

Weather Helps, Hinders Fires

Lightning Sets new Ones, Rain Dampens Others in Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—(P)—A wide variety of weather—rain, lightning and thunder—helped and hindered in Oregon tonight as new fires raged and old ones smoldered.

Lightning streaked across eastern and southern Oregon, set several new blazes, while rain fell along the coast, aiding in the attempt to control the blazes.

More than 60 fires in the Umpqua national forest were blamed on lightning. Six hundred men were fighting them.

Lookouts in Grants Pass were searching out lightning-set fires. Twenty-eight, none of them serious, were reported in the Whitman national forest east of the Cascades.

55 Lightning Strikes

Streaks of lightning struck 33 times in the Umatilla national forest, 20 of them being in the Heppner district.

The substitution of the Portland General Electric at Boring was partly destroyed by three bolts that struck last night.

Several fires, reportedly set by the bolts from the sky, were spotted on the Clackamas river by the Oak Grove ranger.

A hall storm, followed by a brief, heavy rain, peppered Grants Pass yesterday. Surface soil was soaked with rain.

Umpqua Fire Spread

The most serious burn in the Umpqua national forest covered 1,000 acres near Drew. Four hundred acres were burning on the old Rodeau burn on Jackson creek and two 60-acre blazes were reported in the Devils Flat region on Cow Creek watershed.

An airplane was being used to patrol the Umpqua forest and drop snag-felling tools.

A 500-acre blaze northeast of Sweet Home in the Umpqua forest was nearly extinguished by heavy rains, but lightning that preceded the rain started eight small fires.

BEND, Aug. 25.—(P)—Heavy rains and lightning dampened several blazes in the Umpqua forest last night. Mud streamed over the Dale-Columbia highway in the Culver area, 40 miles north of here.

County Jury Eyes Affairs of Court

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from grand jury sessions, made no comment.

Judge McMahon designated Weatherford special prosecutor in instructions given the grand jury July 24 in which he directed the jury to inquire into expenditures ordered by the county court.

In a previous set of instructions, issued July 1, McMahon charged that one sheriff had been overpaid \$4,470 for boarding prisoners. He suggested the jury determine whether county business had been handled legally.

"If it has," the instructions read, "the court should be exonerated from rumors now current it has failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of the law and thereby thousands of dollars of public funds were misappropriated."

McMahon charged in his second instructions that the district attorney had been paid \$4,000 in excess of his lawful salary by the county court. He also charged that there had been failure to properly audit accounts of one justice of the peace.

By his first instructions to the jury McMahon requested Governor Sprague to appoint a special prosecutor, but the governor refused the request. Subsequently McMahon named Weatherford.

Brought up for Arson, Venison Penalty Result

ROSEBURG, Aug. 25.—(P)—Andrew Gilbaugh, Days creek resident, was detained today by police for questioning about fires recently set in the Days creek district. In the end he was fined \$50 for unlawful possession of venison.

District Attorney J. V. Long said a lie detector was applied to Gilbaugh and showed a market reaction when he was questioned about illegal hunting. Gilbaugh pleaded guilty in justice court.

Call Board

GRAND — Today — Jane Withers and Leo Carrillo in "The Chicken Wagon Family."

STATE — Today — Double bill, "Sergeant Madden" with Wallace Berry and "Kid From Texas" with Dennis O'Keefe and Francis Rice and Walt Disney's "Mother Goose Goes Hollywood."

ELGINORE — Today — "The Wizard of Oz" with Judy Garland, Frank Morgan and Ray Bolger and "March of Time."

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American Division Ready For Service With French

PARIS, Aug. 25.—(P)—An American division for service in the French army in the event of war has been under organization in France for a year, its organizer said today.

In addition to the division, which would be under the command of Col. Charles Sweeney, American army reserve officer and organizer of volunteers in France at the outbreak of the World War, there would be a volunteer flying corps.

Sweeney, who declared he had "more than enough" applications for a skeleton division, which could be brought to the strength of 10,000 men "in no time," said the flying corps would be named in honor of Norman Prince, founder of the Lafayette escadrille in the World War.

Sweeney, a newspaper correspondent in Paris since he organized the American flying corps that aided the French in their fight against Abd-el-Krim in 1925, said "arrangements had been made" for the transportation of the United States volunteers to France.

