

The Weather
Unsettled today and Saturday, occasional showers. Little change in temperature. Max. Temp. Thursday 55, Min. 44. River -7 feet. SSW wind.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Youth Die of Poison After Amazing Night

Airline Route To Open Salem Service Today

Daily Passenger Service on Oregon Air Lines Is Announced

1st Plane From South Is Due at Airport Early This Morning

Daily passenger and express air transport service will be instituted for Salem today on the Marshfield-Portland run of Oregon Air Lines, Leo Arany, associate of the firm and lessee of the municipal airport here, announced last night.

The local air service, which has been in operation with stops at Marshfield, Eugene, Albany and Portland for two months, is expected to be the forerunner of the city's first direct air connection with Pacific coast and eastern air mail routes.

First Plane From the South will reach Salem at 9:35 o'clock this morning and Arany, flying his Fairchild four-passenger cabin monoplane, will start the Marshfield run at 2:30 this afternoon.

The line's present schedule calls for daily departures from Marshfield at 8 a. m., arriving at Eugene at 9, Albany at 9:25, Salem at 9:35 and Portland at 10:15, and from Portland at 2 p. m., reaching Salem on the southbound trip at 2:30, Albany at 2:40, Eugene at 3:15 and Marshfield at 4:10, Arany said. Swan Island airport is being utilized at Portland.

Arany, who has been working with a chamber of commerce committee here to secure a direct air mail connection for Salem, said it is a night of the effort's success seemed "almost certain."

4th Man Is Held In Coster Probe

Michael Petrella Among Four Accused of Plot to Blackmail

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The government late today announced the arrest of Michael Petrella, 40, the fourth suspect accused of having systematically blackmailed the late F. Donald Coster-Musica through knowledge of his past as convict Philip Musica.

Petrella was described by federal agents as active "in a small way in local politics. They said, too, he had succeeded Coster-Musica, the indicted head of the \$37,000,000 drug firm of McKesson & Robbins, as a partner of Joseph Brandino in a small drug company formerly doing business in Brooklyn.

He was booked on a charge of conspiracy to blackmail Coster, an identical case to that having already been made against Brandino, his sister, Mary, and Walter H. Cragg, disbarred lawyer, who are held in jail. Federal law provides a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment.

Police Lieut. James Fryke said Petrella admitted writing letters to Coster-Musica in behalf of Cragg, Brandino and Ben Simon, the other defendants charged with general conspiracy. The letters, he said, referred to the manufacture of an electric cooker.

Detectives Sleuth For Bombing Clue

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two Portland detectives who were leading figures in the labor terrorist investigations earlier this year, today were assigned to the job of solving the attempted extortion and bomb-threat made against the Sears, Roebuck & Co. store last Saturday.

They were Detectives C. E. Sanders and Paul Mumpower. They were the assignment when they told Detective Captain J. J. Keegan they had "uncovered a few leads."

The department store was closed at 2 p. m. Saturday after a note demanding \$2500 and threatening a bombing was received. The bombing failed to materialize and no money was paid, but the store management evacuated the building of 5000 customers and 300 employees.

Timberline Lodge Has Snow Blanket

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Snow fell at Timberline lodge on Mount Hood today, but Portland continued to enjoy comparative mild weather, with the temperature ranging four degrees upward from a low of 50.

CHINESE AMERICANS JOIN TO STOP WAR



Negro Confesses Slayings of Five 25-Year-Old Man Captured With Victim's Clothes in Possession

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Solicitor General Samuel A. Cunn said tonight Marion Hunter, 25-year-old negro, confessed the slaying of five persons here on December 21 in a robbery in which he obtained only dimes, nickels and pennies from slot machines, a shotgun and bits of clothing.

Special Deputy John G. Miller said Hunter was captured in a negro section of the city today with clothing in his possession that belonged to the victims.

J. S. Tillman, his wife and two young daughters were bludgeoned to death with an iron pipe as they slept in their two room home. Thomas Chester, watchman at a nearby filling station, was found shot to death.

Deputy Miller said Hunter took officers to the scene of the crime following his arrest and reenacted the mass murder.

Police said the negro was given a four year sentence on a robbery charge in 1932, later served two years for automobile theft.

Ross States Path Cleared for Line

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Bonneville Dam Administrator J. D. Ross said the path had been cleared for immediate construction of a power transmission line to Salem, Albany and Eugene with the signing in federal court today of an authority to use Oregon Electric Railway right of way.

The action assures Willamette valley communities power by early fall, Ross said. He deposited a check for \$104,092.80 with Federal judge James A. Fee for the privilege.

Protest new Tax For Sewage Plant

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Major industrial water users here told the city council today that they could not afford to pay an additional water levy to finance a sewage disposal system.

Portland voters in November approved a plan to charge a third of the Normal water bill to finance the sewage system. The industrialists complained that such heavy water users as sawmills would find it impossible to meet the extra cost.

