

THE WEATHER

Humidity 1:30 p. m. yesterday 53%
Highest temperature yesterday 64
Lowest temperature last night 16
Precipitation for 24 hours 1.16
Precip. since first of month 3.59
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 27.73
Snow since Sept. 1, 1939 1.79
Occasional Rain.

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COMMUNISTS

Uncle Sam continues to crack down on those defying the Dies probe. Two already cited for contempt. Looks like a house cleaning worthy of national attention. Follow reports in the NEWS-REVIEW.

LOUISIANA TORNADO INFLECTS DEATH, RUIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN bringing this series of travelogues to an end, there are some general conclusions that should be set down. Here is one of them:
This DOESN'T look like a tourist country.

THERE are few idle factories. There are no great crowds of unemployed. There are few abandoned farms. There is little rack or ruin. There are few sullen people.
In fact, in city after city, in state after state, you see people going about their daily tasks in what is obviously a cheerful frame of mind. You hear a vast amount of singing and whistling and practically no cursing or muttering under the breath.

If this isn't a normally happy country, it has an amazing gift for putting on a good front.

THERE are thousands upon thousands of towns in this country, big and little. These are the home towns of the people who live in them. Talk to these people and you will find them firmly convinced that THEIR town is quite the best, everything considered, in the whole United States of America.

Make inquiries and you will learn that they are cheerfully taxing themselves to the point where it begins to hurt in order to provide for their children the very

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Minister Dies For Daughter's Murder

TRENTON, N. J., March 29.—(AP)—The Rev. Walter Dworecki, 43-year-old Polish Baptist minister and first clergyman to be executed in New Jersey's electric chair, stalled to his death last night musing "Holy Father, save my soul."

The Camden pastor, condemned for scheming the strangulation murder of his daughter Wanda, 18, so he could collect her life insurance, was pronounced dead six minutes after he entered the tiny death chamber preceded by a chaplain.

Clemency pleas by the pastor were denied twice by the state court of pardons during the last nine days.

Dworecki was convicted last October 5 of hiring Peter Schwuch, 23-year-old circus roustabout and former henchman in the Dworecki home, for a small fee to kill the girl so the father could collect between \$5,000 and \$6,000 insurance. Her body was found early on the morning of August 8, 1939, in a rain-soaked wood patch. Schwuch, indicted for murder, is to be tried late next month.

Thirty-Two U. S. Senators, Whose Terms End Next Winter, to Run Again

By WILLIAM B. ARDERY
WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The developing political campaign is demonstrating that members are reluctant to give up their seats in the "most exclusive club in the world"—the United States senate.
The 32 senators whose terms expire next winter include some long time members and some comparative youngsters, but, with the exception of three, all have indicated they would run again.
Senators Donahue (D., Ohio) and Hale (R., Me.) have announced they would retire, while Senator Schwechenbach (D., Wash.) has been noncommittal.

The first tests for sitting senators will come in the Illinois and Nebraska primaries April 2. In Illinois, Senator Slattery is opposed for democratic renomination by Benjamin Adameski, a state legislator. Slattery has the backing of Chicago's powerful Kelly-Narsh democratic organization.
In Nebraska, Senator Burke is opposed for democratic renomination by Governor Roy L. Cochran. Several other democratic sena-

Annual Fish Derby Plans Launched

Trout Season Debut Will Be Gala Event

Tentative Program Approved by Roseburg Merchants Calls For Partial Store Closures, Open-Air "Fish Fry."

Tentative plans for Roseburg's second annual fish derby, celebrating the opening of the trout season in the state of Oregon and particularly the fishing streams of Douglas county, were approved last night by the retail merchants committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The merchants' committee members will contact the various groups to which they have been assigned and report back with a complete expression from all business firms of the city with regard to the time of closing and the derby program.

The committee is composed of representatives from each general line of business and trade and is headed by D. E. Carr. Each member is a sub-chairman for one particular group and has charge of contacting each firm within that group on all matters affecting trade.

