

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 68%
Highest temperature yesterday 55
Lowest temperature last night 43
Precipitation for 24 hours .51
Precip. since first of month 3.49
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 22.84
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 .78
Occasional Rain.

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TAXES

Looks like congress may have to boost them in view of the current upswing in voted appropriations. And that may catch thousands in the smaller income groups. Watch for developments in daily NEWS-REVIEW service.

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WARPLANE SALES' INVESTIGATION BARRED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
YOU may be tiring of these dissertations on travel, the cost thereof, what is to be seen by one who is willing to take the trouble, etc. If so, you can skip them.

That is one of the beauties of the printed word. You don't HAVE to read it.
ANYWAY, the news of the day is singularly lacking at the moment in novelty and excitement. Congress, as expected, is getting over its economy binge. The war is still in the doldrums, and will remain so until time proves whether the British and the French can or can't starve the Germans into submission without having to fight them.

Besides this writer, having written for months and months and months of war and politics and the frailties of human nature, has been as pleased as Punch at the opportunity to turn to something else, and can't seem to quit.
So you'll have to put up with another chapter or so.

NO estimate of travel cost can be complete, or anywhere near complete, unless it contains a liberal allowance for tips.
You may be opposed on principle to the institution of tipping—feeling that it is snobbish on the part of the giver and socially degrading on the part of the receiver. And on top of all that it may gripe you to part with the money.

Still if you travel to any extent, especially by automobile, you'll tip—or feel like a heel, which doesn't pay because it takes out the fun.
In the larger cities it costs about a half dollar in tips to get into your hotel and an equal sum to get out. This is divided on the basis of two bits to the bellhop who carries up your baggage and two bits to the doorman who takes care of your car, getting it back and forth to the garage—as when you arrive and depart.

The attendant who brings your car from the garage will suggest

Kill-For-Pay Case Ordered Re-Tried

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—(AP)—The first victory scored by the commonwealth in its efforts to smash a ruthless slay-for-pay syndicate was nullified today, temporarily at least, by a Pennsylvania supreme court decision granting a new trial to a man sentenced to death.
That man is Herman Pettrillo, forty, 41-year-old former spaghetti salesman and an alleged leader of the ring. He was convicted a year ago of poisoning a WPA worker who, investigators contend, was among scores of persons slain for insurance in eastern states.
The supreme court, in a ruling yesterday at Pittsburgh, sharply rebuked the judge who presided at Pettrillo's trial, declaring the defendant did not receive a fair chance and that some of the evidence violated his constitutional rights.
Revelations at that trial and others made later by Pettrillo himself lifted the veil from the fantastic traffic in death in which "hexes," witchcraft, "witch's brew," "love potions," and superstitious wives played a major part.
How many persons were poisoned or bludgeoned by the syndicate's members and patrons has not yet been determined but police estimate there were "upwards of 100." Of 24 persons arrested, two are awaiting trial, four were acquitted and all the others either were convicted or pleaded guilty.
"We are not holding that there was not sufficient evidence offered to warrant a conviction," the supreme court said, "but we are holding that there was such an admixture as to deprive the defendant of a fair and impartial trial."

Welles, Returning to U. S., Mum as to Mission Abroad

Envoy Keeps Information For President

High Officials Not Optimistic Over Prospects for Peace in Europe as Result of Conferences With Rulers.

NEW YORK, March 28.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, sent to Europe on an exhaustive fact-finding tour by President Roosevelt, returned today to report in person to the chief executive on conditions in that war-torn continent. Affable, but silent as usual on his highly confidential mission, Welles was to entrain immediately for Washington.
The under secretary of state, guarded closely the tremendously important information gathered in conferences in Italy, Germany, France and Great Britain.
These conferences contributed the basic facts in his possession: An hour and a half talk with Chancellor Hitler. It had been nearly two years since an American ambassador had last seen him.
A discussion with Premier Mussolini in Rome.
Long and private discussions with former Premier Daladier in Paris, and with Prime Minister Chamberlain in London.

