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WEATHER
Generally fair today and Saturday, slowly rising temperature; Max. Temp. Thursday 75, Min. 57, river -2.2 feet, westerly winds.

EIGHTY-SECOND YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, July 29, 1932

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TRIAL ENDS AS ROBERT RIPLEY PLEADS GUILTY

Life Imprisonment Penalty Recommended by Jury; Sentence Saturday

Poe Given Life Term; one More Murder Trial to Be Conducted Here

Trial of Robert Ripley, charged with first-degree murder, came hurriedly to a close Thursday afternoon, following Ripley's confession to a major part in the slaying, which was given in open court earlier in the day. The state hurried through its case, Judge Fred W. Wilson submitted the evidence to the jury and by 3 p. m. the latter had returned a verdict of first-degree murder against Ripley with recommendation of life imprisonment.

Ripley, who had pleaded not guilty when arraigned on the charge, evidently changed his mind after a conference Wednesday night and Thursday morning with his mother and then with his attorney, Chris J. Kowitz. The former is understood to have urged her son to make a clean breast of his part in the Silvertown affair. Kowitz said that signed confessions made by Ripley to police officers had materially weakened the defense and made it well-nigh impossible to acquit Ripley.

He was sentenced Saturday morning. When the accused changed his plea, he stood straight and white in front of the chair where he had been a rather nervous witness of the earlier part of his trial. Ripley depended upon the aid of Kowitz in telling the judge and the jury of his change of plea.

Judge Wilson announced after the jury had returned its verdict that he would sentence Ripley at 9 a. m. Saturday. Earlier Thursday he had sentenced Dupres Poe, conspirator with Ripley in the Silvertown shooting, to life imprisonment. Poe maintained his innocence and declared that he "hoped if the truth came to light, all concerned with the case would do all they can to straighten matters out."

In commenting on the jury's verdict in the trial of Ripley, Judge Wilson said he thought the members were to be congratulated for their action. He also praised the district attorney and his deputy for the conduct of the Poe and Ripley cases, stating that when Officer Ivenson had been killed, Silvertown was without a clue regarding the murderers. Frank Manning who was with Ripley and Poe, is yet to be sentenced. He has pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

Will Set Erpelting Murder Case
The state introduced a number of witnesses Thursday morning and early in the afternoon to substantiate the facts of the Ivenson slaying.

This week Judge Wilson will set the date for the trial of Harry Erpelting who is under indictment for first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of Lloyd Eddy in a drunken brawl here last fall. It is expected that the case will come to trial next week.

Judge Wilson, after the conclusion of the Poe and Ripley trials, remarked that the confession of Ripley after trial had begun was most unusual and such a situation had never before occurred in the judge's experience as prosecutor or judge.

Portion of Federal Funds for Widening Highway is Sought

Continuation of Salem-Brooks Project North Toward Woodburn Favored by Chamber; North Santiam Also Backed

THE Salem chamber of commerce will continue to urge the widening and resurfacing of the Pacific highway north from Salem in connection with any stepping up of the state road program made possible through receipt of federal funds for employment relief. This was the decision of the chamber committee on roads which met yesterday afternoon.

The committee will also work with the county court and federal road officials for advancing the completion of the North Santiam highway to the junction west of Santiam pass. The latter road is regarded as definitely assured if funds are available. Only seven miles of this road will remain after this year's work is completed.

The state highway commission is yet in the dark about how it will benefit from the federal appropriations. A meeting had been scheduled for today but was postponed pending further information from Washington. Engineer Baldock has been working on plans for the road work to be performed in the next few years and it will be up to the commission to select the projects to move forward under the special government funds.

The Salem chamber committee, which is headed by J. N. Chatham, would like to see the Pacific highway work pushed from the terminus of the present contract north of Brooks, on toward Woodburn, replacing the narrow, high-crowned road which has been the scene of many accidents. The committee also plans a trip into the country around Marion to view road needs there to be taken up later with the county court.

FURTHER BUSINESS GAINS ARE SHOWN

Commodities Join in Rise With Wheat, Stocks; Dollar Firmer

By The Associated Press
Favorable business developments over the nation Thursday included:

CHICAGO—Eggs and butter sold sharply higher on the strength of heavy speculative buying. Butter reached the highest point since last March 19-5-8 cents for November delivery. Eggs were quiet under the year's high price at 17 cents a dozen for October delivery.