Called into a special meeting by the chairman, the committee last night heard an outline of the tentative plans of Dick Maddox, chairman of the fish derby. The plan, as outlined by Mr. Maddox, calls for a general closing of all places of business until 11 a. m. on the date of Monday, April 15. The season will open on Saturday, the 13th, giving a weekend in which to qualify for the celebration.

"Fish-Fry" Scheduled
All merchants and their employees are expected to report back with fish by 10 a. m. Monday. Starting promptly at 10 o'clock will be a public open-air "fish fry." The plan is to set up stoves, probably at the intersection of Cass and Jackson streets, which location was recommended by the committee. Several contests in connection with the fish fry are being formulated, assuring plenty of

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Relief Worker Admits Hex Slaying of His Infant

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—(AP)—A former railroad worker was quoted today by Detective Sergeant Daniel Cronin as saying he killed his infant daughter, Beatrice, butchered her body and thrust it in a coal bin.

Cronin said Michael Menichella, 40, made the statement after hours of questioning during which he babbled incoherently of "the bees" and insisted "witches" had snatched the 16-day-old child from her crib.

The father, now on relief, offered no other motive for his deed than "the witches made me do it," Cronin said.
The baby's body was found, head severed, in a brick bag in the basement of the Menichella home half an hour after the mother aroused the neighborhood yesterday with cries: "My baby has been stolen."

tors also have opposition. Pennsylvania democrats are split in Senator Guffey's renomination race against Walter A. Jones, chairman of the state turnpike commission.
G. O. P. Gains Predicted
Republican leaders, taking hope from their 1938 election gains, have been predicting they would effect a substantial increase in their 23 senate seats next November.
Senator Austin (R., Va.), who is up for reelection, contended today that the republicans have a chance to win nine places now held by these democratic senators:
Donahue, Guffey, Holt of West Virginia, Maloney of Connecticut, Mead of New York, Minton of Indiana, O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Schwechenbach of Washington and Aruman of Missouri.

One highly-placed democratic leader commented that the republicans might gain "two or three seats, but how can that hurt us?"
Even with nine extra places taken from the democrats, the republicans would have only 32 senate seats, while the democrats would have 66. Four senators are not affiliated with the two major parties.

Distinction of Being Oldest Active Peace Officer in U. S. Accredited to Constable Finis W. Dillard, 91 Today



Finis W. Dillard, above, who today celebrates his 91st birthday in Roseburg, is believed to be the oldest active peace officer in Oregon and, perhaps, in the entire nation. Mr. Dillard, despite his advanced age, still holds the office of constable for Deer Creek precinct and actively conducts the affairs of that official position.

For more than 42 years he has served in official capacities as chief of police for the city of Roseburg, deputy sheriff and constable. Still physically active and keen of vision, he drives his own automobile—vintage of 1928—and takes much interest in political and local affairs.

He was born March 29, 1849, in Springfield, Mo., the son of John Dillard, a native of Tennessee, and Jane Gray (Martin) Dillard, a native of North Carolina.

His father was a farmer, mechanic and Presbyterian minister. When a windstorm swept the roof off his house in Missouri he decided it was time to move his family into the Oregon country and in 1850 crossed the plains to Salem, where with his wife and three sons.

Slays Brother In Dispute Over Fence

Oregon Ranch Tragedy Is Laid Basically to Pair Getting On Each Other's Nerves.

CANYON CITY, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—"Getting on each other's nerves" after a long time of hatching together in a mountain cabin 14 miles northeast of Long creek, was said today by District Attorney J. M. Blank of Grant county "probably" to have been one of the causes that led to a dispute ended when James Edwards, about 50, shot and killed his brother, Will, about 45, yesterday afternoon.

