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WEATHER
Partly cloudy today and Sunday; slightly lower temperature. Max. temperature, Friday 87; Min. 46; River, -2.4; Wind west.

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WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA, CHINA IS CALLED OFF

Soviet Government Accepts Proposal of Manchurian Authorities

Moscow Chiefs Abandon Previous Demands About Road Management

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Soviet government tonight accepted proposals of China for conclusion of a joint declaration for settlement of all questions arising out of the bitter dispute over control of the Chinese eastern railway in Manchuria.

The foreign commissariat expressed willingness to abandon the Russian demand for reinstatement of the same Russian general manager of the railroad as a preliminary to discussions. It offered to seek approval of the Soviet government for appointment of a new manager if China would replace the old chairman of the railroad directorate, whom the Soviet holds directly responsible for the present trouble.

Agreement Comes As Complete Surprise

Acceptance came just when reports of execution yesterday by Chinese of four Soviet citizens seemed to indicate that drastic measures of retaliation would be taken by Russia.

Russia proposed that all pending questions be settled in conformity with the agreement of 1924.

Soviet diplomatic circles tonight declared that this action in the face of continued provocative acts on the part of the Chinese was another evidence of the loyal adherence by Russia to the principles of the Kellogg pact.

The agreement of 1924 provided for the operation of the Chinese eastern railway by a board of ten directors, five of whom, including the vice-chairman by Russia, it was also provided that the manager of the railroad should be a Russian and should have one Russian and one Chinese as assistant managers.

Removed Last July

Early in July China removed the Russian general manager M. Yevshanov and his Russian assistant and replaced them by Chinese officials it declared that evidence had been found that they carried on communist propaganda and had diverted railway funds to that end. Russia demanded their removal.

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FLAMES DESTROY FALLS CITY HOME

FALLS CITY, Aug. 30.—Fire, which was discovered at ten o'clock Thursday night, destroyed the frame residence on South Main street belonging to Edwin C. Richardson. The building and contents were valued at \$1,000 with insurance on building and contents \$600.

Prompt work of the volunteer fire department saved the residences of O. Aurland and J. R. McCusiston. McCusiston discovered the fire at a few minutes before 10 o'clock when flames burst through the windows of the kitchen on the west side of the burning building.

Within five minutes after the alarm volunteers had one hose cart there at the blaze. McCusiston had saved the day with his garden hose, keeping the blaze from igniting his house close by. Within ten minutes the fire was under control and the men had a second line laid.

The origin of the fire is unknown. An investigation will be made to determine the cause.

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Wreck Survivors Relate Horrible Sea Experiences

Commander of Dodd Says Every Effort Made to Avert Catastrophe Off California Coast Early Friday Morning

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Graphic stories of the collision and sinking of the steamer San Juan were told here today by survivors of the catastrophe, who arrived on the steamer S. C. T. Dodd, which rammed the San Juan.

Captain H. O. Bleumchen, of the Dodd, made the following statement on arrival at the wharf: "The Dodd was proceeding northward on its regular course and sighted the lights of the San Juan, he said, 'the vessels were on passing courses when the San Juan apparently changed its direction so as to cross the path of the Dodd. I then ordered the engines full speed astern in the hope that the San Juan would maintain its speed and a collision be averted.'

"The regular signals were given by the Dodd as to the nature of the maneuver. For some reason, the San Juan unfortunately adopted the same maneuver, and thereby defeated the idea of the Dodd. Boy and Man Leap From One Ship to Other. The two vessels came together and were so close after the accident."

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CONTESTS ARE HELD BY BOYS AND GIRLS

Children Aged From Four to Fifteen Participate in Events

Hundreds of boys and girls took part in the final day exercises at the three city playgrounds Friday afternoon and many parents were out to watch the contests and demonstrations. Children from 15 years old to under four all had events of their own.

Bicycle races, foot races, swimming, diving, bar and ring work, tumbling, costume shows, airplane model contests and many other events went to make the youngsters forget the close of the playground season and the approach of school.