He was aided in organization work, he said, by Henry J. Reilly, a brigadier-general in the American army during the World War, who is also a resident of Paris.

Among those who have already offered to join the division in the event of war, Sweeney said, were many officers in the United States army reserve.

In 1917, when he was captain, he was a West Point graduate. In the Foreign Legion of the French army, he was transferred to General Joffre's staff and in 1918 was transferred to the American army.

Both testified the alleged offer and threats were made by Stanley M. "Larry" Doyle, mysterious investigator in the Bridges case, who has refused to come here from New Ulm, Minn., to testify for the defense.

The eyes of Earl King, a heavy set, sunburned man, filled with tears and he sniffed audibly when he testified he had informed Doyle "nobody can make me perjure myself."

King, honorary president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and former secretary of the marine firemen's union, whose prison number is 59,315, testified that Doyle visited him at San Quentin prison in the fall of 1937.

He told Examiner James M. Landis, who ordered the hearing transferred from Angel Island to the prison, that Doyle said to him: "I want to get Bridges out of the country. You can help me."

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"I can give you places, addresses and dates. We'll give you up in Oregon and have a hearing behind closed doors. If your testimony is clinching, you'll be pardoned."

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Peace Glimmer Help to Mart

Hope That Europe Won't Enter Armageddon Checks Slump

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(P)—A glimmer of hope that a general European war would be averted brought buying power into the stock market today and lifted prices 1 to more than 4 points.

Prices hit their lowest level in a fourth-hour upward flurry. The push was fast for a few minutes, but the list reverted to the leading pace which characterized the greater part of the proceedings and advances, in most cases, were trimmed moderately at the close.

At that the Associated Press average of 60 issues recovered one full point at 45.5, the largest day's advance since July 17. Transfers amounted to 693,374 shares against 1,293,660 yesterday.

Trends Continued

Trends were slightly mixed in the forenoon, but began to tilt forward when President Roosevelt at his press gathering said war was not certain and indicated a special session of congress was hardly imminent. Uncertainty was calmed also by the president's peace plans to Germany and Poland, reports Moscow was pressing Warsaw to get together with the Nazis and unofficial word from Berlin that Hitler would give the Poles another "day of grace."

Heavy troop concentrations continued, however, and financial quarters were none too sure an overseas explosion would be prevented. Brokers pointed out, though, that speculators and investors recently had exhibited extreme nervousness in dumping holdings, war or no war.

British Act Eyed

Tending to complicate the market picture was the action of the British in pulling the support plug from sterling and permitting that monetary unit to slump from \$4.66 3/4 to \$4.38, a new low since the middle of 1932. The pound came back about 10 cents from the bottom in later dealings.

The currencies of France, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, tied to sterling, fell with the British unit. Stocks in London and Paris, however, put on substantial gains. Amsterdam was narrow. American securities abroad displayed strength.

US government bonds, weak at the start, turned around and wiped out early losses or replaced them with modest plus signs. Foreign bonds were still shaky, although there was some recovery in this group.

New Postoffices Okeed, Vanish; Writer Explains

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(P)—What ever happened to the new postoffices for the northwest? Two years ago congress authorized their construction, and little or nothing has been heard of most of them since. Why has the government taken so long to get started? It hasn't. Actual construction is merely the last and usually the shortest, phase of a long process.

The northwest has the following projects in the stage of sites selected, surveys ordered, or surveys completed:

Grangeville, Ida., \$30,000; Seattle, Wash. (parcel post building), \$2,000,000; Tacoma, Wash. (federal office building), \$450,000.

Then comes the next step, the architects "drawing" stage.

In the drawing stage are these northwest projects:

Tillamook, Ore., \$35,000. Next comes the advertisement for bids on the construction. Northwest projects in this "bids" stage are:

Burns, Ore., \$30,000; Gresham, Ore., \$75,000; Medford, Ore. (postoffice and courthouse), \$230,000.

Typo President Is Nominated Again

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 25.—(P)—The Independent faction of the International Typographical union renominated President Claude M. Baker today in announcing nominees for the referendum election next May.

The annual convention closes tomorrow. A 25-member committee of progressives will meet in October to select its nominees. Independent and progressive are two factions within ITU ranks.

