

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 77%
Highest temperature yesterday 62
Lowest temperature last night 53
Precipitation for 24 hours .77
Precip. since first of month 1.42
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 .15.98
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 4.32
Showers, Cooler.

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AID

It's going to Finland in the form of military equipment, chiefly airplanes. Spring may find the Finns in better defensive shape than generally predicted. Follow the war in NEWS-REVIEW dispatches.

TERRORIST BOMBS AGAIN SHAKE ENGLAND

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WATCH Rumania again. Another hot spot is developing there. Germany is demanding more Rumanian grain and oil—especially oil. Rumanian oil concerns are chiefly British and French owned. Britain tells Rumania that if British and French operators are compelled to supply oil to Germany there will be TROUBLE.

Britain probably means it. Oil is fully as important as powder in modern war.

A CONFERENCE is on in Bucharest (Rumania's capital), with representatives in attendance from Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia. The purpose is to try to put up a front that will convince Germany it isn't safe to make too many demands.

If the Italian countries were as single-minded, patriotic and sincere as Finland, that would be easy. Unfortunately they are not. They are like a pack of wolves, each ready to rend and devour ANY OTHER MEMBER of the pack at the first sign of weakness.

This being the case, Balkan conferences (such as that at Bucharest) are full of dynamite.

GERMANY, incidentally, being short of cash) proposes to pay for Rumanian oil and grain with German runs and ammunition, but ties a canny string to the proposal. The runs and ammunition are to be of GERMAN CALIBRES, which differ from Rumanian So.

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W. Douglas Co-Op Names Directors
New directors were elected by the West Douglas Electric cooperative Monday at a well-attended annual membership meeting held at the Knights of Pythias lodge hall in Roseburg. More than 250 members of the cooperative were present for the all-day meeting. A potluck lunch was enjoyed during the noon hour.

Directors chosen to serve for the ensuing year were C. R. Holmquist, Elmer E. A. H. Dornier, C. E. Hoover, Olaf W. J. Meredith, Lookingglass, L. G. Barnes, Tennille, W. D. Cary, Reston, H. C. Kelly, Camas Valley.

Appointment of Robert L. Adams of Olympia as manager was confirmed. Mr. Adams, who recently moved to Roseburg with his family to serve as manager of the cooperative, is a graduate of the school of electrical engineering at University of Washington, and for several years has been employed by the Puget Sound Light and Power company.

Short addresses were made by C. Brazil, district engineer for the Bonneville administration; J. R. Bond, Parker county agricultural agent, and Fred A. Goff, executive committee member of the Oregon state grange.

Fines Hit 44 Persons. 13 Firms for Gouging U. S. On Electrical Work
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Fines totaling \$54,150 were imposed today in federal court on 42 electrical contractors, two union leaders and 13 corporations charged with conspiracy to defraud the federal government through collusive bidding on public works.

The stiffest fine, \$7,000, was given to Michael P. Gordon, business agent of local 5 of the American Federation of Labor's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who was described by Assistant U. S. Attorney General M. Neil Andrews as the "complete dictator" of the electrical contracting industry here.

Selection of Chicago For Democratic Meet Yields To Roosevelt's Preference

Choice Heralded as Triumph for Third-Term Advocates Over Supporters of Vice President Garner, Only Candidate With Open Challenge; Leaving of Date to Farley Draws Gibe From Republican Leader.

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The scrap for the democratic presidential nomination was on in earnest today after the party's national committee picked Chicago for the nominating convention and authorized Chairman James A. Farley to fix the date.

Third term advocates hailed the choice—by a single majority vote—as an initial victory for President Roosevelt, who favored Chicago, over the forces of Vice President Garner, who is believed to have preferred San Francisco or Houston.

The chief executive, described by party leaders as wanting to have an important part in picking the nominee if he does not run himself, told reporters at Hyde Park, N. Y., while the national committee was in session yesterday that he was getting tired of answering third term queries.

He added that anything was to be said about the question, he would say it himself—at a time of his own choosing.

This did not stop third term talk in the capital, however, despite the fact that the president invited the national committee members to call in a group at the white house this morning.

Backers Pleased.
Charles Sawyer, committeeman from Ohio, told reporters the president "by all odds is the most popular candidate in Ohio." He added, however, he did not believe Mr. Roosevelt should commit himself now "if he doesn't want to."

Other third term advocates contended Chicago's selection as the convention city played right into their hands, since they said that the "center of the draft Roosevelt" campaign was represented there by Mayor Edward J. Kelly and National Committeeman Pat Nash.

Those two men have filed petitions preparatory to placing Mr. Roosevelt's name in the Illinois primary in April.

Garner Thanks Supporters.
As if in reply to Chicago's selection, Garner announced immediately after the committee session, which he attended as a vice chairman, that he was withdrawing his name from the race.