Back-Firing Furnace Causes Fire at Allen's Fruit Plant

Damage estimated at from \$5000 to \$8000 occurred to the W. G. Allen Fruit company's plant at Front and Chemska streets shortly after noon yesterday when fire, presumably starting from the backfire of an oil-burning boiler, burned its way up the walls to almost destroy the roof.

Prompt action by the Salem fire department had what first appeared to be a dangerous blaze under control within 45 minutes. The fire started within five minutes of the time William Weaver, employe, had started the first-floor boiler from which the flames spread. After starting the burner Weaver went to the basement to attend to an auxiliary, booster boiler. When he returned the first floor, around the main floor was in flames.

Loyalist Lines Break Before Rebel Offense

Threat to Strong Point in Northeast Spain Becomes Great

French-Italian Friction Continues to Occupy Attention

(By the Associated Press) Spanish insurgents were reported last night to have increased the threat to the government stronghold of northeastern Spain by breaking through government lines on the center of the Catalonian front and rolling back the right flank.

Insurgents were credited in dispatches reaching the border with opening a gap at the Balaguer Bridgehead on the Segre river front and capturing Granadella, to the south. Whether they could use the Balaguer opening to break down the entire front remained to be determined.

French-Italian friction over north African colonies, meanwhile, continued to occupy the center of attention in Paris, Rome and London. A person close to the French government said France was willing to grant some colonial concessions to Italy without actually yielding land.

Italians insisted that British Prime Minister Chamberlain would be unable to avoid the role of mediator between France and Italy when he visits Rome Jan. 11 to 14.

The French declared, however, that French-Italian problems must be settled by direct negotiations between Rome and Paris. France put up a strong military front to discourage fascist ambitions for territorial expansion at the expense of the French empire.

Midwest Ready For 2d Cold Wave

Thirty Deaths Attributed to Cold and Exposure Through Nation

(By The Associated Press) Middle westerners stoked up furnaces and tossed more blankets on their beds last night as the second cold wave in four days spread out of Canada.

By the time the chilling spell, part two of the wave that came earlier in the week, reaches New England and the Atlantic seaboard, probably over the weekend, light snow will bring rising temperatures to the midwest, forecasters said.

At least 30 deaths from exposure or other causes attributed to the week's cold were reported. Fatalities occurred as far south as Georgia and North Carolina.

The subzero spell that struck the plains states and Minnesota yesterday morning was expected to overspread the north central states this morning and continue eastward.

Warroad, Minn., a Canadian border town and icebox of the nation this week, reported 45 below yesterday morning. Reading under 30 below were taken elsewhere in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Farther west, a sleet storm changed to heavy rain near the international boundary in Washington state after disrupting power and telephone lines.

The Canadian Press at Vancouver, B.C. reported a thaw of heavy ice coating cut all Canadian Pacific telegraph lines east and south of Port Coquitlam and Mission, B.C. but that service was restored partly.

Rider Is Crushed When Horse Falls

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Miss Elizabeth McMahon, 46, was killed instantly late today when a horse she was riding slided at a passing log truck and fell on her crushing her skull.

The accident occurred nine miles east of Springfield on the McKenzie highway. State Police Sergeant Lowell Hirtzell, who investigated, said the truck driver, John Stafford, reported he passed the horse and rider, saw the animal rear up. When he looked back he saw the horse lying on the highway with the rider underneath. The horse's hind legs were caught beneath the log trailer wheels and were broken.

Loyalists Warship Goes Aground in Try to Run Gauntlet for Freedom

Fire From Insurgent Cruiser and Shore Batteries Force Destroyer to Give up Attempt to Leave Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 30.—(Friday)—(AP)—The Spanish government destroyer Jose Luis Diez was forced aground near here early today after attempting a desperate dash for freedom through a gauntlet of insurgent warships.

Seven of her crew were killed and 11 wounded. Before running aground, it was reported here, the vessel rammed and sank the 1500-ton insurgent mine-layer Jupiter.

Insistent gunfire from insurgent land batteries at Ceuta and from the insurgent cruiser Canarias and other insurgent vessels forced the lone government destroyer aground on eastern beach, roughly fifty yards from shore.

She had been undergoing repairs in the haven of this British port ever since last August 27, when she limped in after a punishing battle in the straits with insurgent warships. Thirty-two men, including 26 insurgents held aboard as prisoners, were killed in that engagement.

A British destroyer was dispatched to investigate the short-lived firing in the inky blackness of Europe's point. It was believed the Jose Luis Diez was trying to reach her naval base of Cartagena, more than 200 miles to the northeast, on the Spanish government coast.

Insurgent shells struck two houses of villagers living on Catalan bay, injuring some of the occupants.

The houses, which were in British territory, were destroyed.

Woman Takes Leap From Gate Bridge

Fishermen See Body Drop 200 Feet From Span Across Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A slender, brunette young woman identified tentatively as Ruth Nathingelmer died in a 200-foot plunge from the Golden Gate bridge today. Authorities sought further identification.