The independent slate includes: First vice president, John J. Buckley, New York.

Second vice president: Thomas A. Holland, Vancouver, B. C.

Secretary-treasurer: John J. Conley, Fort Worth, now serving as second vice-president. Woodruff Randolph of Indianapolis, progressive, is the present secretary-treasurer.

"Ham" Conclave Set

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—(P)—A caravan of approximately 50 Seattle radio amateurs is scheduled to leave Friday night by automobile for the northwest convention of "hams" at Yakima, taking their hobby right along with them. Six of the amateurs are equipped with short wave sets.

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Amesbury third.

The three prize winners for the grand prize were Bob and Kenny Miller, first, James and Robert Cornell, second and Melvin Amesbury third.

Fireworks provided during the evening were unusual and beautiful. Numbers were furnished by the amateur acts by the Oregon City Post No. 5 American Legion Junior board, and the wonder horn Prince.

A crowd estimated at over 2000 filled the grandstand.

No Prune Price Set at Meeting

Conference of Canners Here Fails to Set Definite Figure

Canners interested in the fresh fruit trade conferred at the capitol here yesterday but adjourned with the word no determination had been reached as to green prune prices for the 1939 season.

Governor Sprague's special committee appointed recently to study the prune industry previously had requested the canners to set the minimum price at not less than \$12 a ton.

The canners expressed themselves in sympathy with the general program for development of the prune industry on a long term basis to improve marketing conditions.

The discussion revealed that a large proportion of this year's prune pack already had been sold under contract which would return less than \$12 to the growers.

At a recent meeting of agricultural leaders the price for green prunes was quoted at \$6 a ton. Growers said this was less than the cost of production.

The meeting of canners was called by Governor Sprague who attended the session.

Sprague to Speak

CORVALLIS, Aug. 25.—(P)—The 29th annual session of the Oregon reclamation congress will be held September 11 and 12 at Clatskanie. Governor Sprague will be one of the speakers.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(P)—Portland hit Ed Sauer at 26, San Francisco pitcher, hard in the first five innings to score an 8-5 Coast league victory here tonight.

Portland 8 15 3
San Francisco 5 10 3
Gable and Fernandez; Stuts, Guay (5) and Leonard.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(P)—First game:
Seattle 5 12 1
Los Angeles 6 13 1
Gregory, Walker (6) and Hancock; Prim, Kimberlin (7) and R. Collins.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(P)—Second game—7 innings:
Seattle 6 7 1
Los Angeles 5 6 0
Webber, Walker and Campbell; Stine, Kush and Sueme.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 25.—(P)—First night game:
Oakland 6 13 1
Sacramento 2 5 2
Bithorn and Conroy; Freitas and Orogowski.

Second night game (7 innings):
Oakland 2 9 0
Sacramento 3 3 1
Buxton and Rainwood; Strinsovic and Grilk.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 25.—(P)—Night game (10 innings):
Hollywood 5 7 3
San Diego 6 11 3
Ardisola, Tost, Moncrief (10) and Dapper; Newsome and Williams (7), Detore.

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Rapid Gain in N. Salem Power Use Prompts PGE to Enlarge Facilities

Installation and enlargement of transformer stations serving northeast Salem and the Garden road suburban district will be made by the Portland General Electric company in the near future at a cost of approximately \$28,000, W. M. Hamilton, division manager, announced yesterday.

The power line load has been increasing rapidly in these districts, Hamilton said.

The principal expenditure, \$20,000, will be on a new outdoor type transformer station at 65 Garden road, for which a small tract of land has already been purchased. The grounds surrounding the transformer and switch enclosure will be landscaped. The station will have an initial capacity of 3667 kilowatts and will be supplied from the 57,000-volt line running in front of the property.

The company's present Baker, or 14th street, transformer station north of Market street will be increased from 900 to 1500 kilowatts in capacity at cost of \$8000.

Young Salesman Quizzed on Fires

POLICE Captain Reveals Suspect Said He Set String of Blazes

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—(P)—Wine Police Captain Sam Malehorn said a 21-year-old salesman charged with arson calmly admitted today he had led a trail of incendiary fires from California to Oregon in the last 14 years.

