

Weather
Rain today and probably Monday, snow over mountains; Max Temp. Saturday 56, Min. 48, river 3 feet, southwesterly wind, cloudy.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

18 Russian "Traitors" Face Firing Squad

Hitler Unites Germany With Austria and Defies all Foes

New Regime Is Proclaimed in Linz Ceremony

Troops Pour in; Action Viewed as Threat to Czechoslovakia

Nazi Fist Felt; Papers Muzzled, Arrests of Scores Reported

(By the Associated Press)
VIENNA, March 13.—(Sunday)—Adolf Hitler has joined Germany and Austria and defied the world to part them.

He proclaimed this new Pan-American union from a Linz balcony to cheering thousands yesterday.

This union joins a Germany of 66,020,000 population with an Austria of 6,748,826 and adds 36,354 square miles to the German Reich.

Hitler spent the night at Linz and Vienna was prepared for his triumphal entry today. There were wild demonstrations throughout Austria, especially in Graz, long a Nazi stronghold.

As Hitler spoke at Linz Nazi forces, tanks and planes swept through tiny Austria to re-make the map of Europe and rouse new fears of European war. Troops came by land and by air.

"Any other attempt to part this people will be in vain," the triumphant Führer told wildly cheering throngs massed to welcome his return to his native land and fulfillment of the long-dreamed union of Germany and her southern neighbor.

Declares Return "Divine Mission"

Declaring it his "divine" mission to return Austria to the German fatherland, bareheaded Hitler in an army overcoat told the crowd "your presence is testimony it is not the wish of only a few to found this Pan-Germany but is the will of the German people itself."

"It would be fine also if some of our well known international seekers after truth could not only (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Low Power Rates For Industry not Fair Is Argument

Oddities in the News

WOODBURN, N. J., March 12.—(P)—Harry Schmidt, 53-year-old superintendent of a burglar alarm company, was shot to death in his home early today by what County Prosecutor Lord said he believed was a burglar. Schmidt was wounded four times shortly after he returned home and apparently surprised an intruder.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., March 12.—(P)—The Democrats are gaining slightly in President Roosevelt's traditionally republican home town, official 1938 enrollment figures show.

The president's fellow-partisans increased their ranks from 751 to 785, while republican enrollment dropped from 1177 to 1099, compared with 1937.

In the chief executive's voting district, however, democratic enrollment dropped from 241 to 235, while the republicans' 295 were 21 fewer than a year ago.

Senate of California Spurs Resolution to Give Mooney 'Pardon'

Voice Vote Almost Unanimous as Upper Tribunal Topples Convicted Bomber's new Hope; Second Proposal Still Faced

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 12.—(AP)—The California senate tonight killed by an almost unanimous voice vote an assembly-approved resolution "pardoning" Tom Mooney, convicted bomber of the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day parade.

The senate debated the measure only a few minutes. Chairman W. P. Rich of the rules committee, which reported the resolution unfavorably, then moved that it be tabled. Only a few "nays" were heard.

The action at least temporarily disposed of the question as to whether the legislature had the power to pardon, senate concurrence was necessary to technical enactment.

Remaining before the assembly, however, was a resolution asking Gov. Frank P. Merriam to pardon Mooney. The assembly also passed a resolution that that nature a year ago but the senate likewise voted not to concur.

Sen. Walter McGovern, San Francisco, led the argument in favor of a legislative pardon, speaking only a few moments. Sen. William F. Knowland, Oakland, and Andrew W. Schottky, Modesto, spoke briefly in opposition.

The latter said that both the attorney general of the state and the legislative counsel have ruled the legislative branch of government cannot exercise the power of pardoning felons.

Knowland said the courts of the state have given Mooney every opportunity to present his case; that he has had a full and fair hearing and has in every proceeding of law been adjudged guilty.

Repeated cries for assistance by Buckner, while at the same time attempting to hold his wife's head out of the water, finally brought Roman Wolf, who lives close by to the spot where the Buckner car left the highway.

Wolf said it took him, and others of his family, about 25 minutes to get the couple out of the car. Principally, he said, because the car was shoulder deep in water and wedged in against the bank.

While no serious injuries were reported, it was thought that Mrs. Buckner had a fractured ankle. Both she and her husband were severely shaken up and had sustained many minor cuts and bruises.

