

The Weather
Fair to day, becoming cloudy with possible rain Saturday. Max. Temp. Thursday 75, Min. 37. River 3.6 feet. South winds.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

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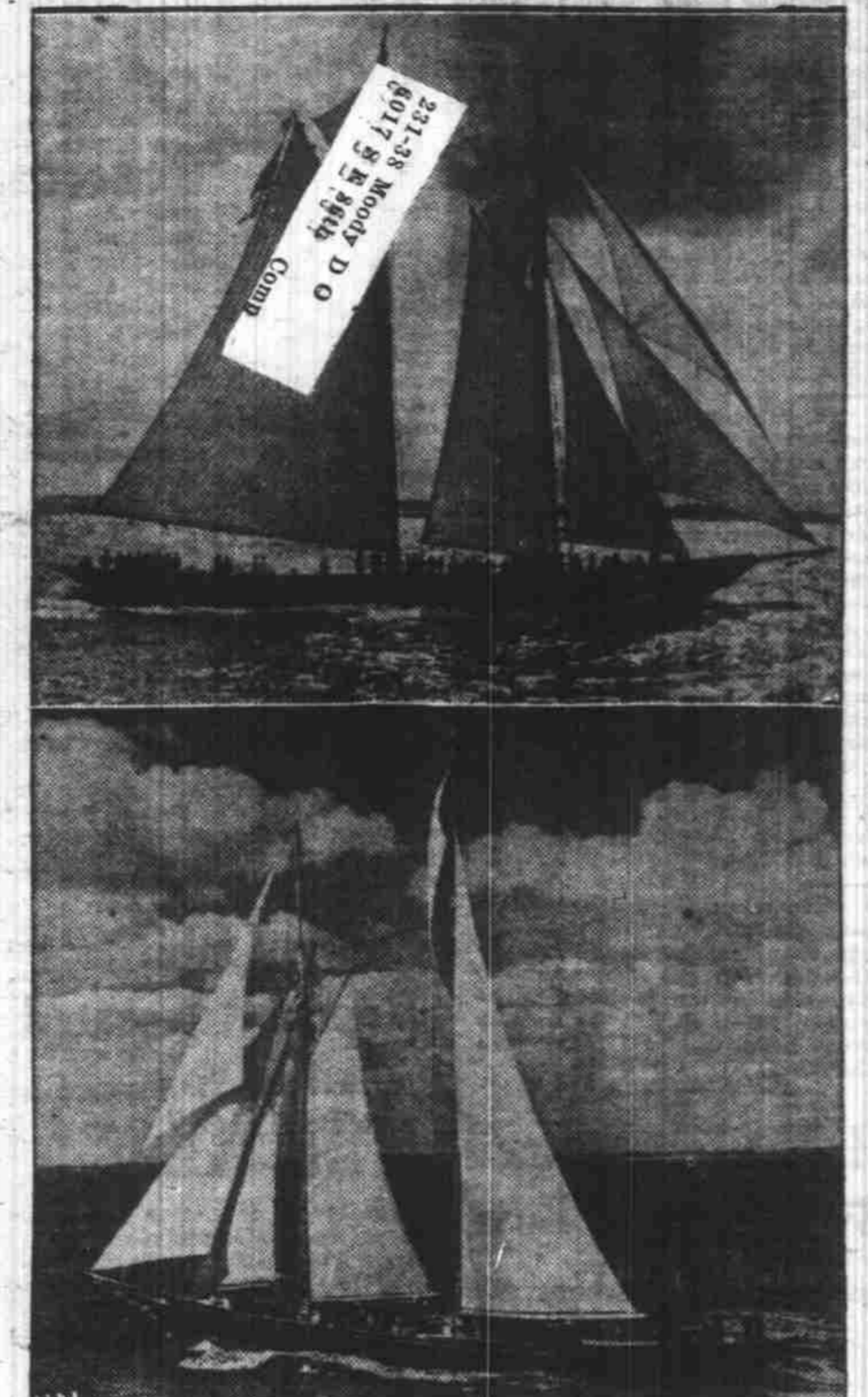
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Battle of Schooners Is Stormy Even if Weather on Ocean Calm



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Swift Heads Fail To Accept Parley

CIO Union Makes Proposal to Meet Company Men in Conference

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Although they discussed the matter several hours, Swift and company officials failed to agree tonight on whether to accept a CIO union invitation to consider a basis for arbitration after the conference table tomorrow morning.

