

The Weather
Fair today and Monday except occasional fog, continued cold; Max. Temp. Saturday 49, Min. 19, river -4.1 feet, southerly wind.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Rival Pension Groups Figure In Run-Around

"Joke's on You" Chorus of Both Factions in Skirmishes Here

Townsendites Get First Laugh; \$60 Advocates Organize Later On

A \$60-a-month pension meeting announced for the county courthouse yesterday afternoon drew a large delegation of Townsend club members, who seek \$200 a month, and a game of merry-go-round, the "joke's on you," ensued.

The Townsendites believed they gained the first laugh when their numbers forced the meeting sponsors to hire a hall, the Salem high school auditorium. They thought they had the last laugh when after voting and shouting down a motion endorsing the "get whatever pension we can" idea they trooped out as the hat was passed to pay for the hall.

But they left behind a nucleus of 53 men and women who proceeded to effect an organization intended eventually to be represented in each precinct of the county. Fifteen precincts were actively represented at the meeting. Nelson Keynoter

For New Program

Theodore G. Nelson, who gained local Townsendites' disfavor when he attended the national pension convention at Cleveland, O., last summer and was ousted for distributing unapproved printed material, keynoted yesterday's meeting. As near adequate pensions as possible by next year was Nelson's main theme. To achieve this goal, he declared, "the pension-minded people in every community in the country must be ready to combine plans, work together."

He defined an "adequate" pension as one "sufficient to provide the ordinary requirements of living" and asserted, with obvious reference to the Townsend \$200-a-month plan, that "wanting a law is something quite different from getting it."

Nelson recommended, first, that pension seekers should organize by counties and send delegates to a statewide conference to be held in Portland early in January at which a program of larger pensions would be drafted for presentation at the impending state legislative session.

"Get What We Can" Is Nelson Advice

A \$60 a month pension for citizens 60 years of age and older was suggested as a starting point but, he added, "let's get what we can immediately from the state if it's only \$40 a month at the start."

The next step, Nelson recommended, would be nation-wide cooperation among pension advocates to develop a plan that could be presented to the legislature.

Clue to Fugitives Seen; Auto Found

What is believed to be the first definite clue as to the whereabouts of H. T. Smith and Arlie Hixon, the remaining fugitives of the trio who escaped from the county jail last Saturday night came to light yesterday when the stolen automobile of Desmond Daue was recovered in Klamath Falls.

Although it is not definitely known that the car was taken by the boys, the car was stolen about 11 o'clock Saturday night after they had escaped. Both of the boys were being held for auto theft and Hixon's home is in Klamath Falls. Officers expressed the belief that they may have gone into California.

Robert Perry, the other escaping prisoner returned to Salem from Eugene last Sunday when his mother urged him to come back. He said that he had made his way south on a freight train but did not know where the other boys had gone.

Parole Law Reform Certain Issue for 1937 Legislature

By C. A. SPRAGUE

The state parole board visited California recently and from their visit obtained many ideas which they may adopt or use as the basis of proposed legislation. Most important is the plan by which the parole board actually fixes the sentence, six months after the prisoner is received on indeterminate sentence. This sentence is based on the complete personal record of the individual, his prison record, and his prospects for rehabilitation. Then good time credits apply to all prisoners except habitual prisoners and those under death sentence.

The California parole board is on duty full time. The members emphasize one point; the door of hope should not be closed against any prisoner; and for that reason they oppose life imprisonment for habitual criminals. Men are constantly being paroled under continuing supervision and are not released until they can go right in to a job. The effort is for social

Sabres Rattle Across Two Continents

Property Levy Only Slightly Above Million

State Cuts Direct Taxes Through Increase in Income Receipts

Higher Education, Bond Interest Only Funds Under Old System

Property owners of Oregon are asked to contribute only \$1,032,323.86, principally for higher education, toward the support of the state government in 1937, under the tax levy announced Saturday by the state tax commission.

This is a little more than one million dollars below the state levy on property for last year and is the largest reduction in property taxes ever made by the state with the exception of in 1932 when the entire levy was abolished for one year.

The reduced property levy for state purposes was made in spite of increased appropriations for capitol construction and to meet institutional costs. The cut was made possible by increased income taxes which, under the law, must be used as an offset against the property levy.

Amount Available Limit Entirely Abolished

In the new levy for 1937 the entire \$884,640 levied last year within the constitutional six per cent limitation for general expenses of government, is abolished. Likewise, the amount levied outside of the six per cent limitation has been reduced by leaving out the half million dollars levied for the world war veterans state aid commission.

The state levy outside the six per cent limitation now includes only millage for higher education and interest on Oregon irrigation district bonds.

