also made numerous clarifying changes in the existing "Frazier-Leahy act."

Frigid Wave Descends On Most of U. S.

Temperatures Range Down to 30 Below Zero; Highways Blocked by Deep Snows, Rural Schools Closed.

By the Associated Press. Intensely cold weather gripped the United States today from the northern Rocky mountains to the frozen corn fields of Indiana.

It was 20 degrees below zero last night in most of Wisconsin and Minnesota, the Dakotas, and in icy stretches of Nebraska, Iowa and Montana. Lemmon, S. D., reported a temperature of 30 below.

The severest cold wave of the season descended upon New England, driving temperatures down to 21 degrees below zero at ground level stations in the northern districts. Atop Mt. Washington, where it was 28 below, a 39-mile an hour hurricane howled.

Forecasts generally promised no relief until the week-end.

Texas Also Chilled Even Texas felt the Arctic air, blown into the United States yesterday by an unusually large high pressure area in Canada. A reading of 4 below was reported from Amarillo, while residents of Dallas and Fort Worth hurried about in a crisp 15 above. The Gulf coast was balmy, but a freeze was expected tonight.

The cracking cold that extended across South Dakota was the worst in four years. A stiff wind made it more penetrating, and in some

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Cars With Safety Signals Envisaged

DETROIT, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A vision of future motor vehicles "winking and blinking" the intentions of their operators was presented to the Society of Automotive Engineers convention here today by Harry C. Doane, of General Motors corporation, who said there was distinct need for a front view, flashing type of automobile direction signal.

"Since the pedestrian must be kept in mind as well as the motorist," Doane said, "signals are necessary at both front and rear of the vehicle; they must be local so that front signals for left and right turns are plainly visible not only to an approaching motorist but also to a pedestrian standing at an intersection."

Front and rear signals, he added, must have sufficient brilliance to be visible for 100 feet in bright sunlight.

"The necessity for front signals that must be plainly visible when headlights are on," he said, "stresses the need for a flashing type of signal."

Train-Bus Collision in Germany Kills Twelve

ZITTAU, Germany, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A passenger train and a bus collided at a grade crossing in a snow storm today, killing 12 persons and injuring 20.

The wreck was the eleventh involving German railroads since Oct. 8. Buses figured in two of the others. The most serious of the series occurred at Genthin Dec. 25, when 196 persons were killed or fatally injured by the collision of two trains in the station.

(Zittau is in Saxony, near the border of former Czechoslovakia, about 60 miles north of Prague.)

Pockets of Two Who Didn't Trust Banks Yield Goody Sums

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A New York bookbinder and a Boston fruit merchant came to attention today with the same remark:

"I don't trust banks."

Vincenzo de Martino, 54, arrested for shining shoes in a Manhattan subway, emptied the pockets of two pairs of trousers he was wearing and produced \$2,916 in cash and a \$2,300 check. He said he had been carrying at least \$2,000 in cash for more than 20 years. Included were four \$100 gold certificates. Federal authorities asked that he be held for investigation.

In Boston, Henry Goldstein, 44, arrested after a wrestling bout and before he died in a hospital, gave up \$14,486.

New Losses Marked Up In Sea Warfare

Mines, Torpedoes Take Toll of British, Norwegian and Nazi Ships; War Factory Blast in London Kills 5.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Germany, Britain and Norway today counted new losses of their merchant shipping from mines and torpedoes while a Danish vessel was wrecked on the rocky Norwegian coast.

Norway was the heaviest loser with two vessels reported sunk by torpedoes in European waters. Fourteen of the crew of one vessel, the 1,590-ton steamer, Fagerheim, were missing after the vessel went down in the Bay of Biscay on her way from Africa to England.

A second Norwegian ship, the 1,140-ton Enid, was sunk off the Shetland islands, but all her crew was saved.

The German casualty was the 2,342-ton steamer August Thyssen, which sank near the Aaland islands at the mouth of the Bothnian gulf, after striking a mine believed to be Swedish. The vessel was carrying iron ore from Sweden to Germany.

Crewmen of the 5,494-ton British vessel Cairnross landed at a south-west English port to report their ship sank an hour after striking a mine last night.

The 803-ton Danish steamer Olga was wrecked near Torungen light-house on the south Norwegian coast.

Factory Blast Kills Five Five men were killed and a number injured in a series of rapid-fire explosions in a North London war plant today which damaged houses as far as two miles away.

Police said the blasts were accidental and involved "no enemy action."

The explosions shattered thousands of windows, caused many ceilings to drop and resulted in many minor casualties due to falling debris.

Despite the widespread damage, the effects of the explosions were less than in normal times because windows of so many buildings and homes had been protected with

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Prosecution Of Browder Scores

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Over repeated defense objections, Federal Judge Cox today permitted a government passport agent to identify the signature of Earl Russell Browder, Kansas-born communist leader, on a 1934 passport application.

The agent, James J. Hughes, testified the blank indicated Browder did not present his old passport when applying for the new one, as required by law.

The defense has already conceded the 1934 passport was the first taken out by Browder in his own name.

The government accuses Browder of having previously obtained passports under three other names, including that of Nicholas Dozenberg, a former communist official, who has pleaded guilty to passport fraud and who may testify against Browder.

"The defendant, on trial for passport fraud and facing a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted, also is accused by the government of using the aliases 'George Morris' in 1927 and 'Albert Henry Richards' in 1931.

