

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 58%
Highest temperature yesterday 55
Lowest temperature last night 45
Precipitation for 24 hours .91
Precip. since first of month 2.27
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 24.23
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 .10
Partly Cloudy.

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SACRAMENTO RIVER SMASHES ITS LEVEES

Reds Increase Pressure in Effort to Encircle Viipuri

Fin Defense Deals Heavy Loss to Foes

Russian Planes Appear Over Helsinki but are Routed by Anti-Aircraft Fire; Battle on Isthmus More Intense.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Finns are planting mines on the ice of the bay of Viipuri and massing all available artillery as a defense against a possible encircling movement by soviet Russian forces against Viipuri. It was said today in dispatches from Finland reaching Stockholm and Copenhagen newspapers.

Fresh soviet troops—some dispatches estimated there were fully 19 Russian divisions, nearly 300,000 men, now on the Karelian isthmus—were said to be forcing the fighting to a new intensity.

HELSINKI, Feb. 29.—(AP)—The Finnish army's new positions between the bay of Viipuri and the coast river, on the hard-fought Karelian isthmus, are being subjected to "continued enemy pressure," the Finnish high command announced today.

The Russian invaders appeared to be trying at all costs to press their newly-gained advantage in efforts to encircle and capture Viipuri, strategic port of the region and Finland's third largest city. Russian forces also attacked at the other—eastern—end of the isthmus from "great force" at Tampere, according to the high command's communique which covered yesterday's action.

Russian planes meanwhile, were sighted over Helsinki today. The capital was subjected to three air alarms up to mid-afternoon.

The Russians lost "heavily" in the attacks along the bay of Viipuri and the Finns also destroyed 14 tanks, the communique said, while on the eastern front.

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First President of Austria Passes Away



VIENNA, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Dr. Michael Hainisch, 81, first president of the republic of Austria—died today at his birthplace, Gloggnitz.

He was a lifelong advocate of union of the German peoples and rejoiced when Germany annexed Austria March 13, 1938, saying he had waited years "for this day."

Rationing Cards Decried by France

War Measures Also Include Employment of Women in Munitions Factories.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—(AP)—The French cabinet today decried the issuance of food rationing cards. Other decrees intended to reduce the consumption of oil and alcohol also were signed by President Lebrun as the French girded themselves for a long war with Germany.

There are ten decrees in all—designed in general to decrease consumption and spending and to increase production. France already has three meatless days a week and on the four other days restaurants are forbidden to serve more than one meat dish a person. Other foods, however, have not been rationed although Great Britain has a rationing system.

France also took steps to put women into her munitions plants and release the men for the vital work of farming. It was estimated 250,000 women already are engaged in the highly dangerous work of mixing gunpowder and making bullets and laboring on the assembly lines of aviation plants.

The government already has requisitioned all farmers to hold them to the soil for maintenance of farm production.

As the cabinet met, Paris students pushed wheelbarrows loaded with scrap iron to the Pantheon, burial place of French heroes, and deposited it as a contribution to French war resources.

Pleads Guilty in Slaying But Judge Orders Trial

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Rufus A. Stults, 43, Eugene junk dealer, pleaded guilty yesterday to a manslaughter charge but Circuit Judge McMahon refused to accept the plea and ordered a jury trial.

Stults is accused of killing Alex Harju in an argument December 15, 1939, over receipts from junk sold in Portland.

After Stults' attorney offered evidence to show Harju had been in same and the defendant made a statement, the judge, declaring the case was clearly one of self defense, ordered a jury trial.

Man and Wife Indicted On Bank Holdup Charges

PORTLAND, Feb. 29.—(AP)—William Jones, 22, Woodburn, and his wife, Myrtle, were indicted on bank robbery charges yesterday by the federal grand jury.

Jones was indicted for the St. Paul robbery last Monday and accused with his wife of the Canby Union bank holdup November 9.

Present War Less Hot Than One of 1914-18

First Six Months of Current Conflict Compared With Prior Like Period Shows Only Bigger Ship Losses.

By the Associated Press

The European war is six months old tomorrow and is tame by comparison with the world war at this stage.

Great Britain, France and Germany know they are in a serious war, but they have not yet had to go through what they did in the first six months of the world war.

Germany had smashed across Belgium and through France to within a few miles of Paris.

The Russians had invaded Germany. Slaughter at Tannenberg and in the first battles of the Marne and Ypres was history.

Japan was seizing German colonies in the far east, Britain invading them in Africa.

Ships were sunk on the seven seas, three British cruisers going down in one memorable day.

Now, a quarter century later, March 1 makes the present war six months old. Germany invaded Poland Sept. 1, Britain and France declared war on Germany on Sept. 3.

Shipping losses heavier. In one phase—the war on allied and neutral merchant shipping—the current conflict is running ahead of the world war, a daily average of about 6,000 tons having been sunk as compared with about 4,500 in the world war.

