

THE WEATHER Rain today and Thursday, normal temperature: Max. Temp. Tuesday 53, Min. 47, river 4.2 feet, rain .44 inch, south wind.

GOVERNOR WILL STUDY VALIDITY OF LIQUOR LAW

Expected to Sign by Late Today; Bills Held Up While Perfected

Major Ones are Completed Tuesday; Selection of Commission Eyed

The Knox liquor control bill was not law today principally because of difficulties encountered by the enacting committee of the house which had not turned the measure over to the governor at a late hour yesterday.

Meanwhile the executive office was busy determining upon a liquor control commission, the appointment of which is expected shortly.

Delay in enrolling many of the bills was holding up their enactment into law. Under rules of the house and senate, bills as finally enrolled must be letter perfect.

The three major bills of the special session, including the Knox liquor control measure, sales tax, and bus and truck amendments, were enrolled late Tuesday afternoon and subsequently were signed by Fred E. Kiddle, president of the senate, and Earl Snell, speaker of the house of representatives.

Governor Meier indicated just prior to leaving his office last night that none of the three major bills would be signed before late today or Thursday.

The Knox liquor bill contains approximately 50 pages and was amended materially during the closing hours of the session.

Records of the executive department showed that 63 of the 97 bills approved at the special session had reached the governor's desk Tuesday night.

Governor Meier Tuesday refused to discuss whom he has in mind for appointment as members of the state liquor control commission.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Two Marrying Mdivani Brothers Face Charge Of Oil Company Fraud

Theft of \$37,047 From Firm's Treasury Since 1931 Alleged; Ex-Husbands of Noted Stars to Face Court Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12. (AP)—Indictments charging two of the three "marrying Mdivanis" Princes David and Serge, with 14 counts of grand theft in connection with their operation of the Pacific Shore oil company were returned today by the county grand jury.

STOWAWAYS SEEK SOUTH POLE TRIP

Three Youths Found on Byrd Vessel Get Their Wish; Cannot Turn Back

ABOARD ADMIRAL BYRD'S FLAGSHIP, Dec. 12. (AP)—Three New Zealand youths — stowaways for the south pole — were discovered today hiding in one of the lifeboats, nine hours out of Wellington, as the expedition of Admiral Richard E. Byrd steamed on her last lap to the Antarctic.

The youths were discovered at boat drill, while all hands mustered at their respective stations and the tarpaulin covering the lifeboats was being lowered from one of the dog drivers on boat No. 4 — "Stowaway."

The cover was torn off and two more appeared, curled up in the gear and blinking in the sudden light. For 19 hours they had lain cramped up in the small boat.

They gave their names as Robert E. Christian, Geoffrey B. Wray and Michael Pflieger, all of Auckland, the eldest of them 23. Interrogated by ship's officers they explained they had attempted to enlist but had been refused.

"We thought we'd like to have a go at the south pole," said one. To return them to port would cost the expedition 12,000 dollars.

The expedition left Wellington this morning, en route to Little America.

PRESIDENT VIEWS NEWSPAPER CODE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The proposed code for the American Newspaper Publishers' association has been sent to the White House for President Roosevelt's inspection.

This was done, Hugh S. Johnson told reporters today, because the president "wants to see it."

The NRA chief said action on the code awaited receipt of the graphic arts code. The two, he explained, must be correlated.

A decision on whether reporters and editors will be given a place on the newspaper code authority was said by Johnson to depend upon whether labor obtains representation on code authorities in general.

"That debate is going on right now," Johnson added.

The newspaper code, Johnson said, provides for a survey of the code authority of working hours of reporters and editors. He added he would insist the survey be made immediately upon the code's adoption.

GRIFFIN COMES TO DEFEND NRA IN DALLAS CASE

Willamette Valley Lumber Company Suit One of Only Two, States

Increase in Lumber's Use Forecasts Quota Boost, Said at Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—William H. Griffin, a special counsel for the NRA, arrived here from Washington, D. C., today in connection with the administration's defense in the suit recently filed by the Willamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas.

The company has asked a permanent injunction restraining the West Coast Lumbermen's association, administrative agency for the national lumber code, from enforcing certain provisions of the code that would reduce the operating hours of the Dallas plant with a resultant decrease in employment.

Griffin said that only two suits have been filed so far against the NRA, that filed by the Willamette Valley Lumber company and another establishment in Tampa, Fla. The Florida suit is still in litigation, he said.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—A considerable increase in use of both hard and soft wood lumber throughout the nation was predicted by the conservation board of the national lumber control committee here today, on the basis of consumption for the last quarter of this year, and expected use in the first three months of 1934.

The lumber production quota under NRA regulations probably will be increased as a result of improved business conditions and adequate lumber stock in yards, board members said.

