

### Buying Power Increase Seen

#### Bigger Demand for Farm Products Forecast by Farm Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics forecast today a "moderate improvement" in consumer buying power and an increased demand for farm products this fall and winter.

In an analysis of the economic situation, the bureau said a long decline in industrial activity had halted in June and an upturn had begun in July.

It noted increases in textile and steel mill activity, a rise in the stock market, and additional evidence of deflation of merchandise inventories.

Conditions Listed  
The bureau listed four "favorable" conditions which, it said, pointed to a continuation of the "recovery movement":

1. A gradual increase in government expenditures on new construction projects.
  2. Increased needs for durable consumer and producer goods.
  3. A favorable residential building situation.
  4. A relatively small amount of financial deflation during the recent recession as compared with other similar periods.
- It also gave four "uncertain" factors which could "seriously interrupt the recovery movement." They were:
1. A possibility of a material reaction which might follow a too rapid initial upward movement of business activity and security prices.
  2. Less favorable prospects for agriculture on account of low prices and increased surpluses.
  3. Difficulties in bringing various industrial costs and prices into better alignment.
  4. A possibility of serious adverse developments abroad.

### Death of Indian Provides Mystery

#### Body Found in Slough by Boy Skipping Rocks; Another Held

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—The mystery death of an Indian led tonight to the detention of another for questioning.

Authorities held Wesley McKinley, Celilo, after a 13-year-old boy, Charles Stockfish, had come on the body of Moses Broncheau, 43, Nez Perce Indian from Lewiston, Idaho, in a slough near here while throwing rocks into the water Tuesday night.

Officers did not immediately explain the reason for McKinley's detention. Dr. Thomas McLoth said, however, that there was no water in the lungs of Broncheau, whose death was estimated to have occurred not more than 48 hours before the finding of his body. The victim was clothed and his shirt blood-stained. His chest was bruised as though someone had jumped on him.

Deputy Coroner Ben Callaway said Broncheau was in jail last Friday and was suffering at that time from a head rash, which had since been aggravated. Charles Hoskins, federal Indian investigator, was summoned to assist in the inquiry.

### Thieves Walk off With Timber Camp

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Two men and a youth were arrested today by state police after an unusual theft at Curdin, south of here. A logging camp was stripped of about everything that could be hauled away.

The trio gave the names of Earl, 29, Robert, 22 and Theodore Parker, 16. They said they were brothers from Winlock, Wash.

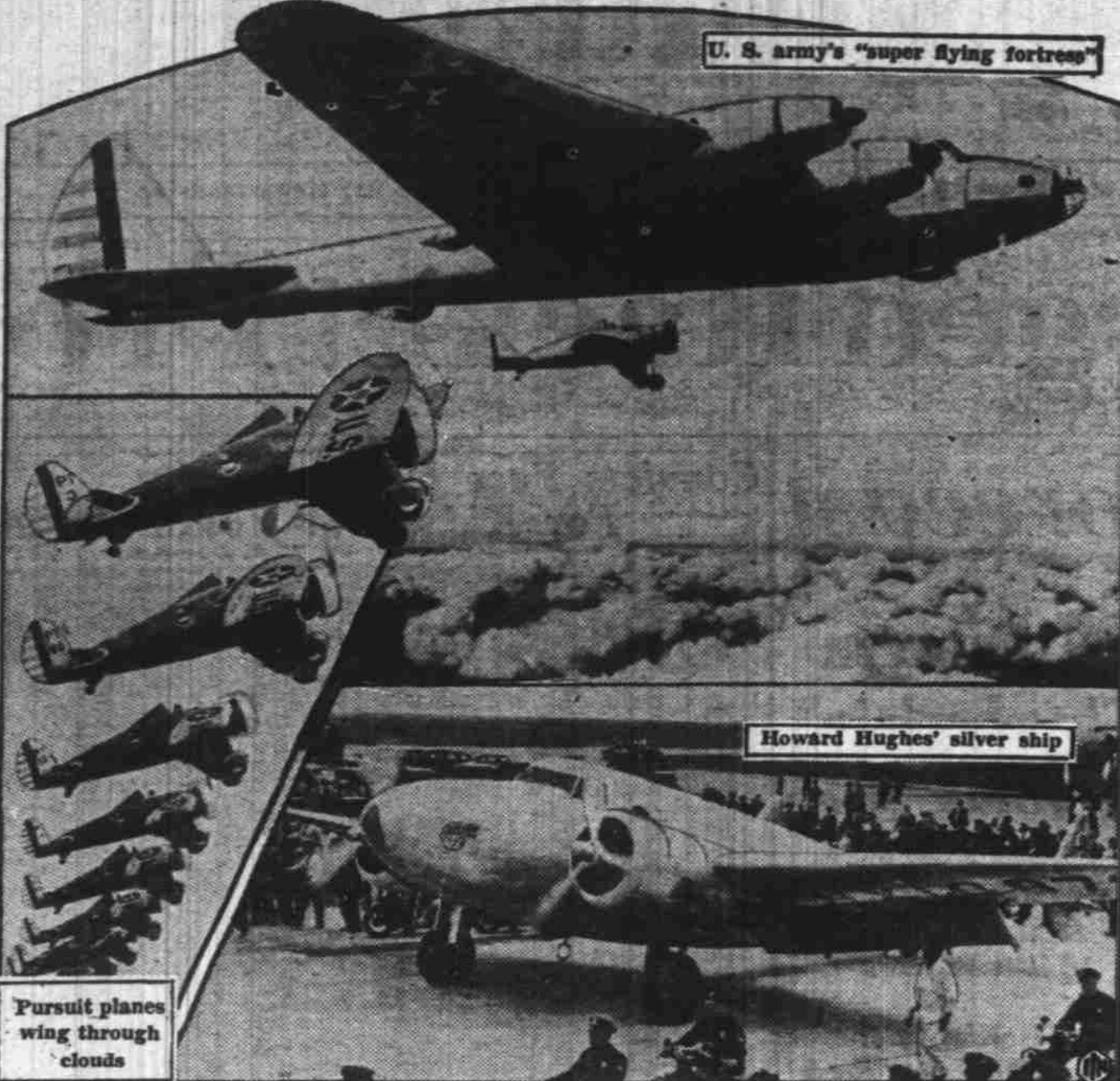
Fred Frost, operator of the camp, discovered his loss shortly after others noticed a truck loaded with logging equipment had driven away. He gave chase and came upon the trio just as police arrested the asserted thieves, whose loot consisted of five drums of gasoline, a box of dynamite, a drag saw, logging blocks, chest of tools, axes and other implements.

