

EIGHTY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, February 26, 1935

STORM AT SEA, TORNADO TAKE TOLL OF DEATH

Six Known Dead, 22 Missing After Excursion Boat in Caribbean Wrecked

At Least 13 Die in Middle West; Great Lake Area is Trouble Center

(By The Associated Press)
Six persons were drowned and 22 were listed missing Monday night after a crowded excursion boat capsized off the coast of St. Lucia, in the Caribbean sea. Seventy-four survivors reached shore. Reports reaching New Orleans said two members of a fishing party were drowned Sunday in a storm on Pass Manchac and two others were missing. The men were residents of Hammond, La. Two bodies were recovered.

Ocean commerce in many parts of the world was disrupted by a severe three-day storm, and extensive property damage was reported. At least a dozen ships were crippled by the gales and mountainous seas. Others wirelessed their feared trouble and might need assistance. Several ships were forced to send SOS signals.

The storm-lashed Bay of Biscay continued to be a danger spot. Besides the ships in difficulty, several fishermen were reported washed overboard from small vessels.

Only meagre details of the excursion boat tragedy Sunday near Castries, St. Lucia, were known.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Sleet, snow and hail drummed out a dismal finale tonight to a wild weather display that pounded and tore from the Rockies to the Mississippi and beyond.

At least 13 persons died, heavy property damage was reported, and stock and crops suffered widely from devastating dust storms and tornadoes followed by a blinding blizzard.

The wheat belt profited from the mixture of sleet, snow and rain—the first precipitation in some arid sections since last summer's drought.

Otherwise, the storm, apparently centered tonight in the Great Lakes region with clearing weather in prospect elsewhere, left little on the credit side immediately recognizable as such.

There were no available estimates of the widespread damage wrought by hailstorms, twisting winds and highway-choking snow back in many states.

In the great tri-state lead and zinc fields of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and also near Wichita, Kas., mounting reports of losses pushed estimates of damage in Sunday's tornado past the quarter-million-dollar mark.

Tornadoes also struck in two sections of western Arkansas, where nine persons were injured. Of those dead in the siege of storms, six died in and near Chicago in traffic accidents.

GOVERNOR PRAISED FOR GRANGE STAND

The administration's offices announced yesterday that many telegrams and letters commending Governor Martin for his "outspoken denunciation of Ray Gill and Morton Tompkins, purporting to represent the Oregon State Grange" had been received over the weekend.

The letters and telegrams were said to have come from all parts of the state. The statement continued:

"One writer pointed out that political activity on matters not directly relating to agriculture was contrary to the spirit of the grange."

"One prominent wheat man of eastern Oregon wrote the governor as follows in referring to Mr. Gill and Mr. Tompkins:

"These men do not represent Oregon agriculture, as is evidenced by the fact that the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, representing more than 20,000,000 bushels of wheat production annually, the Oregon Wool Growers, the Oregon Cattle & Horse Raisers, Oregon Dairymen and Oregon Potato Growers have for years past sponsored the county unit plan for public schools in Oregon."

Opposition by Gill and Tompkins to the governor's county school unit bill, which was defeated in the senate, caused Governor Martin to express a wish last week that the two men were back on the farm.

Five Famous Fliers Honored for Distinguished Service in 1934



Five of the famous fliers who gathered in Washington for the Aero club annual dinner posed with the diploma presented them by Senator William C. McAdoo, club president, in recognition of distinguished service in 1934. Left to right, above, are shown Colonel Eddie Rickenbacker, American war ace; Captain Boris Sergievsky, holder of numerous flying boat records; Clyde Pangborn, conqueror of the Pacific; Helen McCloskey, who broke the woman's world speed record; and Jimmie Doolittle, who recently established a transcontinental record of 11 hours and 55 minutes.

MILK CONTROL BILL IS REFERRED AGAIN

Attempt to Amend it Upon Floor is Blocked After Argument Begun

Back to committee yesterday went Senate Bill 85—the controversial measure providing for changes in the milk control law—after its proponents in the house sought to override the wishes of Chairman McCloskey of the foods and dairies committee of the lower assembly who asked for minor amendments to the bill after it came out for final passage.

