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Weather Partly cloudy today and Friday; little change in temperature. Max. temp. Wednesday 48, min. 30. River 5.2 ft. North wind.

Notorious Bandit Dramatically Ends Life

Nazis' North Sea Bases Raided by British Bombers

Empire Makes Swift Answer to First Lightning Warning of Attempted "Blitzkrieg" by Germans

Three Battles Are Reported Over Sylt; One at Sea Over Helgoland; Each Claim Victories

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Fast new British bombers struck back today at Germany's air and sea strength, raiding German air bases on the North Sea island of Sylt and an important Helgoland anchorage in swift reply to the first warning lightning of the vaunted Nazi "blitzkrieg."

The crash of anti-aircraft fire, vivid flashes, the dancing pencils of searchlights and the roar of many planes told observers on the nearby Danish coastland and islands of the first battle over Sylt, shortly before dawn.

Reports from various sources indicated there were at least three battles over Sylt and one at sea, above Helgoland. The Sylt battles were before dawn; at 9 a. m. (12 midnight PST) and between 3:30 and 6 p. m. (6:30 a. m. to 9 a. m. PST).

The air fight over the sea was believed to have occurred about 1 p. m. (4 a. m. PST). The air ministry announced one British plane had been lost in a half hour running fight "far out over the North sea" when an RAF formation met a number of long range German fighters.

The British formation continued "to the easterly limit of its reconnaissance" and back. One Nazi fighter landed in Denmark.

This compared with German contentions that three out of nine British Bristol "Blenheim" bombers had been shot down over Helgoland by four German planes.

The British communiqué said one German fighter had been shot (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Germans Ordered To Cut Expenses Wage Pay in Certificates Suggested to Force Income Saving

Berlin, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Germans were warned today that they must "voluntarily reduce purchases" of unrationed articles or force would be used to compel them to spend less of their income.

The warning was issued by Das Schwarze Korps, organ of the Hitler elite groups, which added that one plan under consideration to force workers to save is that of paying wages partly in certificates, which would not come due for several years.

Russ Division Is Hemmed in By Finn Army

Third big Group Held Surrounded South of Suomussalmi Defenders at Frontier After Clearing out Enemy Soldiers

HELSINKI, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Finnish troops in central Finland were reported to have surrounded a new Soviet division today after hurling the remnants of the routed red army's 44th and 163rd divisions back into Russia east of Suomussalmi.

This third Russian division was reported trapped at Kukkammo, about 60 miles south of the recent victories at Suomussalmi. The Finns set up positions along 30 miles of the Russian frontier east of Lake Kianta and Suomussalmi. This covers four points at which Finland has thrown the invaders back on to their own soil.

A Finnish communiqué said that red army battalions had been dispersed northeast of Lake Ladoga with the enemy leaving "200 dead on the field." The Finns took 40 prisoners. Finns Reach Border of Russ Territory

At Suomussalmi our troops, advancing in the direction of Raate, have reached the frontier and cleared the area of enemy troops," the communiqué said. Associated Press correspondent Thomas F. Hawkins, with the Finnish army at Raate, reported the Russians in full flight as the Finns drove right up the border in clearing up operations.

It was the first time the Suomussalmi section had been cleared (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

Pioneer Cobbler Called by Death Thomas Maplethorpe, 83, Watched Salem Grow for Many Years

Thomas Maplethorpe, 83, for 50 years a Salem shoemaker, died at the residence, 295 South 22nd street, Wednesday.

Mr. Maplethorpe had watched Salem grow from a small town as he worked in many shoe shops, first that of A. Klein on South Commercial, then his own on State. In 1907 he and a cousin, George W. Eyre, opened the Salem Shoe Store on State. He was employed with H. W. and M. L. Meyers before opening a shop on State street, which he operated until his retirement in November, 1936, after 65 years in the trade.

Born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1856, Maplethorpe came to America in 1881, first to Illinois, then to Albany, Oregon, and Salem. In 1885 he married Sophia B. Widmer, who died in 1936. They celebrated their golden anniversary in 1935.

Survivors are daughters, Mrs. Edith Hogg of Salem and Mrs. Mott (R-Ore) — Authorizing transfer to Oregon of the Tillamook lighthouse reservation for recreational and park purposes (HR 7789).

Tillamook Park Sought by Mott WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Among bills introduced in the House Tuesday were these by representatives:

Mott (R-Ore) — Authorizing transfer to Oregon of the Tillamook lighthouse reservation for recreational and park purposes (HR 7789).