Wolf brought the California couple to the city first aid station, where C. M. Charleston, first aid man, took charge. They were ultimately lodged in the Senator hotel and a doctor called.

Half Block Razed In Seattle Blaze

SEATTLE, March 12.—(P)—Fire razed a half-block in the city's industrial section tonight, totally consuming the Federal Ink and Chemical company factory and consuming the Washington Iron Works warehouse.

The blaze raged for three hours before firemen controlled it. Nearby factories were menaced by the towering flames, seen for 20 miles from emulances around the city.

Fire Chief Claude Corning said the cause of the blaze was unknown. Charles W. Gilman, president of the ink company, was out of town and no estimate of damage was made.

Czechoslovakia Fate Viewed As Threat to Europe Peace

LONDON, March 12.—(P)—Adolf Hitler's bold Nazi seizure of Austria today thrust the fate of Czechoslovakia squarely before Great Britain and France.

The British cabinet in an emergency session weighed the possibility of armed aid to France in event the independence of the war-created republic were threatened by Germany.

France, with definite commitments to protect this third democracy against invasion, wanted Britain to join her in a warning to Reichsführer Hitler to keep "hands off."

The French, doubly harassed by developments in Austria and the task of forming a cabinet, took an increasingly grave view of the situation.

Troops along France's famed Maginot line defenses, facing the German border, tonight were ordered to remain at their posts without leave until further notice.

More Activity Due This Week In Goon Probe

"Slim" Henry Will Hear Sentence, Testify at Trial in Eugene

Records at Dallas Still Being Studied; State Tax Aides Active

Leslie L. "Slim" Henry, Salem Building Trades council agent, will make two court appearances this week, one at Eugene as a witness at the trial of a barber union official charged with window breaking and the second on Friday at Dallas to plead to a charge of attempting to coerce another to join a union. He is at liberty under \$1000 bail.

The Lane county circuit court yesterday granted a motion by attorneys for Ray W. Blaine, barbers' union leader there, for permission to subpoena for physicians and eight other persons, including Henry, as defense witnesses to prove Blaine's charges that following his arrest by state police February 11 he was beaten on so badly an eardrum was broken.

To Testify About Jail Occurrences

Henry's testimony is expected to be regarding scenes and sounds in the Polk county jail on February 12, 13 and 14, while Blaine was being held there for questioning. The night of February 13 Blaine complained of an earache and Dist. Atty Bruce Spaulding ordered him examined by a doctor. The physician, according to Spaulding, reported he found no cause for Blaine's complaint.

In Friday's appearance before Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker at Dallas Henry will be facing a charge brought against him by indictment issued by the Polk county grand jury February 21 when that body recalled an earlier indictment charging him with complicity in the setting of the Salem Box factory fire at West Salem last November 20. The same day the grand jury re-indicted Al E. Rosser, secretary of the Portland joint council of teamsters, on an arson charge in connection with the West Salem fire.

Some Investigators Tax Men Reported

The only outward evidence that the labor investigation is still being conducted at Dallas is the presence daily of state police officers and intermittently of other men reported to be studying teamster records for possible data.

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Infant in Well Is Saved as Mother Holds With Teeth

FULTON, Mo., March 12.—(P)—A 21-month-old boy was saved from drowning today by his mother, who leaped into a well and held the child out of the water with her teeth until help arrived.

Mrs. Leonard Shaon saw her son, Johnny, tumble into the well on their farm near here. She grabbed a rope, tied one end around her wrist and the other end to the well curb and jumped in.

The water was about 10 feet deep.

She first clasped her son with her free hand, but this left her dangling helplessly under water at the end of the rope. So she gripped the boy's clothing between her teeth and lifted his head out of the water.

She held Johnny firmly with her teeth several minutes until the boy's grandfather, James Shaon, reached another rope into the well and lifted mother and son to safety.

Funds for Wilson River Road Added

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(P)—Senator Charles McNary (D-Ore.) said today another section of the Wilson river road in Tillamook county had been approved as eligible for a WPA project, with an allotment of \$511,053 for clearing the right of way and grade.

Other approved projects included \$29,217 and \$62,053 for maintenance of sawing rooms at Woodburn and Corvallis respectively and \$593 for clearing right of way on the Eugene-Veneta section of route 5 highway.