James Edwards was brought to the county jail here last night but the district attorney said it was doubtful if a charge more serious than manslaughter would be filed and that, after further investigation, there was a chance of no charge at all.
"Our investigation disclosed," said Mr. Blank, "that the brothers were building a fence and quarreled over the way it should be put up. One word led to another and when tempers got out of hand Will Edwards hit James on the head with a rock, knocking him out for a time. James was scattered with blood when we got there."

When James Edwards recovered the quarrel was resumed. Each man had a rifle, and, presumably in the fear that his brother would shoot him, James Edwards let fly. The bullet struck Will in the stomach and killed him.
The brothers, Mr. Blank said, had lived in the region many years. James and his wife had separated and the wife had remarried their son, 18, living with the brothers. Will was never married.

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Seized Soviet Ships Put In French Hands

Britain Shifts Dispute Over Contraband to Her Ally in Tightening of Partnership, Presaging More War Action.

By the Associated Press
Great Britain apparently tried today to rid herself of a war-born controversy with soviet Russia by announcing she was turning over to French authorities in the far east two Russian freighters suspected of carrying contraband for Germany.

"For administrative reasons," a London announcement said, "it has been found convenient to transfer the ships from the custody of one ally to that of the other."

France's diplomatic relations with Russia were rendered more difficult only this week when the French government asked that Russian Ambassador Surits be recalled as "persona non grata."

The Russian freighters Selenia and Vladimir Mayakovsky, the latter en route from the United States to Vladivostok, were intercepted in far eastern waters by the British navy and taken to Hongkong where, the London announcement said, "examination for the purpose of contraband control has not yet been completed." Russia has been seeking their release.

Convoy Bombed
British and German versions of an aerial attack on a convoy in the North sea last night conflicted. The German high command said one patrol boat was sunk, six merchantmen were hit and the convoy dispersed. DNI, official German news agency, said a French destroyer also was attacked "successfully" in the English channel.

The British admiralty said five bombs were dropped but did no damage.

A breathing spell on Europe's warfronts turned attention to evidence of a diplomatic struggle

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California Cannery Workers Planning Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—(AP)—AFL leaders who represent cannery workers' union claiming 15,000 members in northern California said today they would ask authority to call a strike as a result of a deadlock in negotiations with cannery operators for a 1940 contract.

Donald V. Flanagan, union spokesman, charged employers with "stalling," and said the vote would be taken next week.

Senate Nears Vote On Trade Program

Outcome of Ballot on Proposal to Require Ratification Difficult to Forecast.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The senate's decision on a proposal to require senate ratification of trade agreements may hinge on the votes of the uncommitted democrats—Donahue of Ohio and Schwartz of Wyoming.

The many unofficial polls on the issue—scheduled for a vote at 11 a. m. (Pacific standard time)—conflicted in several instances, but all showed that the question would be decided by a narrow margin.

Generally it was expected Schwartz and Donahue would not reveal their positions until they cast their votes.

The ratification proposal, sponsored by Senator Pittman (D., Nev.), would require that all future agreements under the reciprocal trade law be approved by a two-thirds senate majority. Pittman would attach it to the pending house-approved legislation continuing the trade program for three years from next June 12.

Sponsors and opponents of ratification were making half-hourly checks on their strength, but all conceded it was "possible to forecast accurately which side would win."

On the senate floor, Senator Adams (D., Colo.) attacked the trade program as an unconstitutional delegation of congressional authority to the president. He asserted that the president had established no definite standards for tariff action by the president in drafting the agreements.

House Cites Defiant "Red" For Contempt

Dolsen, Pittsburgh Party Chief, to Feel Federal Hand For Refusal to Answer Queries; Maryland 'Red' Subpoenaed.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—The house directed today that James H. Dolsen, Pittsburgh communist leader, be cited for contempt of the house for refusal to answer questions of the Dies committee.

One of the questions Dolsen declined to answer at a committee hearing last Monday regarded the identity of the person responsible for the issuance of a communist party card bearing the name "Franklin D. Roosevelt."

