

Northeast U. S. Hit by Floods and Slides

Start on Flax Plant Eyed as Epochal Event

Governor Predicts Great
Future for Industry
as He Turns Sod

Mt. Angel People, Noted
Visitors Present at
Ceremony There

As though symbolical of a change in agriculture in the Willamette valley the soil of a field green with growing wheat was turned yesterday as the first step in the construction of a plant for retting and scutching flax. The spot was a mile and a half north of Mt. Angel, chosen because a creek with a plentiful supply of good water for retting cuts across one side of the tract. It is located in the midst of an area whose worth as a flax-growing district has been proven.

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Tax Bill Shaping Up in Committee

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—The house ways and means subcommittee on taxes was described authoritatively today as "leaning" toward a levy on undivided net corporate income graduated from 15 to 55 per cent.

How to prevent foreign owners of stock in American corporations from escaping taxation under the Roosevelt program for corporate tax revision was a problem with which the group wrestled inconclusively this afternoon.

One suggestion, reporters were told by Chairman Samuel B. Hill (D-Wash) was to tax dividends at their source. He added that the group also discussed exemption of banks, life and mutual insurance companies, and farm cooperatives from the undistributed earnings tax, but no agreement was reached.

The subcommittee is working on President Roosevelt's suggestion to raise \$620,000,000 more annually to pay for farm relief and bonus prepayment.

Refuse WPA Sign On Park Projects

NEW YORK, March 12.—(AP)—Charging the WPA insignia was a flamboyant sign meant for no other purpose than to advertise the federal administration to the public, Parks Commissioner Robert Moses tonight refused to permit its erection on park projects.

WPA Administrator Victor F. Ridder at once threatened to remove 71,509 WPA workers from park projects next Monday unless Moses' order was withdrawn.

Jeweler Suffers Burns When Gasoline Ignites

Samuel A. Myers, jeweler, suffered severe burns to the left hand at 9 o'clock yesterday morning when gasoline with which he was cleaning a clock at his shop, behind the market at 251 State street, ignited. A clock in which he was carrying the gasoline broke, spilling the contents on a torch. The flaming motor fuel damaged a work bench before firemen arrived and extinguished the blaze.

TURN SOD FOR MT. ANGEL FLAX PLANT



With appropriate ceremonies the first earth was turned on the site of the flax retting and scutching plant to be built at Mt. Angel with WPA assistance. Left to right: E. J. Griffith, state director, WPA; Joe Berni, president Mt. Angel Flax-Growers' association which will operate the plant; Governor Charles H. Martin; the Reverend Father Alcun, parish priest at Mt. Angel, a leader in the development; O. L. Withers, president Mt. Angel Business Men's club; Jacob Berthold, mayor of Mt. Angel. —Photo by Statesman Staff Photographer.

Old Metal Plate Is Found in Tree

Relates Maple Upon W. U.
Campus Was Planted in
1857 by F. Grubbs

A maple tree on the Willamette university campus yesterday bore a shiny metal plate that would have passed for new had not a hole in the tree revealed where it had been chiseled out of the interior.

The plate, bearing the inscription, "Planted by F. H. Grubbs, 1857," had been almost completely buried in the wood of the tree which had grown around it. Its presence was discovered by Dr. Robert M. Gaike, professor of political science, who directed that it be chiseled out of the tree trunk and replaced. It was estimated that the plate had been originally attached over 60 years ago.

F. H. Grubbs, one of the first instructors at Willamette, was a son-in-law of Jason Lee, founder of school. His wife, Lucy Lee Grubbs, daughter of Jason Lee and also one of Willamette's first teachers, is buried in the Jason Lee cemetery.

The tree which bears the plate stands in front of the old Kimball college building, now music hall and was originally one of a row of maples extending back to the old Oregon Institute building which stood on the spot now occupied by the gymnasium.

Refreshing Pen Silent; Sweet Home Writer is Called, Illness Brief

SWEET HOME, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Ole M. Feigum, whose country correspondence to newspapers won her national mention, died today—her 56th birthday. She was ill for several weeks.

One of her last mementos to a newspaper read: "I want to tell you the pussy willows are all out in full bloom at Sweet Home. They were found on the school ground. The meadow larks are singing to beat the band. . . and you should hear the tinkle of the cow bells over the valley at twilight. Even the sunset has a spring attire."

Hit-Run Car Kills

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—A car which did not stop, struck and killed William Tegart, 83, of Troutdale, near the east city limits of Portland tonight.

Chloroform Feeble-Minded Infants, Laughlin Proposal

Dr. S. B. Laughlin, professor of sociology at Willamette university, yesterday set discussion groups at Willamette university to going with a flat statement that feeble-minded children, beyond hope of rehabilitation, should be put to death with chloroform.

Dr. Laughlin said such a step would be a humanitarian measure as well as one designed to save money for the state. He said the feeble-minded home could be run for \$300,000 less annually if such steps were taken by the state. The home has 969 inmates, most of whom are regarded as hopeless cases.

