

Unsettled today; Occasional showers; Moderate temperature; Max. temperature Friday 64; Min. 41; Rain .14; Wind west; River 1.7.

EAST IS HIT BY TERRIFIC HEAT DURING FRIDAY

Texas at Same Time Swept by Flood Waters Taking Two Lives

Mercury Shows 90 Degrees in New York for First Time This Year

By The Associated Press
Still sweltering in heat that was all the harder to bear because it was unseasonable, the population of the eastern part of the United States have turned expectant faces to the north.

Relief riding the wings of northerly breezes that started blowing across the eastern states about noon Friday, was reported to be on its way.

Boston, one of the hottest places in the whole country at 8 a. m. Friday with a temperature of 84, experienced the highly pleasing sensation of a 19 point degree drop in temperature around noon. However, before it got cooler in Boston, it got hotter. The temperature had gone up to 90 at 11:30, then a breeze off the Atlantic came to the aid of the northerly wind, and by 12:45 p. m., the mercury had dropped down to 71.

Heat Wave Sweeps South Along Seaboard

But while Boston was cooling off other Atlantic seaboard cities were just getting the crest of their heat wave.

By the middle of the afternoon it was 90 in New York and in Philadelphia, and in both cities the humidity was high.

The end apparently was in sight in New York, however, after the 90 degree temperature had been recorded at 3 p. m., making Friday the hottest day of the year in New York. There was a drop to 89 by 4 o'clock.

While it was cooler in Boston,

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City Dads Wonder If Hiring Workers Isn't Bit Previous

Question Raised as to Authority by Which Men Employed to Clear Salem's New Airport; Fund Nearly Spent

BY what authority the city airport committee has entered into an agreement for preliminary work toward construction of the airport, will be questioned at Monday night's meeting of the city council, members said Friday when informed that this work had been started.

It was announced that Ralph Walling had been employed to remove oak trees and brush along Mill creek where it passes through the airport site, and that work had also been started on the runways.

Council members said Friday that the council had not authorized any construction work, but had merely authorized the airport committee to employ an engineer to survey the site and prepare plans, which they supposed would be submitted to the council for its approval before any more was started to carry them out.

Call For Bids Held Usual Procedure

Furthermore, construction of the airport is a public work, and the usual procedure in such cases is to issue a call for bids and let a contract to the lowest bidder.

Councilmen raising the question as to whether the airport committee has not exceeded its authority, have not intimated that the arrangement entered into for work at the airport site is unbusinesslike or contrary to the best interests of the city, as they have no information of its nature; but they have announced an intention to hold the committee to accountability and demand that it shall not exceed such authority as has been granted to it from time to time.

Of the \$50,000 in bonds authorized a year ago for purchase of land and construction of the airport, \$25,000 worth were sold last month. At the last council meeting, authority was granted for the purchase of 35 acres from J. R. Linn for \$5000 and 60 acres from T. W. Holman for \$10,000. This brings the expenditure for land up to \$22,300, leaving little cash available for engineering and construction work until more of the bonds were sold.

The complete program for the commencement exercises Friday morning follows:

a. "Processional Melody in F," Rubinstein. b. "White Queen Overture," Metra. High school orchestra.

-Invocation; Rev. R. L. Payne.

Vocal solo, "Hail to the Chief," Schumann. Solo, "The Star Spangled Banner," Marjorie.

Class. "Adagio," Beethoven. Violin solo, "Romance in G Major," (Beethoven) by Vera Wilson, elected by faculty; Barbara Barham, accompanist.

Talk, "The Meeting," by Marvin Byers, elected by class.

Vocal solo, "I Am Fate," Hamblen, Victor Wolfe; Lois Plummer, accompanist.

Address to the class, "Prospect and Retrospect," Principal J. C. Nelson.

