

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 53%
Highest temperature yesterday 48
Lowest temperature last night 44
Precipitation for 24 hours .09
Precip. since first of month 3.63
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 14.56
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 1.63
Occasional Light Rain.

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NAVAL PROGRAM SLASHED BY COMMITTEE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WILHELM II, former German war lord, observes his 81st anniversary IN EXILE. He set out in 1914 to conquer the world and FAILED.

The Germans have no use for failures, so they threw him out.

FROM his exile, Wilhelm watches another German war lord engaged in another attempt to conquer the world. As he watches, he sticks pins in a map, thus recording German advances and German withdrawals.

He has 22 grandsons in the German army. Another grandson, Prince Louis, lost his life in the Polish campaign.

AT the beginning, the German army advanced SWIFTLY and withdrew not at all. Then the war changed, moving from land to the sea. The allied objective is now to starve the Germans out. The German objective is to break the allied naval grip before economic starvation weakens their striking power. It was to prevent economic starvation that Russia

Chamberlain Gibes at Nazi Plane Raids

Secrecy of Preparations for Hitler's Talk Also Draws Jeers; Fuehrer Indicates He'll Fight to Finish.

By The Associated Press

A picture of "prodigious results" produced by Britain's war preparations was drawn today by Prime Minister Chamberlain who announced a German submarine was sunk when it attempted to attack a naval convoy yesterday.

British aircraft construction is seven times greater than it was four years ago, he said.

Scorning at German flights over coastal areas, Chamberlain said confidently: "We have not had any air raids yet but we are prepared for them if they should come."

Chamberlain glibly at the secrecy which surrounded preparations yesterday for the German Fuehrer's speech.

Adolf Hitler's seventh anniversary speech was scanned for a hint of Germany's immediate plans in war troubled Europe.

Main attention was devoted to his declaration that "France and England will not the fight they asked for," though the Fuehrer gave no more definite indication of his intentions in a speech last night celebrating the anniversary of his rise to power.

Italy Silent on Speech

Though his words were regarded primarily as a pep-talk for the German people, his first since Nov. 8, Hitler reiterated Germany's "close friendship" with Italy and declared that the Reich's Russian "satellite" has "protection" on the east.

Italy received his speech without comment and British spokesmen said it was evident that Hitler had given up hope of separating the French-French allies.

Hitler's verbal attack on the allies accompanied further assaults by Nazi planes on shipping off Britain's east coast.

The Germans claimed a total of 18 vessels had been sunk in two days of raids and that only one German plane was lost.

The Polish government-in-exile published a white paper in Paris asserting that 18,000 persons had been executed by Germany since occupation of the western half of Poland, and accused Germany of forcing thousands to migrate to the interior in boxcars during sub-

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Federal Prison Escapee Uncaught

TAOUMA, Jan. 31. (AP)—Search for William Dempsey, 40, life term convict who escaped from McNeil Island federal penitentiary, broadened today as prison officials reported they had found "no trace" of the man since he fled a road gang under cover of a heavy fog yesterday.

The penitentiary's 175 employees, aided by bloodhounds and police dogs, were assigned to shifts during which they minutely searched the 4,000-acre island.

One official said it would take three or four days to determine whether Dempsey, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1919 for the first degree murder of a deputy United States marshal at Seward, Alaska, is still on the island.

Working on a theory proposed by Warden E. B. Swope—that Dempsey reached the Olympic peninsula by clinging to a piece of driftwood—state patrolmen and county officers extended and intensified a search that began at Longbranch, just across the sound from McNeil Island.

The warden said Dempsey, who served time in the Ohio penitentiary in 1917 for grand larceny, was "not considered dangerous." The warden described him as 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, 146 pounds, having gray eyes and brown hair and being badly scarred on his neck, forehead, shoulders, hands and wrists.

Dempsey was recently returned to McNeil from Leavenworth federal prison where he has been serving part of his time.

Klamath Falls Boys Play at Cowboy; One Is Killed

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 31. (AP)—A game of cowboy turned into tragedy here late yesterday when Theodore Lundsten, 8, was shot to death by a .22 revolver in the hand of one of his playmates.

Vernon Hunter, 9, who had loaned his water pistol to one of the six cowboys who had no weapon, took the revolver from the room of his 17-year-old brother.

Returned to the game, he playfully pointed the gun at Theodore and pulled the trigger.