NEW YORK—Cotton sold higher at all centers, with rain reports from eastern states threatening heavy boll weevil damage. Dry goods also sold higher as sale demand picked up.

CHICAGO—Wheat continued upward, advancing 5-8—an increase.

NEW YORK—The American dollar displayed marked strength in foreign exchange markets as virtually all European money moved below par. The French franc dropped to such an extent that a flow of gold to the United States from France may be expected, economists said.

NEW YORK—The stock market advanced in the most active session since December 18, 1931, despite a wave of profit taking. It was the seventh time this market had moved forward in the last eight trading sessions.

Roseburg Fails To Get Suburbs

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 28—(AP)—Proposed annexation to the city of Roseburg was rejected, 216 to 92, by the residential districts of Edenbower at West Roseburg at a special election here today.

The proposal originated in the two residential districts which lie between the city proper and the site of the Northwest National Soldiers' home.

Oregon Briefs

Baseball Fan Killed
Hop Harvest Wage Set
Molalla Man Suicides
Second Body is Found

DIES AFTER FALL
PORTLAND, Ore., July 28—(AP)—Alfred Staino, 19, of Portland, died tonight from injuries received Tuesday night when he fell from a vantage point from which he was watching the Portland-Mission baseball game. Staino, with several other youths, had climbed to a crane track overlooking the ball park. An electric wire struck Staino, burning him and causing him to fall 25 feet.

PICKERS GET 75 CENTS
HARRISBURG, Ore., July 28—(AP)—Harvest labor wages have been announced by hop growers of this district. The growers will pay labor from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day and pickers 75 cents a hundred pounds. No bonus will be paid for staying the season through.

MARION LEADER IN NUMBER OF FARMS

4821 in County; Second in Crop Value; Fruit Pays Greatest Return

Marion county has the most farms of any county in the state, the 1930 census of agriculture reveals in figures released this week. The county total is 4821 out of 55,153 in the state. Clackamas county comes second with 4747 farms.

Farms classified as general rank highest in number, there being 939 of these, but fruit farms come a close second with a total of 922 in the county. Next in number are dairy farms there being 411 acreages in the county on which dairy products constitute the largest yield.

Marion county's farm yield total \$9,220,240 of the second largest of any in the state, Umattilla being first with a crop yield of \$11,827,850. The census figures were taken for the 1929 yield and on prices then prevailing. Because of the huge drop in wheat prices it is thought that this county's yield would now top any other in the state.

The fruit crop brought the most return of any crop in 1929, the figures on Marion county show. The total fruit crop value is placed in the census at \$1,992,514. General products come next with \$1,487,976 and crop specialties including truck gardening lines rank third with a total yield value of \$1,407,949. Dairy products sold in Marion county for the census year were worth \$972,891 and poultry returned \$397,937. Marion county showed by far the greatest crop diversity of any county in the state.

EMPLOYMENT GAIN BELOW 1931 MARK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28—(AP)—Oregon industrial employment increased during June over the May numbers, the federal reserve bank here reported today, but not by the usual seasonal amount. The food producing group showed a sharp advance in the number of workers and textile industries used somewhat larger forces.

"Despite the seasonal advance in the workers in the food products group," the bank analysis of employment conditions said, "the number employed was substantially less than in June, 1931, as was the number of employees in the lumber and wood manufacturing group."

Average weekly wages were lower than in May, and lower than a year ago. The bank found the decrease from May to June in nearly every group's wages.

The bank's index number, before seasonal adjustment, for June employment, was 57, compared with 54 in May and April, 56 in March, and 80 in June 1931. After seasonal adjustment the index numbers were March 53, May 55, April 56 and March 54, while June 1931 was 76.

POISON INDICATED

MOLALLA, Ore., July 28—(AP)—The body of Chester Austin, 26-year-old farmer who had been missing since last Friday, was found in an oak grove on his own farm today. The body bore no signs of violence and county officials said they believed Austin had drunk poison.

Austin is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Vernon Obrist, The Dalles, and Mrs. S. Kylio, Molalla.

TRUXILLO VICTIM

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 28—(AP)—The body of Percy Abdill, 25, of Dayton, Ore., one of the nine persons who drowned July 8 when the fishing launch Truxillo capsized on Tillamook bay, was found today on the beach at Bay Ocean.