Peace Hopes Slim

Meantime, high optimism was felt by high officials at Washington that European peace would follow his fact-finding trip.
No officials were willing to predict that the white house would make any move toward peace within the next few months.
They were unanimous, however, in saying that Welles' trip had been extremely valuable in exactly the field for which the president designed it—gathering facts.
One high official here said that Welles' trip had been of great value in improving relations with Italy, in clarifying the views of foreign chieftains, in putting forth the undersecretary as a future contact man, in making him probably the best-informed statesman on present day Europe, and in putting

Road Money Bill Predicted by Mott

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Representative Mott (R-Ore.), member of the house roads committee, said today a highway improvement bill probably would be reported by the committee in mid-April and would carry approximately \$300,000,000.
Mott said he believed it would contain about \$125,000,000 for federal aid roads and \$25,000,000 for secondary roads. He said one section which now provides for a spending-leasing program for states, counties and subdivisions would meet much objection and might be eliminated in committee. This section, known as title two, would empower the states and subdivisions to borrow money from the reconstruction finance corporation to construct roads, parkways, grade crossings, underpasses, bridge, viaducts and tunnels.
"I am opposed to the section," Mott said, "for it gives the federal government a grip upon the states and allows it to encroach upon state's rights. This section may be killed in committee and if not will meet determined opposition on the floor of the house."
Mott believes the financing provided in title two of the bill is "not the proper way in which to finance roads."

Visitor Arrested on Worthless Check Charge

Gene Willford, 38, was arrested by state police last night upon request of Marysville, Calif., authorities. He is charged at Marysville with issuance of a worthless check. Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police said he was informed. He was taken into custody at Ellard, when he arrived there to visit relatives. He waived extradition and will be returned immediately to Marysville to answer the accusation, Morgan said.

British Govt. 'Incompetent,' Historian Says

LONDON, March 28.—(AP)—H. G. Wells called the British government "grossly incompetent" today and said Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax were "just playing about with the war."

The historian-novelist, speaking to the British students' congress at Leeds university, said the government publication, "The British Case," was "calculated to damn us utterly in the eyes of America and all neutral countries and even in the eyes of our ally, France."
Wells said the publication showed that "we are fighting for the British empire and imperialism" and that "if this is the stuff for which we are fighting, then it is foolish to fight."
"Everybody knows our government is grossly incompetent and yet no one dares attempt its replacement. Why is there this hysterical trust in and loyalty to the government? All the lack of confidence in the spirit of our people is psychologically different only in degree from what is happening in Germany."
The Germans adhere to Hitler because they fear complete chaos if his gang breaks down.
To avoid catastrophe Wells urged a single economic control for the world.

Effort to Kidnap Denver Boy Fails

Maid Receives Beating Saving Invalid Son of Late Paint Manufacturer, J. G. Lowe.

DENVER, March 28.—(AP)—An apparent attempt was made early today to kidnap John J. (Jackie) Lowe, 16, wealthy invalid son of the late John G. Lowe, millionaire paint manufacturer, Denver police said.
Mrs. Margaret Hill, 36, maid at the home of Jackie's mother, Mrs. Edith Lowe, was beaten by an intruder who forced his way into the socialite's home, then fled.
Mrs. Hill was taken to a hospital suffering from head, face and lip cuts.
A report by Police Sergeant Orson Lowe and other officers said that when Mrs. Hill entered the back door at 1:30 a. m., after an evening out, a man armed with a pistol stepped out of the shadows, forced his way into the kitchen and demanded "where is the boy?"
Sergeant Lowe said that when Mrs. Hill refused to answer the man, the intruder struck Mrs. Hill several times with the gun and then fled. The woman managed to reach the burglar alarm and call police.
Mr. and Mrs. Lowe became estranged and on October 26, 1937, Lowe, on an ocean trip between New York and Boston, plunged into Long Island sound while believed to have been walking in his sleep. Coast guardsmen found his body two days later.
His will left Mrs. Lowe \$150,000 in cash and property valued at \$46,000. He left \$1,600,000 to be divided equally between the two children.

Allies to Stand as One in Any Peace

LONDON, March 28.—(AP)—Great Britain and France in a meeting of the supreme war council today pledged themselves neither to conclude an armistice nor treaty of peace except by mutual agreement and to work together after the war "in all spheres for so long as may be necessary to safeguard their security."
They also solemnly declared their purpose "to effect the reconstruction with the assistance of other nations of an international order which will ensure the liberty of peoples, respect for law and the maintenance of peace in Europe."
The allies decided further not to discuss peace terms before arriving at a "complete agreement on the conditions necessary to ensure to each of them an effective and lasting guarantee of their security."