A Swift representative said a formal statement, promised earlier, would in all probability, be deferred until morning. The strikebound plant was quiet tonight.

Don Harris, regional packing house workers organizing committee director, offered, in a telegram, to meet the company spokesmen here tomorrow morning in accordance with Governor Nelson G. Kraschel's appeal for speedy settlement of the "minor differences" which have kept the firm's packing plant here closed since September 29.

Duplicates of the governor's statement, which demanded arbitration or negotiation on what he termed "minor differences," went to both factions. Kraschel placed settlement of the strike squarely in the hands of company and union.

Governor Kraschel yesterday ordered 600 national guardsmen to aid local officers in maintaining order at the plant after an outbreak of violence.

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Germany Halts Hasty Division Of Czech Land

Decision to Be Guided by Determination of Nationalities

Communists Outlawed by Decree of Government in Prague

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Hitler government raised the stop sign against Hungary today in a friendly but unmistakable objection to any hasty partition of what is left of the republic of Czechoslovakia.

Hungary, remnant of the pre-war Austro-Hungarian empire, is anxious to obtain some sizable portions of Slovakia in the wake of Germany's acquisition of Sudetenland.

Poland, created out of western Russia by post-war treaty, is reported to want a division of another portion of Czechoslovakia—Ruthenia—among herself, Rumania and Hungary.

Germany Stalls Other Trades

To all the rumors of imminent trades which would remake the map of eastern Europe, Germany has replied unofficially that the remaining minorities questions will be reached in good time.

Moreover, informed nazis have indicated that when that time comes, the decision will rest with Germany and Italy, and will be guided strictly by a determination of predominant nationalities.

While reports of border troubles issued from Hungarian-Slovakian as well as from Sudeten-Bohemian borders, the Czechoslovak government took action which was regarded as an added index of a turn toward the political right.

Czech Communists Are Outlawed

In Prague the police outlawed the communist party and suspended its newspapers in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia. Previously Slovakia had outlawed the communists. That left them integral as a party only in Ruthenia, the easternmost tip of the republic, and in that area they were considered distinctly weak.

Prague also rounded up an unestimated number of Jews in an effort to meet the vexing refugee problem. Former residents of Sudetenland by 150,000, fleeing sectors into which the German military marched after the "peace of Munich" have streamed into Bohemia.

Though the Czech general staff and DN, the official German news agency, said a half dozen persons had been killed in disorders on the Sudeten-Bohemian border, the German administration in the newly-acquired areas prepared to take control from the hands of the military and give it to the civil authorities.

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"Guards" Walk off With Speech Fund

GREEN BAY, Wis., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Box office receipts for the speaking appearance here tonight of Franklin D. Roosevelt were reported to police as having been stolen by two men, masquerading as guards.

The money, "several hundred dollars," was to have gone chiefly to Mrs. Roosevelt's charities.

Two women who sold the tickets said the men told them they had been appointed to guard the money so the ticket-sellers could hear the president's wife. The women accordingly left the box office.

Others said the men also acted as ushers, directing women to their seats.

Myron Locke, Green Bay, asserted he saw the men stuffing bills into their pockets.

Medford Domestic Tells Vice Story

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The story of how a 19-year-old Medford domestic was lured into a Fresno, Calif., vice resort was unfolded in federal court today.

Boysish-bobbed Anna Mae Meador testified Phillip G. Specht, 35, charged with violating the Mann act, lured her into a car on promise of driving her to Portland to fill a hula dancing job. Instead, she said, Specht took her south and placed her in a Fresno hotel.

When Specht fled telling her that police were after him, she said she saved enough money to get home where she told her story to authorities.

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Bill Thomas, son of Lyle Thomas of West Salem, won \$100 and a trip to regional finals at San Francisco in an oratorical contest sponsored by the Young Republican organization at Benson high school in Portland last night.

Defenders of Canton Prepare For Last Ditch Battle in City

Detroit Chief States Unions Red-Influenced

Police Head Says Crash Coming if Communists Are not Removed

Testifies Strikes Were Instigated by Orders of Communists

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Fred W. Frahm, Detroit's superintendent of police, told the house committee on un-American activities today that unless communist influences are removed from the city's labor unions an "awful crash" is coming up and "a lot of people are going to get hurt."

With indignant emphasis, he testified that the numerous strikes which have occurred in the Detroit area in recent years. Evidence is plentiful, he added, that "communists dictate" the policies of the unions.