A card inscribed with that name was found in Dolsen's possession when a subpoena was served on him by a committee investigator. The resolution citing Dolsen for contempt was approved by a loud chorus of "ayes." A single "no," was heard.

The resolution said that in view of the "willful and deliberate refusal" of Dolsen to answer specified questions, the committee had been deprived of important information.

It asked that the speaker of the house refer the matter to the federal district attorney here so that Dolsen "may be proceeded against" according to law.

Another Subpoenaed
Earlier today Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) of the committee ordered a subpoena issued for Dr. Albert E. Blumberg, of Baltimore, secretary of the communist party of Maryland and the District of Columbia, when Blumberg failed to appear at a hearing.

Dies acted after Blumberg's wife, Dorothy, testified that her husband had remained at home although she had delivered to him a request of committee investigators that he accompany her to the hearing.

She appeared in response to a

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Nine Men Perish When Boats Crash Off Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., March 29.—(AP)—Nine men were drowned today when the pilot boat Hebridean was rammed and sunk in the outer harbor by an incoming freighter.

The dead, six harbor pilots and three of the pilot boat's crew, apparently were trapped below deck. Three other pilots and two boatmen were rescued.

The collision occurred as the pilot boat went out to meet the freighter shortly after midnight.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A CARLOAD OF BABY BEEF as it was cut out of a herd of about eighty prime short two-year-olds, at the Sam Miller ranch at Dillard yesterday afternoon. The entire herd was to be loaded on cattle cars last night, destined for the Portland and San Francisco markets. Each animal weighs about 1,000 pounds.

In the general view of the cutting scene above, the riders are Loren Miller and his son, Junior; Pete Wright and Frank Daniels. All are experienced cattlemen, handling thousands of head annually on the home ranch at Dillard, and on the three Miller ranches at Fort Klamath.

Pasturing at the latter ranches, located in the Wood River valley south of Crater lake, will begin early this year. Loren told me; he had just returned from there, and the grass already has started. I believe you have heard me say

Candidate For Supt. of Schools



—Photo by Clark Studio
—News-Review Engraving

Kenneth F. Barneburg, above, has announced his candidacy for the office of county school superintendent. He is a member of a pioneer family which settled in southern Oregon in 1854 and at present is a member of the faculty at Wilbur.

He is a graduate of Southern Oregon College of Education and has done advanced work at University of Oregon and University of California, in addition to a course in business administration at Armstrong college. He holds an administrative principal's credential. For the past several years Mr. Barneburg has served as principal and teacher in southern Oregon schools.

Double Slaying Knowledge Denied

Former Convict, Questioned in Portland, Says, However, He Bought Car of One Victim.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—A former convict, questioned almost constantly since his detention yesterday, reassured today he had no knowledge of the brutal, five-month-old slaying of two California men in the timber near Arlington, Wash.

Captain of Detectives J. J. Keegan said Edward J. Bouchard, 47, held for investigation without charge, admitted acquaintance with one of the slain men, Alfred Allison, 32, of Van Nuys, Calif., but denied meeting Cyril L. Able, 27, also of Van Nuys, the second victim of the mysterious killing.

The garroted, beaten bodies of Allison and Able were discovered last week not far from where they had been employed as migratory laborers. Medical examination indicated they had been dead since late last autumn.

In a statement to Captain Keegan, Bouchard, former Walla Walla, Wash., and San Quentin, Calif., prison inmate, said he accompanied Allison and a man known to him as Jack Peters from Tulake, Calif., to Arlington last fall.

Bought Victim's Car.
Bouchard, who was taken into custody Thursday on information supplied by a private detective agency, asserted that before he left the Arlington vicinity he purchased Allison's automobile for \$30. Police found the car this week at a Portland garage.

