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THE WEATHER

Fair today and Friday, fresh east and northeast winds, low humidity; Max. Temp. Wednesday 57, Min. 48, river 2.2, strong N. E. wind.

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Dust, Wind and Fire Cause Great Damage

SALEM TURNED GRAY BY CLOUD SEEDING DOWN

Storm is Unique Here say Old Timers; Telephone Service Disrupted

Even Crops Suffer due to Uprooting of Plants in Labish Area

Political storms abated for the moment, Salem lay yesterday under a pall of eastern Oregon dust which the oldest old-timers said was unlike in the city's history.

A swirling northeast wind drove tons of eastern Oregon dust before it, down the Columbia gorge and into western Oregon. Diverting down the Willamette river at Portland, the dust clouds reached the valley early Wednesday morning and shrouded the entire country.

Fire came with the storm as alarm after alarm was given to the Salem fire department for residence blazes which the heavy wind, blowing at least 40 miles an hour, started and surrounding localities were also subjected to dozens of fires which ranged from chimney alarms to the burning of a house and service station at Canby.

As Trees Fall

Hundreds of trees yielded to the ravages of the wind and their limbs, falling across telephone and power line works, kept crews of men busy from both utilities maintaining service which went on almost uninterruptedly throughout the day. The trunk telephone line and the line to Mill City were reported out of order by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

No major damage was done in downtown Salem. Eastern Oregon dust was mixed with the clouds. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

MILL CITY STRUCK BY GALE; ONE FIRE

MILL CITY, April 22.—This city was surprised Tuesday evening when a heavy bank of clouds filled with dust began to work its way over the mountains and shut off the view of the surrounding hills by its denseness. The wind struck in gusts, not doing much damage other than to destroy branches of trees and cause a few old out-buildings to collapse.

A shed on the Robert Morgan property which was being raised, fell to the ground during the night and a number of trees are reported to have fallen on the highway between Mill City and Detroit, blocking that road. The road to Stayton was blocked for a short time Wednesday morning by trees, but was quickly cleared. Telephone connections to Detroit, Gates, and Stayton, were disrupted by the wind.

The volunteer fire fighting crew of Mill City made a hurried call Wednesday forenoon when a telephone call came that a fire was burning out in one of the company's houses near the schoolhouse. The fire was in the residence, but was extinguished with hand chemicals. The wind blowing with unusual force at the time and had the fire gotten beyond control would have undoubtedly taken several other residences with it.

Hawks Sets New Flight Record; Is Forced Down

WESTON, England, April 22.—(AP)—Flying the same plane in which he shattered Colonel Lindbergh's speed record for transatlantic flight in the United States, Captain Frank M. Hawks of Texas today set a new aviation mark for European pilots to shoot at even though he failed to accomplish the task he had set for himself. Leaving here at 6:30 this morning he arrived in Rome, an estimated 330 miles away, five hours and 20 minutes later. On the return flight he was forced down in France by lack of fuel and could not complete the round trip tonight.

MUSIC, TEN MILLION

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—The American public spent \$10,000,000 for concert during the season now drawing to a close. The attendance was 16,000,000, averaging \$1 per concert.

Firemen Out 22 Times to Quell Flame

The young hurricane, Salem's gusty visitor of Wednesday, so forcefully used his powers on Salem chimneys yesterday that the fire department was called out 22 times in the 24 hours to quench the blazes the prankster gale stirred up. Six alarms were turned in at last night to boost the total of 16, established by mid-afternoon.

Of last night's fires, five were limited to chimneys, the sixth being a blaze in a pile of rubbish at Front and Division streets.

So numerous were the city alarms that no equipment could be dispatched outside the limits, despite the fact that five calls for help were received by the department. However, one run was made to Morningside. Twice during the day, every available piece of equipment at the central station was in use, with the branch station also kept "on the run."

Both night and day crews were on duty Wednesday. Frequency of calls to the Salem department is indicated as follows: 9:07 to 9:12 a. m. (35 minutes) six calls; 7:30 to 10:15 a. m. (two hours and 45 minutes) 10 calls. Most of these fires were answered by the central crew although both (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

MEHAMA IS SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION

Store and Hall Building is Burned Along With Several Homes

MEHAMA, April 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Phillips' farm home burned to the ground Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, with approximately all its contents. Little was saved as the terrific east wind fanned the blaze to such an extent that in 20 minutes from the time the fire was first discovered it was entirely burned down.

While trying to save some bedding from the upstairs rooms Clinton Phillips was trapped in and had to climb through a window and down a large cherry tree that stood near the house. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

In about two hours later a fire was discovered in another house owned by Bert Parson. The fire soon was out of control and all attention was centered on the building next door owned by P. Mulkey and occupied by the postoffice.

