

**Weather**  
Partly unsettled today  
fair Wednesday; Max. Temp.  
Monday 64, Tuesday 56, River  
12.1 feet, rain .08 inch,  
south wind, partly cloudy.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

## Roosevelt Seeks to Cut Down Relief Cost

### Choice of New Fire Wagon Is Hotly Debated

Question Why One Broke Down Last Summer Is One Issue Raised

Water Main Material Is Purchased With Much Less of Oratory

Red-painted fire wagons set Salem city councilmen aglow with debate and maneuvering last night that overshadowed more costly pieces of spending.

It was almost the story reborn of the last fire truck purchases, made six years ago, as the fire committee proved unable to make a unanimous recommendation as to make of equipment and reported pre-meeting agreements effected by salesmen disappeared under the cloak of a secret ballot.

After disputing over guarantee values, "standard" names and why the city's pumper broke down en route to the Bandon conflagration last fall, the aldermen finally managed by the secret ballot means to pick a Seagrave machine costing \$7481.25 net in preference to a \$7600 Mack of longer guarantee.

Aldermen W. H. Dancy and Frank Marshall of the fire committee got what they wanted, Chairman Merrill D. Ohling lost out on his choice, a LaFrance, and the Mack salesman was wondering where his votes went.

Mack Wins Out in Previous Battle  
Six years ago Seagraves and LaFrance supporters clashed and a Mack pumper was bought.

Fire Chief Harry Hutton found occasion to slap back at the fire committee when Alderman Fred A. Williams wanted to know why the pumper sent to Bandon blew a gasket at Harriburg when a cylinder stuck.

"That truck had just been overhauled locally," Hutton answered. "That was the fire committee's idea. But a fire truck is different from an ordinary automobile and I think we ought to have experts come down here to look after them the way we used to."

Water Main Bids Not Debated  
The council skipped through the business of awarding the \$72,570.34 worth of 12th street arterial main contracts without ado.

Successful bidders were: United States Pipe & Foundry company, Seattle, cast iron pipe, \$57,670; Rensselaer Valve company, Seattle, valves and 41 fire hydrants, \$11,635; Wallace & Tiernan, Seattle, chlorine tanks, \$2916; Consolidated Supply company, Portland, odds and ends for Salem-Stayton pipeline, \$359.34.

The contracts for pipe and valves will include options to purchase \$25,000 worth of additional mains and \$5000 worth of valves at the bid prices if the bidders will agree, under special council action.

No protests were heard to and no changes were made in the city's new downtown traffic regulations. A move to change two-hour parking zones to one-hour limits was delayed by the refusal of two members to permit final action on a required repeal ordinance.

Notice that a campaign to put over a movie censorship ordinance (Turn to page 2, column 1)

### Cleric, Brick and Liquor Store Bad Combination, Held

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 19—(AP)—Accused of smashing two liquor store windows, the Rev. William D. Gray, 59-year-old Methodist minister of nearby Vesta, Ark., told Municipal Judge J. A. Gallaher today that "a brick was there and I felt the Lord wanted me to throw it."

The minister testified he was "seized with a desire to destroy a liquor store every time I see one."

Sheriff's Deputy Otto Kuykendall arrested him at his Vesta church last night. Gallaher fined the minister \$100 for malicious mischief and said he had committed him to jail for failure to satisfy the judgment.

### Kentucky Girl In Coronation



Countess of Portsmouth, former Marguerite Walker of Louisville, Ky., who will participate in the pageantry in London early in May in connection with the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

### Coronation Time Opens in London

Important People on Hand For Opera; Far Lands Are Represented

LONDON, April 19—(AP)—Jeweled tiaras sparkled tonight as socialites descended proudly upon Covent Garden market for the opening of the coronation season at the royal opera house.

Many left their cars some distance from the opera house and hurried on foot through traffic in order not to miss the opening strains of Verdi's "Otello." They recalled that Sir Thomas Beecham, director, last year ordered doors locked and overture begun.

