

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 92
Highest temperature yesterday 39
Lowest temperature last night 35
Precipitation for 24 hours . . . 7
Precip. since first of month 2.33
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 13.26
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 4.39
Occasional Rain.

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FOURTH BRITISH DESTROYER IN WAR TOLL

Wilbur Youth Killed In Automobile Crash

Geo. Short, Jr. Dies When Car Hits Bridge

Victim, Alone on Way Home at Night, Thought Asleep at Wheel After Taking Some Friends to Oakland.

George Irving Short, Jr., 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Short, well known residents of Wilbur, was killed early Sunday morning, when his automobile struck the sidewalk of a concrete culvert bridge a short distance south of Sutherland. Short, who was alone in the car at the time of the accident, was believed to have fallen asleep at the wheel as he was on his way home from Oakland about 3 a. m.

He was extricated immediately from the wreckage and an ambulance was called from Roseburg to bring him to Mercy hospital, but he was dead upon arrival there. It was believed that his neck was broken by the force of the impact.

Investigating officers were informed that he had visited in Roseburg earlier in the evening in company with friends from Oakland, and that apparently he had taken his friends back to Oakland and was on his way to Wilbur at the time of the accident.

Noted General Of U. S. A. Dies



General Omar Bundy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Major General Omar Bundy, who fought the Sioux Indians in South Dakota in 1890-91 and later saw action in the Spanish-American and world wars, died yesterday at the age of 78.

He commanded the first brigade of the American expeditionary force in 1917, winning decorations from both the French and American governments.

Youth Slays Stepfather For Assaulting Mother

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—James Hart, 40, operator of a foundry here, was shot and killed last night by his 16-year-old stepson, Norman Swedler, who told police he fired because Hart had knocked his mother down three times and threatened him.

The youth bicycled to the St. Johns district police station and told of the shooting. Patrolmen found Hart dying when they reached the home.

Hart had been associated with his father in operation of a foundry. He married Mrs. Hart about three years ago.

Swedler was held for the district attorney's office.

Polish Immigrant Shoots Girl, Commits Suicide

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 22.—(CP)—Edward Fuchs, 27-year-old Polish immigrant, is dead today and 19-year-old Irene Drybrough is in hospital with dangerous bullet wounds which Chief Constable Helmsing of nearby Port Moody said were inflicted by Fuchs.

Helmsing said the shooting occurred Saturday night near the home of the girl's mother in Port Moody. Fuchs died from three bullets in his chest and Miss Drybrough was wounded in the abdomen.

Italian Ship Burns, Few of Crew Lost

MARSEILLE, France, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The fire which burned through the 11,669-ton Italian motorship Orazio off the south of France yesterday spread so fast nearly all the lifeboats went up in flames before they could be launched, survivors disclosed upon arrival here today.

Despite the speed of the fire and heavy seas which tossed lifeboats high, however, all 412 passengers and all but a few of the 231 crew members were rescued, the line announced.

The fire was the result of an explosion from an undetermined cause.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A collision between two Chinese ships in the swollen Yangtze river today claimed more than 200 lives, all Chinese.

A downstream craft carrying 300 passengers foundered after striking an upbound ship below Chungking.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FIRE ravages the Japanese city of Shimonaka, tea-shipping center not far from Tokyo. EIGHT THOUSAND homes and business buildings lie in smoking ruins. There are two known dead and 50,000 homeless.

Insurance companies estimate their loss at 25 million yen (around five million dollars). The catch is that only a part of the loss is covered by insurance. When you work for only a few cents a day, as the Japanese do, you can't spare much for insurance premiums.

danavia tension tightens. (These developments are probably related. If Hitler has to help Stalin lick the Swedes and the Norwegians, along with the Finns, he won't be anxious to take on any more fighting fronts.)

THE soviet radio accuses Sweden of "tormenting her unemployed to fight for Finland." That sounds almost as absurd as the soviet claim that little Finland deliberately attacked big Russia, but is interesting for this reason:

In these days of undeclared wars of conquest, we've come to associate the making of absurd claims with the desire to take somebody's shirt.

FORMER Premier Paul van Zeeland, of Belgium, speaking in Brussels, urges small Belgian manufacturers to seek markets in the

Finns Taking Heavy Toll Of Invading Foe

Russians Unable to Shatter Defenses, Hurl Threat of Nazi Aid; Soviet Air Bases Suffer Retaliatory Raids.

HELSINKI, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Hundreds of Russians had been killed, the high command reported today, in each of a number of futile attempts to crack Finnish resistance on the Karelian isthmus and the eastern front.

On the Karelian isthmus, where the Finns have reported almost daily attacks, the army said the invaders sought to give effect to their drives by loudspeaker exhortations that the Finns surrender under the threat that the Germans were coming to help their foe.