Reference of the bill to committee carried by a slight majority. The measure is expected to be back on the table today.

Representative Ross of Washington county began the debate for the bill, citing the success of the milk control act to date and urging that the amendments sought by milk producers be granted.

Representative Scott, Umatilla, (Turn to Page 3, Col. 5)

VETERAN PRINTER HERE PASSES ON

Nathan Darwin Elliott, 69, printing house proprietor here, died at the residence, 138 West Miller street, early last night. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Elliott came to Salem from Iowa more than 20 years ago and established the printing firm bearing his name. He was a member of the Salem Masonic and Elks lodges.

Surviving are the widow, Alice W. Elliott; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine E. Erickson of Albany; a foster daughter, Margaret Tracey of Colorado; a brother, Amos of Sparta, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Smith of Portland; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Rignod chapel at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Rose Festival Dates are Set

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Dates for Portland's annual rose festival were set for June 6, 7 and 8 today by the Portland Rose Festival association.

In financing the colorful pageant the finance committee already has \$1600 profits realized from a recent professional football game it promoted.

Three Kidnaped by Bandit Hamilton Tell Experience

MCKINNEY, Texas, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Raymond Hamilton, Texas death house fugitive, was a "plenty sore" tonight after tactics he learned from the late Clyde Barrow had taken him many miles from the section. Officers scoured all day for the slippery bandit.

Only slightly wounded in a police ambush near McKinney last night, Hamilton and a companion rested at a farm house, commandeered an automobile, kidnaped three youths and made their way to safety, where officers searched near McKinney.

The three youths, Buster Mayes, J. C. Lottice and J. C. Harlow, were released this afternoon a short distance west of Fort Worth, where Hamilton and his companion stole another car and went their way.

WILLFUL DEMOS ALL STAND PAT ON WAGE ISSUE

21 Who Opposed Roosevelt on Work Relief Bill Won't Back Down

All Senators Have Ears to Ground but Say Home Folks All Agree

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The twenty-one democrats who voted against the administration on the \$4,380,000,000 work relief bill were shown by survey tonight to be standing firm despite the administration's hope that pressure from the country would change their attitude.

That some would refuse to budge was conceded but senate leaders did not abandon their feeling that reaction from the states might still prove enough votes to throw the McCarran prevailing wage amendment out of bill.

Meanwhile, the deadlock continued, with democratic leaders insisting the administration's plan to transfer \$200,000 from the dole to work relief would not and could not be carried out with the bill in its present form. The measure rested quietly in the senate appropriations committee and there was no indication that it would be brought out again any time soon.

The senators who voted with the administration and those who voted against had, figuratively speaking, both ears to the ground in an effort to find out how their ballots were received by the folks back home.

Several senators reported their mail as yet had shown no appreciable increase. Those on both sides of the wage question who had heard from constituents said their respective positions had been upheld.

Pervert reiteration by Senator Robinson, the majority leader, that the president and those supporting him had "no intention of breaking down the private wage scale" and a second prediction by Speaker Byrns that the "house will stand behind the president" apparently had little effect on those insisting upon retention of the wage clause.

REDMOND SHOOTING BEING INVESTIGATED

Merle Sage Shot With Own Gun; Fingerprints are Only Clues Found

BEND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Carefully protecting tell-tale fingerprints on a shotgun, investigating officers tonight sought a fugitive who wounded Merle D. Sage, 59, last night as he sat listening to his radio at his home in Redmond, Ore.

The mysterious attack was made by Sage's own shotgun, which officers found in his yard. It was believed a prowler might have taken it from his house.

Eighteen bird shots from the discharge penetrated the back of Sage's head, but the force of the shot was partly spent by the thick pad on a rocking chair, in which he was seated. His wounds were not considered critical.

The assailant fired through a window pane and Sage ran to his bedroom for a weapon. His shotgun was missing, so he took a rifle and attempted to find the prowler.

