

The Weather
Cloudy today and Friday.
Rising temperature in interior.
Max. Temp. Wednesday
68. Minimum 57. River -3.5
feet. Southwest wind.

Social News
News of the doings of
Salem and the valley's
younger, older and in-between sets is carried in The Oregon Statesman society page.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Tammany Leader Charged Racket Protector

Bridges Files To Be Handed Over to Probe

Committee Investigates Charges Bridges Gets Labor Bureau Aid

Rep. Mason Names Eight Officials in "Front Organizations"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—(AP)—The house committee on anti-American activities, investigating charges that labor department officials gave Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, "aid and advice" while deportation proceedings were pending against him, received the department's promise today to produce all its files on the case.

Labor department officials advised the documents would be turned over tomorrow.

The committee had waited exactly this afternoon for the files to be delivered with what members called a "surprise witness" ready to take the stand once they were at hand. No reason for the delay was given.

Meanwhile, the committee filled in with testimony by Walter S. Steele, chairman of the American coalition committee on national safety, charging widespread communistic activities in this country, carried on through "front organizations" but actually "dominated by the communist party."

Representative Mason (d-III) a member of the committee gave the names of eight government officials who, he said, were members, and, in some cases, officials of one of these "front organizations," the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The names he gave were: John Carmody and Harry Lambertson, administrator and assistant administrator, respectively, of the rural electrification administration; Dallas W. Smythe of the central statistical board; Fred Slicer, chief of the forest service; Robert Marshall, of the public land service; Oscar Chapman, assistant secretary of the interior; Mary Anderson, director of the women's bureau, and Alice Barrows of the office of education.

Several of these promptly denied that the league was communistic.

The Bridges case first came to the attention of the committee in a report from its chief investigator, Edward J. Sullivan. Representative Thomas (r-NJ) forced action with a motion for an immediate investigation, asserting that at the time the labor department officials were assertedly helping Bridges, "patriotic citizens were trying to have him deported for alleged communistic activity."

Botulism Attack Threatens Fowls

LAKEVIEW, Aug. 17—(AP)—A fatal phenomenon in the once-dreaded bed of Goose lake provoked frantic efforts today upon the part of state police, US biological survey experts and sportsmen to save 10,000 ducks and geese from death. About 5,000 already have died.

A posse of 100 sportsmen was organized and a truck was rushed here from Klamath Falls to transport the birds for treatment.

The fowl apparently were suffering from a form of botulism, C. J. Fairchild, manager of the Tule lake migratory waterfowl reserve, said the cause might lay in the fact that the lake bed, now inundated after a long drought, had been covered with vegetable matter which rotted when subjected to constant immersion.

Presumably the fowl, feeding on this spoiled vegetation, had suffered wholesale poisoning. They appeared to become paralyzed after feeding.

Drowns First Day In new Found Job

OREGON CITY, Aug. 17—(AP)—On his first job after a long period of unemployment, Harold Wires, 34, who started out today as a pond man on a sawmill pond near Willott, was drowned this afternoon when he fell into the water while steering logs.

Bank Executive Dies As Operation Starts

PORTLAND, Aug. 17—(AP)—Charles W. Parcell, 44, assistant vice president of the United States National bank, died today while he was being prepared for an emergency operation. Parcell was graduated from the University of Oregon.

British Policy Change Forecast

Street Paving Program Voted In West Salem

Special Election Called for September 30 on \$105,000 Bonds

All Major Streets Would Be Paved Under Plan With PWA Money

WEST SALEM, Aug. 17—The "go" order for a \$190,096 city-wide, all-concrete street paving project was given by the West Salem city council at a special meeting tonight at which its members reached what they believed would prove a satisfactory solution to a dispute over the surfacing of Cascade drive.

The council also called a special election for September 30 for the people to vote on the necessary \$105,000 bond issue to raise the city's 55 per cent share of the PWA project's cost. The \$5000 estimated sponsor's cost of a WPA project to be sought to grade the streets preparatory to paving will be paid from a reserve road fund.

According to protests voiced at a citizens' meeting Tuesday night, the council voted to pave Cascade drive, from Piedmont to Altamont with concrete instead of asphalt, to a width of 20 feet. To adjust costs to make this change possible, pavement widths of eight other streets were reduced to sizes as follows:

Plaza, from Rosemont to Senate, 20 feet; Senate, from Edgewater to Plaza, 20 feet; Sixth, from Patterson to Senate, 24 feet; Seventh, from Patterson to Gerth, 24 feet; McNary, from Second to Third, 30 feet; Patterson, from Second to third, 30 feet; Kingswood, from second to sixth, 40 feet; Ruge, from Rosemont to Senate, 24 feet.