Garner, the only candidate thus far to challenge a possible third term bid, already had sought to prevent a new deal coup in Georgia by favoring a primary there instead of hand-picking delegates by state committee. Gov. E. D. Rivers said today that he still favored an unqualified delegation from Georgia.

F. R. Given Right of Way.
Frank McHale, national committeeman, said today.

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Negro Facing Narcotics Charge Kills Himself

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—(AP)—James Boyd, 67, a negro, who was to appear in court Thursday for sentencing on a narcotics sale conviction, killed himself with a revolver, Detective Capt. Marshall C. Schaffert reported, in his room early today.

A brother, Mack, was awakened by the shot and called police. The man withdrew \$5,000 from a bank yesterday, Captain Schaffert said, sending \$5,000 to a sister in Detroit and \$1,000 to his mother in Los Angeles.

Heavy Slide Delays Two Cars Near Astoria
ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Tons of earth, trees and brush loosened by heavy rain derailed two cars and almost buried the locomotive of an eastbound Spokane, Portland & Seattle freight train east of here today.

None of the crew was injured, although railroaders said the slide was one of the most severe in years.

Geodetic Survey Officer Kills Himself With Gun
OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Lieut. Herman Odensay, 45-year-old executive officer of the coast and geodetic survey ship Pioneer, died yesterday of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Noted Figure in Politics Passes



Charles S. Deneen
CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Former Senator Charles S. Deneen, for many years a powerful figure in Illinois republican politics, died yesterday in his home.

Deneen, who was 76 years old, had served two terms as governor of Illinois before going to Washington.

Council Launches Rest Park Plans

Donated Property at Jackson and Lane Streets Will be Cleared and Improved.

Plans for development of a rest park at a site donated to the city by the county court, sale of city lots, approval of a contract to extend fire protection to the county shops and the usual routine business marked the regular meeting of the Roseburg city council Monday night.

Upon announcement of City Recorder A. J. Gordon that transfer of title has been completed on the McGee property, donated by the county to the city for park purposes, the council took preliminary steps to develop the site. The lot is located at the corner of Jackson and Lane streets.

The council was instructed to advertise for bids for the removal of the dilapidated frame residence building which now occupies the property. Councilman W. E. Harris, acting mayor, proposed that public rest rooms be constructed as soon as the property has been cleared and planted.

Laurelwood Lots Sold
Sale of three Laurelwood building sites were approved. C. A. Chamberlin purchased lot 2, block J, for \$250; George Kuck bought lot 2, block E, for \$275; and O. C. Johns purchased lots 1 and 11, block H, for \$550. On the latter deal the council agreed to accept in payment a Dodge pickup truck, needed by the city's street department.

The city also quit-claimed to the county its interest in lots 12 to 16 in block 22, Walte's addition.

The usual monthly reports of officers and departments were received. An application from Carl T. Black for retail beer license was given approval.

The following bills were ordered.

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Recruiting in U. S. for Spanish War Jails 12

DETROIT, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The federal bureau of investigation today arrested 11 persons in Detroit and one in Milwaukee on a charge of recruiting soldiers in 1937 and 1938 for the Spanish republican army.

Ten men and one woman were taken into custody. They were indicted secretly by a federal grand jury in United States district court here.

Announcement of the arrests was made by John C. Lehr, district attorney at Detroit.

All the recruiting, Lehr announced, was in the city. Penalty for conviction, he said, is two years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Fugitive Convicts Shutt Back to Walla Walla
Jack Cooper and Roland Walker, escapees from the Walla Walla penitentiary, arrested here Saturday night after wrecking a stolen car near Rice Hill, according to the report of the state police, were surrendered to Washington state authorities last night. It was announced today. The men were taken into custody of penitentiary guards, who came from Walla Walla and left last night by automobile.

Soviet Blows Against Finn Lines Futile

Five Infantry Onsets, Backed by 100 Tanks, Heavy Guns Repulsed; Entire Division Said Held in Ice Trap.

HELSINKI, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Finnish army reported today that it had thrown back powerful new Russian attacks on the Karelian isthmus in fighting lasting throughout the day and into the night.

After repulsing the invaders as they made five infantry attacks Monday, supported by more than 100 tanks and thunderous artillery preparation, the Finns through the night used their air force to bomb Russian troop concentrations lighted by their campfires, today's army communique said.

The Russian attack on land troops from airplanes by parachute in far northern Finland, the communique said, but added cryptically "their landing places are known."

There still was no confirmation of reports that the Russian 18th division had been destroyed in the Kiteles sector. It was believed the division was surrounded and in imminent danger of destruction, but that the Finnish troops were carefully avoiding any waste in manpower, preferring to let hunger and cold achieve the victory for them.

ITALIAN-MADE PLANES FOR FINNS GO THROUGH FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The shipment through France of some 50 thousands of Italian-made airplanes for the Finnish army was disclosed today by sources close to the government.