Giovanni Martinelli appeared in the title role of the inaugural coronation opera. It was his first appearance at Covent Garden since 1914, when he opened the season with Meiba in "La Boheme."

Opening of the opera season and gathering of turbaned visitors from the east and others from far corners of the earth brought Britain's elaborately planned coronation time closer to reality for Londoners.

Rulers from India—rajahs and ranees, maharajahs and maharanees—gathered in the capital for the May 12 ceremonies. Some (Turn to page 2, column 2)

### Battle Ground Is Scene of School Strike a la Scio

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 19—(AP)—Two hundred "sit-out" strikers of Battle Ground high school, 16 miles northeast of here, left the next morning to school officials in their fight to retain Principal A. C. Zellier tonight.

Virtually the entire student body spent the day boating and picnicking at a near-by lake as a protest against the board's refusal to rehire the principal.

School officials had no statement to make but were expected to hold a conference tonight.

### Law Doctorate is Conferred Upon Henley at Convocation

A challenge to the younger portion of his audience to prove to the world that democracy is a success and not just "a political phenomenon that collapsed during the machine age," was put forth by W. Ballentine Henley, acting dean of the school of government at University of Southern California, in an address before a capacity audience in the Willamette university chapel Monday morning in connection with Willamette's first annual spring convocation.

Highlight of the convocation was the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dean Henley. The visiting educator was presented by Prof. William C. Jones, head of the department of public administration at Willamette, and the degree was conferred by President Bruce Baxter.

### Spanish Control; Patrol Patrol; Nation; Attach

Applies Only to Vessels of Signatories; Move Lacks Precedent

Loyalists Protest, Cite Suspicion of Italian and German Ships

(By The Associated Press)  
International "police" patrolled the boundaries of Spain early today to supervise the European "No arms; no men" ban under Spanish government defiance.

The control scheme adopted by 27 European nations went into effect at midnight.

Land observers and warships rined Spain to see that the declared intention of the 27 nations that no more soldiers and munitions reach the civil war combatants be carried out.

The scheme marked a new departure in European affairs; never before has the neutrality of a continent been put to such a test.

The Spanish government in Valencia charged the patrol was "unjust and contrary to international law."

Orders were issued by the ministry of marine and air to the government fleet and air force to protect all ships flying the Spanish flag and those of other countries asking protection in Spanish waters.

It reminded its forces the scheme did not affect ships of countries outside the non-interference pact, including Spanish ships.

It charged its forces to pay particular attention to German and Italian warships which have been assigned to patrol government-held stretches of coast, alleging:

"German and Italian warships (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

### Reorganization Plan Dead, View

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, asserted today that the President's program for a sweeping reorganization of executive agencies is "absolutely dead."

Although majority Leader Robinson promptly denied McNary's statement, he conceded there was "no immediate prospect" for legislation to carry out the administrative scheme of revamping and consolidating more than 100 administrative units.

He acknowledged that the joint congressional committee on executive reorganization, of which he is chairman, had not even held a meeting in several weeks.

He declared he had been "too busy with other legislation."

The president outlined his plan for remodeling the government more than two months ago. It would set up two new departments, welfare and public works; extend the civil service to all but the few highest posts; and consolidate many independent agencies into the regular departments.

Honor Visiting Mayor  
Mayor John S. Friesen of West Salem was introduced to the Salem city council last night when he attended the session, he said, to see what was going on. He was accorded a seat beside Mayor V. E. Kuhn on the rostrum.

### Campus Beauty Queen 3d Time



Recent selection of striking Olga Lellich as beauty queen at Wittenberg college, Springfield, O., marked the third time she had been chosen for the honor.

### Cummings Insists Change Necessary

Recent Gains May Be Lost Again Unless Court Is Revamped, Claims

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Attorney General Cummings said tonight that unless the Roosevelt court proposal is enacted the social laws recently upheld by the supreme court "may be whittled away bit by bit in their application until nothing remains but an empty victory."