Reprieve Time Ends; Hoffman Keeps Silence

TRENTON, N. J., March 12.—(AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman marked the expiration of his legal right to reprieve Bruno Richard Hauptmann's death sentence by announcing today he has no present intention of signing a new reprieve.

But even while the announcement was being made it was learned from an authoritative source the governor has indicated his search for new evidence in the Lindbergh kidnap-crime.

In the gloomy stillness of the death house of New Jersey state prison, Hauptmann himself calmly expressed the opinion he would not go to the electric chair three weeks hence.

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Double Bad Luck Day Comes Again

Friday 13th Is Sufficient
Alibi For Any Failure;
History Recounted

Friday, the 13th! The combination presents itself today, and as a result those persons who must have their superstitions will be ready to blame any misfortune on the fatal twosome.

Folks who are inclined to believe that the 13th and Friday are an extra bad dose may take some consolation in the fact that the coincidence will occur only once more this year—in November.

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French Insist On Evacuation Of All Troops

Germany Will Withdraw
Peace Offer Unless
Right Respected

Britain Heading Toward
Neighbors' View is
General Belief

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The unyielding French position was proclaimed in the face of Adolf Hitler's refusal of a British plea he withdrew all but a few of the troops.

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Says Spokesman
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He voiced the demand even as Hitler thundered from a rostrum at Karlsruhe, in the remilitarized area: "I assure you nothing, absolutely nothing, will induce us to renounce this regained sovereignty over the Rhineland zone!"

The French spokesman indicated diplomatic ruptures of all league powers with Germany might be the first punishment meted out if Germany refuses to accept the verdict of Locarno powers and a forth-coming one by the league of nations council.

An impassive in the threatening situation was apparent.

France demands all troops be withdrawn—Hitler has refused such a proposal and threatened to keep on a reasonable basis and any profits accruing would be divided between members.

Mrs. Martin Will Seek Reelection

Filing Sets at Rest Talk
She Might Be Justice of
Peace Aspirant

Mrs. Hannah Martin, for two terms president of the house of representatives from Marion county, announced yesterday that she would file as a candidate to succeed herself in that position. By her announcement Mrs. Martin stopped rumors that she might be a candidate for justice of the peace in the Salem district and took honors as the first of the four incumbent representatives from Marion county to announce for re-election.

Later in the day, in answer to questions, Walter Fuhrer, who has held office as representative for one term, announced he would be a candidate to succeed himself.

Gouley and Jones Expected to Run
Romero Gouley, away from his (Turn to page 7, col. 3)

Walnut Payments Reported Assured

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—(AP)—Conformation of payments of grower benefits to walnut growers of California, Oregon and Washington in connection with the market stabilization plan under which the industry is operating and satisfactory adjustments of administrative complications are reported today by W. E. Goodspeed, manager of the walnut control board.

South Jetty Too Costly, Decision

ASTORIA, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—Col. Thomas M. Robins, United States engineer, said today the cost of extending the south jetty of the Columbia river to the extreme point to which it was carried originally was too expensive to warrant recommendation for the work.

He said an expenditure of \$7,000,000 would be necessitated for such a program. The jetty, as it has recently been repaired, will be maintained and protected, however, he said.

The engineer also said an expenditure of \$1,500,000 is contemplated to repair the north jetty and "provide ample harbor protection."

Germany Won't Start War, Hitler Promises Despite Strong Stand

60,000 at Political Meeting Cheer Fuehrer; Plea is
Made for Common Sense Statesmanship Along
With Criticism of Soviet Interference

KARLSRUHE, Germany, March 12.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, wildly cheered by an election meeting of 60,000 persons, proclaimed tonight that "nothing will move us to renounce" nazi sovereignty in the Rhineland, but he assured France, Czechoslovakia and Poland armed German forces will not move against them.

Runte Appointed, Permanent Basis

As Liquor Administrator;
Control of Drink Sale
in Clubs Discussed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission today named Otto J. Runte, acting administrator, as permanent head of his department, revoked the Albert's products company distributors' license and discussed means to control sale of mixed drinks in private clubs.

Runte replaces Jack E. Allen, resigned.

Arthur K. McMahan, chairman of the commission, told Louis Albert "this revocation is final as far as we are concerned." The Albert's company was declared to have cut beer prices in violation of regulations.

The discussion on controlling clubs centered around a proposal to compel club members to buy a liquor purchase permit, from which drinks would be sold by scrip. Salaries of employees would be kept on a reasonable basis and any profits accruing would be divided between members.

The commission indicated it had reason to believe old charters for clubs have been resurrected for drink-dispensing establishments operated for private profit.

One beer license was suspended and five applications refused.

Ruling Modified On WPA Make-up

Several hundred outdoor WPA laborers will receive an unexpected holiday this week or next due to a reinterpretation of the order received early this month that lost time must be made up, District Director J. E. Smith announced yesterday. Workmen who failed to make up time last Saturday will not receive the extra day off but will be compensated by not being "docked" that day's wages.