"Disaffected," he continued, many union members have grown "dissatisfied," are "dropping out" or stopping their dues payments.

"So that," Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) interposed, "the communists are actually destroying the unions?"

"There is no question about that."

"Membership is falling off? Men are quitting in droves? Is that right?"

"Yes, sir."

Another witness, John P. McGillis, secretary of the Detroit council of the Knights of Columbus, testified communist organizations have collected "thousands and thousands of dollars in Detroit," for which no accounting had even been given.

"They take the American people for suckers," he said, "and laugh about it afterward." He added that communism was "a racket" and had "taken the American people for a beautiful ride."

James Mitchell of Detroit asserted communists apparently have a lot of influence on John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization. A member of the CIO United Automobile Workers, he said that communist members had threatened to kill him if he revealed any information about their activities.

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Conspiracy to Violate WPA Laws Charged 62 By New Mexico Jurors

United States District Attorney Listed Among Those Included in Sweeping Indictment of Persons in High Offices

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 20.—(AP)—A federal grand jury today returned indictments against 62 persons for conspiracy to violate the federal WPA laws in New Mexico, among them Assistant United States District Attorney Stanley W. P. Miller and scores of men and women of high political place in state and federal government.

What's Doing in the Campaign

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Shades of Tammany Hall! Most of us have recognized for years that Oregon was a backward state, politically, in not copying the "efficient" methods of boss-ruled eastern communities. The corrupt practices act forbids some of those things and now, out of a clear sky, comes a reminder that the Knox liquor control act also takes a hand in telling people what they shouldn't do about politics.

Imagine a precinct on the East Side of Little Old New York back in the old days, if the corner saloonkeeper couldn't pungle up a sizeable contribution for his favorite candidate or party. But Oregon dealers or anybody else in Oregon who has a license from the liquor control commission is forbidden to make any such contributions. It's the law.

It's also illegal to solicit funds from state employes, and illegal for them to contribute to any campaign fund. That's in the corrupt practices act, but probably it's news to a lot of people and good news to state employes of Scotch tendencies.

There were a couple of lively political meetings in these parts Thursday night, one sponsored by the Good Government club at the old high school and the other by the county republican central committee at Woodburn. This latter was one of a series, the next being at Jefferson next Monday night. There will be one at Aurora Wednesday night.

The Salem Women's Snell-form Secretary-of-State club, of which Mrs. Paul Wallace is chairman, will join with the women's Sprague-for-Governor club for the (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Sprague States Promises Taboo

Candidate Says He Won't Buy Way Into Office With Promises

MORO, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Charles A. Sprague, republican candidate for governor, said in a speech tonight that "those who want a governor who would become putty in the hands of pressure groups need not vote for me."

"I refuse to buy my way into office with promises," Sprague added. "I have not made a single deal in this campaign and win or lose, none will be made. No minority subversive group going to step in and take over the control of the state government through unlawful means with my consent."

"I refuse to pander to any clique or faction. I am interested in restoring stable conditions in our state so that lawful business may proceed and that men may have steady and profitable work. At make no mistake about any extreme. The jacksals of finance will find no friend in me."

\$14,611 Is Earned By Water System

The Salem water department earned a \$14,611.26 net operating profit during September. Manager Cuyler VanFatten reported to the water commission last night. Gross earnings, amounting to \$19,965.09, included \$446.71 from sale of water to the Oregon Pulp & Paper company.

Only business before the commission was a complaint from Henry Minten, resident of the C. F. Hein farm east of Turner, of water on his land he claimed was caused by the laying of the Salem water supply pipeline. The commission ordered a notice sent to the American Concrete & Steel Pipe company, which built the line, to investigate the matter.

Woman Hangs Self

ROSEBURG, Oct. 20.—(AP)—District Attorney J. V. Long said Mrs. Rebecca Wallraff, 56, Campas Valley, committed suicide by hanging herself in the woodshed at her home today. He said Mrs. Wallraff had been despondent because of ill health.

Kindness Mission Results in Death

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 20.—(AP)—An 81-year-old grandmother's midnight mission of kindness into her grandson's bedroom brought her swift death from a shotgun fired by the youth, police reported today.

Homer Land of Vivian, La., was spending last night at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Frances Darnell of Cass county, Tex.

It turned cool and Mrs. Darnell went to Land's room to see that he was covered warmly. The youth mistook her for a burglar and shot her in the head.