Deputy Coroner Tom Gavin described the case as a suicide—the tenth death leap from the bridge since its construction.

Two fishermen by the body plunge into the waters of the harbor entrance at a spot about 100 yards off the Fort Point rocks, directly beneath the bridge.

Fog Obscures View They said afterwards their vision was so obscured by fog they were not sure of what they had seen until the body floated to the surface.

Deputy Coroner Gavin said partial identification of the woman was established by the name, Ruth Nathingelmer, on an arch support in one of her shoes, and was further corroborated by the initials, R. N., on her sweater.

"I have no doubt that the woman was Ruth Nathingelmer, but that is about all I know now," said Gavin.

She was about 23 years old, wore a dress that might have been a house dress or a waitress' uniform, and on her ring finger she had a gold band wedding ring.

Wreckage Cleared From Rail Tracks

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Splintered wreckage of 26 cars and locomotive was cleaned up today and the Union Pacific railroad resumed service over a section of track ripped out by the derailment 32 miles east of here about midnight Tuesday.

The wrecked cars were part of an 86-car freight train derailed when it struck a 100-pound bridge which smashed down from the towering Columbia river gorge walls.

Second Death Is Blamed On Canned Food Poison

MEDFORD, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Lawrence Grant, 72, died today, to second death in two days from what an attending physician said was food poisoning caused by eating home-canned vegetables.

His sister, Miss Maggie Grant, 92, died Tuesday.

Teachers to Ask 40 Percent Increase for State Minimum

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The state legislature will be asked to give Oregon teachers drawing minimum pay a 40 per cent raise, State Superintendent of Education Rex Putnam disclosed before delegates to the state teachers' association convention today.

The minimum now is \$600. A bill increasing the base pay to \$1000 a year will be introduced.

"It's high time we start going to town on this thing," Putnam said, pointing out that Washington's minimum was \$1200 and California's \$1250.

Putnam also advocated adequate teachers' retirement legislation, a reorganization bill to facilitate consolidation of school districts and equalization of school tax revenues by pooling school funds within separate counties and re-allocating them on the basis of classroom units.

These proposals already have association endorsement.

Putnam emphasized that neither the equalization nor reorganization bills involve the contro-

Pair Abducted; Killing Threat Made Officer

Silverton Boy Dies in Hospital After He's Found by Police

Tells Deputy They Will Both Die as He Draws Loaded Gun

Robert Thomas, about 18, of Silverton, died a self-inflicted death by poison in a local hospital at 11:40 o'clock last night to close a night in which he abducted a young Silverton couple, forced them to drive him to Salem, held up the sheriff's office and threatened to kill Special Deputy Wayne Parker.

He died less than three hours after he had accosted Joseph Erpelting, 23, Silverton, and a young Velma Hopfer, 21, M. Angel, who were sitting in a sedan parked near the Silverton theatre at 8:25, and demanded at gun point that he be brought to Salem, City Patrolman Claude Litchfield declared.

"You're going for a ride," he curtly advised, as he pointed a .45 calibre army revolver at the pair, Erpelting told Salem police. Announces He'll Take His Life

Approaching Salem, Thomas announced he was "going to commit suicide." When the couple parked the car on State street near the courthouse at his direction, the youth gulped down four red capsules and water from two bottles he pulled from his pocket, and left them heading across the courthouse lawn, Erpelting said.

While Erpelting and Miss Hopfer were driving hurriedly to city police headquarters, Thomas entered the sheriff's office on the second floor of the courthouse and poked his revolver across the counter at Deputy Parker.

"I'm going to die in about 10 minutes and you might as well go with me," he told Parker.

The officer stalled. "Just a minute, wait a minute and then you can shoot," Parker said he told the youth. "What about that man over there?" pointing toward Night Deputy H. H. Davis seated at a desk. Stall Diverted Boy's Attention

The stall diverted Thomas' attention while Parker backed away, drew his own revolver and demanded his assailant lower the big army weapon. Parker said, with other Oregon counties today by ordering removal before midnight, December 31, of all pinball, slot machines and punch boards from Clatsop county.

The devices were outlawed by a state vote in November. The city of Astoria, which asked a restraining order several months ago to prevent confiscation of city licensed devices "for amusement only," announced it would cooperate in law enforcement and would issue no new licenses.

Buchanan Granted New Appointment

Governor Charles H. Martin Thursday reappointed Roy Buchanan, Pendleton, a member of the state industrial accident commission for the four-year term ending January 2, 1943.

Buchanan originally was appointed a member of the accident commission December 1, 1937, to succeed Albert Hunter, who resigned because of ill health. He previously served as district auditor for the commission with headquarters at Pendleton.

Buchanan is a democrat.

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PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Hugh E. Rosson, state director of traffic safety, said today that Portland traffic accidents during the two-day Christmas holiday totaled 324, compared to 375 for the same period in 1937. Accidents involving injuries numbered 51 to 51 last Christmas.

This Year Than Safer