Sage was alone at his house at the time of the shooting. Just a few minutes before his wife left to get some laundry at the home of neighbors. Officers said she told them she had hardly left the grounds when she heard the shot and rushed back, to find an attempt had been made to kill her husband.

A daughter, Opal M. Sage, 13, was out of town for the evening, visiting friends on a farm.

County, state and city officers working on the case indicated tonight they had few clues other than the fingerprints. So far as was known, Sage had no enemies in the neighborhood.

County Deemed Responsible in Steamer Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Federal Judge John McNary today ruled that Multnomah county was negligent and to blame when the Burnsbridge failed to signal the steamship Eureka that the east draw of the span was not going to open.

The vessel suffered \$6986.63 damage which was paid by insurance companies and now sought by the Hammond Lumber company, owner of the ship, for repayment to the insurer.

Multnomah county contested its liability, but did not contest the figure fixed for damages.

World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)
Domestic:
WASHINGTON — Administration estimates place number of unemployed at 10,830,000 in December, 1934.

WASHINGTON — Senate deadlock over \$4,380,000,000 relief bill continues; President Roosevelt in Hyde Park studies public reaction.

PITTSBURGH — Testimony in tax appeal hearing reveals huge gifts by Andrew W. Mellon to son and daughter.

WASHINGTON — End of one-time NRA-Ford feud forecast by army request that he bid on \$4,000,000 order.

INDIANAPOLIS — Parents of Dionne quintuplets end stage tour; plan to leave for Canada.

WASHINGTON — NRA orders probe of cotton, silk and wool situations to quiet workers' protests and appease employers; code revision possible.

SCRANTON, Pa.—Eleven hundred children out of school as 30 teachers walk out in third strike within a year.

KANSAS CITY — Midwest and west swept by sleet, snow and hail; 13 dead in storm; property damage estimates increase.

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas legislature votes end of 19-year-old state prohibition law.

Foreign:
Many ships battered by fierce gales at sea; six persons drowned, 22 missing in Caribbean sea disaster.

LONDON — Former Mayor James J. Walker of New York, ordered into court by creditors, says he's broke; claims wife pays the travel bills.

SIAM, Szechuan Province, China — Capture and possible murder of missionary reported; his wife and other white women also missing.

LONDON — Coroner's jury holds slaters who leaped from airplane died "while of unsound mind."

MADRID — One civilian killed, seven wounded by police during communist demonstration.

HIGHWAY WORKERS ARE DEEMED REDS

Spread of Communism Held Serious; Oath Measure Passed by Senate

Intimations that several state highway department employees have been spreading the "zeppelin" of communism during their leisure time, were made by Senator Wallace Monday afternoon in the course of debate on the senate floor over his bill prescribing an oath of office for public officials and employees. The bill carried 20 to 3 with Senator Dickson absent.

"It is my humble opinion," Wallace declared, "that the purpose of these organizations is to undermine the government. I am not an alarmist but I believe the time has arrived when some action should be taken to curb radical activities."

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Valley Counties' Assessors Meet To Talk Policies

A meeting of the county assessors of Willamette valley counties was held Monday morning in the circuit court room here. This is an annual meeting for the purpose of adopting a uniform policy with respect to assessment valuations on livestock and other matters.

Oscar Steelhammer, Marion county assessor, presided. Others present were: Ben F. Keeney, Lane county; C. L. Tallman and Arthur von Lehn, Benton county; W. L. Osborn, Yamhill county; Fred Watkins and R. Masten, Columbia county; Charles Hart, Lincoln county; W. C. Templeton, Linn county; E. L. Pope, Clackamas county; J. E. Carpenter, Washington county.

Hockley Coming To Salem Today

C. C. Hockley, Oregon PWA engineer, will be in Salem this morning and confer with city officials relative to the proposed sewage disposal plant loan. Several council committee heads may be called in to discuss with him requirements for meeting PWA loan conditions, according to Mayor V. E. Kahn.

