

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 49%
Highest temperature yesterday 59
Lowest temperature last night 44
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month .73
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 24.26
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 .43
Partly Cloudy.

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BIGGER WAR NEWS

Look for it in daily NEWS-REVIEW service as spring advances, that weather means increased military activity, and decisive battles on land and sea and in the air may be nearer than one thinks. And the war area may spread, too.

ENGLAND REFUSES TO FREE COAL CARGOES



By FRANK JENKINS

HARRISON, Ark., March 6.—(AP)—On this writer's personal map as the scene of a great sorrow.

After a long day's drive, the latter part of it through the rolling, oak-clad Ozarks, pulled up, tired and hungry, in front of a sweetheart of a hotel only to be informed by the courteously regretful bellhop in a soft Arkansas drawl that if there was no reservation there would be no room, as they'd been sold out for over an hour.

Having been shufflingly neglected, there being no appearance of heavy through travel on the highway, this scribbled had no reservation.

THREE choices were open, 1. Drive on to Little Rock, 140 miles away, with the clock already telling the wistful hour of 7 p. m. 2. Take a chance on a third-rate hotel. 3. Sleep in a motor camp.

These words are written in the motor camp. It could be much worse.

MORAL: Take no chances. The telegraph companies have to live, anyway.

NORTHERN Missouri, this morning's starting point, looks like a highly prosperous farm country. Appearances, however, are sometimes deceitful.

According to its leading banker, Daviess county's average farm income is only a little in excess of \$500 per year. That is about one-twelfth the average annual

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Republican Wins At Iowa Election

DES MOINES, Ia., March 6.—(AP)—Eminent republicans today hailed the party's victory in the sixth Iowa district congressional election as an indication that the 1938 G. O. P. comeback in the corn-belt has carried over into the presidential year of 1940.

Robert K. Goodwin, 35, Redfield, Ia., mayor, farmer and manufacturer, yesterday won the special election to fill the unexpired term of Representative C. C. Dowell, Des Moines republican, who died Feb. 4.

Goodwin's margin over Byron G. Allen of Des Moines, his new deal opponent, was more than three to two.

In Washington, Chairman John Hamilton of the republican national committee declared the G. O. P. tide "was moving higher."

Goodwin, an AAA cooperator, on his 25-acre Dallas county farm, took the wind out of Allen's efforts to make the federal farm program an issue. The republican nominee talked party prices for the farmer in approved AAA fashion while his foe declared the election would constitute either an endorsement or repudiation of Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace in the latter's home district.

Only once in Iowa history has this area gone democratic in a congressional election.

Fire Sweeps Hangar of New York City Airport

NEW YORK, March 6.—(AP)—Scores of witnesses were questioned today by fire officials seeking the cause of a roaring fire that swept the unfinished \$1,250,000 hangar at LaGuardia field, New York's \$40,000,000 airport.

The fire, causing part of the roof to collapse and steel girders to buckle, started in a painter's shack within the hangar yesterday afternoon. A dozen firemen and workmen narrowly missed death when the fire raged.

Damage estimates ranged from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. No airplanes were inside the hangar.

Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy said he believed the fire was accidental.

ROSEBURG-GRANTS PASS HIGHWAY JOB SLATED

Mt. Sexton Summit To Be Slashed

First Construction Project, Involving Outlay of More Than \$200,000, Will Start This Year, Governor Says.

GRANTS PASS, March 6.—(AP)—Initial work on a new Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Roseburg will start this year at a cost of \$200,000 project.

Governor Charles A. Sprague so notified Charles H. Demaray of Grants Pass, highway booster, in a letter today which said:

"As you know, the contract now being performed will complete the new road to the California state line. California, I understand, will plan to build the appropriate connecting road on the other side of the line."

He referred to the Siskiyou mountain section of the Pacific highway south of Ashland, which has been transformed from a narrow, sharply-curving pioneer-day road into a class A mountain boulevard.