Vernon tearfully told officers Theodore "was my best friend." He said he had seen his brother's gun used as a toy last Sunday and was certain it was harmless.

Motor Vehicle Crashes Top Cause Of Accidents That Killed 93,000 in U. S. in 1939; Home Mishaps 2nd

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (AP)—Accidents killed 93,000 persons in the United States in 1939. Injured 8,500,000 and cost an estimated \$2,500,000,000, the national safety council reported today.

Those figures, however, represented a saving of about 800 lives and a one per cent reduction from the 1938 toll. The 1939 accident rate of 71 deaths per 100,000 population was the lowest since 1906 with two exceptions—1921 and 1922.

Leading the list were motor vehicle accidents, which accounted for 32,600 deaths, 18 more than in 1938, and caused approximately 1,450,000 non-fatal injuries. Economic losses were estimated at \$1,500,000,000.

Ranking second were accidents in the home. They killed 32,000 persons in 1939, two per cent more than in 1938, injured 4,700,000 and cost an estimated \$600,000,000. Falls were blamed for 17,000 of the home deaths.

Occupational deaths decreased three per cent to 16,000 and the miscellaneous accident toll decreased six per cent to 15,000.

The council said that although traffic deaths were virtually the same as in 1938, travel increased six per cent last year and four per cent more vehicles were on the road. Consequently, it concluded that the death rate, based on motor vehicle mileage, dropped more than five per cent to an all time low of 12.2 deaths per 100,000,000 miles.

Fatal falls in homes, in public places and at work increased one per cent to 27,000, deaths from burns increased eight per cent to 8,000 and drownings decreased 11 per cent to 6,700.

The estimated economic loss from all accidents included wages lost, medical expenses, the overhead costs of insurance and property damage in motor vehicle accidents and fires.

Finn "Can Opener" Traps Russians



Finnish soldiers adopt housewives' methods in using "can opener" attack method to stop Russian tanks. After forcing the top open with crowbars, the Finns drop hand grenades inside and saunter back into the woods. In addition to tanks destroyed, the Finns claim the capture of nearly 200 others in repulse of Russian attacks.

Renewed Russian Attacks Smashed

Nine Tanks Destroyed, Finns Report; Invaders Also Lose Five Planes in Air Raids.

HELSINKI, Jan. 31. (AP)—The smashing of renewed Russian assaults at several points northeast of Lake Ladoga with the destruction of nine Russian tanks was reported today by the Finnish army command.

Five Russian planes were said to have been downed in fighting yesterday.

About 50 Russians were killed at Talspa as Soviet thrusts along the Karelian Isthmus front were turned back.

The communists reported little other action, but unofficial reports asserted that the Finns had recaptured Pitkanen, an important city north of Lake Ladoga, about 20 miles from the Soviet frontier.

Air activity was confined largely to the battle zones, the communists said, remarking that Soviet aerial forays consisted of only a few raids against Finnish territory.

An observer from the Lake Ladoga front reported two of the Soviet divisions there had been without food for more than a week, although they still had ammunition.

Finn Strategy Seen

According to this source, the Finnish strategy now is one of waiting until the Russians run out of bullets, at the same time keeping up punishing thrusts against the Russian positions.

The same informant said evidence had been found by the Finns that Russian dead were being disposed of through holes in the ice so as to conceal the extent of casualties.

Air Raids Cortly

Finland's civil air defense chief declared that 200 Russian planes have been downed and 400 Finnish civilians killed in air raids since the war started Nov. 30.

Official sources said Soviet aerial activity Tuesday was considerably less than on Monday and was aimed chiefly at northern Finland, where a few peaceful rural communities were bombed with slight material damage and three persons were reported wounded.

Meanwhile, fresh troops from Russia were reported pouring into the Salla front, above the Arctic circle, in an effort to turn the tide against the Finns in the north.

Television Boosted to 1,000 Miles by Discovery

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (AP)—The Radio Corporation of America has found the "missing link" in television—a system increasing television range from 50 to 1,000 miles.

David Sarnoff, RCA president, said the development would make possible a network linking New York with such cities as Washington and Boston, and that with further technical improvements would raise the present 50-mile limit to coast-to-coast broadcasts.

Initiative Move Aims to Ban Sunday Goods Sales

PORTLAND, Jan. 31. (AP)—Circulation of an initiative petition forbidding, with certain exceptions, Sunday sale of merchandise began today.