Senior girls' quartet: a. "Will o' the Wisp," Spross. b. "The Two Locks," Rogers. Marjorie O'Dell, Joan Evans, Louise Wilkes and Doris Gardner; Elizabeth Lewis, accompanist.

Presentation of diplomas, Superintendent George W. Hug.

Male quartet: a. "Secrets," Smith. b. "Lullaby," Brown. Willard Moses, Homer Smith, Victor Wolfe and Kenneth Abbott; Marjorie O'Dell at the piano.

Benediction, Rev. J. M. Franz.

Thomason Quits Police Position On Local Force

George Thomason, detective inspector with the Salem police department, terminated his official connection with the city government Friday night. His resignation will be before the city council for approval Monday night.

Thomason plans to accept an appointment to the state traffic division which has been offered him. Prior to his promotion to the detective department several months ago, Thomason was day traffic officer on the city force. His successor has not been announced.

Nellie H. Jensen from Clark W. Jensen, plaintiff having name of Nellie H. Shute restored.

Carl F. Dickson from May B. Dickson.

Olive M. Doan from Eugene L. Doan, with \$50 support money provided for two minor children.

The divorces included F. Ethel Lay from John F. Lay; Sylvia Thompson from Barton Thompson; E. Sneed from Ivan Sneed; Seth Carlson from Millie Carlson; Davis from Davis; McLaughlin from McLaughlin; Barker from Barker; Young from Young.

Appeal From Ballot Title For Referendum Measure Argued Before High Court

Claiming that the ballot title prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle for the proposed referendum measure attacking the excise tax law enacted at the 1929 legislature, was misleading and not a true description of the act, Attorney W. S. U'Ren of Portland, delivered an argument in the state supreme court here Friday on appeal from the ballot title.

Attorney U'Ren stressed the contention that the ballot title as prepared by the attorney general would convey the impression that the excise tax measure was an income tax law. He said such an impression would be unfair for the reason that the income tax is unpopular and has been defeated at nine elections held in this state. He suggested that the short title read "Excise tax of 1929."

Objection also was raised by Attorney U'Ren to the words "require" or "levy" as contained in the long ballot title. He urged that the word "impose" or "exact" were better suited for a privilege tax. He said the words "require" or "levy" would convey the impression that the electorate was voting on an income tax.

L. B. Smith of Portland, who filed the appeal from the ballot title, argued that the excise tax was not a tax on incomes, but was passed for the purpose of placing a tax on banks and other financial corporations for the privilege of transacting business in Oregon. Attorney General Van Winkle, in defense of his ballot title, argued that he considered it fair and a true description of the excise tax law. He denied that there was any intention on his part to

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WAR VET RUNS AMUCK KILLING THREE, CHICAGO

Trio Also Wounded as Man Pumps Loads Into Repeating Shotgun

Ferdinand Preuss Believed Insane Following Long Drinking Spree

CHICAGO, May 31.—(AP)—An ex-soldier with a deadly aim ran amuck with a repeating shot gun today, killed three men and wounded three others before he ran out the back door of his flat and escaped the tear bombs of detective squads. Police believed he had been crazed by drink.

Ferdinand Preuss, 38, the slayer, left a trail of blood for nearly two blocks in the course of his flight, indicating he had been wounded.

The dead were Sergeant John Conley, leader of the detective squad which went to arrest Preuss, Policemen Herbert Henry; and John Chorzak, a bystander.

Wounded Bystander Not Expected to Live

The wounded are Gus Karos, a bystander, who is expected to die; Frank Vodka also a bystander; and Policeman Joseph Murphy.

The officers went to the Preuss flat on a call from a neighbor that "a drunken man is beating up his wife." Thinking it was "just another drunk to be quieted," Sergeant Conley and Policeman Henry went to the rear door and knocked.

A shot crashed through a window on the porch behind Conley and he fell. Herberg stepped back to return the fire and a second charge caught him full in the chest and head. Both died almost instantly.