Events at Yew Park, under the direction of Mrs. Gladys Mills, and the winners as follows: Fifty yard dash, boys 12 and under; Clayton Baldinger; girls 12 and under; Virginia Bean; boys over 12; Don Kimple; girls over 12; Charlotte Baldinger.

Boys' three-legged race: Melvin Groves and Clayton Baldinger; girls' three-legged race: Ruby Pierce and Virginia Bean.

Chinning most times, boys 12 and under; Melvin Groves; girls 12 and under; Virginia Bean; boys over 12; Max Burns.

Running broad jump, boys 12 and under; Melvin Groves; girls over 12; Don Kimple; girls 12 and under; Virginia Bean; boys over 12; Charlotte Baldinger.

Bicycle race, girls: Margaret Kells; small boys: Buster O'Reilly; large boys: Max Burns.

Race, boys 4 and under; Eugene Baldinger; throw for accuracy, boys 12 and under; Melvin Groves; funniest costume: Betty Lee Mercer; best looking costume: Mary E. Kells; throw for accuracy: girls 12 and under; Virginia Bean; boys over 12; Don Kimple; best piece of weaving, Mary E. Kells.

Winners at Lincoln playground (Turn to Page 2, Column 5.)

GROWERS FLAY SENATE GROUP ON NEW TARIFF

Organization of Special Interests Declared Behind Rates

Cherry Producers Hold Meet At Chamber of Commerce Rooms

There's a real fight brewing over the cherry tariff, and the Salem Cherry Growers association plans to keep closely in touch with developments and to be prepared to take a hand in proceedings through the Salem delegation in congress.

Sharp criticism of the changes proposed by the senate finance committee, was voiced at the association's meeting Friday night in the Salem chamber of commerce rooms. It was intimated that the changes were not haphazard manipulations which suggested themselves to committee members, but the result of a purposeful campaign on the part of large interests engaged in handling processed cherries such as the maraschino.

Gates Let Down For Italian Cherries. The proposal is to reduce the duty on pitted cherries, the small ones below 900 to the gallon grade, from the 9 1/2 cents provided in the Hawley bill, to 2 1/2 cents, while no reduction would be made in the duty on whole cherries.

This, it was claimed at Friday night's meeting, is patently an attempt to rob the Pacific coast cherry industry of its hope for protection against the pitted Italian cherry which is imported in large quantities for processing.

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Friars Hold Smoker for Ex-Member

In the face of recent announcement from Fred Wolf, new principal of the Salem high school, that he intended to enforce the state law in keeping secret societies from the school, a group of some 35 high school boys belonging to what was "once" publicly termed the "Friars," secret society, held a dinner and smoker at the Spa last night. Occasion for the meeting was the approaching marriage of Allen Adolph, recent S. H. S. graduate.

While the group which met last night disclaimed any "Friarism," a number of those present were members of the Friars club that could exist openly until secret societies became taboo in Salem and over the state, since when local school officials have waged a more or less desultory battle to keep them out—or more strictly down. Other boys present last night entered high school since the societies came under ban.

The group which met last night did not order reservations under the name of Friars, however other high school boys know the society and where and how students are aligned secretly made no mess of the fact that the occasion was a Friar's smoker.

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ESPEE TO ACQUIRE ROUTE TO LAKEVIEW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized the acquisition by the Southern Pacific railway of control, by lease, of the property of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway line which extends 155 miles from Wendell, Lassen county, California, to Lakeview, Oregon. The commission already had authorized the Southern Pacific to purchase the capital stock of the other carrier.

Acquisition of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway line will provide a through route for Southern Pacific traffic between Klamath Falls, Oregon and Ogden, Utah, the commission said. It was estimated that an annual saving of \$25,000 would be gained by operation of the line by the Southern Pacific.

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Endurance Flight Starts Again



Lt. Bernard Thompson (on left) and his chief, Capt. Ira C. Eaker, before their plane, the "Boeing Hornet Shuttle," in which they will resume their flight this morning, passing back and forth between Oakland and New York.