Other streets' pavement widths will remain as originally planned, most of them 30 feet. City Engineer Edward J. Hines said Senate street from Edgewater to Franklin was virtually the only one not to be paved under the present program.

All of the paving will be seven inches thick, of standard specification, the engineer also stated.

Application for an \$85,543 PWA grant for the project has already been made, according to City Attorney Elmer D. Cook.

\$44,000 Is Price Of Power Holding

CASCADE LOCKS, Aug. 17—(AP)—Mayor G. E. Manchester said today that New York representatives have agreed on a price of \$44,000 for the holdings of the West Coast Power company between Lindsay creek and Malmoh falls.

The city wants the property for utilization of Bonneville dam power and the price is \$6500 under the maximum set by J. D. Ross, Bonneville dam administrator.

The city will vote on the matter of issuing revenue certificates to buy the system and also the issuance of \$45,000 more in certificates to provide working capital and improvements. The mayor said he was advised that the certificates could be marketed without delay.

Hop Allocations on Program Today for Controlling Board

With organization of the Pacific coast hop control board completed and the regulations governing marketing of hops under the recently approved AAA marketing agreement worked out in detail, the growers' allocation committee will get down to the real business of the program today—the working out of individual growers' allocations.

What those allocations will be however, the growers will not know, except in a general way, for some time. By tonight the committee may be able to make an announcement which will give them a fairly accurate idea—approximately the percentage of the crops that will be declared marketable.

This will be computed from the total of all individual estimates, in relation to the marketable volume.

But before individual allocations are finally announced, the estimates will have to be sent to the secretary of agriculture for his approval and the growers will have to be notified of their tentative allocations and be given time to appeal from them.

Six of Eight Convicts Dead After Attempt to Break Away From Posse

Four Shot by Bullets of Posse When Caught and Two Others Drown in Trying to Cross River; Murder Charged Guard

CROCKETT, Tex., Aug. 17—(AP)—Six of eight convicts who engineered a break from Eastern prison farm lay dead tonight, the slaying of one leading to murder charges against a prison guard, and the promise of prison board members to investigate circumstances of his death.

Monmouth Seeks Block of Power

Mayor Bowersox Is Given Power to Negotiate for Electricity

MONMOUTH, Ore., Aug. 17—(AP)—This city asked today for a block of Bonneville power to be furnished from the transmission line planned southward through the Willamette valley from Vancouver, Wash., to Eugene.

The council authorized Mayor F. R. Bowersox to negotiate for the energy, which will be sold at a wholesale rate of \$17.50 per kilowatt year for primary power.

Authority also was granted for an immediate appraisal of the properties of the Mountain States Power company and the council asked J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, to assist in fixing a fair price for the system.

To acquire the system, the council agreed to amend the city charter to provide for operation of a municipally-owned power system, the proposal to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November.

The city previously has considered plans to build a diesel generating plant and establish its own system but decided to forego this after finding that power would be available from the dam.

Eby States Drive Need for Project

The next Oregon legislature must finance a drive to secure a congressional appropriation if the Willamette valley project is to be started in the near future, O. D. Eby, Oregon City, member of the project advisory board, declared tonight at the Marion county Democratic society last night. The committee's hands are tied unless it has money to work for the project in Washington, DC, he said.

Eby declared the project, with its seven dams, would control 75 per cent of the Willamette's flood waters.

The society voted to cooperate with the democratic central committee in a party picnic to be held at the state fairgrounds next Sunday, August 21. Democratic headquarters will be opened at once at 250 North High street, County Chairman E. G. Neal announced.

Millworker Killed

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 17—(AP)—Elmer V. Koski, 37, Svenson, was fatally injured yesterday when he was struck by a lumber slab while working in a lath mill at Westport.

Beauties Battle Over Facial Bill

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17—(AP)—Officer L. V. Travers said two women who couldn't agree on a beauty shop bill went into the alley to settle it with the following result:

Adella Harris, 25, Vancouver, Wash., suffered a possible jaw fracture. Martha Mackay, 19, Portland, was treated for head and face cuts.

Passersby separated the pair after the fight developed into fistuffs and rock-throwing. Travers said.

Miss Mackay said Travers, claimed that she and the other woman began arguing about a bill rendered by Miss Mackay's beauty shop.