Fifteen Teams Are Listed for State Tourney

Thurston, First Quintet Coached by Woman, to Enter Competition

Dallas Upsets Woodburn in District Finals but Both Coming

WEDNESDAY TOURNEY SCHEDULE

1 p.m.—Dist. 13, (undecided) vs. Amity, Dist. 16.
2 p.m.—Chiloquin, Dist. 14, vs. Thurston.
3 p.m.—University High, Dist. 7, vs. Woodburn, Dist. 11.
4 p.m.—Salem, Dist. 10, vs. Mac Hi, Dist. 2.
5 p.m.—Sandy, Dist. 4, vs. Dallas, Dist. 6.
7:30 p.m.—Baker, Dist. 1, Klamath Falls, Dist. 3.
8:30 p.m.—St. Helens, Dist. 5, vs. Myrtle Point, Dist. 8.
9:30 p.m.—Medford, Dist. 9, vs. Eugene, Dist. 12.

With Dallas upsetting Woodburn 33 to 27 to take the district 6 spot and relegating the Bulldogs to the district 11 position, and Thurston upsetting Lowell 32-30 in two overtime periods, the state basketball tournament lineup rounded into shape Saturday night with the exception that there was no report from Arlington, where the district 13 finals were to have been played with Athena the favorite to repeat.

The tournament opens in the Willamette gym here Wednesday. If Athena is the district 13 entry, seven teams, the others being Amity, Chiloquin, Salem, Klamath Falls, Eugene and Medford, will be repeaters from last year's tourney.

Bellevue, last year's "gladiator" state titlist, lost most of its championship man power this year and consequently could not make the grade.

Woodburn, Sandy Come First Time

For two teams, Sandy and Woodburn, it will be the first trip to the big show.

Thurston's gallop into the district 16 title will bring the first woman-coached team in the history of the tourney. Mrs. Genevieve Beaman is her name. She succeeded Jim Watts, former University of Oregon ball player who is now at Roseburg.

On season's records, Klamath Falls, Baker, Medford and Chiloquin would seem to be the tourney's outstanding teams and the ones to beat for the championship.

Until last night, when Dallas tipped them over, the Woodburn (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Officers Abandon Quest of Bandits

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 12.—(P)—Benton county officers abandoned today their search for William Durst and Maynard James Lang, each 17, sought on robbery and abduction charges after a wild ride from Seattle to Portland.

Last report of two youths being seen on a train between Corvallis and Toledo Thursday and a hold-up attributed to two young men between Waldport and Newport, spurred the search in that vicinity.

Local officials said they believed the fugitives to be hidden somewhere in the Coast range.

Late Sports

CAMAS, Wash., March 12.—(P)—Hill Military academy of Portland won the northwest high school wrestling championship and the Thurber trophy tonight at the third annual tournament staged by Camas high school.

The Cadets won three matches to nose out Camas with two victories.

Final bouts included: 95 pounds—Wayne Snider, Salem, won by fall in 3 minutes 19 seconds over Bob Allen, Salem.

105 pounds—Bill Jones, Oregon blind school, defeated Hiroshi Shishido, Salem.

115 pounds—Leo Kawasaki, Fife, Wash., pinned Ted Webb, Corvallis.

145 pounds—Alvin Jones, Hill Military academy, defeated H. Schwitzer, Canby.

Bring Teams to State Tourney

Above, Eddie Frantz, recent Willamette university football and basketball star who brings his St. Helens hoopers to the state tournament this week, having upset the Astoria monopoly in his district. Below, Bill Bowerman, who played basketball at Medford high and was a football and track star at U of O, who is now coaching the Pearlickers, returning to state tourney spotlight after an absence of several years.



Encouraging Investments to Be Purpose; Added Provisions Likely

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(P)—Chairman Harrison (D, Miss.), of the powerful senate finance committee, proposed today that tax relief to "encourage new investments and melt much frozen credit" go far beyond the administration-approved provisions of the house tax bill.

In a statement issued while his committee arranged to begin study of the house measure Monday, Harrison declared the undistributed profits tax should be killed in its entirety.

"While the house retained only the skeleton of the undistributed profits tax," he said, "the remains will haunt business, and its complete removal and return to a sufficient flat corporation tax is preferable. It is simpler and more understandable."

Harrison declared also that the capital gains provisions of the bill which the house approved yesterday should be revamped to provide a flat rate for the present sliding scale.