EAKER TAKES OFF UPON FLIGHT AGAIN

New Attempt Started Today To Establish Endurance Record

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Winning his argument for another try at a long distance refueling flight, Captain Ira C. Eaker will take his Boeing plane "Shuttle" into the air at 6 a. m. tomorrow and fly to New York, there to prepare for a 25,000 mile refueling flight across the country.

The United States army and the postoffice department sanctioned the second flight over the mail plane route between New York and Oakland, Cal., after the plane was forced down at municipal airport here Wednesday night through an error. The "Shuttle" was struck by a 5 gallon can of oil as it was being transferred from a refueling plane. Oil spurted into the cockpit, and Captain Eaker descended, believing his oil line broken.

The plane will be refueled over Cleveland, Omaha, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Elk, Nev., on its transcontinental flights. It had flown from Oakland to New York and thence to Cleveland before ending its first attempt to traverse 25,000 miles.

FIEND MURDERS YOUTHFUL LOVERS

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Believed to have been the victims of a fiend who stalked a lover's trysting place, Miss Ruth Laughlin, 24, and her 19 year old escort, Paul Leslie Odell, were slain near Lonely Cliff drive here today.

Miss Laughlin had been choked and beaten to death in a struggle with her assailant. Odell was shot through the back of the head, apparently while attempting to defend the girl.

Police said they had few clues. O'Dell's automobile in which he was seen last night with a young woman was missing. The weapon with which the youth was killed was not found at the scene. Parts of a revolver with which the girl was beaten about the head were located near her body.

Plans Worked Out For Raising Funds For Legion Jaunt

Detailed plans for the campaign to raise \$5000 for the purpose of sending Salem's American Legion drum and bugle corps to the national contest at Louisville, Ky., were worked out at a meeting Friday night at the chamber of commerce rooms, attended by G. W. Hillman, general chairman; E. L. Weiler, Carl D. Gabrielson, Max Page and C. F. Glese.

These plans, which include a districting arrangement to facilitate the work of soliciting teams, will be presented to the general committee at a meeting next Tuesday night, and the actual work of raising the necessary amount will start Wednesday or Thursday. The committee expects to have 30 or 35 solicitors in the field.

Football Games To be Broadcast Again This Year

SEATTLE, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The same radio broadcasting policies of past football seasons will be observed this year, a majority of graduate managers of northwest colleges decided here today. The annual fall meeting will close tomorrow.

CONSTRUCTION HERE IS LARGE IN AUGUST

Building Permits Boosted to Highest Total Since April, 1927

More building construction, from the standpoint of estimated value, has been started in Salem in August than in any month since April, 1927, figures compiled by Earl C. Bushnell, building inspector, reveal.

The month's total is \$530,336.20, of which \$518,860 is new construction, and \$11,476 repairs and alterations. The huge total of new construction, however, is largely accounted for by the issuance of a permit for the state office building, estimated to cost \$500,000.

In recent months, Salem has been credited in its building figures with several other public projects for which permits were not issued. In this case the permit was taken out, but no fee paid, as city inspection is not required.

The only month in recent years that eclipsed the one now closing was April, 1927, when the permits totaled \$561,375, largely because the First National Bank building was started that year.

The 1929 construction totals \$1,547,247.26 for the eight months to date, as compared to \$1,425,000 for the same period last year.

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Twenty Minute Parking in Front of Salem Banks is Latest Feature Proposed

Twenty-minute parking in front of each of Salem's four banks, is the latest change in the parking restrictions advocated. Suggestion that this change be made will probably come to the attention of the city council at its meeting next Tuesday night.

The movement for this regulation has been started by business men whose places of business are at some distance from the banks, and who occasionally or even daily have considerable sums of money to deposit.

The bank corners are among the most difficult places in the city to find parking space, and these business men find it a serious matter to be unable to park near the banks to make their deposits. They believe that many other persons experience the same difficulty.