The youth, Harrison M. Kleinschmidt of San Francisco and Portland, arrested last Tuesday, was quoted by Malehorn as saying he first burned the residence of his family in Oakland, Calif., in 1925.

Later, using three lighted cigarettes used to several matches, Malehorn said Kleinschmidt told of firing the interior of a Catholic church in 1927, starting a large grass fire at Berkeley, Calif., the following year, burning a vacant house here in 1933, igniting an empty dwelling and two grass areas at Jackson, Calif., in 1934, and a foundry in the same town a year later.

More recent blazes included a \$10,000 barn here, a barn at The Dalles, a house under construction and about 10 grass fires here.

Kleinschmidt told Malehorn he set the fires for a thrill.

Winches Resume On Picketed Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(P)—Cargo unloading was resumed today on the freighter West Kyska from Mobile, Ala., but picketing CIO unions, ordered to leave the dock, later won promise of a rehearing in the dispute from Federal Arbitrator Wayne L. Morse.

Dean Morse, of the University of Oregon law school, agreed to hear promised new evidence in the case Monday, but said unless it convinced him to change his mind, his decision hearing the pickets would stand. Meanwhile, unloading was to continue.

Angell Predicts US Dictatorship If Nation Wars

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—(P)—Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) warned in an address today "we will have a totalitarian form of government if we go into another world war with our national debt of \$5 billion dollars."

"We in congress felt that America should not get into another European war," he said, referring to neutrality legislation.

"We did not feel that we should go so far as to use our armaments and armies overseas to preserve any form of government in the old world."

Pianist, Soprano, Win Fair's Prize

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(P)—Leonard Pennario, 14-year-old pianist, and Tomiko Kanazawa, 22, lyric soprano, both of Los Angeles, each won a \$100 first place prize today in the tri-state young artists musical contest at the Golden Gate exposition.

Nearly 300 entrants from California and Washington competed in the two classes—instrumental and vocal. The contest was conducted by the recreation music committee of the California commission at the fair.

No Teacher for Camp

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 25.—(P)—A request by the farm security administration for a county-paid school teacher at the \$298,000 migratory labor camp near Dayton was declined today by Lynn Gubser, Yamhill county school superintendent.

SALEM THURS. 31 AUGUST AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

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Reply to Plea Offer Awaited

Polish President Accepts Proposal to Attempt to Reach Accord

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preparations had been made. These developments came after Hitler had called in the British, French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors in rapid succession for what were believed to be talks of the greatest importance.

What Hitler had to say to the four ambassadors was not known. Some quarters in Berlin expressed the belief that the fuhrer had told them he was ready to act.

Others talked of a new peace offer.

In London there were reports that Hitler had outlined a peace plan. The British ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, planned to fly to London tomorrow to give the government a personal report.

The British government, which has close personal connections, said news that Sir Neville is coming to London "brought a new hope that perhaps some move is afoot which may break the deadlock."

US Arranges to Bring Americans Home

In Washington the United States state department announced sweeping arrangements for getting Americans out of Europe in case war breaks out.

Earlier President Roosevelt had told a press conference that he believed there was no certainty of war, and tonight he called King Leopold of the Belgians that the United States and its government were in whole-hearted support of the Belgian monarch's peace efforts.

Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax conferred for an hour and a half tonight.

United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy talked with Halifax early in the evening and then returned late tonight for a talk with the prime minister.

A report from Basel, Switzerland, said French army engineers had cut pontoon bridges across the Rhine between France and Germany.

The interruption of communications with Berlin was made more puzzling by conflicting explanations and by the fact that a private leased wire to Paris was down and that messages were open from Berlin to Warsaw.

Dispatches which came from Germany late tonight over the limited facilities said communications had been cut by Nazi authorities.

British telephone officials, however, denied the lines had been cut and said the interruption was due to "a storm and electrical difficulties."

A series of unexplained moves in Europe's undercurrent politics left the world guessing. Most officials were silent, but President Daladier of France made a radio appeal to his nation to be ready for "every sacrifice" to defend "the safety of the fatherland."

Hitler summoned the four ambassadors to the chancellery a few hours after a competent Nazi authority had stated Poland had been given another "day of grace" to be acceded to Germany's demands, indicating decisive action might be taken tomorrow.