Revolving developments in the conflict yesterday, the high command reported in its regular evening communiqué:

In the Taipale sector of the Karelian front "about 120 enemy dead were counted in our foremost positions and on the ground in front of our lines were the bodies of several hundred others" after Russian attacks were driven off.

On the eastern front, northeast of Lake Ladoga, the Finns repulsed the Russians, who left "three officers and about 120 men killed."

Farther north but still on the lower eastern front, in the Laimola sector, the Russians were driven back with "about 450 men killed" and five tanks destroyed.

Nazi Bogy Broadcast

In its announcement of the loudspeaker campaign, the army said:

"The enemy tried to give effect

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Soap Maker Best Paid Man in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A soap manufacturer shoved aside all the fabulously-paid motion picture colony to rank as the nation's highest paid corporation employee in 1938.

The \$169,713 salary and bonus of F. A. Countway, president of Lever Brothers company in Massachusetts, topped all others in last year's corporate income tax returns.

Under a new law the treasury made public today the names of those who received more than \$75,000, instead of \$15,000 as in past years. This change cut the list from 50,000 to an even 400.

The list was not, however, a "400" of the nation's wealthiest people, because it excluded income from dividends or other sources not called "compensation." Thus names like Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., do not appear at all.

Thomas J. Watson, head of International Business Machines corporation, ranked second with \$153,410 not until sixth place did actress Claudette Colbert's \$91,944 appear as the best Hollywood could do.

Spokane Needy Stages "Sit-Down" for More Food

SPOKANE, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Approximately 50 members of the Workers Alliance, who "sat in" with the Spokane county welfare administration over the week-end, were still on the job this morning.

The men on "sit" started Friday afternoon and "it doesn't look like they will give up very soon," one of the administration staff members explained.

The sitters, seeking the increase of food allowances for single men from 30 cents a day to 55 cents a day, demanded that Welfare Administrator Robert McCann meet with them on the first floor of the building. So far McCann has refused to do so, receiving small delegations in his fourth floor office.

The administrator refused to be called to the telephone this morning, sending word he would be available "after a conference with the county commissioners."

House Urged To Continue Dies Inquiry

Committee Recommendation Brings Assertion That Dies Associated With Christian Front Link.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The house rules committee voted today for continuation of the Dies committee investigation of un-American activities amid charges by Representative Hook (D. Mich.) Chairman Dies (D. Tex.) had actively associated with "a prominent collaborator of the Christian Front."

A few minutes after the rules committee acted, Hook placed in the congressional record a statement which said Dies frequently associated with Merwin K. Hart, whom he described as an energetic "fellow-traveler" of the Christian Front.

Seventeen members of that organization, Hook added, were arrested recently in a "fantastic plot" to overthrow the government.

The house is to pass on continuation of the Dies committee tomorrow.

After reciting instances when, he added, Dies spoke at meetings sponsored by Christian Front representatives, Hook said:

"The picture I have painted thus far is clearly one that puts Dies in active association with a prominent collaborator of the Christian Front. For Merwin K. Hart is unmistakably that.

Limit Request Rejected.

The rules committee rejected pleas of Representatives Dempsey (D. N. M.) of the Dies group that the legislation be amended to provide certain restrictions on procedure of the investigators.

Rep. Voorhies (D. Calif.) had pro-

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Icy Blast Deals Damage to Texas

By The Associated Press

Winter prolonged the playing of its stormy symphony over much of the nation today.

It drove a cold and howling wedge deep into Texas and visited upon San Antonio and Houston their first snow in 10 years. Southern points long accustomed to bland January weather were enshrouded by freezing rain. A blizzard swept all the way to the gulf.

Crop damage was reported extensive in Texas, particularly among fruits, vegetables and small grains.

At least 231 had died from causes attributable to the harsh weather prevailing over the land for virtually a week.

Although some easing of winter's rigors appeared here and there on the domestic map, temperatures generally remained low, and forecasters indicated a wide continuance of severe weather.

Low mercury readings were plentiful: Craig, Colo., -35; Rock Springs, Wyo., -26; Fort Peck, Mont., -24; Leadville, Colo., -13; Sheridan, Wyo., -13; Butte, Mont., -14. The descent in Iowa was to 12 degrees below zero.

Florida suffered a cold wave at 27.5 above. Agriculturists said that tender crops such as beans and peas apparently had been destroyed in the state's muckland region.

Citrus growers reported their crop still undamaged but were fearful of indicated colder weather.

Marion Commissioner Fined as Drunk Driver

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Marion County Commissioner Roy S. Nelson was sentenced today by Judge Latourette to 90 days in jail and fined \$250 on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Nelson withdrew his innocent plea this morning and then pleaded guilty.

He was paroled, however, from the jail sentence on condition he pay the fine and abstain from the use of liquor for 90 days. His driver's license was revoked.