A call was sent to Lyons and Stayton for help and due to the many volunteer fire fighters and the Stayton chemical apparatus, Mulkey's house was saved but the large store building owned by the Stayton bank was burned to the ground. Both were partly covered by insurance.

Frank Lumker's house and all its contents were burned about 10 o'clock this morning, with only an oil stove saved. Mrs. Lumker was severely burned about the hands and arms. They live about nine miles east of Mehama.

Blazes Caused by Wind Occur all Over Valley

Fanned by a 50 mile gale, fires worked havoc in valley homes Wednesday. Excitement reached a high pitch in Salem during the day and wild rumors were afloat about this and that town "is all ablaze" but most of these rumors proved false.

In the Liberty district the Fred Browning home was damaged and the George Voris home was the most badly wrecked. The Frank Kegel home on Wallace Road was burned and other fires were reported on the Silverton road, and near Auburn.

BLAZES RAGING IN SILETZ AND ALSEA COUNTRY

One Fatality is Reported Due to Storm; Runs Length of State

Two Others Injured; Many Homes Burned; Crater Park is in Path

(By The Associated Press) Smoke from many brush and forest fires and dust from freshly plowed fields hung heavy over much of Oregon last night as a windstorm of gale proportions continued unabated. One death and several injuries were attributed to the storm.

Communication and power lines were broken down in many sections of the state, the power lines greatly increasing the fire hazard.

Oliver Allen, 40, was killed in the Dead Indian logging camp near Medford by a tree which toppled over in the storm and crushed him as he was on a tractor he was operating.

William Chandler, lumber company employe near Medford, was injured by a falling tree and Mrs. R. C. Foster was injured when a garage blew down upon her in Bend. Neither was injured seriously.

Lincoln County Blazes Fanned A gale of unprecedented violence fanned fires in Lincoln county. In the upper Siletz valley more than a thousand acres had been burned late last night and the fire was not under control. A few miles north of Alsea bay another uncontrolled fire was raging.

Two logging railway bridges were burned in Lincoln county and firefighters said little could be done to check the fires until the wind abated.

A fire originating in a ranch (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

LYONS TELEPHONE SERVICE CUT OFF

LYONS, April 22.—All telephone service is out, both commercial and farmer lines. Lyons is a small town in the Willamette valley, between Stayton and long distance offices. Many large limbs and trees have severed wires in all directions.

Trees had to be removed from the highway to let the early Mill City-Salem stage and Stayton school bus make their schedule this morning.

At noon today a heavy gale was blowing with eastern Oregon alkali dust thick as smoke everywhere.

Several large trees fell across the highway between Lyons and Stayton last night, also two M. S. P. company poles. The lines were repaired to some extent at noon today but about a mile is out of commission yet, which will require until late today to put in temporary service condition.

Locations of offices decided upon include: Idaho, Boise; Montana, Helena; Oregon, Portland; Washington, Spokane.

Branch offices will be established in such states as need them, the secretary said, but none of these has been decided upon.

WALTER TOOZE FREED, CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

Brown, Hodgson, Bouthellier Found Guilty; Eight On Lesser Counts

Thursday set as Time for Sentence; Nine Others Have Confessed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Portland attorney, and 12 co-defendants were acquitted by a federal court jury here tonight of charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act, while the remaining three defendants, Joseph Brown, Elsie Hodgson and Rudolph Bouthellier were convicted of the same charges.

Eight of the defendants, Gus J. Daskalos, James Short, Earl Throwbridge, Rudolph and Frank Bouthellier, Wilfred La Jesse, Dominick Murratori and Jack Kelly, were convicted of other counts in the same indictment alleging separate violations of the prohibition act.

The jury had deliberated more than 11 hours. Federal Judge Charles C. Cavanaugh set 10 o'clock Thursday morning as the time for sentence to be passed upon those convicted and upon nine others who pleaded guilty prior to the indictment prior to the trial.

When the verdict was read Tooze threw his arms about his attorney and wept quietly for a moment, then he turned to the jury with a smile to thank the talesmen for their verdict.

SKIRMISHES FATAL TO 29 HONDURANS

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 22.—(AP)—At least 22 were killed and many others wounded in a sharp skirmish between the rebels and the Honduran regular troops in several places on the northern coast last night.

The dead included Col. Salvador Canales, one of the rebel leaders. The government troops lost three dead and the rebels 26. A rebel detachment was attacked by federal troops at Guaymas, 3 kilometers from Teja, the government troops defeated the rebels after two hours fighting. Thirteen rebels besides Colonel Canales, their leader, were killed.