Nearly 100 executives of some of the country's largest lumber firms attended the first session today of the national control committee of the lumber code authority. This committee will allocate production for the first three months of 1934 and determine policies affecting the industry for the coming year.

Frederick F. Robinson, assistant deputy NRA administrator, said the meeting may continue for ten days or more.

A national survey indicates lumber consumption for the first three months of 1934. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Relief Workers Dumped Out of Truck; 8 Hurt

PORTLAND, Dec. 12. (AP)—Ten county relief workers were thrown from the back of a dump truck in which they were riding today when a passenger in the front seat accidentally tripped the dumping lever.

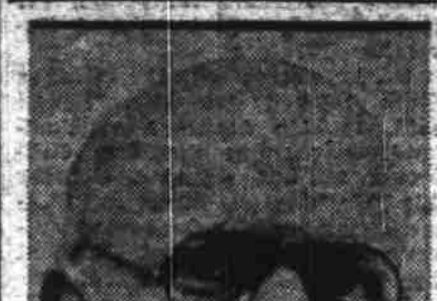
The sudden jolting of the truck back hurled the men to the pavement, and eight of them suffered injuries severe enough to send them to the hospital.

The two most seriously injured were William Bark, treated for a sprained back, and Ray C. Hoedle, treated for a back injury and face lacerations. The others were cut and bruised.

Shortly afterward, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Nelson, tenders of the light-house at Point Pinos, reported a vessel flaming about five miles offshore.

The news spread quickly and numerous rescue vessels plunged through the angry seas in an attempt to reach the stricken vessel before she sank.

Declares NRA Power Limited



Federal Judge Alexander Acheron of Tampa, Fla., who recently created a sensation by handing down a decision that NRA is unconstitutional insofar as its control of local industry is concerned.

While ruling the act might have valid standing in interstate commerce, the judge ruled that federal government has no authority to invade reserve power of the states.

WOODBURN ESCAPE ARRESTED AT BEND

Stole Five Autos, Dodged Hail of Bullets Since Departure Dec. 2

BEND, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Charged with the theft of five automobiles in Oregon and Washington since his escape from the state reformatory at Woodburn, December 2, Paul Johnson, 18, was arrested here today.

Police said he told them he had a narrow escape at Maupin where he engaged in a running fight with service station operators who fired eight shots at him.

Johnson, with another boy, stole a state-owned car from the Woodburn institution December 2 and headed north for Centralia, Wash. Three machines were stolen in Washington, police said Johnson told them.

After having had his gasoline tank filled at a service station on the Wapinitia cutoff, the youth left without paying the bill and was pursued, and overtaken on Maupin hill. He abandoned the car as the pursuers fired at him, and escaped in the heavy timber.

Yesterday, he said, he was given a ride to Bend by B. V. Wright, Portland lumberman. Last night he stole Wright's car, drove north to Redmond, and then returned to Bend. He hid in the home of his foster father. As county, state and city police were preparing to use tear gas bombs on the house today, the youth attempted to escape and was arrested.

CHINESE TAKE OATH OF BLOOD, END WAR

PORTLAND, Dec. 12. (AP)—A solemn blood oath, muttered in the seclusion of a Chinese cemetery here, has ended any possibility of a truce between the Hip Sing and Bing Hung-Bow Leongs.

A large white he was the sacrifice. As the ax fell on his neck Wong Joe of the Bing Hung-Bow Leongs, took the blood oath, regular to his race, swearing he was not guilty as accused by Jan Lan You, a Hip Sing.

Jan had accused Wong of having "turned him in" for reputedly operating a "short" lottery. The peace society fined Jan \$200, and the two men came to blows. Although the two tons remained aloof, there were many rumors a conflict was imminent.

Wong declared he was not guilty. To prove it, he said, he would take the blood oath. So solemn is this procedure to the Chinese, no member of that race could be found to witness the act.

Two police detectives accompanied Jan and Wong to the cemetery. There the hen was sacrificed. Wong repeated a lengthy oath administered by Jan then, the two agreed, their differences had been settled. To make doubly sure, the detectives asked them to shake hands. They did.

NINE ON RELIEF JOB ARE KILLED BY ROCK SLIDE

Civil Works Crew is Struck By Avalanche Caused By Nearby Blast

Three Brushed Off Cliff, Others Crushed When Boulders Tumble

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Dec. 12. (AP)—The jubilation of fifty jobless men given employment on a federal civil works project was turned to sorrow late today as nine of their number were killed by a rock slide which swept down upon the new scenic riprap road in the Colorado national monument, 22 miles northwest of here.

Three of the men were brushed off the high cliff and fell more than 800 feet. The others were crushed on the road.

Blasting on the opposite side of the canyon, a quarter mile away, was being done by T. W. Secret, United States park engineer in charge, for the tragedy.