Speaking under the auspices of labor's Non-Partisan League, which held meetings supporting the bill in 24 cities and towns, he pointed to the narrow margin by which the Wagner act was held constitutional and asserted:

"The bench still lacks a sufficient number of judges whose self restraint is predictable, judges who are willing to see the facts as they are and to decide under the constitution and not over it. American constitutional history is illuminated by occasional flashes such as we have witnessed in the last few weeks, but that same history is often darkened. We find ourselves in a moment of light. Our problem is to keep that light burning."

Cummings spoke from Washington on a radio program, which included also addresses by Maj. George L. Berry, president of the league, and Mrs. J. Borden Harman, newly appointed minister to Norway.

### Franchise Sought For Heights Bus

An ordinance bill granting a franchise to Vernon D. Leek as Four Corners bus line was given preliminary consideration by the city council last night. The measure imposes a franchise tax of \$25 per bus, requires service between 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. excepting Sundays and holidays, sets a maximum fare of 10 cents for trips within the city limits.

Leek was charged in municipal court about a year ago with operating without a franchise. After several court sessions, the case was taken under advisement and no decision ever given.

### Bulletin

CANYON CITY, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Fire, which officials believed started from a dropped cigarette, destroyed nearly the entire business district here last night with a loss of \$150,000 estimated.

Telephone communication was halted when the blaze, "Democracy Decides" Canyon City, spread to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph building, destroying property and equipment valued at \$20,000.

Fifteen buildings, including all but three of the structures in the business district, were burned. Among the burned buildings was that of the Canyon City Mercantile company where damage was estimated at \$30,000.

Fire fighting equipment from John Day and Prairie City and from the fire service warehouse at John Day had the blaze under control this morning.

### Oshawa Strike Group Rejects Company Offer

Turn-Down Unanimous as Mayor Advises Demand for Recognition

Organizer Approved, But Congratulates Men on Refusal to Accept

OSHAWA, Ont., April 19—(AP)—General Motors strikers tonight rejected a peace proposal previously approved by the company and the United Automobile Workers of America.

The rejection was unanimous.

"You are being duped, you're being fooled, you're being hoodwinked," Alex Hall, dapper little mayor of Oshawa, shouted at the strikers at an uproarious mass meeting after they had refused a pay raise and cut in working hours if only they gave up their demand for union recognition.

"I know you're going to help me right and I'm going to help you then," the mayor added, tears in his eyes and his voice quavering.

Organizer Praises  
High Thompson, U. A. W. A. organizer in charge of the strike, congratulated the men for holding out.

"You still are solid with one thing in mind—to get the things you want out after—and as long as you keep that spirit nothing can beat you," he said.

"This strike will only be settled when General Motors sits down and talks to your committee."

"No matter who sticks his finger in the pie, this strike will not be settled until the company does just that."

The mayor had acted as go-between in an earlier settlement that both Thompson and J. E. Highfield, plant manager for General Motors, approved.

Reduced Hours and More Pay Offered  
The strikers' newspapermen present, Hall started the mass meeting in (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

### Old Franchise Is Up for Discussion

Mayor V. E. Kuhn and the council utilities committee conferred yesterday afternoon with Portland General Electric company representatives here regarding proposed repeal of franchise ordinances dating back to the 1870s but reached no decision other than to discuss the matter further at a later date.

The power company's franchise was directed at a recent council meeting by Alderman Edwin C. Goodenough when he declared the ordinance was illegal because it purported to grant a permanent right. The utility representatives yesterday declared their bondholders' trustees had ruled the franchise valid and said any change in the franchise might cause unnecessary legal difficulties.

The power company was represented by W. M. Hamilton, Salem division manager; Franklin T. Griffith, president, and Major Cassius Peck, general counsel.

### Possible Damage In Parking Zone Given Attention

Rural avenue residents who fear trees in their parking strips may be ruined by the laying of the city water supply line may sue the city for damages, Alderman Edwin C. Goodenough told the city council last night. He asked to have the city attorney advise the war commission as to the city's right to damage plantings in parking strips.