Besides the cost of maintaining the customary state departments, the levy contains the seed money for the new state department of corrections.

Buenos Aires to Greet Roosevelt

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Mariano de Vedia, and every one of the city's 2,300,000 residents was asked to display Argentine flags Monday in salute.

The posters praised the United States president not only because he is "writing history in one of the most transcendent moments of modern life, but he comes to Buenos Aires to cement the permanent benefits of peace."

Mr. Roosevelt was declared worthy of high honor as "chief of the nation which in every sense is the largest of the continent," who has "just been ratified by his people by a great majority."

There were plans also for a ceremony unique to the Argentine—a tribute to feminine protagonists of peace who intend to present a petition against war, bearing 2,000,000 signatures from the Argentines.

Body Is Identified

PORT ANGELES, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The body of a woman found near here Wednesday was dug up from a grave today by King county police and identified as that of Mrs. Gertrude Rodgers, 38, of Portland.

Rehabilitation, the first essential of which is self-support. Prison legislation is sure to come up at the next legislature since the court has ruled against good time credits, which had been extended to prisoners since the 1850's. The planning board has been making a study of the subject. It may also come up in the report of the committee on reform in judicial procedure, which holds another meeting in Portland next Saturday.

Sessions of the coming legislature will be held in the same places as the special session of 1935: house in the armory and senate in the dining room of the Marion hotel. The 1939 session can be held in the new statehouse which is due to be completed in 1939 working days.

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR NEW CAPITOL



Ross B. Hammond, contractor, is shown in the act of signing the bond for \$2,006,137 protecting the state in construction of the new Oregon capitol, just preliminary to signing the contract itself. Watching him are, from left, E. S. Thomas, C. C. Hockley, state PWA director, and Clarence D. Porter, Thomas and Porter represented underwriters of the bond.—Associated Press photo.

Pomeroy Death Is Held Hit-Run Case

Wife of Former Physician Here Found on Road; Boy Is Witness

VALLEJO, Calif., Nov. 28.—(AP)—While funeral services were held today for Mrs. Jean Pomeroy, wife of a navy officer, police continued search for a hit-run automobile driver believed responsible for her death.

Mrs. Pomeroy, 35, died shortly after she was found injured on a highway near a night club early Thursday. Sheriff Jack Thornton said he was convinced she was struck by an automobile.

The sheriff said a Vallejo boy, whose name was withheld, claimed to have seen a black sedan strike her and speed away.

Mrs. Pomeroy, wife of Lieutenant Commander R. E. A. Pomeroy, Medical Corps, U. S. M., had left the night club, companions said, to get an article she had left in an automobile outside. Her husband is seriously ill in the Mare Island navy hospital.

She was a native of Eugene, Ore., and, besides her widower, leaves a 10-year-old daughter, Jean Louise; her parents, Mrs. Eugenia Cook of Portland, Ore., and Drew Griffin of Buffalo, N. Y., and a sister and brother, Mrs. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Cracker Factory Strike Is Closed

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The last of five major strikes in Seattle within six months, excepting the maritime tie-up, ended here tonight.

The American Cracker company and the cracker and confectionary workers union jointly announced they had settled their 23-day-old controversy and 139 employees of the company would return to work Monday.

Contract Entered Into For Building Of State Capitol

Absence of High Wind and Increased Humidity Reduce Menace

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The signing of a \$2,006,137 bond, the largest in the state since Bonneville dam, completed preliminary arrangements to the construction of Oregon's new statehouse at Salem.

The bond was signed by Ross B. Hammond, Portland contractor, and C. C. Hockley, state public works director.

The action cleared the way for immediate attachment of signatures to the formal contract by Hockley, Hammond and J. A. McLean, chairman of the capitol reconstruction commission.

Hammond said he expected to put the first crews at work within a few days.

The new building, replacing the historic Oregon capitol destroyed by fire, will have a marble exterior.

Hammond won the contract, submitting the lowest bid among seven firms.

Blaze Destroying Puyallup Sawmill

Mollison Slates Capetown Flight

PUYALLUP, Wash., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Flames out of control of 100 fire fighters tonight licked through the Drew Manufacturing Co., a \$100,000 lumber mill in the heart of the business district here tonight.

Police and volunteer fire fighters from Puyallup and Sumner aided by men and equipment sent from Tacoma, fought the blaze unsuccessfully for an hour between 10 and 11 p. m.

The lumber mill, a series of wooden structures, burned rapidly illuminating the sky over the entire town. At 11 p. m., officials said the flames were not under control although apparently confined to the mill property.

Fire Situation on Santiam Brighter

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MILL CITY, Nov. 28.—(Special)—Rising humidity and absence of high winds today greatly alleviated the danger to this district from numerous small forest and logged land fires which burst out in all directions during the past week.