A rebel group attempted an attack on Olanchito but were routed after a short skirmish. The rebels left 12 dead. Many casualties resulted from a three hour fight when rebel forces attacked Chamalecon, near San Pedro, it was reported tonight. Government troops repelled the attack.

President Hoover already has advised McNary that Butler may be released again if Oregon wants him.

Cities Selected For Employment Centers in West

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Federal employment directors meeting here to plan their work following reorganization of the service today agreed on the cities in which their offices are to be located.

Locations of offices decided upon include: Idaho, Boise; Montana, Helena; Oregon, Portland; Washington, Spokane.

Student Killed By Baseball at Spokane School

SPOKANE, Wash., April 22.—(AP)—Robert Perry, 26, of Portland, a ministerial student, died today of injuries received when he was struck on the nose by a baseball while playing at Whitworth college.

He was born at Weiser, Idaho, was a sophomore leader of student activities at the college, and was acting as supply pastor of the Presbyterian church at Reardon, Wash. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry, live in Portland and he has other relatives there and at Walla Walla, Wash., and Lebanon, Wash.

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—The over-all and uniformed army of the nation's railroad men is striving to meet its unemployment situation but has not been asked to accept a cut in wages, David B. Robertson, chairman of the national railway labor executives association, said today.

Victim in New Death Mystery



Louise Teuber, 17 year old shop girl, whose slayer is being sought by San Diego police. Her body was found hanging from a tree in a picnic park near that city.

BUTLER TO CONFER UPON OFFER TODAY

McNary Proffers Police job To Marine Officer on Behalf of Meier

General Smedley D. Butler, fighting marine, is to confer today with Senator Charles McNary regarding the former's acceptance of a temporary job as organizer of the Oregon state constabulary.

Butler will confer with McNary in the latter's office in Washington, D. C. coming from marine headquarters at Quantico, Va.

Butler will retire from the marine corps in September and has signed a contract for three years thereafter with some organization. McNary is interested in Meier's offer but will not make up his mind about it until after receiving further details about duties and compensation.

Butler was loaned to Philadelphia some time ago to reorganize the police force of that city.

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Flier Fails to Find Portland In Dust Storm

SEASIDE, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—J. T. Livermore, Varney air mail pilot, who left Pasco, Wash., at 2 o'clock today with 21 sacks of mail consigned for Portland, landed here late today, his fuel supply nearly exhausted.

Livermore said he was unable to find Portland because of the mantle of dust over the interior. He said he would take the mail to Portland Thursday morning.

Weinsteins on Trial; Charge Is Conspiracy

PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—Seven defendants said to have been connected with the Weinstein mercantile company at Burns, Ore., went on trial in federal court here today, charged with conspiracy to violate the national bankruptcy act by concealing assets.

The defendants are Israel Weinstein and his wife, Clara D. Weinstein, their three sons, Archie, Abe and Hyman, E. E. Redding, a son-in-law, Joe Weinstein, a cousin, and Jack Bemby, truck driver.

MEIER DENIES ANY PLAN FOR PROBE OF KAY

Contradicts Tale Published Wednesday; Admits Some Inquiries Looming

Pays for "Gifts" of State Products and Orders Practice Cease

Both Governor Meier and State Treasurer Kay indicated yesterday afternoon that they were anxious that the board should act on the Superintendent Meyer's resignation as soon as possible and it is expected the state board may meet this morning for its final decision. Secretary of State Hoss was in Portland and had not indicated last night whether he was willing to vote. Unless at the state penitentiary was given by Meier and Kay as reason for an early decision of Meyer's status.

Governor Julius L. Meier flatly denied late yesterday afternoon that he had announced earlier in the day that he would call a public hearing upon the official acts of Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer.

"I did not make any such statement," the governor said, "it is not true. I regret exceedingly that the board should have made such an announcement."

Governor Meier corroborated an earlier announcement of Wednesday that several other state officials might be subjected to official investigations and hearings if rumors of misconduct in office proved true. But he denied emphatically that he did not have Kay in mind.

Meier was plainly irked, however, by the state treasurer's alleged statements after the 24 hours hearing was concluded Tuesday noon. Kay is said to have commented on Governor Meier's practice of having his car washed at the state penitentiary and of accepting gifts from the various state institutions.