Available statistics give the following picture of the European war to date:

The French say allied casualties on land—in the spasmodic small-scale action on the western front—total about 1,500 killed and 7,500 wounded, with German casualties "slightly higher"; the British list army casualties to Dec. 31 as 49.

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Cameron Draws 12 Years in Prison

ALLEN CAMERON, convicted by a circuit court jury on a month charge during the February term, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly today to 12 years in the Oregon State penitentiary.

Cameron is reported to be preparing a petition for a new trial and probably will not be taken to the penitentiary until the court has passed on his motion, it was stated today.

He was given a particularly heavy sentence because of the fact that he has had a previous penitentiary term. Judge Wimberly said, Cameron, the court stated, had been sentenced from Coos county on a burglary charge and was released from the state prison only a few months ago.

George Henry Denley, Sutherlin resident, who pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with the theft of hides from the Jack Culver slaughterhouse, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

A one-year prison term also was imposed upon Ernest Weaver, Canbyville resident, who pleaded guilty to forgery.

Corpse on Farm Holds Youth for Questioning

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Robert Jensen, 22, was held today in the death of Joe Simonelli, 45, whose body was found yesterday buried on his 80-acre farm five miles west of here.

Sheriff Sexton said Jensen admitted striking Simonelli on the head with a rock.

Finnish Loan Measure Sent To Roosevelt

Senate Accepts House-Voted Amendments, One Barring Use of Funds to Purchase Military Materials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Congress finished work on one piece of much-debated legislation today close upon the heels of a presidential election by Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, that the session should be ready for adjournment by June 1.

The senate quickly accepted house amendments to the Finnish loan bill, which the house passed yesterday, and thus ended at least for the time the controversy over what if any steps this country should take to assist the Baltic nation in its war with Russia.

The measure now goes to the white house. The bill does not authorize directly a Finnish loan, but increases the capital of the export-import bank by \$100,000,000. Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, has indicated that \$20,000,000 would be made available to Finland without delay.

The money can be used only for purchase of non-military supplies. A house amendment specified it might also be used for buying commercial airplanes. The only other house change prohibited extension of any loans to nations in default on their war debts.

Hoover Pleads for Poles. Another aspect of troubles abroad occupied the house foreign affairs committee before which former President Hoover appeared.

He recommended that congress now appropriate \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for relief in Poland and warned that when the war is over "the whole of Europe will be a spot of starvation."

Hoover told the committee that at least seven million Poles were in need of supplementary food.

He added that a "rough estimate" of the cost of carrying over the Poles during their time of need was \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Trade Program Argued. On the senate side the finance (Continued on page 8)

Leniency Advice Excludes Dr. Kent Berry, Kidnap

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Prosecutor Smith Troy today recommended leniency for all the defendants in the Irving Baker kidnap case, except Dr. Kent W. Berry, Olympia physician.

The recommendations went to the state parole board.

Troy recommended the immediate pardon of Robert H. Smith, Brady, convicted of the kidnapping, and said that James Reddick, Olympia taxi driver, and William K. McLean, former Monticello night marshal, could be returned to their normal places in society after "reasonably atoning for their crime."

"Bill" Hoeft in Race for Sheriff

Announcement that he will seek election to the office of county sheriff, was made today by William "Bill" Hoeft, (below), well known resident of Roseburg.

Mr. Hoeft will seek the nomination of the democratic party at the primary election to be held May 17.

He has been a resident of this city for the past 18 years, coming from Spokane, Wash. He was employed for a number of years in automotive service and repair work, leaving that field to serve as a member of the police department of the city of Roseburg. He was employed on the police force for four years.

He has, during the past six years, been employed by Douglas county, serving as a truck driver and as a member of the bridge construction crew.

Union Faces Injunction After Violence at Plant

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 29.—(AP)—CIO unionists forced 12 AFL-CIO members to leave the Electric Auto-Lite Co. plant today and Judge Lee N. Murlin promptly issued an injunction against the CIO union.

AFL members charged they were shooed with eggs, that an iron caspider was thrown at one member, a battle at another.

One AFL employee, Robert Jensen, charged he was beaten and dragged from work by a CIO group numbering between 50 and 100 persons. He declared he was knocked down, kicked and beaten.

Arrow Shot Into Home of Chamberlain; Youth Held

LONDON, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Joseph Green, 22, today was held for trial on charges of insulting behavior and wilfully damaging a pane of glass valued at five shillings (\$1) after he allegedly shot an arrow bearing a piece of paper at a window of No. 10 Downing street, the prime minister's residence.

He is charged with having shot an arrow into a window of the residence.

"Today I am supposed to be joining his majesty's forces to serve my king and country. I think people here should fight Hitlerism at home as well as in France."