Nazis, Dutch Each Destroy British Plane

One Downed in Reconnoitering Over Helgoland; Nazis Also Claim Two Others Bagged; German U-Boat Grounded.

By the Associated Press
British fighting planes gave chase today to a plane, believed to be German, which flew over the Shetland islands, north of Scotland. It was believed no bombs were dropped. An air raid warning was in force for 22 minutes.
The British air ministry also confirmed that a Bristol-Blenheim bomber, intercepted by German fighters, was shot down yesterday over Helgoland. Night yesterday, was missing.
(DNH) German official news agency, reported last night that the plane was shot down.
Netherlands airmen shot down a British bomber which flew over Dutch territory. They said one of the British fliers was killed in leaping from the plane and the other four were interned. Two other British planes were reported shot down by Germans.
Nazi U-Boat Grounded
A German submarine which went aground on the Norwegian coast was interned with its crew by the Norwegian admiralty, which said a navigation error was responsible and that the submarine had not taken refuge because of engine trouble, as the Germans contended.
There was a mysterious fire in a big factory on the outskirts of Berlin early today. DNK official German news agency, said "highly inflammable material" burned, but did not disclose whether it might be munitions.
The French acknowledged last night that an explosion aboard a French destroyer Saturday had killed seven seamen. Steafel, Italian news agency, said the ship was broken in two by the blast in a Morocco port and that 100 were killed.

Air Patrol Effective

One active but little publicized British phase of the war—the coastal air patrol system—was credited meanwhile by neutral observers with halving the commerce.

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Wire Tapping Charge Hits 3 In Oklahoma

Federal Indictment Growing Out of Recent Strike Lists County Attorney, Ex-Police Commissioner, Policeman.

TULSA, Okla., March 28.—(AP)—Coinciding with a congressional investigation of "wire tapping," a federal grand jury has indicted the Tulsa county attorney, a former police commissioner, and a policeman for tapping wires in a recent oil workers strike.
Rep. William T. Schulte (D., Ind.) charged in the national house a few days ago that the Tulsa police department had acted as a "strike breaking agency." He further asserted the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp. had "tapped" oil workers union wires with assistance of Oklahoma national guardsmen.
The jury indicted County Attorney Dixie Gilmer; Floyd Rheam, attorney and former police commissioner; William Kelly, a policeman and others yesterday.

It charged they conspired to "intercept interstate and intrastate communications . . . over telephone and cable" between Feb. 1 and May 31, 1939.
Judge Franklin E. Kennamer had indicted a grand jury to investigate "wire tapping" after Rheam disclosed it in testimony at an NLRB hearing growing out of the 15-month strike against Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.
The strike was settled last Thursday.
Gilmer commented: "I have been indicted for doing my duty. . . . Only in the last fortnight has the department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation determined to abandon this practice of 'wire tapping.'"
Gov. Leon C. Phillips and Adj. Gen. Louis Ledbetter were among witnesses before the jury.

Fatal Bus-Auto Crash in Portland Under Inquiry

PORTLAND, March 28.—(AP)—Deputy District Attorney Tom Work released a bill M. S. Stump, Portland Traction company driver, on a charge of failing to give right of way today pending investigation of yesterday's fatal bus-automobile collision.
The crash killed E. B. Ellis, Electrical Products corporation manager, and virtually destroyed his automobile. Ellis' son and three bus passengers were injured.
The passenger coach crushed the auto against a telephone pole.

Defiant Red Faces Contempt Charge

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The Dies committee voted today to cite George Powers, Pittsburgh communist leader, for contempt for his failure to answer questions and produce communist party records.
The committee's action came at the conclusion of a hearing at which Powers said he refused flatly to give the committee names of communist party members on the ground that "you're trying to blacklist our people in industry."
He was the second communist against whom such action was taken in the last few days. Previously Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) recommended to House Speaker Bankhead that contempt proceedings be heard against James H. Dolsen, another Pittsburgh man who balked at questions Monday.
Powers, a Russian-born man of 35, had refused earlier, on advice of counsel, to tell the committee anything about his two brothers on the ground that such matters were "personal." He was supported in this by his attorney, Sol H. Cohn, of New York.
The refusal to divulge names of party members came when Chairman Dies asked who kept the records for communist party district five in Pennsylvania, of which Powers said he was secretary. Powers said there was no membership list but that some one under him kept a record of dues.