### All Three Bonneville Power Bills Attacked

By Martin at Capital

Governor Wants Public Bodies to Be Reserved All They Can But Claims Industry Not Given Sufficient "Break" in Current Measures

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Gov. Charles H. Martin of Oregon criticized today three pending bills which would set up administrative machinery at Bonneville dam on the Columbia river.

He said they fail "to meet the needs of industry" will testify before the house rivers and harbors committee Thursday, he said, in the hope of giving industry a "better break."

The bills, all similar in that they provide for an administrator who would control power distribution, were introduced by Representatives Nan Honeyman of Portland, Walter Pierce, of La Grande, Ore., and Martin Smith of Hogueham, Wash.

"We want to see that power rates are established on the merits of the dam enabling us to set up great chemical and metallurgical plants," he said. "We are sure these industries will be attracted by rates of from 1 to 1 1/2 mills per kilowatt at the dam."

He asserted the use of large quantities of power by industry would assure the farmer and public agencies cheap energy, for industry would be paying the cost of the project.

Mayor Joe Carson of Portland (Turn to page 2, column 1)

### Oregon Isn't in Need of Relief Martin Asserts

PORTLAND, April 19—(AP)—Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins can "keep his money" until next winter, as far as Oregon is concerned, Governor Charles H. Martin asserted on arrival at Washington, D. C., a special dispatch to the Oregonian said tonight.

"I've told my men to tear up our relief rolls, there is plenty of seasonal work," the dispatch quoted the governor.

"We are taking care of the aged and the unemployed from the profits of liquor, but we will need about \$1,000,000 more. That can be raised if the boys increase their thrift."

"Oregon doesn't owe a dollar and there are a couple of hundred thousands in the till."

### Four Mills Reach Labor Agreement

Varying Increases Given, With Disputed Former Pact Not Retained

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19—(AP)—Four major operators had signed agreements today with lumber and sawmill union locals, providing 10 per cent wage increases, with a minimum increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour.

The Gram-Marsch agreement to which the union objected, was not continued. Further negotiations are provided.

The companies were the Trask Willamette, Flora, Blue Lake and Briz, all in Oregon. Eleven Portland companies were previously operating under a 7 1/2 cent increased wage agreement, and (Turn to page 2, column 4)

### Tongue Point Bill Hearing Arranged

Rilea, Martin, Carson to Appear April 22; Navy Officials Opposed

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—The house naval affairs committee set April 22 for hearings on a bill by Rep. James Mott of Salem, Ore., which would establish a \$1,600,000 naval air base at Tongue Point, Ore., at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The bill received a favorable committee report a year ago but died in congress.

The measure lacks the approval of the navy department, which holds the base would be of little value in the event of war.

Mott said Gov. Charles H. Martin of Oregon, Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland, James Hope of Astoria, Ore., and General Thomas Rilea of the Oregon national guard will testify.

The Oregon officials also will (Turn to page 2, column 3)

### One Miner Killed In Morning Blast

BELLINGHAM, April 19—(AP)—Rescue crews tonight reached the body of Fire Boss Fred Lancaster, trapped 900 feet below the surface of the Bellingham coal mine by an explosion early this morning just before the time for 140 miners to enter the workings.

The body was found on the eighth level, Percy Lucas, president of the company, announced. It was badly burned. Acting Coroner R. B. Boettner said Lancaster had been killed instantly. Cause of the explosion was still unknown tonight.

Lucas said he believed a gas explosion occurred. Miners first feared 450 pounds of dynamite being sent down to Lancaster had been touched off, but the explosive was found undisturbed.

The explosion was the first in the history of the mine, Lucas said.

### Two Blossom Day Routes Are Outlined for Sunday Tourist

Two Blossom Day trips, one of 17 miles into the Polk county hills, and one of 15 1/2 miles south of Salem through the Roseadale section have been logged by the Cherrian committees for next Sunday, April 25, King Bing A. Guseffroy announced yesterday. Many persons will make both routes, but for those who have less time, either shorter trip will afford enjoyment of the countryside when blossoms are at their best. As many as 15,000 persons have made the blossom excursion in past years.