The only new fire reported since Friday was discovered early tonight on the Short place north of Mill City. It was in valuable timber but was making little progress.

State Fire Warden Gary Neal left here to keep the blaze under observation.

The high east winds which blew in this vicinity Wednesday and Thursday nights did not recur last night. Exceptionally heavy frosts helped to lessen the fire danger.

All ranchers were reported as having their properties well protected. Friday they were busy building fire trails around houses and barnyards.

Forest officials at Detroit reported the fire situation in that sector of the Willamette national forest "very quiet" with no new blazes breaking out. Fire fighters were being kept close at hand, however, for emergencies.

Five Black Legion Men Found Guilty

Truck Backs and Child Is Injured

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Cascadia Fire Danger Point; Fogs Helpful

Blaze Nears Community in Eastern Linn But Danger Not Great

400 Acres are Covered There; Clatsop and Lincoln Watched

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The fire-stricken northwest found no surcease in rain today but scattered fogs, a higher humidity and lowering temperatures proved of material aid in trailing flames still crackling over thousands of acres of land. The dangerous east wind also had lost some of its force.

The danger point apparently was in Linn county about 75 miles south of Portland where a 400-acre fire advanced within a mile of the community of Cascadia before being checked. Barring high winds, forest officials said the town was safe.

There was no principal fire zone, small blazes in widespread areas causing the chief worry. Many Fires Active, Mostly Controlled

Fires still raged along the Oregon coast from the Columbia river south nearly to the California line, and also along the Columbia river and northward into Washington, but most of them were reported under control. The potential hazard, however, continued due to prolonged lack of rain.

It was estimated roughly that about 20,000 acres, mostly second growth of cut-over land, were burning in southwestern Washington and about the same area in Oregon.

The most serious fires reported under control or rapidly nearing that stage were in Clatsop county, Lincoln county on the central Oregon coast and in the Santiam district of the Willamette national forest in the west-central part of Oregon.

Forest officials were non-committal on prospects of additional damage after reading weather reports which called for continued fair weather. The current situation so late in the season is unprecedented.

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Japan and Germany Accused of Liaison To Embroil Nations

Russia Points to 1700 Per Cent Navy Increase as Sign of Readiness; Fighting in Spain Continues

North Chinese Conflict Serious and Cited in Moscow as Incident to Threat; Tokyo Makes Denial

(By the Associated Press)

WORLD powers rattled the sabres yesterday across two continents.

Russia charged Germany and Japan were joined in secret military alliance to start a war which would spread to "all continents," and announced 1700 per cent increases in the soviet navy during the past three years.

Japan, admittedly allied with Germany in an anti-communist pact, announced her navy, too, would be increased in size as soon as 1937-38 budget figures were approved by parliament.

Russian-Japanese-Manchoukuoan border clashes were linked by Russia with the alleged military alliance with Germany.

Great Britain, mindful most of her food is imported, set up a food defense committee to assure a 12-months' reserve supply if the English coast were blocked in time of war.

France, through Premier Leon Blum, warned her army was at sufficient strength to protect the nation in event of war.

Both France and Britain were represented as desiring to keep the Spanish civil war, more than four months old, from League of Nations consideration lest new threats to international peace result.

The two nations wanted the European neutrality committee to deal without league interference with the problems of the civil war.

In Madrid battle raged between fascists and socialist government defenders for possession of the capital. The Madrid defenders drove back the insurgents in two sharp encounters, but the city was in terror after a Friday night air raid.

Fighting Renewed On French Border

On the northern Franco-Spanish border, dormant several weeks, new fighting broke out. The socialist government announced a vigorous offensive against the fascist armies entrenched in the vicinity of Gijon, San Sebastian and Irun.

In North China, too, there was conflict. Kaigan dispatches reported Japanese and Mongol troops were massed for a drive against Suiyuan province defenders—allegedly in an effort to extend Japanese influence over inner Mongolia and thereby enhance a Japan's position in the north China region close to Siberia.

Italy in effect became at least a sympathetic member of the German-Japanese anti-communist pact with the announcement of Italian recognition of Nipponese-sponsored Manchoukuo in exchange for recognition of the Italo-Ethiopian empire.

Recognition Seen As Anti-Red Move

Although Japanese sources denied the Italo-Japanese recognition (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Worsted Workers Promised Protection; Peace Looming

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Police protection will permit the Foundation Worsted company, closed for nearly a week by pickets, to re-open Monday, Mayor Joseph K. Carson said today.

At the same time Governor Charles H. Martin said he would supply state officers if necessary to give full protection to the 165 workers both at the plant and at their homes.