The body of H. J. Brumels, Jr., the only other body found, was washed up two weeks ago.

Salem's Legion Delegates Will Talk For Bonus

The Capital Post delegation to the Oregon department American Legion will carry a resolution before the gathering, favoring immediate payment of the remaining amounts of adjusted service compensation. A committee to draft this resolution was appointed at a meeting of the delegation last night. The committee includes Miller Hayden and M. Clifford Moyshian.

I. S. McSherry, post commander, was chosen chairman of the delegation, J. T. Delaney vice-chairman and William Bliven secretary.

WALKER AVERS HE'S FOOTBALL OF POLITICIANS

Republicans Hatched Plot To Embarrass Bourbon Candidate Claim

Disloyalty to City, Graft Denied in Answer to Seabury Charges

(By The Associated Press)
ALBANY, N. Y., July 28—(AP)—Protesting in fiery language that he had been made a "political football" and a "target of hostility and misrepresentation," Mayor James J. Walker tonight demanded of Governor Roosevelt complete exoneration of charges on which his removal is sought.

This was his reply to the case brought against him by Samuel Seabury, counsel of the republican-controlled state legislative committee appointed to investigate sensational allegations of corruption in New York City.

The mayor's answer and the governor's action hold national significance because, although Roosevelt has declared he would be influenced by no political consideration, the case has been injected into the presidential campaign.

Caustic Phrases
Fill Long Reply
The 27,000-word document was packed with caustic adjectives, ringing denunciations and sweeping denials of all the accusations made against him.

Repeatedly he sandwiched open attacks on Seabury between bits (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Nurmi Ruled Out Because Money Taken

LOS ANGELES, July 28—(AP)—The International Amateur Athletic federation late today voted to bar Paavo Nurmi, of Finland, from the Olympic games. The federation rejected his entry after a hearing.

The action was taken by the commission of the I. A. A. F., which possesses sole authority to accept or reject entries to the track and field events of the Olympics. It so happens that the personnel of the commission is identical with the executive council of the organization which previously suspended Nurmi last April on charges of accepting money in excess of his expenses.

FARM HOME BURNS; CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

INDEPENDENCE, July 28—(Special)—Fire of unknown origin razed the house on the J. Moore farm four miles south of here today, destroying all the household effects and spreading to the outbuildings and barns before it could be checked.

Mrs. Moore was putting washing out on the line when she became suddenly aware of the blaze, which was then making its way through the roof of the house.

Though all of the belongings in the house were lost, better luck was had with the barn as all of the hogs, chickens, horses and cows were saved and practically all of the farm machinery removed. Neighbors helped fight the fire.

Old Red Ink Gone; in Use For 12 Years

Here's one for the tax reductionists... Mrs. Mary L. Falkerson, county school superintendent, took office 12 years ago. She uses considerable amounts of red ink in making reports.

Yesterday she failed in her attempt to dilute the old red ink bottle and to gain a new supply. Cornered, she had to spend 10 cents for a new bottle.

After 12 years economy could do no more; a capital outlay for the county was imperative.

"Our ink hasn't been expensive," she commented.

"Goodness knows how long the old bottle lasted. W. M. Smith who served as superintendent for years before me, had had the same red ink in his office for a long time before 1920."

Paper Company Votes Dividend

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28—(AP)—Crown Zellerbach corporation directors voted today to pay dividends of 37½ cents a share on a B Preferred stock Sept. 1, to stockholders of record August 13. The last payment on these stocks was made June 1, payments being of the same amount as the payment ordered for September 1.

Bonus Army Camps Burned, Evacuated After Hard Fight

HOOPER CALLS TROOPS AFTER POLICE BATTLE

Clash in Which one Rioter Is Killed Precipitates Trouble at Capital

Soldiers Handle Situation With Minimum use of Force, Reported

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Behind a blue mist of tear gas, federal troops today cleared the bonus army from their shanty village in the shadow of the capitol, where shortly before one veteran had been shot to death and others injured in fights with the police.

The soldiers were ordered to the scene by President Hoover after District of Columbia authorities admitted defeat.

Retaining sullenly before the rolling barrage of the dough-boy's tear gas bombs, the dispirited bonus seekers trudged away in disorganized huddles, leaderless and thoroughly demoralized, seeking shelter in open places far and wide through the city.