Rift Between Chamberlain, Halifax Seen

Foreign Blows at Policy of England Is Cause of Rift Rumors

LONDON, Aug. 17—(AP)—Italy and Germany have struck three blows at British foreign policy which today started rumors of cleavage between Prime Minister Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, foreign secretary.

Insurgent Gen. Francisco Franco, presumably on the advice of Italian and German dictators, was said to have balked at Britain's plan for getting foreign fighters out of Spain.

Premier Mussolini has resumed anti-British propaganda in spite of the British-Italian friendship agreement.

Chancellor Hitler, despite avowals of devotion to peace, gave Europe continued jitters with a program of army maneuvers some critics regarded as a dress rehearsal for war.

As a result mainly of the Spanish and Czechoslovak-German problems, informed quarters said, Lord Halifax now is convinced that it is impossible to save peace without taking a firmer stand against dictators.

Chamberlain's policy has been to try to moderate—rather than oppose completely—Germany's ambitions toward central Europe.

To do this he sent Viscount Runciman to Praha as "unofficial" mediator to appease Germany's desire for control of Czechoslovakia's 3,500,000 German minority by some means short of granting them autonomy.

Lord Halifax recently has been seeing Anthony Eden, his predecessor who resigned Feb. 20 in protest against Chamberlain's policy of dealing with Italy and Germany. Informed sources expressed the opinion that Lord Halifax has come to believe Eden's stronger policy against dictators is right.

It was not suggested that there would be an open break between the prime minister and the foreign secretary, but Lord Halifax was believed to have asked to be relieved from his portfolio as soon as it is opportune.

There even was some discussion of Chamberlain's retiring this fall. In that event, Sir Samuel Hoare, home secretary, probably would move up to the premier's office.

Everywhere in Europe it was recognized that the Spanish and Czechoslovak-German questions were symbolic of the larger doctrinal and economic conflicts between democracies and dictatorships.

The deepening cleavage between the two also was shown by comment in Germany and Italy on United States Secretary Hull's policy of peace regarded among democracies as a warning to dictators.

Fascists in Rome saw Hull's address last night as an attack upon Germany and Italy.

There is a tendency in Great Britain now to discuss not if Hitler will start, but one high British foreign affairs official is being quoted in London embassies as predicting Hitler would move eastward about Sept. 15.

Whales off Coast Frighten Fishers

ASTORIA, Aug. 17—(AP)—Fishermen off the Oregon coast are getting prepared for anything.

Recently they began making big hauls of tuna and since then several have had narrow escapes when whales rose to the surface.

Convicts Face Death Penalty For Kidnap of Youthful Pair

Capture of two ex-convicts, Otis Jones Meredith, 21, and John Couch, 23, near Effie, Minn., was announced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The men were arrested by federal agents for the kidnaping of Miss Peggy Gross and Daniel Cox Fahay Jr. of St. Louis. Officers said the ex-convicts apparently kidnaped Miss Gross and Fahay in St. Louis merely for the use of their car to flee the St. Louis area, where they were "hot." The victims were found near Champlin, Minn., bound with wire and gagged. Meredith was seriously wounded as he attempted to elude officers. Photo shows Miss Gross and Fahay. (11N)

Albany to Enlarge Staff of Faculty

PORTLAND, Aug. 17—(AP)—Liquidation of the current obligations of Albany college, which will be transferred from Albany to Portland this fall, has enabled the college to enlarge its teaching staff and the activities of the department of religious education, Dr. Perry C. Hopper said today.

Dr. Hopper, president of the college board of trustees and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church here, said he would give up his part-time classes, assigning work in Bible literature to the Rev. John D. Furnas, of San Anselmo Theological seminary, who will also provide a program of religious education.

Back from a California trip, Dr. Hopper said he was impressed by the "swing back to the small college church all over the country."

He said four or five candidates for the college presidency, vacated by Dr. Thomas W. Bibb, have gone east as president of Missouri Valley college.

Two From Salem Are Fund-Raisers

PORTLAND, Aug. 17—(AP)—A committee to raise a war chest for the democratic party for the general election in November was named today by Frank Tierney, state party chairman. It will be headed by Charles H. Leach and among the members are Tom Holman and Mrs. Cora Cooter, Salem, and E. E. Wilson, Corvallis.

Missing Port Orford Meteor Is Apparently Still Missing

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 17—(AP)—A hope of scientists that one of the intriguing mysteries of the heavens had been solved—rediscovery of the long lost Port Orford meteor—appeared doomed to another disappointment today.

