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THE WEATHER

Fair today and Friday, normal temperature; Max. Temp. Wednesday 78, Min. 42, river -3.4 feet, clear, northerly winds.

EIGHTY-FIRST YEAR

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RAILROADS NOT TO BENEFIT BY RATE INCREASE

Would Defeat Own Ends, is Argument Presented At N. W. Hearing

Opposition to Movement is Headed by Oregon's Commissioner

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12 (AP)—The Pacific northwest lumber industry would be placed at a decided disadvantage in competing in eastern markets if the railroads' petition for a 15 per cent freight rate increase is granted, the interstate commerce commission was told at the opening of the rail rate hearing here today.

"The critical condition of the lumber industry makes it wholly unable to absorb increased rates," said W. B. Greeley, executive manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. "Increased lumber rates would defeat their own ends by decreasing tonnage."

H. A. Gillis, traffic manager of the Western Pine association, echoed Greeley's opinion, saying a 15 per cent rate boost would cause a 40 per cent reduction in the mills belonging to the Western Pine association.

Claims Revenue Will Not Increase
"The increase in revenue the carriers hope to receive will not materialize," said A. Larsen, industrial traffic manager of the California Redwood association and other California lumber producing organizations. If the increased rates were ordered, he said, "any form of transportation cheaper than rail transportation naturally would receive the business."

He said motor trucks were steadily cutting into the lumber distribution field in his state.

The rate hearing was called to order by E. I. Lewis, member of the interstate commerce commission. Sitting with him were William E. Lee, another commissioner, and Myron W. White and G. H. Mattingly, examiners.

C. M. Thomas, Oregon public utilities commissioner, opened the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

COMMUNITY CHESTS HELD TO BE AMPLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Community chest organizations in 27 states have expressed confidence that they, in cooperation with municipalities, will be able successfully to undertake the task of unemployment relief during the coming winter.

Other cities, the president was told, are being heard from daily and plans are going forward actively.

A statement issued at the White House said: "Mr. Allen T. Burns, the executive director of the association of community chests and councils, has advised the president that their organizations in 27 cities which have so far been heard from report their complete confidence that they, in cooperation with municipalities and other local agencies, will be able wholly to undertake the unemployment relief situation during the forthcoming winter. The plans in these cities are going forward actively, and more cities are being heard from daily."

Oregon Briefs

MURDER CHARGED
LA GRANDE, Ore., August 12—Willard Sullivan, alias Sylvester Marler, was accused of first degree murder in connection with the death last month of Homer Bidwell, North Power rancher, in an indictment returned by the county grand jury.

Bidwell was found shot to death in a field near his home. Sullivan was captured recently near Union. He denied knowledge of Bidwell's death.

AT DIAMOND LAKE
ROSBURG, Ore., August 12 (AP)—Vernon Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, said today 35 additional Diamond lake shore lots are to be opened in the near future. Several other inside lots also are to be opened for lease.

The lots are leased from the government for \$15 annually. There are now 30 summer homes on governments lots at the lake.

Grasshoppers' Devastation in Cornfields Leaves Only Stalks



The tremendous devastation wreaked by millions of grasshoppers swarming over western and middle-western states is graphically pictured. Entire fields of corn and grain are wiped out in the manner illustrated on one Nebraska corn field. This picture was made after the plague of insects had eaten the leaves from the corn and shows the stalks standing with the pests clinging to them.

WATER QUESTION MAY BE DELAYED

Hearing is set for Tonight But Paper Company's Attitude Awaited

While a public hearing is set for tonight on the question of a municipal water system for Salem, it is doubtful if the public utilities committee will submit any report and recommendation to the city council at its meeting next Monday.

Chris Kowitz, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that officials of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company had notified him that they wished to discuss in full the proposal of Baar & Cunningham that water for the paper mill here be supplied by the city. Until such a discussion can be had, Kowitz thinks the committee will defer any action.

The public hearing to which all interested citizens are invited, is to be held tonight at 8 p. m. in the city hall council chambers.