In Defense Of 'Putsch' Charge



At top—Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, who has aligned himself with the defense of the 17 "Christian Front" members, awaiting federal trial in N. Y. on the charge of conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. government.

At bottom—W. G. Bishop, named by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, as the "fuehrer" of the alleged plot. A native of Austria, Bishop has been deported three times from England and three times from Belgium.

Coughlin Defends 'Christian Front'

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A broadened grand jury investigation was promised today in the government's revolution conspiracy case against 17 "Christian front" defendants, as the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, calling himself a "friend of the accused," came to their defense.

The 17, arrested last Sunday in raids that also netted arms, ammunition and bomb-making paraphernalia, are in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail each. Each says he is innocent of any attempt to overthrow or sabotage the government.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson said in Washington last night the grand jury meeting this week in Brooklyn would cover the activities "of any individual or group wherever located who may have aided, abetted, directed, financed or incited" the defendants.

Father Coughlin explained in his regular Sunday broadcast, "I do not belong to any unit of the Christian front; nevertheless, I do not dissociate myself from that movement. Therefore, I reaffirm every word which I have said in advocating its formation. I encourage Christians of America to carry on its formation.

"Insofar as the public press—not the department of justice—has placed the Christian front on trial, insinuating that it is a radical movement and asserting that it is composed entirely of crackpots, I take my stand beside the Christian frontiers."

Aged Galice Gold Miner Dies Of Burns In Cabin

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Harry Burr, 78, Galice gold miner, died today of burns suffered when his cabin was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Home Mishap Takes Life Of Mrs. A. Spough

Garment Catches Fire as She Stands Near Heater While Alone in House; Expires Later at Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Spough, 45, wife of Alba Spough, for many years engaged in the automotive repair business here, died at Mercy hospital early this morning as a result of burns suffered Saturday afternoon when her clothing caught fire. She was rushed to the hospital immediately after the accident and was given prompt treatment for her injuries, but was so seriously burned that death resulted shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

The accident occurred at her home at 805 S. Stephens street. While preparing for a bath she had donned pajamas and a light rayon housecoat. She was said to have been standing beside a circulating heater when the housecoat was ignited either by being drawn into the flames by the draft from the heater, or by a sudden puff of oil-fume from the opening.

Runs for Help.

Fighting the flames with her hands, Mrs. Spough ran from the house and to the adjoining home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Williams, where Mr. Williams extinguished the fire by wrapping her in a blanket. However, the light clothing had been almost completely burned from her body, inflicting third degree burns on her legs, abdomen, chest and hands.

A physician was called and gave first aid treatment, after which she was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Mrs. Spough was alone in the house at the time of the accident. Her husband, who recently disposed of his garage business here, was en route home from The Dalles.

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Modernizing Of Rose Theater Set

The Rose theater will be closed after tonight's show for a period of about two weeks while the building is completely modernized, Donn Radabaugh, manager, announced today. It is planned to reopen the theater on Friday, Feb. 2.

The front, he reports, is to be completely remodeled and faced with ceramic tile. A new marquee, fitted with high intensity, animated neon lights will be built.

The interior will be renovated and redecorated, new carpet will be laid and additional, modern sound and projection equipment installed.

The improvements, Mr. Radabaugh states, will give Roseburg one of the most modern and attractive motion picture theaters in southern Oregon.

Film Director Carewe Dies of Heart Attack

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Edwin Carewe, 56, noted director of the silent film era, was found dead in his bed today. An ambulance surgeon said death was caused by a heart attack.

To a large extent, he was responsible for the rise to fame of Dolores Del Rio, Francis X. Bushman, Gary Cooper and Wallace Beery.

Boy Bicyclist Injured When Struck by Auto

Dean McKay, 12, son of Mrs. Ethel McKay, 809 Micell street, suffered severe bruises Saturday afternoon when he was knocked from his bicycle by a car driven by Frank Cookson, 18, Harrison street. The accident occurred at the corner of Lane and Sheridan streets. The boy suffered cuts on the legs and body bruises. He was rushed to Mercy hospital and then was removed to his home.

In Primary For Assessor Post



J. Earl Pickens, above, has announced himself as candidate for the republican nomination for county assessor at the forthcoming primary election. Mr. Pickens, a resident of Douglas county since boyhood, has been employed for the past eight years as first deputy sheriff in the county tax collection department. He is a graduate of the Roseburg public schools and the school of accounting of Linfield college. He has been engaged in farming and fruit raising and for 12 years was engaged in the mercantile business in Roseburg.

Northern Douglas Utility Proposed

YONCALLA, Jan. 22.—Organization of an electric power district to serve the communities in the northern part of Douglas county is under consideration as the result of a meeting held at the Scotts Valley Towns and club hall Wednesday. More than 150 persons, representing more than a dozen communities, were present.