"As you also know," the governor continued, "surveys are in progress for the relocation of the highway between Roseburg and Grants Pass."

"I am now able to inform you that the initial work on this relocated stretch will be started this year. It will involve the construction of a deep cut at the summit of Sexton mountain. The cost will be something over \$200,000."

"This will be followed, of course, with further appropriations to straighten out this important road."

More Than 200 Curves

Curves in the Grants Pass-Roseburg section of the Pacific highway amount to more than 200 complete circles.

The location survey between Wolf Creek and Grants Pass, completed a few weeks ago, eliminates curves, shortens the distance, and widens the highway. Mt. Sexton, where the first work will be done, has the most bewildering and car-slicing maze of curves on the entire highway. Its pass at 2046 feet is still at the same elevation as that used in stage coach days 80 years ago.

Grants Pass will have the opportunity of inviting tourists to stop here this year, Pacific Greyhound

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Death Bares Man's Life as "Woman"

RETWOOD CITY, Calif., March 6.—(AP)—The body of a 71-year-old man, whose life-long masquerade as a woman was revealed by his death, lay in a mortuary here today while authorities sought to learn if relatives would claim it for burial.

Known as "Mrs. Adelle Best," the man died in a hospital here yesterday after a brief illness.

Chief of Police C. L. Collins and other authorities who investigated the strange case said they learned the man had once gone through a marriage ceremony as the "bride" of Albert Best, former San Jose resident, and they had lived together until Best's death 10 years ago.

Mrs. E. A. Dornbier, of San Francisco, who said she was the man's aunt, related that his transition to woman's attire came when he was about 20. She said he was the son of her late sister, Mrs. Helen Reynolds.

Arms Firm Indicted as Neutrality Act Breaker

HOUSTON, Tex., March 6.—(AP)—The Remington Arms company was indicted by a federal grand jury today for alleged violation of the neutrality act in the shipment of 37,500 rounds of ammunition to Mexico.

Indicted with the company were two Mexican citizens now jailed at Laredo, Texas—Lieutenant Colonel Francisco de Valle Arizpe and Gregorio Prieto, a retired army major who said he was in the employ of the national revolutionary party of Mexico.

Arizpe, 46-year-old self-addressed chief of staff for General Rodrigo Quevedo, was a candidate for representative to the Mexican national congress on the national revolutionary party ticket, he told United States government investigators.

Love Opinions Invite Attacks



Bertrand Russell, 68, Earl of Kingston and Viscount Amberley, is the author, philosopher, liberal politician, lecturer and world wizard at mathematics whose appointment as professor of philosophy at New York City college is contested because of his views on marriage and morality.

Advocate of companionate marriage, free love and "preliminary partnerships," he has been married three times, divorced twice, has fathered four children, the last at 64, says the state will some day take over the rearing of children from the father.

Lord Russell was jailed and kicked out of a Cambridge professorship during the world war for his pacifist expressions. He has lectured at Harvard, and taught at the University of California.

Federal Housing Loans Approved by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today approved \$27,236,000 of United States housing authority loans to 13 cities for slum clearance and low rent housing developments.

The largest loan, for \$7,092,000, went to Philadelphia. Officials said the funds would be used by local housing authorities to pay 90 per cent of the \$30,273,000 cost of 18 projects which would rehouse approximately 25,000 persons.

Today's action brought the total of USDA approved loans to \$624,114,000 for 158 local housing authorities which have programs for 379 projects in 167 communities, providing a total of 140,242 dwelling units to rehouse about 560,000 persons.

Mode O'Day Store Here Passes to New Owners

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stark, recent arrivals in Roseburg from Tulsa, Oklahoma, have purchased the Mode O'Day shop in this city and are taking immediate possession. The Roseburg store previously was owned by C. O. Lovejoy of Medford and has been managed by Mrs. Leon Fearwood. It is the northernmost store in a large organization and will be continued in affiliation with the system.