The order, which specified that WPA workmen should make up time lost due to inclement weather, stands modified to the extent that it is retroactive only to March 1, Smith explained. The time made up last Saturday, which evoked considerable protest from the WPA crews, was for a day's work lost during February.

The former WPA policy of paying the workmen whether or not they worked, as long as they reported on the job, no longer holds, Smith said. Lost time will be made up either on Saturdays or by an eight instead of the usual six hour day on regular working days.

Nora M. Shirley Wins First Prize, St. Patrick's Recipe

By JESSIE STEELE
Some fine St. Patrick suggestions were received this week and will be printed today, Saturday and Sunday to give hostesses a chance to select the ones they will use next week. Winner of the first prize, \$1 in cash, is Mrs. Nora M. Shirley, route 1, box 365, for "Paddy's Plate."

The two second prizes of 50 cents each go to Mrs. Victor R. Griggs, 870 S. High, and to Mrs. W. B. Shawalter, box 52, Chama, N.M. All prizes may be obtained by calling at The Statesman office.

Next week the topic is oatmeal recipes. Cookies immediately flash to mind, and with them coarse flour breads, puddings and scores of other recipes calling for oatmeal. There should be some grand pioneer recipes come to light during this contest, as oatmeal was a standby in early days. The contest runs as usual until Thursday noon, March 19.

Paddy's Plate
Cut 6 medium sized green peppers to form baskets with wide handles (about 1/2 inch). Remove seeds and membrane carefully.

Serve with sandwiches, using both white and brown bread of the same size. Spread white slice with butter and brown slice with pimento cheese and between the two, put a leaf of lettuce and a thin slice of dill pickle. These may be prepared and set in a cool place previous to serving, except pouring mayonnaise. For drink, green tea, iced or hot.

Mrs. Nora M. Shirley,
Route 1, Box 365.
St. Patrick Appetizers
1. Small green peppers packed with well seasoned cream cheese (Turn to page 7, col. 3)

At Least Five Killed, Three More Missing

Ghostly Fleet of Tugs,
Barges Breaks Loose
at Kingston, N.Y.

100 Iowa Families Flee
High Water; Train
Wreck Injures 8

(By The Associated Press)
Turgid rivers and rain-loosed avalanches caused five deaths in the northeast and middle west last night flooded towns, wrecked dams and bridges and sent hundreds fleeing to higher ground.

Three other persons were missing, two presumably dead.

Heavy property damage was reported throughout New England. Sections of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania also were hard hit.

A ghostly fleet of unmanned tugs and barges broke loose in an ice-jammed creek and floated toward the fog-shrouded Hudson river at Kingston, N. Y.

In several districts the floods forced a shutdown of mills, schools and factories.

Tool Shed Proves
Futile as Shelter
At Jay, Maine, a huge mass of mud and stones swept down to crush a tool shed and Era Ober, 50, who had sought its shelter from the pelting rain.

Five-year-old John Hoyo was drowned at Yonkers, N. Y., when he was swept into swollen Nepper creek.

The coast guard at Point Judith, R. I., reported two state college freshmen, Otto Auman of Pawtucket, and Jay L. Enns of Auburn, had apparently been swept from the seawall and drowned.

Guardsmen searching for them were battered by heavy seas and forced to cling to rock crevices to escape being swept away.

Henry Roy, 31, drowned when he slipped while removing flash boards from a power house dam at Manchester, N. H. Shock Proves Fatal To New Jersey Man
Leroy M. Hauck, was shocked fatally when he tried to adjust a battery charger in the flooded cellar of his home at Roselle Park, N. J.

Northdallies Ship Terminal Planned

THE DALLES, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—L. A. Duncan of The Dalles, one of seven men who incorporated the Northdallies company, said today the firm had acquired 300 acres of land on which to build docks and warehouses to provide shipping terminal for the Yakima valley.

Duncan said a Detroit firm had until May 14 to exercise an option to build docks and warehouses at the townsite on the north shore of the Columbia but that if the option is not taken up the Northdallies company will undertake the project.

The townsite 40 years ago supported glass and shoe factories when a Baptist minister undertook to promote them. The activity long since ceased.

Construction of Bonneville dam, allowing ocean commerce up the Columbia river, led to the new development.

Damages Awarded Against Railroad

A verdict awarding Earl Ennsley \$725 was returned in circuit court here yesterday against the Southern Pacific company.

Ennsley asked \$7700 damages for injuries received October 31, 1935, when the car in which he was riding was hit by a Southern Pacific freight train at the Mission street crossing here. The testimony brought out that the train was backing into the crossing when Ennsley's car was hit.

John H. Dasch was foreman of the jury.

Bears Make Pilgrimage To Lower Levels Again

MEDFORD, Ore., March 12.—(AP)—Friendly bears came from Liberton in Crater Lake park today to make their annual pilgrimage to lower levels in search of food. Superintendent D. H. Canfield said about 30 appear each year for a long-posted meal. They remain in lower levels until snow melts.