Canary Operators Urged to Attend
Kowitz has sent especially invitations to all canary operators in Salem urging them to be present and to express their views on the water needs of their industries in the future. Last spring canarymen were much alarmed by the water situation and urged the council to take quick action to see the matter of acquiring a water system brought to some termination.

J. C. Baar, engineer, will attend the meeting tonight as will members of the utility committee of the council and the water board. While the latter is now defunct due to the illegality of the May 16, 1930, charter amendment, its members have been called upon to consult with the councilmen in their deliberations on the next step for Salem to take in its municipal water ownership program.

Sullivan Trial Looms

Lake Lots are Opened Truck Driver Killed Antelope get Water

had been driving had crashed through the guard rail.

The body was found by a state police officer, who noticed the broken guard rail.

REPORTS HELD FALSE
BEND, Ore., August 12 (AP)—Investigation by members of the state game commission, reports received here today, revealed that antelope of Lake county are not suffering from lack of water. There are six water holes within a radius of ten miles of Cottonwood creek, the report said.

Newspaper reports recently alleged the antelope were in danger of dying from thirst.

BYRNE PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS, Ore., August 12—Charles D. Byrne, head of the department of industrial journalism at Oregon State college, was elected president of the American association of agricultural college editors at the annual convention of the association here today.

Other officers chosen were R. M. Soule, Georgia, vice president; W. C. Schnapp, West Virginia, treasurer; W. P. Kirkwood, Minnesota, and Roger DeBour, New Jersey, executive committee.

YANKEE FLIERS GRILLED ABOUT FORT PICTURES

Pangborn and Herndon Will Be Indicted, Forecast By News Agencies

Report Definite Evidence Photographing was Intentional

TOKYO, Aug. 12 (AP)—Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, Jr., reported to the public prosecutor at 9 o'clock this morning for further cross-examination in connection with photographs they took while flying over Japanese territory.

Authorities indicated the examination probably would be completed today and the Rengo news agency as well as several vernacular newspapers predicted the aviators, who came here to start a non-stop flight to Seattle, would be indicted.

Pangborn and Herndon are alleged to have taken photographs with a motion picture camera of fortified zones while flying from Khabarovsk, Siberia, to Tachikawa, airdrome, near here. They abandoned a round-the-world flight at Khabarovsk when the possibility of beating the 8 days, 15 hours and 51 minutes record of Wiley Post and Harold Gatty faded.

Foreign Office Urges Leniency
Officials of the foreign office were reported to have taken a hand in the investigation by suggesting that the judiciary show leniency, but the war department was said to have adopted quite a different view of the case.

Vernacular newspapers said the procurator had established to his satisfaction that the photographing of a fortified zone by the fliers was premeditated and intentional. This Pangborn and Herndon denied.

Patriotic societies and reactionary individuals are clamoring for the punishment of the fliers. The Japanese sent a delegation to the procurator's office yesterday urging drastic punishment for the fliers. The Black Dragon society, composed of patriots, urged that the law be allowed to take its course.

SCHRAMM'S TERM EXTENDED 4 YEARS
A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, Wednesday was reelected to the office for a term of four years. The announcement was made by the state banking board, composed of Governor Meier, Secretary of State Hosi and State Treasurer Holman.

Mr. Schramm has served as state superintendent of banks for four years. He originally was elected under the administration of the late Governor Patterson. Previously to his election as state banking superintendent, Mr. Schramm served as state bank examiner, and later as cashier of a bank at Corvallis. He also was employed in the Ladd and Bush bank here for several years.

At the time Mr. Schramm was first elected there were 158 state banks operating in the state. Five banks have been chartered since that time. The records show that only 124 state banks are now operating in Oregon. There have been 21 consolidations, or voluntary liquidations, 15 suspensions and three conversions from state to national banks.

Mr. Schramm announced Wednesday that he would continue his policy of fewer and better banks.

Parking Space Argument Held Slaying Cause

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—An argument over a parking space led to the fatal shooting of W. Frank Norman, wealthy attorney, by Joseph H. Diggs, 31-year-old bellboy today in front of Vardaman Park hotel.

Norman, former special assistant attorney general, was waiting for his chauffeur to take him to his downtown office.