Dr. H. H. Nininger, national meteorite expert of Denver, wrote Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, western director of the American Meteorological society and University of Oregon astronomer, that a fragment sent him as possibly from the meteor was "not in the least meteoric."

The sample was found by Robert Harrison, a miner, who claimed to have stumbled on the meteor years ago.

Told of in ancient Indian legends, the meteor was a proved more than a myth nearly 40 years ago when Dr. John Evans, government geologist, discovered it in 1855 but he died before he had time to map its location, somewhere near Port Orford.

Courthouse Sought

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 17—(AP)—Another courthouse project for Oregon was started today when Thall, county applied to the PWA for a grant for \$299,000, three-story building. Voters first must approve a bond issue to pay for the county's share.

Hines Agreed To Take Cut, Says Witness

Former Schultz Member Says Tammany Chief Got \$500 a Week

COURTROOM HUSHED WHILE WITNESS TELLS OF PLAN TO PROTECT RACKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—(AP)—James J. Hines, one of Tammany's most influential district leaders, was named by a witness in supreme court today as the man who agreed to throw the cloak of political protection—for \$500 a week—around the operations of a multi-million dollar a year policy syndicate headed by the late Dutch Schultz.

The witness, George Weinberg, husky, tanned, former "business" associate of the slain racketeer, Schultz, described before a hushed courtroom a conference in 1932 at which he said plans were made to run the policy racket without too much police interference.

Defense objects.

His testimony brought heated objections from Lloyd Paul Stryker, chief defense counsel at Hines' trial on conspiracy charges, and a demand that a mistrial be declared.

Stryker, who earlier had denounced Hines' testimony as "diabolical falsehoods" and "the rankest perjury," lost his motion.

Dewey sent a flurry through the crowded courtroom when he charged, in his opening address, that the Schultz gang had contributed money and "thousands and thousands" of votes toward the election of former Dist. Atty. William C. Dodge, Dewey's predecessor, a Tammanyite.

Weinberg, who was indicted with Hines but who pleaded guilty and agreed to testify for the state, was the second witness called by Prosecutor Dewey in support of charges that the gang's ruddy-faced Hines was the political liaison man between the Schultz mob and law enforcement agencies.

Negro's Story Interrupted.

The first witness, Wilfred Brunder, a giant West Indian Negro who set out to give a first-hand explanation of how policy bankers work, was asked to step down when supreme court Justice Ferdinand Pecora demanded that Dewey produce testimony which would link Hines with the conspiracy charge.

Brunder was scheduled to resume his story tomorrow, and Dewey said Weinberg probably would be recalled later to give a more complete story.

Schultz and his aides reaped a fortune from the pennies, nickels and dimes of poor but trusting policy players.

Weinberg, a brother of the late Abraham (Doc) Schultz, who is popularly believed to be encased in cement at the bottom of the East River, said the conference with Hines took place at Schultz's Manhattan apartment early in 1932.

Huge Sums Paid.

During the conference, which he said was attended also by his brother and "Julie" Rosenkrantz, the Tammany district leader received thousands of dollars from Schultz, the witness added.

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Better US-Nazi Trade Is Sought

German Economist Pleads for Bilateralism in German Trade

BERLIN, Aug. 17—(AP)—The secretary of state in the German economics ministry pleaded tonight for better economic relations between the United States and Germany.

In an impassioned address before the American chamber of commerce in Germany, Secy. Rudolf Brinkman said he believed if relations were better, America could sell at least three million bales of cotton as well as metals, manufactured goods, wheat, lard and canned goods in Germany annually.

He expressed hope the United States would "depart from rigid dogma" in trade relations with Germany as she did in the cases of Brazil and Italy, and give "greater consideration to the principle of bilateralism (exchange between two nations) in trade with Germany."

"Like Mr. Hull (Secretary of State Hull) we believe the reduction and leveling of tariff rates is an important factor for the revival of world trade, and like Mr. Hull we consider a most favored nation clause an important means of attaining this aim."

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Fred Steele now Father of Champ

SEATTLE, Aug. 17—(AP)—A son was born today to former middleweight boxing champion and Mrs. Freddie Steele of Tacoma. The youngster, named David Edward, weighed in at seven pounds.

"Gee," said Freddie, "the look just like me. Homely as the devil. Big mouth and everything."

The son was named David after Steele's one-time manager, the late Dave Miller, and Edward for Eddie Miller, Dave's brother.

Steele lost the title to Al Hostak of Seattle last month.