Mr. Stark, a half-brother of Mr. Lovejoy, in taking over ownership of the Roseburg store reports that he plans to make the business here headquarters for a group of shops which he plans to organize in Oregon.

Dry County Given Right to Buy "Oasis" Over Border

PRINCETON, Minn., March 6.—(AP)—The thirsty in this town, located in dry Miller Lake county, had it figured out today how to get a drink. Now all they need is the votes.

The attorney general ruled that the municipality had a legal right to buy a "liquor annex" in adjoining Sherburne county, which is wet.

By the proposed plan, Princeton would extend its limits into Sherburne county enough so that a liquor store could be established there.

All that's left to do now is getting the proper majorities to agree.

Special Farm Aid in Worthy Cases Set Up

Credit Administration Tries to Keep Lands Occupied by Liberal Loans to Those Passing Four-Point Test.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The farm credit administration told congress today that it was trying to keep farmers on the land through a lenient loan and payment plan, broadened since the agency was placed under control of the agricultural department last summer.

Those plans have been criticized by some congressmen and farm organizations on the ground that they "mix credit with relief."

The FCA said that each delinquent borrower would be judged by a four-point test of "worthiness" and that if he passed, he would be granted special financial assistance.

The delinquent borrowers would have to show that he (1) is doing his best, (2) is applying the proceeds of his production above necessary living and operating expenses on his primary application, (3) is taking proper care of his land or other security, and (4) is able to carry a reasonable burden of debts under normal conditions.

Debt Easing Included

Several types of assistance would be rendered a farmer who met this test. The delinquent portion of his debt might be extended up to five years. His entire debt might be re-amortized, giving him a longer period in which to pay. The size of his installments might be permitted to fluctuate with the income from his crops.

If the borrower's income was abnormally low with no immediate prospect for improvement, his payments might be suspended entirely until his income improved.

Foreclosure would be limited to cases involving abandonment of property, a gross incompetency or bad faith," the agency said.

Farmers are now paying off FCA debts at a faster pace, the report said, than in 1929 or any year since. In 1929 the average borrower retired \$5 on each \$100 of debt.

Trade Treaties Costly

Reciprocal trade treaties cost

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Picketing Without Issue Held Illegal

COLUMBUS, O., March 6.—(AP)—Ohio's supreme court ruled today that picketing is illegal "in the absence of a legitimate trade dispute."

Union spokesmen said immediately the American Federation of Labor probably will carry the issue to the U. S. supreme court.

The decision enjoins the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Alliance (AFL) from picketing Crosby's restaurant, Cleveland, where the union has no members, but sought to organize employees.

"There is no right to engage in picketing or boycotting under such circumstances," the court held. "Free speech can not be used to the exclusion of other constitutional rights. The right to operate business without illegal interference should be maintained."

Two justices dissented. One said labor should be privileged to advise the public "in a reasonable, peaceable and orderly way of the truth concerning an employer especially where practices are opposed to the interests of union labor."

The union contended it asked "nothing more than to tell the truth."

Once Top Student Who Slew Mother Held Crazy

PITTSBURGH, March 6.—(AP)—Assistant District Attorney George P. P. Langfitt said today a sanity commission had found Azens West, 34-year-old one-time brilliant student at West Virginia university, to be insane and that he would ask criminal court to nole prosoe murder charges against her for strangling her mother in a hotel room last January 3.

Police said Miss West garroted her 55-year-old mother, Mrs. Helen G. West, with a scarf, brooded over her act for hours then leaped from a hotel window in an effort to end her own life.

Senator's Wife To Ask Divorce



Mrs. Gerald P. Nye, above, wife of the North Dakota senator, announces she will file suit for a divorce. Married for 23 years, the Nyes have lived apart since last fall.

Man Admits Setting Six Fires "For Excitement"

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 6.—(AP)—Police Sgt. Carl Pittelko said today A. G. Taylor, 41, was held on six arson charges after admitting he set his own house on fire "for excitement" and because he liked "to hear fire engines scream down the street."