Sisters of Dodge To Fight Ruling



MRS. ANNIE LAURINE DODGE

Appeal Prepared In Dodge Legacy Award of \$1,250,000 by Court to Widow Hit by Sisters-in-Law

DETROIT, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Annie Laurine Dodge, former \$18-a-week telephone operator, won \$1,250,000 of the Dodge Motor millions in probate court today, but counsel for two sisters-in-law immediately prepared to appeal the verdict.

The amount awarded Mrs. Dodge, who left her switchboard in 1935 to wed the heir to an automobile fortune, represents her widow's share of the estate of Daniel G. Dodge, victim of a honeymoon tragedy.

The estate of young Dodge, who drowned following an accidental dynamite explosion on a Canadian Island in Georgian bay, was estimated to total about \$11,000,000. This represented accumulated income from his share of a \$40,000,000 trust fund set up by the late John F. Dodge, his father.

Annie Dodge, 21, will continue to receive the \$5,000 monthly allowance she has had since Daniel's death, until litigation over the estate is ended.

Judge Murphy's decision cut state and federal governments in for a \$6,000,000 slice of the estate, through collection of inheritance taxes. It was estimated the federal government's share would be about \$4,800,000.

Daniel Dodge's mother, Mrs. Mathilda R. Wilson, will receive approximately \$3,500,000.

Wallace Assumes FCA Domination Officials Are Instructed to Establish Sound Borrower Basis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace took direct control of the farm credit administration today and instructed its officials to find ways of reestablishing delinquent borrowers on a "sound basis" that would "maintain the integrity" of the federal land bank system.

Former Governor F. F. Hill of the FCA suspended foreclosures on delinquent farm mortgages last fall. Extensions and delinquent installments on loans and other items due from borrowers totaled \$43,477,000 September 30.

In addition, the FCA had \$154,709,000 invested in foreclosed farms, loans called for foreclosure and sheriff's certificates of sale under foreclosure proceedings. This latter item was \$13,284,000 greater than a year earlier.

Differences of opinion between Wallace and Hill over handling delinquent loans led to Hill's resignation recently and the appointment of Dr. E. G. Black as his successor. In an order today, Wallace made Black directly responsible to him. Previously the FCA had operated as an independent agency.

Wallace said in a communication to FCA employees that he endorsed Hill's action in suspending foreclosures but that he did not think "we should stop at that."

At Least Two Men Killed in Blast at Mine

36 Trapped 2 Miles Underground in West Virginia Rescue Crews Dig in, but Progress is Pitifully Slow

BARTLEY, W. Va., Jan. 10.—(AP)—An explosion, possibly pre-arranged, killed at least two men and entombed an estimated 36 others two miles underground today.

W. C. Sturgis, a district mine inspector, said shortly before midnight that the number of men trapped had been revised upward from 85 to 94. Forty seven men escaped.

J. J. Hammond, company official, said at midnight that after hours of checking it had been almost definitely determined there were 93 men at work on the day shift in the western side of the mine. Five had completed work and left two were found dead, leaving 86 unaccounted for, he said.

At least 40 Hoped In Safe Sections A tentative list of the trapped men was being prepared. Hammond expressed hope that at least 40 men were in sections not badly damaged and that they might be alive.

Eight rescue crews from this southwestern West Virginia village and nearby communities dug their way toward three blast-wrecked sections of the mine but progress was slow. Midnight found them still 250 feet from the estimated location of the disaster.

Three hundred men stood by (Turn to page 2, column 7)

Anti-Picket Law Scored in Briefs AFL, Rail Brotherhoods File Charges Against Initiative Bill

A new assault on Oregon's picket control law was made yesterday afternoon by the American Federation of Labor and "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods.

Briefs asking the state supreme court to find the law unconstitutional were left with the court's clerk but will not be officially filed until this morning.

A special three-judge circuit court found the law unconstitutional July 8, 1939.

The briefs, drawn by five attorneys, including Joseph A. Padway, AFL general counsel, declared the statute "constitutes a legislative threat" to the existence of unions "without parallel in America."

The law is unconstitutional, it was charged, because it violates "protected rights of working people to join and conduct labor unions," deprives unions of the due process of law, abridges freedom of speech and press, conflicts with congressional statutes and embraces subjects not referred to in the act's title.