Officers on the united textile workers' union here expressed willingness tonight to arbitrate the issues of the Oregon Worsted and agreed to send 495 members back to work at the plant pending a decision by a neutral board. The announcement was made by J. E. Lee, secretary.

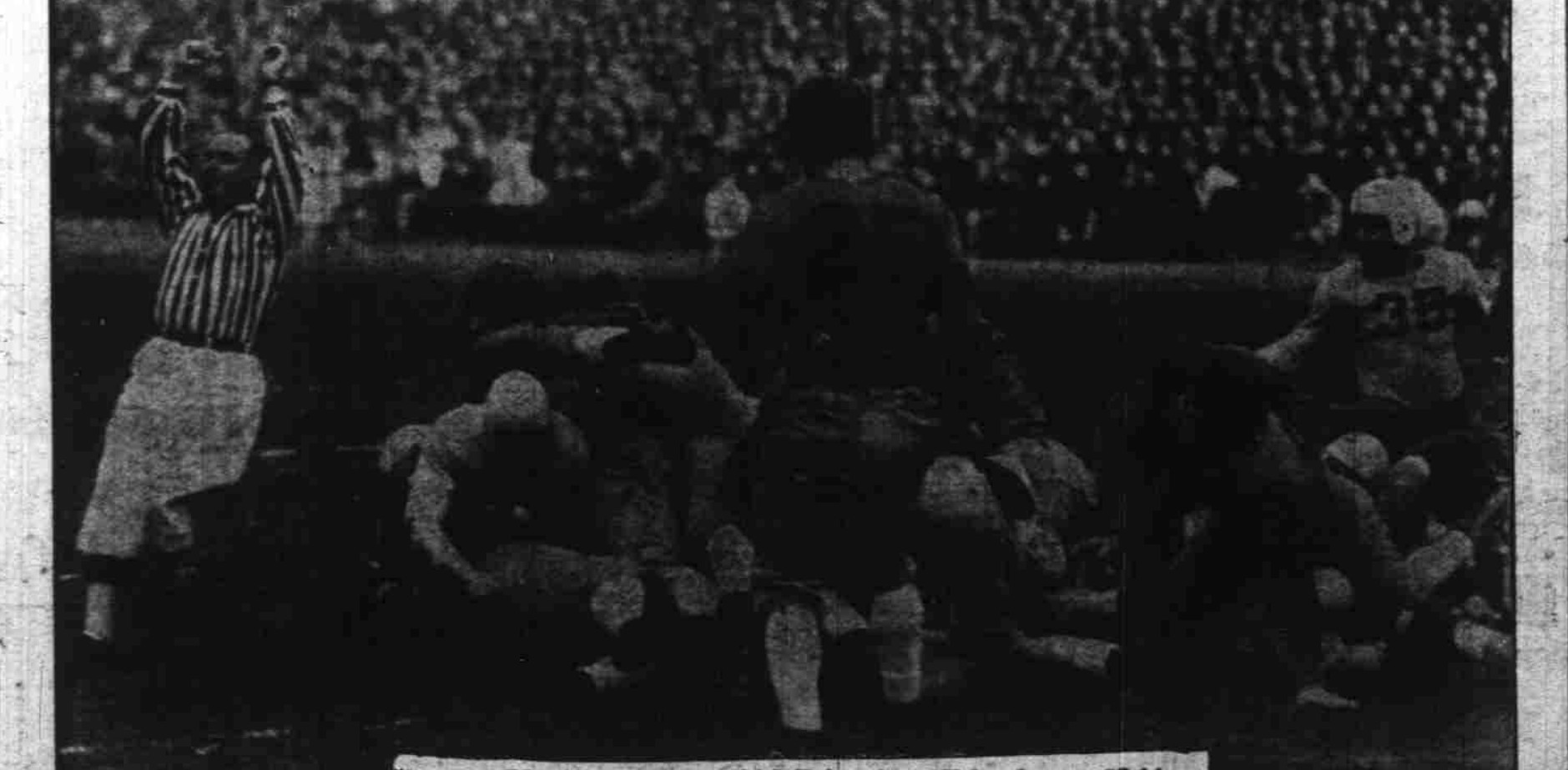
Both state and city executives said they blamed outside influence at the Foundation Worsted. They stated the majority of workers were satisfied.

Arbitration Flee

Voiced by Carson

Mayor Carson conferred with officials of the Oregon Worsted company, neighboring institution to the Foundation Worsted, and striking employees. He urged both groups to submit to arbitration in an effort to settle a strike that has shut down the big firm for several weeks.

THRILLS PILE ON ONE ANOTHER; NEBRASKA WINS 32-14



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By the Way

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

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