Pittelko and Sgt. Mark Holmes of the police arson squad said the man signed a statement that he started in the same neighborhood within two weeks six fires—four of them at his own address. A fire station is only two blocks away.

Lumber-Laden Nazi Ship Nabbed in Blockade Dash

ARUBA, Netherlands West Indies, March 6.—(AP)—The German motorship liner Seattle, which sailed Monday night with a lumber cargo, was reported today to have been intercepted at sea, presumably by allied warships guarding the western Atlantic against German attempts to run the blockade.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MR. AND MRS. FRED A. GOFF.

Roseburg real estate and insurance agents, at work in their office Tuesday afternoon.

The present enthusiasm of Mr. Goff, a prominent grange member, also a member of the state forestry board, is the beautification of grange buildings program now being sponsored by the state grange.

"It has occurred to us," Mr. Goff told me, "that many of even the grange halls over the state could be improved through an intelligently planned program of landscaping, and that if each grange which owns its own hall would find a way to make plantings of trees and shrubs, the general picture of such buildings throughout the state could be vastly and pleasantly improved."

The cost of such a program to each grange would be negligible, entailing only donated labor, for the most part. Our agricultural college tells us there are more than 120 natural wild shrubs in the state of Oregon. These could

Defenders Of Viipuri Deal Costly Blows

Repulsed Reds Leave Heaps of Dead at Attacking Points, Lose Many Tanks; Sweden Gets Apology for Bombing.

HELSINKI, March 6.—(AP)—Red army attacks across frozen Viipuri bay were reported by the Finnish high command today to have been repulsed, sending off another assault against the beleaguered coastal city.

Aircraft, tanks and artillery supported the Russian thrust across the ice, but the Finns, still struggling for possession of the strategic Viipuri area, turned back the attack.

The Red army also attacked in force at many land points on the Viipuri sector between the bay and the Vuoksi, but the Finns said all attack had been repulsed.

"Heaps of Russian dead" in front of the Finnish battle positions were described by a Finnish high command communiqué which said that "dozens of tanks" had been destroyed.

The eastern end of the Isthmus front, where the Finnish lines have stood firm against continued Russian pounding, saw lively artillery activity and farther north on the Kallio sector Russian attacks were repulsed, the Finns reported.

Soviet air raids behind the battle lines killed 40 persons and wounded many others during attacks yesterday on Mikkeli, Lahti and Kuopio.

Ten enemy raiders were shot down during the forays, the Finns said adding that their own air force "undertook numerous patrol and bombing flights in support of our land forces' operations."

RUSSIA APOLOGIZES FOR BOMBING SWEDISH TOWN

STOCKHOLM, March 6.—(AP)—The Soviet Russian government has apologized for the bombing of Pajala, Sweden, Feb. 21 by Red army planes.

In a brief announcement, the Swedish government last night said a Russian note of apology was handed to the Swedish legation in Moscow. Previously, the soviet

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Stage Star Of Past Era Dies



Maxine Elliott

CANNES, France, March 6.—(AP)—Maxine Elliott, 67, famous American actress who achieved success both in Europe and the United States, died last night at her chateau at Juan Les Pins.

She quit the stage while she was at the height of her career, to become one of the outstanding international hostesses of the European "gold coast" on the French Riviera.

At San Francisco in 1898 she met and married Nat Goodwin, actor. They were divorced in 1908. She never married again.

When the world war broke out Miss Elliott was one of the first to enlist as a Red Cross nurse and did heroic relief work which won her decorations from the British and French governments. She bought her own ambulance to take to the front and later organized a fleet of barges to carry relief to war sufferers along the Belgian canals. She was known along the allied front as "the lord high admiral of barges on the Belgian front."

German, British Troops in Clash

Nazi Agency Joyously States Twenty Britons Slain and Sixteen Taken Prisoner.