Four shots hit him. Diggs surrendered and police said he confessed. He was charged with murder.

Hotel employees told police Norman and Diggs quarreled two days ago over a parking space and that the attorney struck the bellboy twice.

Fire Threatens Rosheim's Home
SILVERTON, Aug. 12—The Ben Rosheim home on East hill here was seriously threatened by fire this afternoon when a grass fire burned out of control for a time. Two fire companies responded to the call, arriving in time to prevent the destruction of the house. A wooden rail fence and several packing boxes were destroyed.

Feed Peaches To Hogs, Use Corn as Fuel

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (AP)—Sagging of market prices for commodities today brought figures from statisticians to show that farmers in many cases could save money by burning corn for fuel and feeding peaches to hogs.

Corn took a dive of nearly 3 cents a bushel to 48 cents before recovering on the board of trade. First crop peaches in southern Illinois went on the market for 35 to 50 cents a bushel. Allowing for transportation, grain experts figured farmers could get only about 22 cents for maize, so that a ton of the coarse grain in corn regions would be from \$2 to \$4 a ton cheaper than coal.

While the fattening powers of peaches had not been demonstrated, market experts said it was merely a matter of figures that 7 bushels of cheapest peaches would cost only \$2.45 as against nearly \$2.50 for 7 bushels of marketed corn, supposed to produce 100 pounds of pork.

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR DRUM CORPS JAUNT

Subscriptions Welcome but No Canvassing, Policy Of Legion Leaders

The executive committee of Capital Post No. 9 of the American Legion and a committee of the Salem Legion Drum Corps met at the office of Max Page, commander, Wednesday night to consider means of raising funds sufficient to send the Salem drum corps to the national meet at Detroit.

Several plans were discussed and while no definite action was taken, it was the general opinion of those present that the objective could be accomplished in some manner.

The state organization has already voted \$1500 of the \$6000 needed for the trip and the local post is seeking to match that amount without burdening local supporters unduly. Capital Post No. 9 will doubtless raise a goodly sum from its own members.

Welcome Donations But No Canvassing
A large balance of the \$2500 will need to be raised by other means and the committee feels confident that this will be done. A number of business houses of Salem have subscribed money to help send the boys back to the Ford city and other sums from similar sources will probably be received.

The committee in charge wishes to state emphatically that no solicitation of the business firms will be made and any money coming from Salem people must be volunteered. However all such amounts will be greatly appreciated and will probably be necessary in the rounding out of expenses.

This year the Salem drum corps is as good as any in the past and the national commander of the Legion stated last Friday night that he had not seen a better exhibition than that given by the local men at Corvallis.

ORANGEMEN MEET AND CAUSE HUBBUB

NORTHERN IRELAND, Aug. 12 (AP)—The countryside along the Ulster-Free State border was in ferment today in consequence of an announcement by Orangemen that they intended to hold a meeting in the town of Cootehill, in County Cavan, which is in Free State territory.

Cootehill resembled a besieged stronghold with roads and railways barricaded or torn up over a considerable area.

But the Orangemen crossed the border to Aughnacloy, where they assembled undisturbed.

In the early morning thousands of members of the "Irish republican army" which opposed the Conservative government, took up positions on all the main roads to prevent the Orangemen from gaining access to Cootehill.

Prouty Breaks National Arrow Record

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., Aug. 12 (AP)—R. Dorothy Cummings, Newton Center, Mass., today became champion woman archer of the United States for the seventh time.

H. Prouty, Portland, Ore., broke the National Archery association's flight record at a contest here by shooting 436 yards, 2 feet, 6 inches. Mrs. E. B. Robertson, Pittsburgh, established a new mark for women with a flight record of 329 yards, 1 foot, 3 inches.

OIL BILL SIGNED
AUSTIN, Tex. Aug. 12 (AP)—Governor Ross M. Sterling today signed the oil conservation bill passed a few hours earlier by the Texas legislature.

MORE FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN CUBAN FLAREUP

Fourteen Rebels and one of Loyal Soldiers Among Late Casualties

Government Army Officer Claims Large Force At His Disposal

HAVANA, Aug. 12 (AP)—Fourteen rebels and one rural guardman were killed late today, the Cuban government reported tonight, in a clash between federal troops and rebels at Cejas Del Negro.