Merrill Rose Named to State Game Commission

PORTLAND, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Governor Sprague appointed Merrill D. Rose, 29, Portland mortician, yesterday to succeed Charles Leach on the state game commission.

Rose was named commissioner-at-large for a five-year term. He is a past president of Portland chapter, Izaak Walton League.

Water Surrounds 3 Towns; Ranch Families Marooned

Storm Peril Over Oregon Disappearing

Many Streams Still at Flood Stage But No Localities in Danger; All Highways in State Reported Open.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 29.—(AP)—Floods, winds and heavy rains which claimed two lives and caused widespread property damage in Oregon yesterday appeared to be waning today.

Many streams continued at flood stage but no communities were menaced and the swollen waters probably will begin to drop Friday, the federal weather bureau said.

Klamath county officials said 700 second-foot of water from Lost river were pouring over the Willamette dam into the Tule lake swamp and estimated the run-off would reach 1000 second-foot tonight.

Sagehen river and other streams of the Klamath basin were flooding, covering the county road between the town of Sagehen River and Chiloquin and inundating the lowlands near Ily in Langell valley.

Electrical service was restored to Malin and Tule Lake last night after a failure lasting two hours.

A flash flood sent a torrent of mud and water over three streets in Milton, Unadilla county.

Rivers Not Perilous. The weather bureau said the Willamette river at Harrisburg, the Lewis Tom river at Monroe and the Santiam at Jefferson were at flood stage, but no damage was anticipated. The Willamette will start falling at upstream points tomorrow, although a slight rise will occur in lower reaches during the next two days.

A Union Pacific train, running from Joseph, reached La Grande (Continued on page 8)

Transient Accuses His Companion of Larceny

At Landsbury, a transient, was reported under arrest today at Eugene on a charge of larceny and it is expected he will be brought back to Roseburg, where the complaint was filed by Arthur Cavora.

The two men, Sheriff Percy Wahl said he was told by Cavora, were travelling north from California, and stopped in Roseburg overnight. Landsbury was accused by Cavora of personal effects and their automobile. Officers left this morning for Eugene to question Landsbury and planned to bring him to Roseburg if their investigation developed reasonable grounds for his detention.

Deck Hand Drowns When Tugboat Is Overturned

PORTLAND, Feb. 29.—(AP)—A. E. Kearney, a deck hand, was drowned yesterday when the river tug Dayton overturned in the Willamette river near the Ross island bridge.

Harbor Patrol Lieutenant T. J. Ahern said Kearney, who was attempting to make the tug fast to a barge, jumped from the tug as she overturned.

Floods in Douglas County Receding

Damage From Water, Slides Estimated at \$1,500; All Routes Open to Travel.

Flood waters were receding in Douglas county today following the two-day storm which caused comparatively little damage. Several small slides were reported on county roads, some culverts were damaged and roads were temporarily blocked in many sections yesterday. Total damage resulting from flood waters was estimated today by Floyd Frear, county engineer, at about \$1,500.

During the height of the storm yesterday, the Pacific highway was under water in the vicinity of Sutherlin and also at Glendale Junction, but traffic was not halted.

The city of Riddle was limited to one outlet for several hours, when the South Umpqua river and Cox creek, both at flood stage, sent the water over alternate routes.

The Roseburg - Lookingglass road remained open despite a slide of considerable size. A slide on the North Umpqua road, near Glendale, forced one-way traffic for a short distance.

There was a washout on the Cleveland-Umpqua road near the Cleveland cemetery, it was reported.

It was necessary last night to halt traffic temporarily on the Roseburg-Melrose road because flood waters blocked the roadbed near the Albert Miceli home. The water was reported last night to be from four to five feet in depth over the Lookingglass-Brockway road.

The local division office of the state highway department said this morning that all major routes in the division were open to traffic. A small slide north of Gardiner forced one-way traffic on the coast highway. The Roseburg-Coos Bay highway was said to be open to two-way traffic for the entire distance.

Swim Pool Plan Will be Studied

Appointment of a swimming pool committee to make a thorough study of the project and submit a formal program was announced today by Tom Parkinson, president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The committee was named, Mr. Parkinson stated, to provide a representative from civic organizations and other interested bodies.

Marshall Pongra, manager of radio station KXNR, who has been carrying on a campaign for donations to a swimming pool fund, was made chairman. Other members are Al Rashford, Carl Wimberly, V. J. Miceli, Paul Geddes, Katherine Siminger, Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, and F. L. Crittenden.

The committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting at the chamber of commerce office tonight. It is anticipated, Mr. Parkinson stated, that the committee will work out estimates of cost of construction and maintenance and will prepare a plan to be submitted to voters, either for a bond issue or a direct levy to provide necessary funds.

Fire Hits Studio During Making of Hitler Film

PARIS, Feb. 29.—(AP)—Fire today destroyed seven sound stages in the Pathe movie studios south-west of Paris, where a film version of "Hitler Told Me," by Hermann Raushning, former Nazi chieftain in Danzig, was being made.