ROW OVER TAX BOARD FIGURES AILED FURTHER

Galloway Defends Activity of Commission Against Charges of Hess

Defense of the operations of the state tax department was made before the ways and means committee by member C. V. Galloway, at Monday night's meeting in response to charges made before the group previously that the commission's budgeting system was faulty and that approximately \$250,000 had been expended for capital outlay without an appropriation. Further criticism had been made that the figures of the department were muddled.

Galloway declared that the accounting system of the commission was outlined by the state auditing department and there had been no disposition of the part of the tax officials to expend funds for which the legislature had made no appropriation.

Instances were cited by Galloway showing that other departments had expended for capital outlay projects and that these had been held to be proper by the attorney general. Galloway also read reports of the state auditor showing that the accounts of the state tax commission were in perfect order, except for minor errors.

Senator Hess said he still maintained that the expenditure of operating funds for capital outlay had left the figures of the commission in a muddle as the ways and means committee was concerned.

Hess later attributed the entire controversy, including the charges made against the tax commission, to a misunderstanding.

A committee of Tillamook residents, headed by County Judge Rosenberg, appeared before the committee and asked for a waiver of \$24,787 state taxes for the year 1935. The request was based on the fire in 1933 which destroyed timber and equipment estimated at \$350,000,000. Rosenberg said 51 per cent of this loss was in Tillamook county. Money involved in the proposed waiver was said to have been paid by Tillamook county, but had not been collected from the timber owners.

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SOUTHERN NORMAL WINS IN OVERTIME

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—In a sizzling overtime game enlivened by a heated argument among coaches and officials, the Southern Oregon Normal basketball team defeated Oregon Normal 37 to 32 here tonight.

The argument started when Ward Howell, Giant Sons center, caged a goal to put his team a point ahead with but seconds to play. The basket was disallowed, it being ruled he was fouled before actually in the act of shooting.

When the argument subsided Howell casually sank his free throw to tie the score 30 to 30.

Howell, who was high scorer with 18 points, also was hero of the overtime battle. Two Monday players and one Ashland man were chased from the rough game with four fouls.

The teams play here again tomorrow night.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—With a superb backhand and timely ace services, Bill Tilden defeated Ellsworth Vines 6-4, 6-4, as the professional tennis circus visited Portland tonight.

George Lott scored an 11-9, 6-3 victory over Lester Stoenen who is suffering from intestinal flu and spends much of his time in bed.

Vines and Tilden teamed in the doubles for a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Oscar Steelhammer and Marion county assessor, presided. Others present were: Ben F. Keeney, Lane county; C. L. Tallman and Arthur von Lehn, Benton county; W. L. Osborn, Yamhill county; Fred Watkins and R. Masten, Columbia county; Charles Hart, Lincoln county; W. C. Templeton, Linn county; E. L. Pope, Clackamas county; J. E. Carpenter, Washington county.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Corvallis high basketball team moved into leadership of district seven with a 41 to 17 win over University high of Eugene here tonight.

TACOMA, Feb. 25.—(AP)—College of Puget Sound easily defeated College of Idaho, 35 to 24, in a Pacific Northwest conference basketball game here tonight. It was the final conference tilt for the Loggers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Vancouver Lions outlasted the Seattle Seahawks in a bruising overtime game here tonight to take a 3 to 2 victory over the Northwestern Pro Hockey league leaders. The Lions went back into second place tie with the Portland Beavers.

RELIEF SOLUTION WORKED OUT FOR STATE BY MARTIN

Program Lacking Little of Original Federal Request is Announced; U. S. Representative Here Believes Setup Will Be Acceptable; Appropriation of Two Millions From General Fund Asked of Legislature

State Relief Committee Designated to Administer Fund Unless Welfare Board Created; Million Will Go to Counties for Pensions; Tie-in With National Plan May Not Require Special Session

GOVERNOR CHARLES H. MARTIN announced late yesterday that his office had completed, in conjunction with federal relief officials and representatives of county judges in the state, a three-way program to handle the relief needs of the state the next two years. The program, designed to be brought before the legislature in a series of bills, will provide a portion of the moneys Uncle Sam expects to spend in work relief in Oregon the next 24 months, will assist each county in the state in paying old-age pensions and will likewise give assistance to the counties in caring for unemployable persons.