Final plans for Blossom Day will be completed at a meeting of the Cherrian's council of Nobles and all committee members at a meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the chamber of commerce rooms, King Bing Guseffroy announced.

Logs for the Blossom Day routes, starting from the chamber of commerce on North Liberty streets, are:

- 1. Willamette river to left, Kingwood Heights to right, Polk county hills in the distance.
- 2. Note foothills across Willamette river in Marion county.
- 3. Passing Eola, site once almost selected for capital of Oregon.
- 4. On right, former home of I. L. Patterson when governor of Oregon.
- 5. Junction of independent paved highway. Hop fields to left.
- 6. Note highway sign Bethel-Eola and Oak Grove. Turn to right. Now gradual climb into Polk county hills. View of coast range mountains to left.
- 7.5 Going into valley of fine farming district.
- 8.3 Note signs, Eola Hills and (Turn to page 2, column 2)

### Fears Growing Deficit as Tax Receipts Drop

Billion and Half to Be Proposed Today; May Meet Opposition

Mayors and State Heads Want More, Senators May Ask New Cut

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, said after a White House conference tonight that President Roosevelt would ask congress for \$1,500,000,000 for relief in the year beginning next July 1.

President Roosevelt finished drafting his message tonight and will transmit it to congress tomorrow, it was learned. Robinson added that the conference tonight agreed to bend every effort to limit expenditures and appropriations to close the gap between income and outgo.

He indicated that disappointing tax receipts had accentuated the estimated deficit. Signs pointed to an unbalanced budget at the end of the 1937-38 fiscal year, he indicated, but expressed belief that means could be found, without increasing taxes, to bring the deficit down to a "very narrow margin."

Would Be Reduction From Current Costs  
An outlay of \$1,500,000,000 next year would compare, according to WPA officials, with expenditures of \$1,800,000,000 and \$1,550,000,000 in the current fiscal year.

The proposed appropriation would be about the same amount that the president suggested tentatively in his budget message last January. He said then that next year's budget could be balanced, exclusive of debt retirement. If reduced, the president did not exceed \$1,537,000,000.

However, since that time the disappointing tax receipts have come in, complicating the picture. Mayors and State Leaders Ask More.

The sum to be requested will be far less than that sought by the United States conference of mayors, and many state officials. They have urged the president to recommend more than \$2,000,000,000.

Immediately after tonight's conference, speculation flared in the capital as to whether some senate democrats might campaign for an appropriation less than the president suggests.

Senator Byrd (D-SC) recently undertook a personal survey of state finances to determine if they were meeting a fair share of the relief burden. Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, also reported recently that there is possibility new government activities will be financed by cutting down relief.

### Tracks Repaired After Bad Wreck

PORTLAND, April 19—(AP)—R. E. White, chief dispatcher of the Oregon Electric, said the 500 feet of track ripped out when a freight train of 14 cars left the rails and went into ditch near Metzger late Saturday night would probably be repaired and the route opened to traffic tonight.

A train crew of five men and four transients escaped injury. Nine cars toppled over when the freight jumped the tracks. The wreckage was piled up and the caboose remained on the rails.

Wrecking crews worked Sunday and Monday repairing the damage after L. M. Green, the conductor, walked a considerable distance to a residence to report the accident by telephone.

All but three cars were heavily loaded. Among them were two tank cars, one containing diesel oil and the other gasoline.

### BALLADE OF TODAY

Warships of powerful old world nations are joined in a history-making patrol to prohibit each other from making donations of men and munitions to either or both of the warring factions who battle for power and glory in Spain, impeded somewhat by the fear that transactions, contrived by the same ships assigned to restrain, may stir up a fuse and provoke a new crisis endangering further the world's precarious peace, and the diplomats puzzle to find new devices by which to control their own naval police.