Dozenberg Dealt Prison Term for Passport Fraud

NEW YORK, March 28.—(AP)—Nicholas Dozenberg, one-time soviet army intelligence agent, was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison today on his guilty plea some weeks ago to an indictment charging use of two passports obtained by fraudulent statements.
Federal Judge Mandelbaum rejected the recommendation of United States Attorney Cahill that Dozenberg be sentenced to two and one-half years, after Dozenberg personally made a plea for the opportunity to "make my place in American society as a loyal and patriotic American citizen."
Dozenberg is a former storekeeper of Bend, Ore.

Cry for Cargo Boats Heard In Northwest

Diversion of Ships in Wartime Developments is Paralyzing Basic Industries; Aid Plea Sent to U. S. Maritime Body.

By the Associated Press
An industrial "SOS" went out from the Pacific northwest today because of what war developments have done to shipping service.
The urgent call, swelling from the docks and echoing from the Washington state governor's office, was "send us ships."
Governor Clarence D. Martin and a northwest emergency shippers' committee led the appeal for cargo carriers. The committee referred to an "acute emergency" which "is creating economic paralysis and increasing unemployment in basic northwest industries."
Wartime shipping developments were blamed for the sharp diversion of vessels from intercoastal trade into doubly profitable special charter service. Much of the charter shipping was reported to be for South American and other routes which previously were served extensively by British "tramp" freighters.
Lumber Trade Hard Hit
The northwest's lumber industry, retaining its feet after the economic drubbing of the thirties, has been hit hard. With eastern markets awaiting delivery, lumber has piled up on shipping point docks.
At least one mill, the Warrenton (Ore.) Shingle company, employing 42 men, closed because the manager said movement of accumulated stocks before May was impossible. Big mills at Everett and Longview, Wash., reported reduced operations because of the shipping situation.
At Bellingham, Bloedel-Donovan Lumber company officials reported the American-Hawaiian line had advised that after April 15 it could handle only 1,000,000 feet of its lumber monthly, only one-fourth of scheduled shipments with the line. The company said no ship space at all was available for Baltimore, Philadelphia and Puerto Rico, and

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Candidate For Commissioner



H. A. Adams, above, well known Myrtle Creek merchant, has announced his candidacy for the office of county commissioner. He will seek the nomination of the democratic party. A native of Douglas county, Mr. Adams is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams, who settled in Douglas county in 1850. He still owns and operates the Adams donation land claim, having been engaged in farming both directly and indirectly throughout his active life. He has been identified with the merchandising business in Myrtle Creek for more than 30 years, starting in business in 1909 in the firm of Rice Bros. and Adams. Since 1936 he has been a member of the firm of Reynolds and Adams.

Death Ends Career Of Ex-Mrs. Astor

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 28.—(AP)—Socially prominent Mrs. Madeline Force Astor-Dick-Fiermonte, whose first husband, Col. John Jacob Astor, lost his life in the Titanic sinking of 1912, died at her winter home today of a heart ailment. She was 47.
The wealthy society woman created a sensation when she married Enzo Fiermonte, an Italian pugilist, November 27, 1933, in a New York hospital where she was a patient. The marriage ended in divorce at Palm Beach, June 11, 1938.
Her son, John Jacob Astor, was reported at her bedside when she died.
Shortly after her graduation from a New York finishing school, Mrs. Fiermonte—then Miss Madeline Force—married Astor at his home in Newport, R. I. He was old enough to be her father and had been forbidden to marry by a court order of a divorce by his first wife, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor.
They were returning to America from Europe in 1912 when the Titanic struck an iceberg and sunk. Mrs. Fiermonte was rescued.
She married William K. Dick, multimillionaire New York banker, in 1916. They were divorced in 1933.
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Mrs. Nan Honeyman Again Candidate for Congress

PORTLAND, March 28.—(AP)—Oregon's first congresswoman joined the primary political campaign today. Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, member of the Oregon delegation from 1937 to 1939, announced her candidacy for the democratic nomination for congress from the third, Multnomah county, district.
Richard L. Neuberger, Portland writer, announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination as state representative from Multnomah county.