Damage was estimated at \$500,000. Pathe officials said the fire was due undoubtedly to "a technical accident."

Boats Used in Rescue; Three Men Missing

Dunsmuir Isolated by Water and Slides; Inhabitants of Gerber and Tehama Flee to Escape Invading Flood.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—(AP)—The Sacramento river, swollen by flood waters, burst through levees at seven places on a 12-mile stretch and surrounded three towns in the middle Sacramento valley today.

Three feet of moving water surrounded Princeton, Butte City and Cordora, all small towns.

Some ranch families were marooned, but most of the residents of the countryside had ample time to reach safety.

Almost the entire population of Princeton, a town of 200, sought refuge in the high school gymnasium and in the Methodist church. There was no report of death or injury.

At Willows, to the north, there was a report that three U. S. engineers who left Colusa yesterday in a truck, to inspect levees, had not been heard from. They were to have surveyed conditions between Glenn and Princeton where the levees broke.

Princeton is 16 miles north of Colusa. All during the night 150 CCC workers and townspeople manned boats to rescue those caught by the swirling waters. A six-foot dirt bag barricade was built at the junction of the Sacramento river and the Princeton-Cordora Glenn irrigation district canal, to deflect the water west from Princeton.

Dunsmuir isolated. Far to the north, the town of Dunsmuir, a railroad center, was isolated today. The Southern Pacific trucks were blocked by slides on the north and by washouts and slides on the south.

Perhaps as many as 5,000 persons were forced out of their homes by the floods which have plagued northern California since Monday.

Despite the peril of the waters and the hazards of rescues, only two deaths and but a few injuries have been reported.

Many thousands of acres of farm lands were inundated, but loss of livestock was comparatively slight.

The towns of Gerber and Tehama, about 115 miles north of Sacramento, were nearly covered (Continued on page 8)

Leap Year Sees Female Seizure Of Town's Rule

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 29.—(AP)—The women of Aurora cleaned house at the city hall today.

They ousted the mayor, showed the police chief the door and installed the prettiest batch of public officials the city has seen since Feb. 29, 1936.

For their leap year uprising—their quadrennial gesture in behalf of those who spend their days over a hot stove while the men folk are down town picking money off the trees.

For mayor they chose a brunette, Miss Audrey Kessel, a dancing teacher, who promised that the next 24 hours wouldn't be any wait for the bachelors around town.

"We're giving them an alternative, of course," she said with a twinkle in her eye. "If they don't want to get married they can go to jail."

That part of it will be up to Miss Elaine Carpenter, the leap year chief of police. She made a preliminary inspection of the honorees yesterday and observed: "What this place needs first of all is a good dusting."

There's no telling what will happen. A blonde alderman was reliably reported to have in mind an ordinance making it a felony for men to glare at women automobile drivers.

In the spirit of the occasion, many stores and business houses in this community of 52,000 were operated by women throughout the day. Miss Frances Keenan was named fire chief and a lady traffic cop was assigned to every busy corner.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHICAGO—Grimy and smelly, if you seek out the packing house districts; smoky as Pittsburgh or St. Louis if you hit the steel mills in the right kind of weather.

A city of grubby, non-stifling tenements, if tenements are what you are looking for—or of spacious, lovely homes if you see only the north shore residence suburbs.

A noisy, garish, tightly-constricted, overgrown-looking metropolis if you see only the dingy loop district; water-avenued and roomier than Los Angeles if you stroll up Michigan boulevard.

CHICAGO—A city of gangsters and dope-peddlers, of brothels and dives and hell-holes, if all that happens to be what you are out for.

Or a city of time, hard-working, earnest, wholly laudable people if that is what you want. More Poles than half of Poland, more Lithuanians than in most of Lithuania, more negroes to the block than in Memphis—or a clean, hard-working community of mid-Western corn belt Americans.

IN a word, a typical American big city, made up of all the (Continued on page 6)

On Warpath for Chance to Enter State Tourney



The Roseburg high school Indians, pictured above, champions of district No. 8, today hit the warpath for Coos bay and North Bend, where they will enter the Douglas-Coos playoffs Friday and Saturday, against North Bend, Corvallis and Marshfield, for the right to represent this district in the state hoop tourney at Salem. The opponent for Coach Jim Watts' cagers in the opening game has not yet been selected. The Roseburg Safeway stores have purchased broadcast rights for the championship series for Stations KXNR at Roseburg and KOOS at Marshfield and will present a play-by-play account of the titular battles. Left to right, front row, are Lovell Baker, Jim Finlay, Earl Ward, Ray Puckett, Virgil Sanders; back row, Calvin Pearson, Billy Goodlow, Ed Hughes, Billy Woodruff and Lowell Atterbury.