A few of them nursed minor bruises, the results of their brushes with the police and soldiers, but on the whole the infantrymen did their work without the exercise of actual physical force. Accompanying cavalrymen, however, rode their horses into the crowds on occasion to disperse them.

Explains Criminals Included in "Army"
President Hoover, in ordering out the troops, explained that many of those who remained after congress adjourned were "not veterans; many are communists and persons with criminal records."

The earlier clash with the police had been short and furious. Rushed by hundreds when they sought to clear out the occupants of a partly demolished four-story brick building, a few policemen first used their night sticks to stem the attack, then began to shoot.

The veterans dropped back quickly, pell mell. They left behind William Haska, 37, of Chicago, fatally wounded and Eric Carlson, of Oakland, Cal., who was in a hospital tonight in a serious condition.

George Scott, a policeman, fractured a skull to survive a fractured skull received when veterans attacked police with bricks after being evicted from a building in the disputed area.

The troops arrived here from nearby Virginia camps and forts. They assembled near the White House and headed by the cavalry, moved down Pennsylvania avenue as if on parade. Flags were flying, arms were bright in the sun.

Thousands of spectators crowded the avenue to cheer. Even the veterans who were to be evicted mixed cheers with their boos. Unhappily, the demonstration the soldiers went quietly to the work at hand.

Some of Vets and Hangers-on Who Clashed With U. S. Forces



Some of the real and pseudo-veterans who formed the "Bonus Expeditionary Force" and who engaged in something much resembling war against police and soldiers Thursday, are shown here, congregated several days ago to hear General Smedley D. Butler exhort them to "stick" until the government paid them in full. General Butler is seen addressing the crowd.

NATION-WIDE MASS PROTEST ARRANGED

Labor Defense Says Brutal Methods Used; Waters Would "Carry on"

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—From Walter W. Waters of Portland, Ore., the titular commander of the "bonus expeditionary forces," came the assertion tonight that "no matter what may happen from now on the B. E. F. will carry on."

"If driven from Washington," he said in a statement, "it will organize elsewhere and continue the fight for justice for the veterans and the common people of the United States. We have gone too far now to quit."

The Waters statement telephoned to newspaper offices, included the assertion that a life was sacrificed "to serve the political interests of the administration."

DeGrace Files Appeal of Case

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28—(AP)—C. A. DeGrace, vice president of the Prudential Bancorporation, who Monday was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary and fined \$1000 following his conviction of a charge of devising a scheme to defraud in the sale of securities, today filed with the county clerk a notice of appeal from judgment to the state supreme court.

An appeal bond in the sum of \$3000 also was filed and approved by Circuit Judge Ekwall.

Highway Board To Meet Today, Allocate Funds

The state highway commission will hold a short meeting in Portland today to discuss the allocation of \$770,000 of federal funds for forest road construction in Oregon. W. H. Lynch, in charge of the federal bureau of roads, will attend the meeting.

Another meeting to be held early in August the commission will consider its construction program under the federal relief measures.

A meeting of the commission scheduled in Salem for today was cancelled.

FEW REAL VETS IN 'ARMY', DECLARED

Not one in ten, MacArthur Asserts; Calling U. S. Troops Necessary

WASHINGTON, July 29—(AP)—(Friday)—General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the army who took charge of the evacuation of the bonus veterans, in a statement early today, expressed belief "the government would have been threatened" had not President Hoover ordered the troops out yesterday afternoon.

A short time before he and Secretary Hurley had reported to the president on the evacuation tactics and success.

MacArthur gave his opinion that there were not more than 3,500 real veterans yesterday in the camps on government property. He said crowds of curious spectators had been confused with veterans.

"Not one man in ten among those who were active about the so-called veterans camps was a real veteran," he declared. "It was a bad looking mob which we faced on Pennsylvania avenue and it was animated by the essence of revolution."

"It had come to the conclusion because of kind treatment that it was about to take over direct control of the government, or to gain control by indirect methods."

One Killed, 40 Injured As Vets Resist Eviction

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The casualty list in Washington today: William Haska, 37, 2316 West 23rd place, Chicago, shot to death.

Seriously hurt: George Scott, policeman, skull fractured by brick.

John Hall, negro, Mocksville, N. C., veteran, gunshot wounds.