Oregon voters passed the law in November, 1938, following a wave of labor disputes and a state-wide campaign against labor terrorism that resulted in the arrest of more than 100 persons.

The Day in Washington

Stories on Congress on page Two (By The Associated Press)

The senate adopted a resolution for a joint committee to study budget proposals, and the house appropriations committee barred subcommittees from increasing spending bills beyond the presidential recommendations.

The house passed the anti-lynching bill, 252 to 181 and sent it to the senate, where a southern filibuster is ready to kill it.

Admiral Harold E. Stark, naval operations chief, warned of a possible coalition attack on the western hemisphere which he said the present navy could not "comfortably" meet; the house appropriations committee approved \$267,197,908 for neutrality and defense operations to June 30.

The senate judiciary committee received protests against the appointment of Attorney General Frank Murphy to the supreme court which Chairman Burke (D-Neb) said would result in hearings if they proved to have "any substance."

Britain protested that the neutrality act discriminates against her ships by requiring transfer of title on all goods they carry from here while neutral ships do not face such a restriction.

The house committee investigating the labor board looked further into the qualifications of board employees.

Sensational Breaks Mark Bandit Life CENTRALIA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Roy Gardner, whose spectacular career of crime reached the end of the trail in a San Francisco hotel suicide, was almost a legendary will-o'-the-wisp in Washington state's crime annals.

His two most sensational escapes occurred in western Washington. He was captured here after the first escape, following a long-remembered search of two counties by possees which numbered more than 100 armed men.

He already had escaped once in 1929 by overpowering guards on a train near Portland, enroute to McNeil Island federal prison for mail robbery, when he staged the same surprising coup on June 11, 1921, near Castle Rock.

He had concealed a pistol, and escaped by pulling it on his guards and forcing them to free him from his handcuffs and Oregon boot.

He was arrested five days later in a Centralia hotel room by Patrolman Louis Sonney, who shared half of his \$5000 reward with Gardner's wife and later spent much time attempting to help the desperado in prison and after his final release.

Sonney met Gardner on a Centralia street. The fugitive was masked by a bandage that covered all of his face but one eye. Sonney was suspicious after Gardner was evasive to questioning, and later trailed him to his hotel room, arrested him and unmasked him.

Gardner was taken to McNeil Island prison, but staged another spectacular break for freedom during a Labor day baseball game that same year. One of his comrades was killed in the burst of gunfire and three were recaptured but Gardner won a two-month freedom before he was recaptured in another attempted holdup of a mail car at Phoenix, Arizona.

Page the Burlington Liars' club. Page any liars' club. Members of the Salem Retail Credit association have some promising candidates.

They want their officers to join immediately—at least the officer of officers who sponsored the appearance of Senator Luigi Tomazini, "distinguished representative of the Better Business and Research department of the Italian government," at their annual banquet at the Marion hotel last night.

Ninety three members and guests—many had brought the boss along—alternately gulped and applauded Tomazini's hour-long appraisal of American business as he found:

Its interpretation of fair competition and good ethics "disappointing."

Its basis "the spirit of cut the throat of your neighbor."

Its advertising "like the titles of one of your popular songs, 'Building Up to an Awful Let-down.'"

Tomazini ridiculed. Tomazini deprecated.

Roy Gardner, In Note, Says "Cannot Win"

Prison-Breaker Drops Pellets in Water to Make Fumes Suicide Method Like Some States Use in Executions

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Roy Gardner, notorious mail robber and prison escaper of the early 20's, determined tonight that long term convicts "can't come back" in the world outside, so he killed himself with poison gas.

"All men who have to serve more than five years in prison are doomed, but they don't realize it," Gardner said in a note addressed to newspapermen. "They hid themselves into the belief that they can 'come back' but they can't. There is a barrier between the ex-convict and society that cannot be leveled."

So Gardner, who in 1920 and 1921 followed a pattern of crime, capture, conviction, escape and recapture, breathed lethal fumes in the bathroom of his quarters in a small, downtown hotel.

Fills Dropped in Water Create Deadly Fumes Gardner, after philosophizing on a career that kept him behind bars or dodging the law for over 17 years, dropped pellets into a bowl of water, creating deadly fumes of the kind some states use for executing condemned convicts.

Officers were called to the hotel by Madelyn Langston, a chambermaid, who decided to investigate a long-displayed "Do Not Disturb" sign outside Gardner's door.