BERLIN, March 6.—(AP)—Twenty British soldiers were killed and 16 taken prisoner on the western front yesterday morning when German shock troops stormed a British dugout in the Moselle sector, the German official news agency, DNB, reported today. Elucidating, DNB said they were members of the Duke of Cornwall's infantry regiment.

DNB jubilantly reported that "at last German shock troops have succeeded in cutting in fighting touch with British troops."

The Germans admitted loss of only one soldier.

It was asserted that this was the first time that the Germans had had actual fight with British troops on the western front since the war began. The report recalled that German outposts early in January repelled the British in two small clashes.

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—The War office published a communiqué today reported a British sergeant-major killed and several soldiers missing in a German raid yesterday on a Maginot line post of the British expeditionary force.

Nazi Assurance Sought in Relief Plans of America

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The house foreign affairs committee sought assurance from Germany, England and France that proposed United States relief for Poles, Finns and Czechoslovaks could be administered by American representatives.

A subcommittee, headed by Chairman Bloom (D, N. Y.), was directed to seek this assurance through the state department in connection with bills which propose:

- \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for Polish relief.
- \$10,000,000 for Czechoslovak relief.
- Up to \$20,000,000 for Finnish relief.

Prizes of War, Answer Given Rome Protest

Eight Italian Vessels Laden With Nazi Coal Held, 9th Released Because of Her Sailing Before Ban Date.

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Britain today ordered the cargoes of eight Italian ships—declared to be coal from Germany held as prizes in her tightening campaign to halt sea-borne exports from Germany.

Nine Italian ships had been herded into the contraband control station at the Downs, but the ninth ship, the Loano, was released by the enemy exports committee.

It was established that she sailed from Rotterdam, where the Italian coal flotilla loaded, on March 1 before the order to halt German coal shipments to Italy was issued.

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—Two more Italian ships were herded by the British navy into the contraband control station at the Downs today, bringing to nine the

Australian Coal Mines Facing Strike Threat

SYDNEY, Australia, March 6.—(AP)—A coal strike affecting 20,000 miners in four of the commonwealth's states was called today for March 11 unless intervention by the government prevents the walkout.

Miners in Victoria and New South Wales voted preponderantly in favor of the strike for shorter hours and higher wages.

number of Italian ships detained in the controversy over German coal exports.

The ministry of economic warfare said all mines were flying the Italian ensign and all were "assumed to be carrying coal."

The British blockade patrols worked in apparent disregard of Italy's bitter week-end protest which asserted the blockade was endangering economic and political relations of Britain and Germany's axis partner.

Meanwhile the foreign office was drafting a formal reply to the Rome protest.

A spokesman for the ministry of economic warfare said that the blockade exemption committee had allowed 18 countries, including the United States, to import some goods from Germany, but that in each case the nation also asked for approval for import of other

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Political Activity Approval Refused

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The senate rejected today a proposal to legalize voluntary political activity by federal employees. Such activity now is restricted by the Hatch and politics law.

The vote was 44 to 41.

The chamber acted after Democratic Leader Barkley had said that a vote for the proposal would endanger the democrats' chances of success in this year's national election.

The senate action came on an amendment by Senator Miller (D, Ark.) to pending legislation by Senator Hatch (D, N. M.) which would broaden the present law to cover state and local employees paid partly from federal funds.

Miller said his amendment merely would wipe out existing restrictions on freedom of speech for federal employees and would prevent the imposition of such restrictions against state-federal employees if Hatch's broadening legislation were approved.

Hatch argued, however, that the Miller proposal would strip away the key provision of the existing act and would make the law virtually ineffective.

Snowstorm in 4 States Brings Joy to Farmers

DENVER, March 6.—(AP)—A moisture-laden snowstorm swept across Wyoming and Colorado today, grounding air traffic, blocking highways and hampering communications.

The storm dipped into parts of Montana and the Dakotas.

Despite the inconvenience caused, the storm brought smiles to farmers because it deposited deep snow on dryland farming regions and in Montana storehouses of irrigation waters.