The proposed measure, initiated by George Lichtowler of Portland, would exempt tobacco, drugs, medicine, motor vehicle fuel and lubricants, newspapers, magazines and periodicals and commodities consumed on the premises.

Forged Note To Hurt Dies Bared at Quiz

Witness Admits Getting \$100 for Bogus Letter Aimed to Link Chairman With Pelly's Silver Shirts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—A Dies committee witness has testified, the committee announced after a secret session, that he forged letters purporting to link Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) with William Dudley Pelly, silver shirts leader.

Excerpts from the letters were placed in the congressional record of Jan. 22 by Rep. Hook (D., Mich.) who said they were signed "Pelly." The latter's organization has been termed a "fascist" group by the Dies committee.

The witness, a Washington man, was said in a committee statement, to have given the following testimony:

He was approached by one Harold Weisberg, who said that a "certain group" headed by Weisberg and Gardner Jackson of labor's non-partisan league, was seeking information to show collusion between Dies and "fascist groups."

In return for such information, he said, Weisberg "offered to pay him \$100 as a retainer and in addition to obtain for him a position in the department of agriculture through the influence of Gardner Jackson and his contacts in the government."

(Jackson formerly was employed in the office of the consumer council in the agriculture department.)

The witness then said he manufactured the bogus letters, turned them over to Weisberg and received \$100.

His motive, in addition to the consideration, was said by the witness to have been a desire to put Weisberg, Jackson and their associates "out on a limb."

The committee's statement thus indicated that Weisberg and Jackson believed the letters to be genuine.

Both Offer to Testify

Both Weisberg and Jackson issued statements last night assailing the committee's procedure in making public its account of the testimony without hearing from them. Both offered to testify.

Jackson said that the committee statement was "full of innuendo and falsehood," and Weisberg called it "a one-sided and inaccurate attack on me, based entirely upon the remarks of a self-confessed forger."

Jackson said that he did not

Dimes for Paralysis War Top 1939 Mark

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—Dimes by the mail-bag full piled up at the white house today, boasting the million-dollar mark funds collected in celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday to combat infantile paralysis.

The white house reported \$142,000 already had been deposited from collections made in the march of dimes, which began several days ago and ended on the president's birthday yesterday.

In addition, 48 mail-bags filled with cards, each with a dime affixed, arrived at the executive mansion by noon and 60 other bags, singly stuffed, were turned in to George E. Allen, director of Columbia commissioner and national chairman of the collection.

Allen estimated contributions this year would total three to four times as much as last year when \$217,602 was contributed. Total collections last year amounted to \$1,446,702 including the dimes and \$1,330,455 from birthday balls and \$192,847 from other benefits and donations.

The money will be divided between the national foundation for infantile paralysis and the agencies which combat the disease in localities in which the funds were raised.

Wife of Orson Welles in Reno to Seek Divorce

RENO, Nev., Jan. 31. (AP)—Mrs. Anna Stafford Welles will file suit here tomorrow to divorce Orson Welles, noted radio dramatist and actor, her attorney, Albert Hilliard said today.

The lawyer said the case would be based on a cruelty charge and that a contest was not expected.

The couple was married Dec. 24, 1934, in Woodstock, Ill.

Portland Bandit Pair Slugs, Robs Jeweler

PORTLAND, Jan. 31. (AP)—Two robbers alleged Proprietor Nels Erickson of the Western Jewelers Time shop on Hawthorne boulevard late yesterday and escaped with \$25 in cash, watches and an undetermined amount of jewelry. Erickson's scalp was gashed.

Cameron Held to Grand Jury on Morals Charge

Allen Cameron, recently arrested at North Bend on a Douglas county warrant charging assault with intent to commit rape, was ordered held for the grand jury and was continued in custody in lieu of bail set in the sum of \$1,500. He was given a preliminary hearing this morning before Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters. Cameron, a former resident of Camas Valley, only recently completed serving a penitentiary sentence of robbery.

Marler, Former Canadian Minister to U. S., Dies

MONTREAL, Jan. 31. (AP)—Sir Herbert Marler, 63, former Canadian minister to the United States and to Japan, died here today after a long illness.

Douglas Timber Inventory Cited in Letter to Northwest Lumber Firms

Attention Directed by Chamber of Commerce Committee to Opportunities for Profitable Operations in Southern Oregon, Which Holds Industry's Future Prosperity.