The banking districts in most larger cities have similar parking regulations to those advocated. It is believed by those behind this movement, that a 20-minute parking limit will relieve the congestion in these districts and make it possible to find parking space during banking hours.

The 20-minute limit, if enacted, will apply only to the hours during which the banks are open, it is believed. Much progress toward solving the downtown parking problem in general, has resulted from the recent change which provides that vehicles may not be parked for more than an hour in any 300-foot space. The former regulation forbade parking more than an hour in any one parking place in the designated section of the city, but it was circumvented by the practice of moving cars only a few feet when chalk marks were found on the tires.

Quiz Will Ask Cause Of Wreck

Most of 100 Passengers and Crew Meet Death in Collision

Official Investigation is to Be Ordered Into Sea Tragedy

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Sixty-eight of the 110 passengers and crew of the San Francisco-Los Angeles liner San Juan probably met death early today in the fog obscured waters off the coast of Santa Cruz county after a collision between the San Juan and the Standard Oil Tanker S. C. T. Dodd.

The number of missing was not by two names tonight with the finding of two men not included in the list of survivors prepared by the Standard Oil company as the Tanker, her bow plates bent and ripped, reached here this afternoon under her own power. The re-check credited the tanker with rescuing one woman, one child, and 29 men, of whom nineteen were from the San Juan's crew. Three of the latter and three San Juan passengers were taken to hospitals suffering from injuries or exposure.

Grandstedt and Winston Give Out Interviews. The two additional names were those of Theodore Grandstedt and Robert Winston, who today gave newspaper interviews saying they were survivors who were aboard the Dodd. Apparently in the confusion aboard the Dodd and at the dock their names were not obtained.

The names of the missing were compiled by the Associated Press from the ticket stubs in the local passenger office. This led to the inclusion in the list of R. O. Gorman of Los Angeles. Tonight in Los Angeles Gorman explained that he had not taken the ship but had sold his ticket to Willis Barton of Los Angeles.

Explanation of the tragic accident awaited official investigation. The crash occurred about 55 miles south of San Francisco.

Coast Guard Cutter Maintains Long Vigil. The United States coast guard cutter Shawnee maintained a day-long vigil at the scene of the wreck, seeking additional survivors or bodies. The coast guard cutter Tahoe reported the finding late today of the bodies of two women. The Shawnee had eleven survivors aboard, originally rescued by the McCormick liner Mammi. An early report said one woman survivor was aboard the German ship Witram. But that proved untrue. First reports gave the Dodd 31 survivors. Re-check after her arrival reduced the number to 29.

The San Juan took 65 passengers and carried 45 in her crew when she sailed last night for Los Angeles. Fog checked visibility outside of the Golden Gate, but the weather was clearing as she swung down the coast for her first stop at Santa Barbara.

Commander of Dodd Tells About Wreck. Captain H. O. B. Bleumchen of the Dodd declared he was proceeding northward from San Pedro on the regular course when he sighted the San Juan's lights. He

PASSENGER SAVED BY ODD HAPPENING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 30.—(AP)—An odd quirk of fate saved R. O. Gorman of Los Angeles from going down with the San Juan when the vessel sank off Pigeon Point last night. He sold his ticket before the boat sailed to Willis Barton, of Los Angeles. Barton apparently used it and was lost.

Gorman, at first listed among the missing was found in Los Angeles tonight, he had purchased a round trip ticket from the Los Angeles and San Francisco Navigation company, using one half of it to go to San Francisco on the Humboldt, sister ship of the San Juan. He was called back suddenly before the San Juan sailed on the return trip.

"I sold my ticket to Willis Barton, and came down on the Harvard," Gorman said. "The list at dead gave my name as among the missing, but I feel sure that if any body was found, it must be that of Barton." Gorman came forward with his story in the hope that Barton's family might be located.

PLANE UP ONE WEEK. CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Seven hours more than a week had been spent in the air at 6:30 today, central daylight time, by the Chicago endurance flier, Russell Mosman and C. E. Steele, in their plane, "Chicago-We Will."