The planes previously had been halted in Germany by Nazi authorities. They then were returned to Italy after being released by Germany, and finally re-routed through France.

Premier Laval's own radical socialist party today adopted a resolution calling upon the French government "to take all necessary measures to permit Finland to continue to fight and win" her war against Russia.

The resolution said the party considers "the definite defeat of the soviet aggression against Finland will hurt our enemies in their military power as well as in prestige."

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Two Spinsters and Negro Houseboy Shot to Death

OLIVER SPRINGS, Tenn., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Officers sought clues today in the mysterious shooting to death of two middle-aged spinsters and a negro houseboy.

The bodies of Miss Ann Richards, 48, and Miss Margaret Richards, 46, and a 16-year-old servant, Leonard Brown, were discovered yesterday by a younger sister of the women, Miss Mary Richards, when she returned home from high school, where she is librarian.

Sheriff Robert Smith said each had been shot in the head with a pistol.

FBI Chief Asks More Aid To Curb Spies

100 Additional Agents Needed, Hoover Tells House Group; Expanded Activities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, has asked congress for 100 additional agents to augment the 350 now active in a campaign against espionage and subversive activities.

Hoover assured a house appropriations subcommittee, in testimony made public today, that the campaign would not "degenerate into witch hunting."

The FBI is guarding against such a contingency, he said, by maintaining the "same high character and educational qualifications for our personnel as we had prior to this emergency."

The need for adhering to these standards, he added, is that "in all such national emergencies as we are faced with now, there is great danger that an investigative force may degenerate into 'witch hunting,' which is just as dangerous as if you did not do the job properly."

Emphasizing the need for additional help, the FBI chief pointed to the large increase in complaints and investigations of a national defense character and said that 47 per cent were unassigned because of lack of manpower to handle them.

He estimated 78,000 complaints would be received this fiscal year compared with 250 for 1938.

Allowance Reduced.
It was announced today by the house appropriations committee that its allowance for the FBI during the year beginning July 1 was \$9,910,000, representing a cut of \$22,000 in the item in President Roosevelt's budget. Of the total approved \$2,488,000 was for emergency counter-espionage, counter-subversion and enforcement of the neutrality act.

With this latter sum and \$1,475,000 provided in the emergency defense, the bureau plans to employ an additional 514 persons, including 260 new agents. The amount disallowed affects the bureau's automobile purchase program only and will result among other things in requisition of one less armored car.

The appropriations committee cut \$2,285,010 in all from the \$109,661,010 request for expenses of the state, commerce and justice department.

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Britain Agrees to Free 9 of 21 Seized Nazi Tars

TOKYO, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Great Britain has agreed to return nine of 21 German seamen seized from the Japanese liner Asama Maru, Foreign Minister Arita announced today.

In connection with this compromise had taken as an affront, Arita said Japanese steamship lines had been instructed to refuse to accept as passengers belligerent nationals who had "engaged in military services and those who may possibly be enlisted."

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Vets' Head Will Be Here Tonight



Umpqua post of the American Legion, at its regular meeting in Roseburg tonight, will welcome to the condemned men, John Dulanty, Ireland's high commissioner in London, was instructed to see Prime Minister Chamberlain today to press an appeal for clemency for the pair.

The two men, Peter Barnes and James Richards, are scheduled to be hanged tomorrow in Birmingham for their part in the bombing in Coventry last August 25 in which five persons were killed.

Vigilance Increased
The guard around the Birmingham jail was redoubled against any effort to save Richards or Barnes or to stage a bombing of the jail as a gesture of defiance.

Special units of Scotland Yard versed in I. R. A. tactics supervised a watch in city postoffices for further bombings. Special precautions were taken in railway luggage rooms, where numerous bombs were planted last summer.

Feeling reached a pitch recalling the hanging of three Irish republicans for the killing of a police sergeant in Manchester in 1927. The trio became known as the

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New Program For C. of C. Unit Set

Retail Merchants Will Have Special System to Deal With Their Own Affairs.

A program for organization of the retail merchants' division of the Roseburg chamber of commerce under the chairmanship of D. E. Carr was approved by the board of directors at its regular meeting last night. The program provides for grouping the various merchandising and service lines into departments with a sub-chairman over each division.

The program as outlined, it was stated, makes it possible to quickly refer any matter pertaining strictly to the merchants to the affected group, or to secure expressions from all merchants on any question or policy within a comparatively short space of time.

When matters directly affecting merchants, such as special closings, advertising schemes, or questions on policy arise, they can be referred to the chairman and through him to sub-chairmen, who will contact their groups.