Presenting the claim that "the future of the northwest lumber industry lies in southern Oregon," the industries committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce this week is mailing to all principal lumber firms of the Pacific northwest a letter calling attention to Douglas county's timber inventory. The letter, designed to encourage investments in lumbering operations, points out that nearly 20 per cent of all the remaining Douglas fir timber in the United States is in Douglas county, lying principally within a 50-mile radius of Roseburg.

Attention is also called to the timber inventory, showing 70 billion board feet of timber of all varieties, and an annual growth of 730 million feet, board measure, as compared with the present national cutting, which is less than 100 million feet annually.

Opportunity Beckons.

"Opportunity exists here for a number of profitable lumber manufacturing and veneer peeling operations," the letter states, adding: "Peeler logs have been shipped from this area to Grays Harbor, Olympia and Portland."

The summary of the Douglas county forest inventory, taken by the U. S. forest service as of January 1, 1934, and included in the letter follows:

Old growth Douglas fir, 42,322,394.00 board feet.

Second growth Douglas fir, 17,741,274.00 board feet.

Spruce, all varieties, 1,179,881,000 board feet.

Cedar, all varieties, 1,560,302,000 board feet (23 incense cedar).

Sugar pine, 1,110,414,000 board feet.

Pine, other than sugar pine, 1,134,418,000 board feet.

* Miscellaneous, 5,632,559,000 board feet.

Total 70,080,942,000 board feet.

* Includes alder, oak, maple, ash, madrone, chinquapin. (All figures are based upon a breast height diameter of 12 inches or more.)

Rod-Gun Club Sets Annual Meeting

Event Open to All Interested in Wildlife Work; State Game Officials to Attend.

The annual meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club will be held at the Knights of Pythias lodge hall Friday, Feb. 2, starting at 8 p. m. It was announced today. The meeting in past years have been attended by large numbers of sportsmen from all parts of the state, in addition to local club members and friends. The meeting is open to all men interested in wildlife conservation, trapshooting and the numerous other activities sponsored by the organization.

Frank Wire, state game commission supervisor, is to be present with several reels of interesting motion pictures. He will be accompanied by C. A. Lockwood, formerly of Roseburg, who recently was appointed by the game commission to have supervision over distribution of fish from state hatcheries.

Program arrangements are in charge of Leon Pickens, who reports provision has been made for entertainment in the form of music, short talks by prominent sportsmen and other features in addition to the motion pictures.

Following the program, refreshments will be provided by the club under arrangements made by a committee headed by C. W. Parker.

14 Escapees From Penal Colony Reach Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 31. (AP)—Fourteen fugitives, including four Chinese and 10 Frenchmen from the French Guiana penal colony arrived in San Juan today in a small boat from the Virgin Islands.

They were expected to sail for Mexico later today.

The fugitives put into St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Jan. 25 to repair their boat after a trip from Trinidad. They were detained while government authorities wired Washington for instructions concerning their disposition, but later were released.

Although short of provisions, they appeared in good condition. One of the fugitives told of trying to escape 21 times previously.

House Group Sets Total At 655 Million

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (AP)—The house naval committee tentatively approved today a two-year fleet building program to cost approximately \$655,000,000.

The revamped program described by Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.), as "all the navy can build in two years" would authorize construction of 21 additional warships, 22 auxiliary vessels and boost the navy's minimum air strength to 4,500 planes.

When the fleet expansion program first was presented it called for eventual appropriation of \$1,300,000,000 to provide for 77 warships and the same number of aircraft and auxiliaries.

The committee adopted an amendment giving the navy specific authority to provide additional shipbuilding ways and docks at the Norfolk, Va., Philadelphia and Portsmouth, N. H., navy yards if necessary to carry out the program. It refused however, to include the Bremerton, Wash., and Mare Island, Calif. navy yards despite a vigorous fight by Representative Magnuson (D., Wash.) and Haverner (D., Calif.).

The group also overwhelmingly rejected a proposal by Representative Maas (R., Minn.), senior minority member, to authorize the navy to lend navy yard equipment to private shipbuilders in the interest of expediting the program.

Army Program Altered

The army, strengthening proposals for increasing its manpower, is going to concentrate on completing seacoast defenses, establishing a national air-raid warning system, and getting additional modern equipment for its troops.

Members of the house military committee said Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, told them yesterday a \$40,000,000 item.

Barah Leaves Estate of \$200,000 to His Widow

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Ruins of Erickson's, Portland's Old Saloon of Roaring '90's, Being Torn Down in March of Modernization

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