Allen Bradley, policeman, head wounds from bottle.

Richard Belfield, policeman, tear gas.

William Manning, Los Angeles, veteran, tear gas.

Francis Conroy, Pennsylvania, veteran, gassed.

John C. Morton, San Angelo, Texas, hand burned.

Otto Green, Nashville, Tenn., sabre cut on head and ear.

Earl Smith, Las Vegas, Nev., gassed.

Serg. John T. Hellman, Fort Washington, hand burned.

Robert N. Floyd, policeman, head wounds from bricks.

Samuel H. Hartung, policeman, head wounds.

John E. Winters, policeman, head injury.

John O. Hite, policeman, cut with hatchet.

Henry Price, policeman, body wounds from bricks.

William Bankert, policeman, struck by bricks and bottles.

Philip K. Clark, policeman, head wounds from bottle.

Chief Mountain Hart, veteran, head wounds.

John Wyndom, Cleveland, veteran, head wounds.

Emmett Morris, veteran, gassed.

Harry Walters, 14, Washington, sabre cut.

John Olson, Sacramento, Cal., veteran, head wounds.

Bernard McCoy, Chicago, veteran, wounds from police clubs.

Emmett Beard, Washington, (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

OCCUPANTS OF ANACOSTIA SET HOMES ABLAZE

Three Shanty Villages in Washington Itself are Razed Late in day

Trouble Threatened From Largest Group, Averted After Tense Period

WASHINGTON, July 29—(AP)—(Friday)—The four wretched encampments which for two months past have housed the bonus army lay burned to earth early today, and the veterans that have lived there sought haven in dark streets, on country roads and the path homeward.

One of their number had been shot dead by police.

That affray, near the capitol in the afternoon, led to President Hoover's calling upon federal troops to clear the camps—which they did with use of tear gas.

In late afternoon and early evening, they successfully attacked the three shanty-towns in the city proper, applying the torch once the veterans had fallen back.

Blazes Break Out in Anacostia Camp
Late at night, after it had been decided to hold off drastic action in the main Anacostia camp until today at least, one after another blaze broke out in huts where the veterans were, and that portion of the city was cast in a lurid glare that could be seen by the president as he retired at the White House. Finally it was determined to let the troops complete the destruction. They did, and set up a guard force such as was watching over the other three scenes of attack.

The numerous blazes which swept across the Anacostia camp followed a few hours earlier, which started coincident with the arrival of the infantry and cavalry. It became a matter of dispute whether the soldiers set off these, or whether the veterans themselves had, or whether it had been the grim police. But there was unanimity that the angered veterans themselves started the final conflagration, since no soldiers were at the huts where the fires originated.

Edward Atwell, a "divisional commander," for the Anacostia group, told an assembly there that if an attempt was made to "stampede our women and children, an effort would be made to 'kill' the first man that steps over the line."

Women, Children Sent Away First
Before long, Atwell agreed to sending the women and children away and that movement was undertaken. The men stayed.

The drive to clear the Anacostia camp got under way 10:09 infantrymen among the first of the troops to arrive there hurling tear gas bombs into a crowd that impeded their way.

The troops had been greeted by mingled cheers and boos from thousands of onlookers, many of them women and children, as they went across the bridge that approaches the camp.

Tear bombs were thrown indiscriminately to set people back. Women and children ran screaming.

Forward Flees When Gas Bombs Hurlled
As they reached the end of Anacostia bridge, the infantry swung quickly into line to face a crowd of veterans gathered there on the slope. In a few minutes the familiar scene of exploding tear gas bombs floated up, and the crowd fled.

Meantime, marching with steady tread, other infantry deployed and behind them came cavalry and heavy lorries carrying tanks and machine guns.

With their horses at a walk the cavalry went down the steep embankment into the camp area followed immediately by infantrymen, who set fires to a number of huts after first making sure every human had been carried out.

A knot of men gathered but was dispersed by Commander Atwell, leader of the camp, who shouted: "Give way, boys, give way, you've got the tanks and you haven't got a chance in hell."

Dunning Postal Card is Illegal

WASHINGTON, July 28—(AP)—A series of complaints against the use of the one-cent postal card to collect debts since the increase of letter postage from 2 to 3 cents, caused the post office department today to call attention of the public to the law which forbids such use of postal cards.