Youth From Maine Elected FFA Head

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Robert A. Elwell, 17, who has made \$2,150 in the last three years farming nine acres of land he owned and 20 acres he rents near Gorham, Me., was elected president of the Future Farmers of America at the close of their convention here today.

Stevenson Ching, who farms 157 acres on an island off Hawaii in Hawaii, was elected first vice-president, a post allotted to the western region this year.

Japan Troops Reported Only 20 Miles off

No Panic Seen in People Not Evacuated From Stormed City

Japanese Column Circles Chinese to Attack by Back Way

HONGKONG, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The defenders of Canton tonight were hastily digging trenches and throwing up barricades in the streets, apparently in anticipation of a last-ditch struggle with the Japanese within the south China metropolis.

The 100,000 persons remaining in Canton after the exodus of hundreds of thousands of non-combatants were showing no signs of panic—even with semi-official Japanese reports placing one-last-moving column of invaders within 20 miles of the city.

French forces defending the Insular foreign settlement at Shamnoon, were rushing their own barricades to completion. Canton authorities canceled plans to leave the city.

Advance Column Risks Defeat
The Japanese reports indicated the advanced column was risking defeat at the hands of the numerically superior Kwangtung provincial troops by its rapid "back door" campaign against the metropolis.

These advices said the column had side-stepped Chinese forces arrayed near Tsungia, 30 miles northeast of Canton, and was expecting to strike a lightning blow at the primary defenses of the city by a drive down the Tsungia highway.

By such a fast advance the Japanese exposed their flanks to Chinese attack. A Japanese commander said the "back door" campaign also had developed a drive toward the Canton-Hankow railway—apparently an effort to cut off Canton from 11th hour aid from the interior.

Was Crackdown Plan Japan Strategy
The whole campaign, counting a force reported thrusting directly westward along the Canton-Kowloon railway, appeared to be developing into the "nutcracker" assault favored by Japanese tacticians.

Chinese military authorities denied the Japanese claims of rapid strides toward Canton, insisting that Tseungshin, which the Japanese said was taken yesterday, and Shekiung, which the Japanese said they had entered on the same day, were still in Chinese hands.

Tseungshin was reported by the Japanese to have fallen in the "back door" drive. Shekiung is on the Canton-Kowloon railway less than 50 miles east of Canton.

If the Japanese advices were true, the mechanized force driving toward Canton would have gone about 90 miles since Japanese transports landed its tough China expeditionary force at Blas Bay eight days ago.

The Japanese commander also refused to fight last Friday and Saturday at Walchow, north of Blas Bay. The report said the Chinese lost 1,400 killed and wounded, 210 taken prisoners, 150 trucks, 40 trench mortars and 50 machine-guns in their defeat there.

Community Chest Drive Past Three-Quarter Pole in Race

Past the three-quarter pole and heading into the home stretch was the annual campaign of the Salem Community Chest by Thursday night after a report at the daily luncheon showed 73 per cent of the goal achieved at noon. The amount was \$33,039.64, and this amounted to about \$7000 more than had been collected on the third day a year ago.

A fund campaign is unlike a race in that the "sprint" down the home stretch is the slowest part of it, as a rule, but the Thursday total of \$6937.55 was notably encouraging on this score, especially since one team made only a partial report and another, though actively soliciting, made none.

Unusual contribution arrived in unusual fashion—by telegram from New York City, where Dr. W. B. Morse apparently suddenly remembered that the campaign was going on, and wired asking to be put down for \$500.

The reports at the Thursday luncheon, served by Clark Agnes Guild, included: \$274.45; total, \$5702.89.

Government and Education, George Alexander reporting; \$1489.14; total, \$7192.03.

Industrial, Van Winder chairman; \$478.71; total, \$4668.58.

Mercantile, Barkley Newman, chairman; \$1262; total, \$5957.54.

Professional, Walter Mliner reporting; \$1460.50; total, \$4178.63.

Women's division, Mrs. I. L. Darby, chairman; \$240.45; total, \$1648.02.

Bearcats Stage Football Sale, Tonight's Game

Borrowing from merchandising methods, Willamette university sports backers are staging a one-day sale, offering tickets to the Bearcat-College of Idaho football game tonight at bargain prices. The 1500 seats in the north grandstand, which is closest to the grid field, will be sold at a price slightly over half the customary general admission fee.

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