### Regatta Queen



Jane Lagassee, senior student at University of Oregon, who has been chosen queen to reign over Astoria's annual Regatta, to be held August 31 to September 3, inclusive.

### Rearmament Booms US Aircraft Industry



Profiting from the wave of rearmament now sweeping the world, U. S. aircraft building companies are enjoying near-capacity production. The current year promises to establish a new all-time record for total planes produced in the country. Howard Hughes' world-girdling flight is said to have called attention to excellence of American aircraft, stimulating orders from such large buyers as Great Britain, Japan, China, the Soviet Union and Holland which plans an East Indian armada.

### East Wilts Under Damp, Sticky Heat

#### Little Relief Seen for Districts Suffering Long Heat Spell

(By the Associated Press)  
Sticky heat clung to the east and south last night and the only safe guess as to when relief would come was autumn. Exasperated easterners were promised showers and thunderstorms overnight and today but that meant only a too-brief breathing spell.

New York City recorded its 24th successive day of temperatures that rose above 80. After Tuesday's high of 91, yesterday's top of 81 looked better on the thermometer. That was about all that could be said for it, however, as the humidity climbed to 93.

A number of deaths were reported over the affected area but the exact count was lacking.

The heat wave entered its fourth day in the south. In the middle west it was cooler.

There were hundreds of street showers for New York children after a sit-down strike by one of the district's group and their parents. The sit-down blocked traffic until police rejected and permitted a street hydrant to be turned on.

Fishermen at Durham, N.C., said it was too hot for fish to bite. Virginia state prison officials protested life was more bearable in the convicts' cells than their offices.

At Perry, N. Y., a factory hand, Gus Finch, stood in a big ball of ice water as he worked.

### Court Asks Share For Weed Control

The Marion county court yesterday applied to the division of plant industry, state department of agriculture, for its share of the \$15,000 noxious weed control appropriation made by the last legislature. In a request letter to Frank McKennon, chief of the division, the court pointed out that the whole county had been included in a single weed control district to take advantage of the act.

The appropriation bill limits the share any one county may receive to 10 per cent of the total sum provided.

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### Oddities in the News

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The city council caught up with the times today by repealing an ordinance (1895 vintage) which required that women's bathing suits must have full bloomers extending below the knees.

The antiquated ordinance also stipulated that one fourth length sleeves and said the ladies' suits must not be cut lower than a line running from armpit to armpit. Men's suits were to extend to three inches above the knees.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 17.—(AP)—What a day was yesterday for the Days!

It not only was Mrs. Mary Day's birthday but she gave birth to twin girls.

Papa Sam Day, a grocer, exclaimed: "I'm so darn proud I can't keep my shirt buttoned. I'll make a butcher of one and a clerk of the other."

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Housewives took up today where bicycle riding boys left off in a campaign to save the town's pups from the dog catchers.

Several weeks ago the boys rode ahead of the dog catchers shooting all animals into hiding. They were warned by police not to interfere. Today the housewives hurried to telephones and spread the alarm: "The dog catchers are coming."

### Clatsop Reserve's Forest Decreases

ASTORIA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—About a half-billion feet a year has been lost in the forest reserves of Clatsop county from logging and fires since 1926 and the total supply is down to eight billion board feet of merchantable timber. Stephen M. Wyckoff, US forest expert, estimated in a study. Most of the depletion has occurred in old-growth Douglas fir, the acreage of which was estimated at only 44,000.