Freshman Girl Victim of Attack and Murder

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., March 28.—(AP)—A freshman girl student at the Pennsylvania State college, who had been brutally attacked, was found slain today in the driveway of the Lemont consolidated school near here today.
State Motor Patrolman James G. Griffith said the victim had been identified as Rachel Hutchinson Taylor, about 16, a student in the home economics department at the college, and a resident of Wildwood, N. J.

Senate Group Votes 5 to 4 Against Plan

No Interference With Needs Of U. S. Forces, Committee is Assured; Economy Plans in Congress go Into Discard.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The senate military affairs committee voted, 5 to 4, today against conducting a formal investigation of military plane sales to France and Britain.
The decision followed categorical denials from war department officials that such sales had interfered in any way with production for America's armed forces.
Chairman Sheppard (D., Tex.) said he believed all of the points raised by Senator LaFollette (Prog., Wis.) in a resolution requesting the investigation had been answered satisfactorily. In a closed session, by Secretary Woodring and Assistant Secretary Johnson.
For that reason, Sheppard said, he and Senators Reynolds (D., N. C.), Minton (D., Ind.), Lee (D., Okla.) and Schwartz (D., Wyo.) voted against reporting the situation to the senate. Those favoring the resolution were Senators Johnson (D., Colo.), Lundeen (F. L., Minn.), Chandler (D., Ky.) and Gurney (R., N. D.).
Woodring told reporters that he had merely repeated to the senators his statements of yesterday, when he told the house military affairs committee that sales of the latest type of planes were increasing American productive capacity and making it easier for the armed forces to obtain better planes at lower prices.
1600 So Far Delivered
American aircraft plants, an official report disclosed, meantime, have delivered about 1,600 warplanes to France and British fighting forces in the last 14 months and are rushing production on orders for 2,700 more.
These initial European war contracts were generally regarded as the forerunners of a large scale allied program for the purchase of an additional \$800,000,000 in estimated cost of \$1,000,000,000.
The data on aircraft war purchases to date, as compiled by war, state and treasury department sources, show a \$300,000,000 backlog on Franco-British orders for planes, engines and propellers as of February 29.
Under orders of the principal nations include:
British empire (Canada excepted): 1,262 planes, valued at \$100,298,000; 2,562 engines, at \$24,754,000.
France: 1,371 planes, \$100,886,000; 6,555 engines, \$51,135,000.
Spending Upswing Begun
The house today reaffirmed its decision of yesterday to increase President Roosevelt's recommendation for next year's NYA activities from \$85,000,000 to \$102,450,000. The decision came on a 162 to 144 vote.
However, the economy forces in the house will be permitted to ask for still another vote—a roll call vote—later.
A little earlier, the house shouted down a request by Rep. Taber (R-N. Y.) to slash the bill to \$45,000,000.
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Forest Revenue Allotment Begun

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The forest service announced today it has started distributing \$1,192,369.57 representing 25 per cent of the gross receipts from operation of the 196 national forests and purchase units in fiscal 1939, among 667 counties in 39 states, Alaska and Puerto Rico.
In Oregon the payments amounted to \$163,255.56 representing 25 per cent of the receipts from 11 national forests or purchasing units. California received the largest total \$170,239.38, and North Dakota, the smallest, \$3.75. A check for the state total is mailed by the treasury to the state, which then distributes the money to the eligible counties within its borders.
Cash receipts from administration of the national forest system amounted to \$4,902,376.44 last year.
The service reported that 18 counties entitled to more than \$10,000 included Grant, Ore., \$19,500; Harney, Ore., \$18,000; Deschutes, Ore., \$12,400; Klamath, Ore., \$12,000; Modoc, Calif., \$12,000; Lane, Ore., \$10,400.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



HOWARD CASEBEER, demonstrating the proper filing of a crosscut saw, at his shop at Blakeley and Stephens streets, Roseburg.
This particular saw was a well worn one, and had first been gummed. Gumming is a new word for denoting the notches between the teeth, with file or emery wheel, thus making the teeth and drags longer.
I had known in a hazy way of crosscut saws, bucksaws, bandsaws, buzzsaws, etc.; but imagine my surprise to discover that there are literally dozens and dozens of different kinds for use on various woods and metals.
"The gumming and sharpening of each one of these saws require a different technique," Howard informed me. "Not only that, but for best results, each saw must be especially prepared for the particular material it is to be used upon. To illustrate, this crosscut I am work-