The government statement also said 26 prisoners were taken by federal troops.

Prior to this, no news of armed conflict between rebels and soldiers reached Havana today, but reports received here said the rebellious spirit was growing in the two nearby provinces of Pinar Del Rio and Matanzas.

General Alberto Herrera, army chief of staff, said today that he had 14,600 soldiers and sailors at his disposal, in whose loyalty the government rested complete confidence. He set rebel casualties during the last two days' fighting at 30 killed, 50 wounded and 150 prisoners, in round numbers. Another count showed 38 dead of whom 24 were alleged rebels, one soldier, one policeman and two other persons.

In Matanzas province 50 armed men were reported gathered around Boca de Camaloca and it was believed an attempt might be made to land expeditionary forces there. Other strong rebel forces have been reported about Cardenas, Limonar, Candel, Amarillas and Colon.

Havana province itself was quiet, so far as could be learned.

INEBRIATED LOGGER KILLS CAFE OWNER

RAYMOND, Wash., August 12 (AP)—J. F. Stone, 56, a logger, shot and killed George John, 40, in John's cafe here today, police said. The alleged slaying occurred after the two had quarreled, witnesses said.

Police said Stone was intoxicated. He was taken to the county jail at South Bend.

Police said they were told by Mary Michaelson, John's wife, that John and Stone had quarreled after a meal. Then John appeared and he and Stone engaged in a heated argument in low tones.

Fearing trouble, the wife called police but before the officers arrived the two men started to fight. John seized a piece of stove wood and struck Stone a heavy blow on the head, the waitress told police. Then Stone drew an old style 44-40 six-shooter from his pocket and fired four bullets into John's abdomen. Two of the bullets passed entirely through John's body.

Stone pocketed his gun and left but was overtaken a few blocks away by Chief of Police Peter Jones, who placed him under arrest.

Page Hercules; Hydra is Found

TACOMA, Aug. 12 (AP)—Hydra, the many-headed snake slain by Hercules in one of his 12 labors, has a tiny counterpart in a small garter snake found today by Ray Morris, a grocer here. The Tacoma reptile has two perfectly formed heads, each complete as to eyes, tongue and mouth.

Health Unit Plans Study Of Dental Program Need

In order to work out a coordinated program for dental hygiene and corrective dentistry to be handled by the Marion county health unit, Dr. W. A. Douglas was appointed chairman of a committee representing the medical and dental professions and the public schools, by the executive committee of the department at its monthly meeting last night.

A month ago a committee of dentists urged a revision of the program and appointment of a full time dentist to handle the work. The committee again conferred with the health unit organization last night and this special committee was authorized. No conclusion was arrived at as to whether a full-time dentist should be engaged, pending this report and the preparation of the budget for next year.

Dr. Douglas reported the resignation of Selda Harlan, clerk, effective in September and he was authorized to fill the vacancy.

Cloudburst Levies Toll in Lives and Property in South

Carrier Pigeon With Distress Message Found

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 12 (AP)—An exhausted carrier pigeon, bearing a message believed by police to be a distress signal, was being cared for here tonight. The message, partially obscured, read: "Jens McKee 925 west come please."

The pigeon landed here today. Its leg band number was 86.

JOHN WHITE DIES AS AUTO HURTTLES

Machine of Storage Firm's Official Goes Through Molalla Bridge

John H. White of Portland was fatally injured Wednesday at 8 a. m. when the heavy car he was driving crashed through the railing of a bridge over the Molalla river near Canby. White was well known in Salem and had been here many times in connection with the local plant of the Terminal Ice and Cold Storage company, a branch of the Terminal Ice and Coal company, of which he was a stockholder.

White was returning to Portland, following a business trip to Salem, at the time of the accident, it was reported. The heavy car snapped off a 12 by 12 support on the bridge where the car struck.