Manifesting his displeasure at this criticism and his desire to clear himself officially of any taint placed against other officials, the governor late yesterday sent to the state general fund \$27,000 as payment in full for all gifts and services thus far received (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Soldier Found Deserter But Not Embezzler

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 22.—(AP)—Henry C. Owens, former commissary sergeant, Vancouver barracks, was convicted of desertion and acquitted on an embezzlement charge by an army court martial today. He was sentenced to one year's hard labor and a dishonorable discharge.

Owens disappeared last fall. Army officers believed a shortage in funds existed. He was found last winter and ordered to face the court martial.

Missing Man's Accounts Short

ASHLAND, Ore., April 22.—(AP)—J. B. Brault, district manager of the Southern Oregon Gas company, said today Tom Hollis, resident manager, was short more than \$2000 in his account when he and his family disappeared here last Friday.

A warrant will be issued for Hollis' arrest, authorities said.

Recall Threatened for Kay and Hoss, Reported

Street-corner talk of a recall movement to be launched against State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Hoss gained support yesterday when Mark Skiff, local dentist, appeared at the state department to get information relating to the required petition forms, number of voters signatures required, and information regarding the time for filing the preliminary petition.

Skiff was asked by Hoss whom he proposed to recall and Skiff replied: "Yourself and Kay." He added that Kay and Hoss were not "cooperating" and said the voters regarding the time for filing the preliminary petition.

Skiff said the people of Oregon "want a new deal" but he admitted he didn't know much about recall petitions and he refused to divulge who would have charge of circulating the petition in different parts of the state. Skiff committed he was an ardent supporter of Governor Meier in the last campaign.

CONVICTS STAGE DEMONSTRATION SHOWING NREST

Catcalls, Boos and Hisses Echo Through Cell Blocks at Oregon Prison After Lights Extinguished at Night; Feeling Aroused by Charges Against Superintendent Is Blamed for Noisy Uprising of Prisoners

Small Fire is Discovered but Warden Declares Belief it Was Accidental; Throwing of Bottle Previously is Classed as Ordinary Occurrence; Extreme Vigilance Is Maintained Since Trouble Began

A PROLONGED demonstration which began at 9 o'clock last night when lights went out in the cell blocks at the state penitentiary lasted for fully 30 minutes and was characterized by Warden Jim Lewis as the most serious in recent years at the institution.

Catcalls, boos and prolonged shouts and hisses were made by hundreds of convicts up and down the long cell rows, accompanied by the breaking of light globes.

Warden Lewis said at 10 o'clock last night that there had been no attacks on any of the guards. The demonstration came three hours after the convicts were locked in their cells which was about 6 p. m. after the "main line" and later the "short line" eats in the dining room.

The disturbance was attributed to the upset morale prevailing at the institution while Superintendent Henry Meyers is awaiting a verdict from the board of control on charges preferred by Governor Julius L. Meier. Warden Lewis said he felt the demonstration was similar to that which has prevailed in other prisons throughout the country.

Earlier in the day a small fire was discovered in a woodpile in the prison yard. Lewis said this fire probably resulted from a cigarette stub. It was extinguished without any monetary loss.

Bottle Throwing Said Normal Event Tuesday night there was a slight demonstration at the penitentiary. One of the convicts is said to have thrown a bottle through a window, but Superintendent Meyers said yesterday that this incident was nothing uncommon and should not be treated as serious.

Extra guards are known to have been stationed at the penitentiary several days ago when the public hearing commenced before the state board of control. History of the conduct of penal institutions the country over has repeatedly shown that disturbances are most likely to occur when the administrative heads are under fire.

Governor Meier and other members of the board of control are known to have been keeping in daily touch with prison officials regarding penitentiary conditions and any indications of serious disturbance.

Salem Schools Enrollment is Gain Over 1930

Enrollment in Salem schools for the month ending April 17 reached 5,334, a gain of 48 pupils over the same period last year. The senior high school has on the books 1,398 students, the highest enrollment ever known.

Registration so far this year by schools: Englewood, 378; Garfield, 311; Grant, 257; Highland, 388; Lincoln, 338; McKinley, 201; Park, 285; Richmond, 278; Washington, 250; Leslie junior high, 436; Parrish junior high, 883; high school, 1,398.

United States Recognizes New Spanish Regime

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The United States today extended recognition to the new republican government of Spain. The principal officers are: Dr. F. H. Carter of Klamath Falls, president; Dr. Carey Jenkins of Hood River, vice-president. Dr. L. R. Andrews of Astoria and Dr. Lawrence Rosenthal of Portland are the other members.

IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Immigration from Mexico during the current fiscal year has been only about 6 per cent of the average figure for the six previous years.

COLLECTIONS DROPPED

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—Total government tax collection for the first nine months of the present fiscal year dropped \$247,420,523 below the same period last year.