The meeting was addressed by County Agent J. Roland Parker of Roseburg, Chesley Brall of Eugene, and Eldon Fisher of Kellogg. Lloyd Wise presided as chairman. Representatives were present from Pleasant Valley, Scotts Valley, Rice Valley, Driver Valley, Shoshone, Elkhead, Boswell Springs, Maple Creek, Buck Creek, Anland, Kellogg, Eureka and Sunnydale. The proposed district also would include Leona, Calapalapa, Dodge Canyon, Green Valley, Chenoweth park and Hayhurst.

Lester Wells was appointed as membership chairman for Pleasant Valley and Scotts Valley; Merin Allen, Shoshone and Elkhead; M. E. Giovanni, Boswell Springs, and Ben Perini, Buck Creek and Anland.

Lockwood Will Direct Oregon Fish Plantings

Charles A. Lockwood, former resident of Roseburg, employed for some time as assistant state game supervisor, has been appointed director of fish plantings for the state game commission. It was announced today. He will assume his new duties immediately.

Mr. Lockwood, in his new position, will direct the planting of all fish propagated at state hatcheries.

He has been employed by the game department since 1932, when, after the sale of his garage business in Roseburg he was made game warden at Diamond lake. He was advanced to the position of assistant supervisor in 1936. His work will be conducted in coordination with that of Dr. F. P. Griffiths, ichthyologist for the commission, and Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries.

Job as Plane Guard as Boy Leads to Solo Flier License for Local Man

An ambition for aviation born in the heart of a youngster when he slept in the cockpit of a Curtiss "Jenny" of world war vintage, culminated here last week when Ira Byrd, first president of the Eugene Flying club, was handed his solo flying license by C. L. Walker, inspector for the Civil Aeronautics authority.

It was shortly after the close of the world war when Clyde Pangborn and R. A. Reid, noted fliers, came to Roseburg on a barnstorming tour and landed their ship on the military rifle range north of town.

Excited students at the Benson school with one accord dropped their studies and rushed out of the building to glimpse their first airplane. Included in the group of

Grenville Is Sunk, Also Six Trade Craft

Three of Destroyed Boats of Neutral Ownership; 81 Men Dead or Missing; Japan Protests Seizure of Nazis.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Four British ships, one of them a destroyer, were sent to the bottom in a wave of week-end shipping losses.

Three neutral victims also added to the heavy toll of men and ships, especially in icy waters around the British Isles, which some sources blamed on a sharp increase in mines.

Sinking of the destroyer Grenville, 1,485-ton flotilla leader, "by a mine or torpedo" was announced by the admiralty yesterday. She was the fourth British destroyer sunk in nearly five months of war and Britain's 21st acknowledged loss to her fleet. When she sank was not disclosed.

The admiralty said 115 officers and men had been saved, "eight are known to have been killed and 73 are missing and must be presumed to have lost their lives."

Among survivors landed at an east coast port were some gravely wounded and the commander of the warship, Capt. G. E. Creasey.

Food Supplies Steady

To Britons, the disastrous week-end was a sad sequel to words of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who declared Saturday, "things have never gone so well in any naval war."

But they found consolation for their losses by citing the fact that hundreds of warships and merchantmen were moving in and out of British ports with a steady flow of supplies and food, and in Churchill's assurances that chances against a convoyed ship being sunk was 500 to one.

The 1,569-ton Norwegian steamer Maullia today was presumed lost when a naval vessel brought the bodies of two men who were believed members of her crew into port.

The bodies were picked up on a raft in the North Sea.

Japan Lodges Protest

Britain's own sea offensive, particularly her far-ranging patrols to blockade Germany, also brought her a diplomatic headache.

While United States officials in Washington were watching anxiously the apparent shrinking of American farmers' export markets as a result of British shipping re-

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Twelve Killed in 3 Plane Crashes

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Five passengers and the crew of three were killed today when a transport plane of the Batavia-Australian service crashed into the sea after taking off from the island of Bali.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Three northern Ireland fliers were killed and one was injured today in an Irish sea airplane crash.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The death of Lieut. Ansel S. Williams, 28, air corps reserve pilot killed when his speedy pursuit plane fell into San Francisco bay Saturday, was investigated today by a military board of inquiry.

Williams was a graduate of Stanford university and of the cadet air corps training school at San Antonio, Texas.

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youngsters who skipped classes without leave was Ira Byrd, who became the envy of his classmates when he was selected to guard the plane at night and was paid 25 cents each night for sleeping in the cockpit.

The plane carried a number of passengers in short hops over the city, and then in taking off preparatory to leaving town crashed into a fence and wrecked the landing gear, necessitating a stay of two weeks for repairs. Byrd continued as night guard and his experience resulted in a deep interest in aviation.

He was one of the organizers of the local flying club and one of the first to secure a student license. He also was a member of the group of six fliers to secure solo permits last week.