It was noticed by Colonel William A. Aird of the Canby auto camp, who was near the scene of the wreck at the time the car struck the bridge, that White's car appeared to wobble when about 125 yards from the bridge, possibly due to a flat tire. The car struck the bridge support and then rolled over twice down the embankment. Police and an ambulance were summoned and White was extricated from the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

FOREST FIRES NOW Waning in Oregon

Virtually all forest fires in the state, including those in Josephine and Jackson counties, have been extinguished or are under control, according to announcements made here Wednesday by Lynn Cronmiller, state forester. No report had been received by the state forester with relation to six incendiary fires discovered in Coos and northern Curry counties. Cronmiller said he probably would ask Governor Meier to issue a proclamation closing a large area of timber in that section.

The fire which has been burning in the North Santiam district in the property of the Silver Falls Timber company out from Silverton, is under control. A crew of 40 men have been fighting this blaze for several days.

Nautilus Heads Toward Arctic

SKJERVØE, Norway, August 12 (AP)—The submarine Nautilus, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins plans to make an Arctic cruise, headed northward today.

Engine trouble had delayed the vessel on the journey from Tromsø, in Skjervøe, but when it arrived last night repairs had been made.

Destroy Third Of Cotton Crop Board's Advice

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The farm board today called upon southern planters to destroy one-third of their crop now under cultivation, promising in return to hold stabilization surplus stocks from the market for one year.

Telegrams were dispatched to the governors of 14 cotton producing states, urging them to enlist the cooperation of every available agency, including farmers and bankers, in this step to increase the low price of cotton.

2 Known Dead With Reports of Other Storm Victims

TEHACHAPI, Cal., Aug. 12 (AP)—At least two persons lost their lives in a cloudburst which deluged valleys and canyons hereabouts, washing out railroad tracks and forcing Monolith factory workers to flee for their lives today.

Mrs. Jim Davis was drowned when a torrent struck her cabin in the Oak Creek neighborhood, separating her from her husband, who escaped.

William W. McFarland of Portland, Ore., died of a supposed heart attack induced by exhaustion in a flight from water pouring down the Mojave-Bakersfield highway. He and A. L. Cooper of Los Angeles abandoned their automobile and fled for higher ground at a point 10 miles from here after the machine stalled in the path of the flood.

A bridge was swept away just behind Robert A. Olite, Los Angeles salesman, Cooper and others en route to Mojave and they had to flee for their lives. Communication cut, Others May Be Dead

Communication was cut off from the Oak Creek neighborhood southeast of here when the main force of the storm seemed to enter and it was not known whether any other lives were lost.

Water from two to six feet deep covered the Monolith area for a time, and workers of the Monolith Portland Cement company fled to safety as six feet of water entered the plant.

Some 600 feet of Southern Pacific track near Monolith was washed out and water stood two feet deep over sections of the track. Foundations were washed from under many houses here and hundreds of boxes ready to be filled in pear orchards were washed away.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12 (AP)—Rain pouring with terrific force from a suddenly darkened sky today filled valleys in the region of Tehachapi and Monolith with swirling floods, damaging railroad tracks and two large factories, forcing the flames to flee for their lives and tearing down telephone and telegraph wires.

The Monolith Portland Cement company's plant and the works of the Southern California Edison company both were reported badly damaged by the flood and forced to suspend operations until the water subsides. The Southern Pacific agent at Monolith said six feet of water swept through the station.

One report, coming from the center of the storm, said a father, mother and child were drowned in their canyon cabin when water inundated it.

Cornwallis to Surrender His Sword, Decided

YORKTOWN, Va., August 12 (AP)—Representative S. Otis Bland, secretary of the United States Yorktown sesquicentennial commission, announced tonight the commission had voted to have the surrender of Lord Cornwallis depicted in the pageant to be presented on the final day of the celebration this fall.

The decision followed upon several weeks of controversy which came before the public first in the form of a protest by Representative Sol Bloom of New York, assistant director of the Washington bi-centennial commission, against a tentative decision of the Yorktown commission to delete the surrender scene.

Representative Bloom and others insisted that to omit this scene would make the pageant on the 150th anniversary of the surrender a meaningless event. Others had said it might be offensive to British visitors.

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