In the room, she said, she was confronted with another sign on the bathroom door reading "Do not open this door. Poison gas. Call the police."

When officers arrived, Gardner, who was about 56 years old, was found crumpled on the floor of the bathroom in his shirt-sleeves.

Police Officers Leo Martin and Joseph Susoff said Gardner left (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Six Escape From State Reformatory

Washington Officers Hunt Sextet Who Broke Out After Darkness

MONROE, Wash., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Six inmates escaped from the Washington state reformatory under cover of darkness tonight by galping passage through a tunnel under the heavily guarded inside wall of the institution.

Police officers said what prison officials said was an unguarded wall beyond the institution's powerhouse.

All available reformatory guards, Everett police and state patrolmen were pressed into possession of the men's absence was discovered at the 3 p. m. checkup in the kitchen, where they had been working. The possemen had the reformatory's two bloodhounds out for the scent of a trail, but at midnight there was no report of clues.

The men were: Merrill Helwig, received from Pacific county a year ago for automobile theft; Billy Harper, Yakima forger, received last April for a minimum 18-month term; Clyde Shaw, convicted of grand larceny and received in 1938 for a minimum term of seven and a half years; Roy Christian, King county robber, received last May for a minimum of five years; Frank Finchum, Chelan county robber, received in 1938 for a minimum of five years; James Goldman, just starting on a second burglary sentence of two years from Skagit county.

West Stock Show Loop Announced

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 10.—(AP)—O. M. Plummer of Portland, Ore., general manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, today announced formation of a six-city western stock show circuit.

Cities composing the circuit, Plummer said, are Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Ogden, Kansas City and Chicago. Show dates, grouped within a two-month period of next fall, will be staggered so as to permit exhibitors to place their stock in all six shows and thus compete for prize purses totaling as high as \$75,000 for a single breed, he explained.

County Judge Dies

THE DALLES, Jan. 10.—(AP)—General Gallies, 59, Wasco county judge for three years, died today of a paralytic stroke suffered Sunday. Funeral services will be held Saturday.

Board Can Demand Salutes, Pledges A board of school directors has authority to make a rule of regulation requiring pupils in the public schools to salute the flag of the United States and give the pledge of allegiance as a part of the general citizenship training of such pupils, Attorney General VanWinkle held here Wednesday.

The regulation could not conflict with the state constitution, he continued.

VanWinkle said the head of a school has no authority to make such a rule or regulation.

The opinion was asked by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Two Drowned

KELLOGG, Idaho, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Mae Werhan, 42, of Spokane, and her six-year-old son, Frank Morgan, were drowned today when the car in which they were riding plunged into a slough 11 miles west of Kellogg.

Heavy rainfall in the valley on Monday and Tuesday failed to create any special problems for road crews burdened with the task of keeping the North Santiam highway clear of snow in its upper reaches, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs announced yesterday.

Salem residents flourished through as a heavy rain on Tuesday amounted only to "light flurries" of snow in the higher portions of Hogg pass, the engineer stated, and added only an inconsequential frosting to the 18-inch drifts already resting on the pass.

"The roads has been open all during the winter," the engineer stated yesterday, "and we intend to keep it open for through travel barring any extraordinary storm, which, by the way, we don't look for."

Marion county is responsible for snow clearance of about 6.7 miles of highway from the "V" high on the pass to the new concrete bridge over the headwaters of the Santiam river. The federal government's bureau of public roads gets the call for clearing the remaining 26 miles from the bridge down to Detroit.

Present arrangements, however, are for the state highway commission to undertake the county share, so that no county workmen or pieces of equipment are employed in clearing the road.

In general the winter has been mild in the higher country, so that neither the federal nor the state road crews have found snow removal difficult. The 19 inches which now lies about the upper pass extends down only within seven or eight miles of Detroit, though with decreasing thickness.

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The heaviest snow of the year blanketed eastern Oregon today while western portions of the state basked in spring-like sunshine, yielding occasionally to showers.

The mile-high McKenzie pass, linking central Oregon with Eugene, was closed by drifts reaching a depth of 14 feet. Highway crews from Bend and Eugene met at the summit, making certain no motorists were stranded on the route, and then withdrew to await spring thaw. The closure was the latest on record.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Coming from behind a 2-0 handicap, Portland defeated Seattle 5 to 3 in an overtime hockey game here tonight to move into a first place tie with Vancouver in the Pacific Coast Hockey league race.