Elma Waldron, an agent of the department of state, identified a passport renewal application signed by Browder on Feb. 1, 1937, on which Browder had written he was a journalist and was in the west to France, Switzerland and Soviet Russia "for business for self."

New Earthquake Takes Fifty Lives in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Turkey's second major earthquake in three weeks was reported today to have killed fifty persons and injured 160 in the Nigde district, some 200 miles southeast of here.

This district, which escaped the disastrous earthquake of December 28 which killed at least 30,000 persons in northeastern Anatolia, suffered a series of heavy shocks last night accompanied by terrifying underground rumblings.

New quakes were felt in the devastated region of the December shocks—about 200 miles northeast of the new quake area—but no casualties were reported from there.

Admiral Asks Funds for Navy



Admiral Harold R. Stark, above, chief of U. S. naval operations, told the house naval committee \$2,276,000,000 would be needed by 1945 to complete the navy's current and proposed construction of 145 warships and new airplanes. He testified that in addition to the 77 combat ships proposed in the pending \$1,300,000,000 fleet expansion bill, the navy has asked for funds to start 10 new ships previously authorized and has the authority to build 40 more, if funds are provided.

Sutherland Mine Worker Loses Leg

Cecil Bowman, Sutherland miner, was reported in a critical condition at Mercy hospital here today following amputation of a leg crushed in a cave-in. Bowman was injured at the Bonanza quicksilver mine east of Sutherland in the first serious accident to be experienced at the mine. His leg was crushed under a heavy slab of rock and so badly mangled that amputation was required.

Canyonville Store Owner Faces Gambling Charge

A complaint charging gambling has been filed in the local justice court against Robert Starrett of Canyonville. The complaint, signed by Ed Hamlin, city marshal at Canyonville, accuses Starrett of engaging in gambling at the cafe and cigar store which he operates.

Bandon Arsonist Draws Four-Year Prison Term

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A four-year prison term was meted Frank Albino of Bandon yesterday on a charge of burning with intent to injure the insurer. Albino was accused of persuading his young daughter to burn their home to collect insurance.

Trend Indicates Roosevelt Can Pick Nominee if Third Term Not Wanted

as in Ohio.

Illinois Joins Lineup Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago said after a white house visit today the Illinois delegation to the democratic national convention would "all be for Roosevelt whether he wants it or not."

Illinois will have 58 votes in the convention. The delegates will be selected in April.

Some third term boosters placed the president's potential convention strength at more than 250 already, with 551 needed for a majority, but placed a big "if" around the claim. They qualified the figure because it was based on public statements of pro-Roosevelt state leaders who may or may not be in control of their respective delegations to the convention.

To Ohio's 52, these third term advocates added Pennsylvania's 73, to be selected April 28; New Jersey's 32, May 21; Florida's 14, May 7; Illinois' 58, April 9 and 25; Missouri's 30, date not set, and New Mexico's 6, date yet to be fixed.

THIRD TERM?

The nation has long awaited the answer to that question from President Roosevelt. In the meantime national politics are daily taking on more significance. Keep abreast of the trends via NEWS REVIEW service.

Finns' Valor, Icy Weather Repulse Foe

Defenders Continue to Harass Russians in Temperature of 54 Below Zero; Eleven Invading Planes Downed.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Forty thousand soviet Russian legionnaires fell back 100 miles from Finland's Arctic Salla sector today in a general retreat before the twin scourges of the worst winter in 25 years and the dogged pursuit of Finnish troops, said dispatches reaching here.

The Finnish army communique reported merely that the Finns were "fighting successfully in the direction of Salla," but other Finnish sources said the situation heightened hopes of a new victory over the Russian invaders.

The correspondent of the Copenhagen newspaper Berlingske Tidende on the northern front said 40,000 Russians were involved in a retreat and they apparently had given up hope of holding that front for the winter.

Supply Lines Cut.

Previous Scandinavian reports had portrayed the Russians as bringing up reinforcements for a determined drive in the Arctic, but reports from Salla two days ago said the Finns had cut red army supply lines and left the invaders with insufficient food for a winter campaign. Planes were reported to have attempted to drop supplies to the soviet forces.

The cold, as low as 54 degrees below zero fahrenheit, contributed vastly to the distress. To touch metal with a bare hand was to have the skin peeled almost immediately.

The Finns, dressed in their warmest clothing and displaying unusual resistance to the cold, were reported closely pursuing the Russians, harassing them and seeking to strike heavily at the rear guard.

11 Russian Planes Downed.

Unofficially it was reported from Helsinki today that 11 of 18 Russian planes which braved the bitter cold to bomb the southern town of Lappeenranta had been shot down yesterday by Finnish fliers. Officially it was said the Russians dropped 150 bombs on southern Finland cities, including Hanko, Turku, Lappeenranta, Viipuri, Rauma and Tammi-lahti.

The Russian drive westward in the Salla sector was the most direct of several aimed ultimately at

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British Warship Rumor Holds Nazi Crew at S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Guarded by police and federal officers, 512 crew members of the scattered German liner Columbus arrived in two special trains at transbay Oakland early today and were taken to the government immigration station on Angel Island on San Francisco Bay.

The Germans left New York Sunday in two special trains, hoping to return to their homeland by way of the Orient.

Reports three British warships are lurking outside the Golden Gate evidently caused a change in their plans to leave at noon today aboard a Japanese liner.

Officials of the Japanese line said the boat would sail without the Germans.