Administration leaders were expected to support the bill. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Pickets Picketed At Five and Dime

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—(P)—The AFL retail clerks' union picketed a downtown five and ten cent store today, and employees picketed the picketers.

The union representative bearing an "unfair" banner was paced by an employee with a sign reading: "there is no labor dispute in this store. Why union pickets?"

Fred Dixon, union secretary, said negotiations carried on for three months had brought no results, and that clerks at the company's store in Bend had been on strike for four months.

L. G. Perrine, store manager, said the picketing was "a secondary boycott to force us to sign with the union at Bend."

Finance—Amend the social security act to suspend any increase (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Half Billion for Northwest Water Utilization Proposed

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(P)—The national resources committee estimates it will cost around a half billion dollars to translate into actualities plans for the development of the Pacific northwest's water resources.

Such a program—including river and harbor work, reclamation and power development, and water conservation and wildlife preservation—was logical, the committee held in a report to the president, in view of the region's potentialities.

The committee was particularly emphatic as to the need of a "coordinated" program, particularly in the matters of power and reclamation, asserting "the most pressing problem at present" was the "orderly development" of markets for energy generated at such projects as Bonneville and Grand Coulee.

The committee accompanied its report with recommendations for a "six-year" program in Oregon and Washington. This, of course,

Three Others Draw Long Prison Terms At Close of Trial

Rakovsky, Bessanoff and Pletnyeff Get "Clemency"; Execution of Others Probably Prompt

Gigantic Plot With Japan and Other Nations Alleged; Former High Soviet Leaders Included

MOSCOW, March 13.—(Sunday)—(AP)—Eighteen of 21 defendants were sentenced to death today in Moscow's greatest treason trial.

Those whose lives were spared were: Christian Rakovsky, former ambassador to France who was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment; S. A. Bessanoff, former member of the soviet trade delegation to Berlin, 15 years, and D. D. Pletnyeff, heart specialist, 25 years.

Those who must die—former high-ranking bolsheviks accused of treason and murder at the behest of foreign powers—will have at most five days to live.

However, if precedent is followed, the condemned men will be executed within 24 hours.

Appeals for clemency, usually made immediately, heretofore have been rejected immediately in cases of such prominence as this, with a former premier and five former commissars or cabinet members among the condemned.

If they are permitted the maximum five days to live, three days will be given them for the judges to weigh their appeals and two more days must elapse before they are placed before the firing squad.

Among those sentenced to death was Nikolai Bucharin, chronicler of the red revolution who electrified the last session of the long trial with a spell-binding defense.

Among the other one-time high ranking soviet leaders to be shot are Genrikh G. Yagoda, former chief of the dreaded secret police; Alexis I. Rykov, premier of the soviet union for 10 years who succeeded Lenin, and N. N. Krestinsky, former first assistant foreign commissar.

Confessions in the fourth, and the greatest of the "purge" trials, were cited in which it was alleged that:

Japan undertook to render armed assistance to overthrow the soviet power in return for which she was promised the soviet maritime province in the far east.

An "Independent" white Russia was to be created under a Polish protectorate.

Ukraine was to be surrendered to Germany after defeat of soviet Russia in a war with Germany and Japan.

Uzbekistan and Turkmenia were to be separated from the soviet union with one scheme for them to become protectorates of Japan and Germany or Great Britain.

Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan were to have been cut off for the "foreign states."

"Life Long Party" Claim of Martin Attacked, Hosch

PORTLAND, March 12.—(P)—Dr. J. F. Hosch of Bend, aspirant for the democratic nomination for governor, launched a verbal riposte today at Governor Charles Martin who announced his candidacy for reelection here last night.

He cited a reference by the governor to the democratic party as "my life-long party" and added: "Apparently for Governor Martin life began in 1923. His statement . . . is contrary to the records of the Multnomah county courthouse, which show he changed his registration from republican to democratic in November, 1923, a month after the stock market crash."

Leopold McLaglen Guilty, Extortion

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—(P)—Convicted today of attempted extortion, Leopold McLaglen, former British army captain and brother of Victor McLaglen, screen actor, faces a possible maximum sentence of five years in prison or a \$5000 fine.

A superior court jury, deliberating since yesterday, took 15 ballots before convicting the busy physical culture instructor of trying to extort \$20,000 from Philip Chancellor, wealthy writer-photographer, under threat of falsely accusing him of burglary.