### UO Seeks Grants From PWA Office

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—The regional PWA office received the following applications today:

Oregon—Grant of \$163,350 for medical library, auditorium and laboratory at the University of Oregon medical school costing \$382,000; grant of \$14,000 for addition to grandstand at University of Oregon athletic field costing \$32,000.

### Police Seek Clue In Torso Slaying

#### Hope Left Thumbprint of Victim May Give Clue to Her Identity

CLEVELAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—From the left thumbprint of Cleveland's 11th torso victim police hoped tonight to gain a clue that would lead to the fiend slayer who has discarded an even dozen bodies in three years of butchery.

But detectives and Coroner Samuel R. Gerber were not sanguine that examination of the print by Washington experts would yield the identity of the dead person, and through that a possible lead to the mad killer.

"All we will have when we get through will be two more reports to add to our torso file," Dr. Gerber predicted.

"There isn't a single worthwhile clue from the body of the woman or of the man found nearby. There isn't one important piece of dental work that might lead to their identification."

The skull of the man—victim No. 12—was found last night a few hours after discovery of the woman's head and torso. Additional bones of the man were found today, and the coroner was able to piece together the entire skeleton except a few vertebrae.

### Langdon to Take Spot of Laurel

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Hal Roach studios announced tonight that Harry Langdon, pantomimist of the old silent screen, would replace Stan Laurel as movie teammate of Oliver Hardy.

Executive Producer Milton H. Bern said Laurel had been dismissed because of "willful disregard in failing to report" to the studio for retakes on a recent picture.

### Firebug Sought To Burn Family

#### Front and Rear Doors of House Wired Shut by Incendiarist

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 17.—(CP)—Police and fire department officials tonight called on science to aid them in their effort to solve an incendiarist's attempt that almost took the lives of a Jewish couple and their two small children in residential Mount Pleasant district early today.

Into the laboratory of Inspector J. F. C. B. Vance of the police bureau of science went bits of unburned kindling wood and automobile tire tubes found under the rear porch of the Hyman Dashevsky home.

The wood and rubber was part of a greasy-drenched heap touched off by a firebug after the front and rear doors had been wired shut from the outside.

Inspector Vance started his laboratory probe for possible fingerprints and other clues tonight and said he expected tomorrow additional material from the house.

### Pruitt to Gather Platform Ideas

#### GOP Club President Plans Tour Around State to Discuss Plans

Platform proposals for the annual meeting here September 16-17 will be discussed with party leaders in a tour around the state by Harold G. Pruitt, president of the Oregon Republican club.

Pruitt will leave here August 23, visiting Roseburg the same day, Grants Pass August 25, Klamath Falls August 26 and Pendleton August 30.

Proposals received so far are being drafted by a committee including Ed Boehnke, Eugene, chairman; Neil Allen, Grants Pass; Lyle D. Thomas, West Salem; Guy Gordon, Roseburg; Theodore G. Nelson, Salem, and Glenn Wade, Pendleton. The report will be submitted to a full committee, among whose members are the following:

Boehnke, chairman; Mrs. J. L. Hesse and Dr. Victor P. Morris, Eugene; Wade and John Kilkenny, Pendleton; Allen; Emma Delap, Klamath Falls; Thomas, Donald Newberry, Medford; Gordon and Mrs. Harold Waddell, Roseburg; Nelson and S. B. Laughlin, Salem.

### Traffic Snarl Results When Signals Haywire

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A water bureau crew, repairing a drinking fountain, cut a cable today, putting traffic lights at 15 downtown intersections out of commission and snarling traffic for several hours.

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### Victim of Jap Bombing Raids



Mother weeps over dead baby, Terror and tragedy reigned supreme in stricken Wuchang, central China city, after Japanese bombing raids left hundreds dead, among them this baby girl whose grief-stricken mother is mourning her loss.

### Multnomah Must Choose Candidate

The Multnomah county democratic committee must choose a candidate for the legislature from the fifth district to succeed Rep. Ellis W. Barnes, Portland, who died Tuesday.

Dave O'Hara, superintendent of elections, said that the nomination must be made at least 45 days before the November 8 general election.

Barnes, who served in the 1935 and 1937 legislatures, was given 17,256 votes in the May primary, the largest total among 50-odd candidates for the democratic nomination for the county's 13 members in the lower house. S. Eugene Allen was second with 14,138.

O'Hara said it was customary for the county committee to nominate the candidate who had the next highest number of votes. In this case, the nominee would be Leo Smith of Portland, who had 9,531 votes, only 24 short of nomination.

### Emergency Phone System Arranged

#### State Calls to Have First Service in Case of big Emergency

Plans whereby the state would have priority in long distance telephone calls during emergencies were completed yesterday.

E. D. Wise, Portland, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., wrote Budget Director Wallace S. Wharton that his company would place experienced operators in the long distance departments in company offices in Portland, Salem and the exchange nearest the scene of the disaster.

State police will have priority over all other calls, with the governor, national guard and forestry department ranking next in that order. Representatives of these departments will meet next month with telephone company officials to make final arrangements.

The state's difficulty in making calls during the Bandon fire two years ago brought about the new plan.

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