The announcement followed a conference with T. J. Edmonds, representative of the federal relief administration for the four northwestern states, and with Elmer Goudy, executive secretary of the state relief committee. County judges are in accord with the program, Governor Martin said.

Here are salient points in the relief proposal:

1. The state will furnish \$3,250,000 a year or \$6,500,000 for the biennium, instead of the \$4,000,000 a year sought by the federal relief authorities.

2. Of this sum \$500,000 has already been handed the state relief committee in the January and February apportionment of liquor funds. An additional \$4,000,000 will be earmarked from liquor commission income to be placed with federal government moneys for work relief to be used in Oregon the next 24 months.

3. The remaining \$2,000,000, approximately \$1,000,000 a year, will be set aside to go to the 36 counties in the state, first, for use in caring for unemployable persons, and second, for the state's share in providing for old-age pensions. This \$2,000,000 will be sought as a general fund appropriation.

Reversing their usual seasonal trends, factory employment and payrolls also rose somewhat during the month. At automobile factories the volume of employment was said to have increased 36 per cent by the federal reserve board in its monthly summary of business conditions.

The increase brought the production index to a new high for January since 1930. The climb amounted to 4 per cent, production in December being 86 per cent of the figure considered normal.

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Nippy Weather Near End, Rain Forecast Today

Prospects of a break today in the nippy weather which brought frost to the Salem vicinity over the weekend were indicated in the weather bureau report which forecast cloudiness with rain.

The mercury stuck at a maximum of 43 degrees Sunday and 45 yesterday. The minimum yesterday was five below the freezing point.

Schools to Blame, Social Breakdown Says Educator

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, told leaders in public school education today that a "double crisis—on the one hand a crisis in external support and on the other a crisis in internal policy—has caught the schools in its vise-like grip."

His plea for public support of schools was tempered by his warning to 8,000 school superintendents and principals of the department of superintendence of the national education association that they must face a situation which "cannot be met by the mere reshuffling of cards of curriculum."

"Although it pains me as a school man to admit it," he said, "I cannot but believe that western education must share the blame for the breakdown of political, social and economic organization."

The schools, he said, have produced a "generation of specialists" hitting indirectly at the "new deal," he said "desperation, rather than a sense of confident grasp has driven us to the ambitious ventures in national planning upon which we have lately entered."

Blaming this on "the specialists who have come out of their separate cells of expertise and gone at the building of broad policies with an unprecedented abandon," he said:

"As we put this planning under a microscope, it becomes clear that its net result to date is not so much a national plan as a medley of divergent and mutually contradictory plans, as for example, the plan to increase wages has been nullified by the plan to increase prices."

Stuart Chase, author and economist, predicted a "shift of accent from saving to spending, from production to distribution, from vendibility to serviceability."

Dr. Charles E. Merriam, of the national resources board, said through national economic planning the people of the United States may enjoy a "fuller liberty" than they enjoy today.

WOMAN SEVERELY INJURED IN CRASH

Crossing State street toward the city library after having parked her automobile, Mrs. May A. Hurley, 2016 Lee street, was severely injured by a Producer's Milk company truck driven by Lowell Malcom Williams, 1449 Grand street, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Williams apparently was not to blame, according to the report of an investigation made by city police.

Mrs. Hurley, wife of Guy G. Hurley, lost consciousness but regained it a short time after the accident occurred. At Salem Deaconess hospital last night attendants said her injuries, consisting of a severe scalp wound and bruises, were not considered serious.

Other motorists told police, according to the report, that Williams was driving 20 miles an hour when Mrs. Hurley walked across the side of the truck, her head striking a rear view mirror and a cow light. Williams stopped the truck within 24 feet of the point of the accident.

INDUSTRIAL UPTURN SHOWN IN JANUARY

Volume 90 Per Cent of That in 1923-25 and Biggest Since 1930, Stated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A further upturn in industrial production, which brought the volume in January to 90 per cent of the 1923-25 average, was reported tonight by the federal reserve board in its monthly summary of business conditions.

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