Attracted by the shooting, Chorzak had just stepped into the front yard when Preuss, apparently having barged through the house, fired again from a front window. Chorzak fell dead in sight of his 11 year old son, Edward. Murphy had just jumped from the squad car to aid his fellow officers and Vodka had gone to Chorzak's assistance.

Preuss's next shot wounded both.

Preuss then rushed out the back door and escaped after firing again at Vodka.

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CHURCH ROW IN MEXICO TO BE SETTLED SOON

Preliminary Conference Is Arranged With President Portes Gil

Archbishop Ruiz Will Leave Washington for South in Near Future

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Early negotiations for settlement of the differences between the Mexican government and the Roman Catholic church were pressed tonight by the announcement by Archbishop Ruiz, president of the Mexican bishops conference, that he had been appointed by the Holy see to be apostolic delegate in Mexico.

President Portes Gil is understood to be ready to receive overtures from the church looking toward reestablishment of the Catholic ecclesiastical organization in Mexico. He took a step in that direction recently with an address to the archbishop here of an invitation for negotiations.

How soon the Mexican archbishop will confer with President Gil has not been decided. He has applied for a passport but has made no plans for departure. It is considered likely, however, that he will go to Mexico City within two weeks.

MANY HOP GROWERS JOIN ORGANIZATION

10,500 of 17,000 Acres Now Listed in New Oregon Group

Ten thousand, five hundred acres of hops, a majority part of the estimated 17,000 acres produced in Oregon, are represented by growers who to date have agreed to participate in a statewide organization for the purpose of educating the public to the value of the hop growing industry and in taking constructive measures to protect the future of the hop industry.

For part of the hop industry, as represented, as hop growers, in preliminary arrangements for the formation of the association.

Anxious to enlist every grower in the new organization, Needham this week sent out a fourth letter to local growers who have not yet responded, urging them to get in line with the movement.

One of the present duties before hop men is to see that the tariff is increased on hop lupulin. Needham said. This is now being imported at 75¢ a pound but the product is equal to 20 pounds of hops and is being widely used by malt makers as a substitute for hops.

Needham says it is the intention of the growers to extend their organization to their friends, hop-pickers, day laborers, every one that derives any benefit from the hop industry.

BOY SCOUT RALLY SCHEDULED TODAY

Late this afternoon some Marion or Polk county boy scout troop will be the proud possessor of a 16-inch loving cup, token for winning the annual field rally which starts at Olinger field this morning promptly at 10 o'clock. The cup has been donated by the United States National Council. More than 100 boys scouts of Cascade Council Area are scheduled to participate in the field day competition, which means that winner of the several individual prizes and the first, second and third troop awards will have to step lively. Thirteen events will mark the day's events, with troops to be scored 25 points for first in each event; 15 for second and five for third place. The field events are all open to the public.

Statesman - Capitol CHILDREN'S MATINEE

This Coupon and Five Cents will admit any child to see the chapter of "Tarzan the Mighty"

Also "100% All Talk" "Melody of Love"

All Talking Vitaphone and Comedy Acts

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TRIPOLI REVOLT CRUSHED

TRIPOLI, May 31.—(AP)—Italian authorities believed they have crushed the rebellion of tribesmen under Mohammed Bey Hag Hassan by a major engagement in which 454 were killed on both sides.

She's Champ High Flyer



Miss Marvel Crosson, San Diego girl flyer, who shattered the woman's altitude record when she piloted a monoplane 24,000 feet in Los Angeles Tuesday.

Woodburn Entries Capture Highest Honors in Salem

Minuet Dancers and Chorus Declared Best by Official Judges; Fruitland Lass Wins Approval With Her Songs

MINUET dancers and the chorus from Woodburn were chosen the best on the program at the Marion county community talent contest at the Elsinore Friday night but the girl in the Alice blue gown who hails from Fruitland took the collective eye of the audience—at least the reporter's eye—and she could sing, too.