The dead: John Rupe, 50. Frank Winters, 55. Clyde Van Loan, 28. Ed Carmichael, 60. Leo Adams, 19. Robert Fuller, 28. W. L. Wilcox, 37. Buster Beason, 22. Harter Moreland, 19.

All the victims, except Beason, who lived at Fruita, were residents of the Glade Park district adjoining the monument, and the majority leave families.

FRANCE'S DEFAULT CONFIRMED AGAIN

PARIS, Dec. 12. (AP)—For the third time the French cabinet confirmed today a default on the war debt payment to the United States, this time on \$22,200,926 due December 12.

Since the government considers itself bound by the refusal of the chamber of deputies to pay a year ago because the situation has not changed in the meantime, Foreign Minister Joseph Paul-Boncour was told to advise Washington of the decision against payment.

Simultaneously the legislative body approved the government's firm stand in French-German relations. Paul-Boncour's declaration that France will not consent to a German army of 300,000 unless most armistice terms are accepted, and his statement that France will not grant concessions in the Saar Basin territory.

Of the sum due Friday, \$2,354,438 is principal and \$19,856,487 interest. The remaining debt aggregates \$3,863,650,000. As of December 12, France will be \$82,200,925 in arrears.

Government officials say France still awaits a downward revision of the British debt so she may claim like treatment.

Andre Lefevre de Laboulaye, French ambassador to Washington, presented the debt statement to the administration.

Medford-Seattle Flight Mark Set

SEATTLE, Dec. 12. (AP)—Pilot Herschel Laughlin brought a United Air Lines passenger plane here today from Medford, Ore., a distance of 392 miles, in two hours and nine minutes.

Early Winter Storms Kill 55; Washington Seeking Federal Aid

Macon to Start North Today if Weather Right

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12. (AP)—Decision as to when the dry drizzle Macon will make its trip up the Pacific coast over Oregon and Washington will depend entirely on weather conditions, it was said here tonight.

The drizzle was scheduled to leave its base at Sunnyvale tomorrow for the trip, after having been forced by adverse weather conditions to abandon plans to leave earlier. It was indicated that the ship will leave on schedule tomorrow, weather permitting.

Warm rains along the Pacific coast states Monday night followed earlier mountain blizzards and inflicted a new menace of floods.

Already millions of dollars in property damage had been counted and nine persons had been killed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho by exposure to bitter cold in the highlands or by floods. In northwestern Washington the Skagit and Snohomish rivers swelled with the melting snows and rains.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12. (AP)—Seeking immediate flood control relief in the wake of western Washington's worst floods in years, which have now receded on nearly all fronts, farming and business interests of the inundated White River valley called for federal aid today.

In the name of 75 community and commercial clubs, a plea for some system of federal flood control work was telegraphed to President Roosevelt. It was signed by William J. Wilkins and D. C. Conover, the presidents of two of the leading organizations.

"For years our organizations have waged an unsuccessful battle for flood control here," the message said. Meanwhile the death toll over the entire area, attributed to storm and flood conditions, stood at nine tonight. One of those who had been feared missing, James Meikle, a rancher living near Longview, returned safely after an enforced stay at a nearby relative's house.

Railroads were returning to normal service, and main highways were being reopened, and the huge task of clearing away flood debris and repairing the widespread damage and devastation was under way.

December 1933 and 1932 show up in bold contrast as far as the weather in Salem is concerned. The present month, mild in temperature, gives promise of being the heaviest on record in point of rainfall; the month last year was comparatively dry but unusually cold.

Total rainfall the first 12 days of December 1933 is 6.69 inches; for last December it was but 0.52 inch. On the other hand December 1932 was generally cold, bringing a minimum temperature on its record.

WASHINGTON — Federal reserve figures show enough gold reserves to increase currency circulation 50 per cent; assistant treasury secretary quits.

WASHINGTON — Instance of emergency foreign liquor import permits ended.

CHICAGO — Secretary Wallace and George Peck tell farm bureau to support Roosevelt's farm policies.

LOS ANGELES — Princes Serge and David Mdivani indicted on theft charges in connection with operation of oil company.

WICHITA — Jack Wisdom, slayer of three, pleads guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

WASHINGTON — Hugh Johnson asks A. F. O. L. to submit evidence to support claim Ford Motor company violated NRA labor provisions.

SAN JOSE, Cal. — Youth indicted for alleged participating in lynching of kidnapers; governor says voters unchanged.

CHICAGO — R. F. C. chairman calls American dollar best money in world.

Foreign: MONTEVIDEO — United States, Argentina, merge influences to lead American nations toward recovery and peace.

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — Lindbergh's complete hazardous journey flight from Manaus, Brazil.

BERLIN — Hitler supporters organize new Reichstag in seven and one-half minutes.

ABCED ADMIRAL BYRD'S FLAGSHIP — Three New Zealand youths discovered as stowaways on south pole trip.

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