The automobile, Bouchard told the captain, contained three or four guns. A weapon of similar description was found in Tacoma three days ago. Bouchard said he pawned the others here.
E. A. Farnham, garage proprietor, advised detectives a man giving the name of Allison left the car for repairs in December. It was never reclaimed and a Holly wood finance company ordered it repossessed and offered for sale.

The auto, several articles of clothing and cooking utensils have been turned over to the Oregon state police crime detection laboratory.
Keegan said Allison and Able went to relatives of meeting two "quite friendly" strangers at Salem, Ore. The strangers apparently accompanied them to Washington to work in the harvest fields, the detective said.

Fine of \$25 Paid on Petty Larceny Charge

A fine of \$25 was paid in justice court here today by Lester Downey, 39, of Roseburg, who pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny. Downey was accused of taking articles of furniture while vacationing at a house he had previously rented from Carl Ohman, Sheriff Percy Webb reported. The furniture, the sheriff stated, was recovered.

At Least 30 Said Dead At Pierre Part

Destruction Dealt Church and Many Homes in Village on Lake Verret; Neighboring Communities Rush Aid.

NAPOLEONVILLE, La., March 29.—(AP)—The Louisiana Light and Power company today received reports here that a tornado had struck the small settlement of Pierre Part, 20 miles distant, reportedly killing 30 or 40 persons.

A. J. Howard, company official, said he received advices that the tornado struck about 11 a. m. and demolished the church and many homes in the village, inhabited by fishermen and trappers.

Doctors and nurses sped to the village from here and from Donaldsonville, and ambulances were sent from neighboring towns.

The population of Pierre Part is about 600.

Sheriff Lezin H. Himel of Assumption parish reported he had been informed between 20 and 40 were killed.

The sheriff said all his deputies and "practically all the residents of Napoleonville" had rushed to the community's aid.

The little settlement of Pierre Part is in a remote, back section of Assumption parish, and is inhabited by fishermen, shrimpers and oystermen. They live in a long line of unpainted cabins.

The town looks out on the broad expanse of Lake Verret, and is reached only by secondary roads or boats. Little wharves of sugarcane, unimproved, project out into the waters in front of the cabins, providing mooring places for the fishing and work luggers, while fishnets dry in the sun.

Eve Exonerated Of First Sin In New Doctrine

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—(AP)—Eve is completely exonerated of the first sin of the world and Adam is held solely to blame in a revised catechism prepared for parochial schools.

The Rev. Charles J. Connell of New York told the National Catholic Education association convention this precept conforms with orthodox Catholic teaching. The revision was drafted by a committee headed by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of the Kansas City diocese.

The Baltimore catechism, in use 35 years, held Adam and Eve jointly responsible for disobeying God's command not to partake of the fruit of the tree of life, of knowledge of good and evil.

The revision simplifies the language and some theological points of the Baltimore catechism. It contains information about St. Joseph as well as the Virgin Mary; warns against sinfulness of suicide and drunkenness, and emphasizes obligations of citizens and civil officers to their country.

Brooks Woman Killed by Automobile Blow

SALEM, March 29.—(AP)—Struck by a car while walking on the Pacific highway near her home eight miles north of here, Mrs. Ed Thiel, about 65, Brooks, was killed last night.
Coroner L. E. Barriek said the car was driven by Gerald D. Boemer of Auburn, Wash., who was on his way to Albany, Ore., where his mother is ill.

The coroner said Mrs. Thiel apparently had driven her car in a ditch near the scene of the accident, and then walked down the highway toward her home. She had walked about 200 yards when she was struck.

Logging Brakeman Cuts Off His Mangled Leg

ASTORIA, Ore., March 29.—(AP)—Brakeman Ernest A. Towne, 44, pulled his crushed leg from beneath a logging railroad car yesterday and amputated it with a pocket knife.
He applied a tourniquet made from his shirt and waited 25 minutes for the next train over the Tidewater Timber company's logging line.
Hospital attendants said his condition was good and that his "excellent self-treatment" prevented the loss of much blood.