Billie Snyder took the second honors for Hayesville with her contortionist act. The girl won much applause but the judges seemed to think that the community is depending too much on her. Aumsville was third with a mixed chorus that won approval. Fruitland and Kelzer took ribbons with their song and dance acts.

Communities on the program for next week are Labish, Brooks, Donald, Rickey and Gervais. Three of these have surprise numbers worked up according to remarks overheard at the performance last night. What was said indicated that nothing at all similar has been given by any club this year or last.

Judges were Mrs. Walter A. Denton, Mrs. A. J. Rahn and C. E. Wilcox. The community program will begin shortly after 8:30 o'clock each Friday night with five clubs on the program each night until all communities entered have presented their programs.

Underwriting Of Legion Meet To Be Continued

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230 Grade School Pupils Slated to Advance Into Junior High Next Season

Exactly 230 pupils attending the nine Salem grade schools this year will be promoted to the junior high school when report cards are distributed next week—that is, if present class work continues. Garfield heads the list with 47 sixth A students. Other schools will graduate the following number: Englewood, 34; Grant, 22; Highland, 26; McKinley, 20; Park, 27; Richmond, 16; and Washington, 18.

Most of the schools are planning brief exercises for their elementary "graduates." The pupils and the school attended the following:

Englewood—Eugene Stickland, Marion Hyland, Arthur Bassett, Norman Bell, David Collier, Billy

LABOR VICTORY IS JUST SHORT OF LANDSLIDE

Youngest of British Parties Makes Most Impressive Showing of Career

Liberals Will Hold Balance of Power; MacDonald to be Prime Minister

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—The Labor party fought, with the counting of the votes of the general election all but completed, was just short of an absolute majority in the house of commons. The most impressive showing of its young life had given it a plurality over the old established conservative party of 38 seats although the popular party for the conservatives was about 200,000 greater.

The 8,292,204 labor votes counted had won 28 seats while 8,506,224 cast for conservative candidates had elected 25. Since there are 615 members of the house, a clear majority would require 308 seats.

Conservative Government Is Definitely Defeated

The government of Prime Minister Baldwin, which had the overwhelming majority of 185 in the dissolved parliament, stood definitely defeated. The liberal party, the second veteran of British politics, was led by David Lloyd George to increased representation which seemed to give them a valuable balance of power although they ran a poor third. The victory of labor was the more impressive because it had been a steady growth since it won the first two seats in 1900 by a vote of about 62,000.

The country faces several alternatives. Mr. Baldwin might try to fight it out with the present government, less the members who

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WATER PLANT EYED BY FIRM PRESIDENT

C. T. Chenery Inspects Development Being Built on

parent Water Service company, organization of which the Oregon-Washington Water Service company is one of numerous subsidiaries, was in Salem Friday to inspect the development that is taking place on Minto island for temporary development of the local water supply, and to make a first hand inspection of the arrangement proposed for the permanent filtration plant and pipe lines.

Mr. Chenery expressed pleasure at the prospect for eliminating objectionable features in the system which the company acquired in 1927. He found construction of the filter beds on the island being rushed to completion, with indications that they would be in use in less than a week.

Accompanying the chief of the parent company were Earl C. Elliott, vice president of the Federal company and president of the Oregon-Washington and California companies; C. B. Jackson, vice president and general manager of the coast companies, and J. T. Delaney, vice president and division manager of the Oregon-Washington company.

After a tour of the proposed route for the permanent pipe lines, visits to the proposed sites for the permanent filtration plant, to the island, the reservoir and the pumping station, which is being erected at the Madison street wall, the officials continued on their way to Portland.

JUDGE ACQUITTED OKLAHOMA CITY, May 31.—(AP)—Charles W. Mason, chief justice of the Oklahoma supreme court, tonight was acquitted by a senate court of impeachment of a charge of accepting a bribe of a motorcar valued at \$4,000.