Chairmen Listed
The groups and their chairmen are as follows: Groceries and markets, Dave Ellis; beauty and barber shops, Ila Lautbach; hardware and machinery, Jack Wharton; furniture stores, Louis J. Jones; drug stores, Fred Chapman, Jr.; department stores, men's furnishing and ladies' dress shops, L. A. Rhoden; restaurants, cafes and hotels, Carl T. Black; radio shops and auto parts, G. M. Krell; recreation halls and candy shops, J. A. Fuleher; dairies and wholesalers, Louis Fullerton; garages and repair shops, Fred Lockwood; professional groups and lodges, Maurice Hallmark; banks and abstract companies, Leon McClintock.

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Rail Station, 2 Postoffices Suffer Blows

Timely Discovery Saves Third Postoffice; Bombings Laid to Scheduled Execution of 2 Outlawed Irish Partisans.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A new wave of bombings attributed to the outlawed Irish republican army swept England today as the government of Ireland sought to stay the scheduled execution of two I. R. A. men in Birmingham tomorrow.

Explosions from balloons and acid type bombs used previously by the I. R. A. in its campaign of terrorism shook London's crowded Easton railroad station, the Birmingham general post office, and the post office in Manchester.

A Liverpool attention found an incendiary bomb in the main hall of the general post office and prevented an explosion, by submerging it in water.

As feeling ran high in Ireland after the British government's refusal last night to grant reprieve to the condemned men, John Dulanty, Ireland's high commissioner in London, was instructed to see Prime Minister Chamberlain today to press an appeal for clemency for the pair.

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Canadian Vessel Victim of Torpedo

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Loss of a big Canadian freighter yesterday by torpedoing was reported today. The admiralty informed officials of the Canadian Pacific Steamship company that its 9,874-ton Beaverford, of London registry, had been sunk off the southern coast of Ireland.

Another merchant ship was reported to have rescued 77 of the crew of 80.

The British government, announcing that meat rationing would start March 11 considered a drastic measure for safeguarding information of value to the enemy.

Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons legislation was being discussed which would provide the death penalty for disclosure or permitting leakage of valuable information.

A thaw started on the western front today and French troops put aside guns and took spades to work on drainage canals in expectation of spring floods.

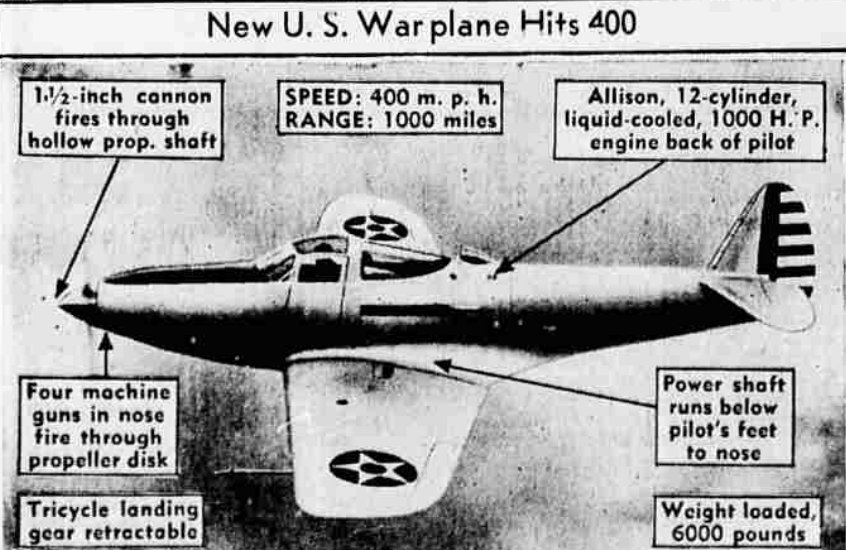
For grounded planes, rains made a mire of the land front and heavy seas handicapped the allied navies. A naval spokesman announced today that American women in New York and Washington have sent the British navy a variety of articles valued at \$25,000 (about \$20,000 in U. S. dollars) as an act of supreme friendship.

The goods included knitted robes, games, books, cigars and cigarettes.

Youth Arrested Here Confesses Auto Theft

Harry W. Bouras, 19, of Spokane, was surrendered by state police here today to federal officers, who will take the youth to Portland to answer in federal court to a charge of automobile theft. Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police announced. Bouras was arrested yesterday while driving an automobile registered to Quinten Maurer of Spokane, Morgan reported.

The youth was apprehended for operating a car with only one headlight and one license plate. Morgan said, but when questioned admitted that he was driving a "hot" car which he told the officers had been stolen at Spokane.



Built around the cannon in its nose that fires explosive shells, this new army "Aracobra" is the fastest single-seater fighting plane in the U. S. and is believed to be the only single-engine pursuit plane in the world so armed. It is a product of the Bell Aircraft corporation of Buffalo, N. Y. Germany's air defense also boasts a type of plane capable of 400 m. p. h. speed. It is twin-motored, however, carries two airmen and is equipped with long range 23 mm. cannon.