

**Weather**  
Cloudy today and Sunday with some rain. Max. temp. Friday 56, min. 46, River 14 ft., south wind.

**Who Won?**  
First in sports news, The Oregon Statesman not only tells who wins but how, giving details essential to followers of the seasons' contests. Follow the games on the Statesman sports page.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

## In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

This, if the calendars can be trusted, is March. In fact, it is the second of March, which is a holiday in Texas, but not here. March is a very sociological month, coming in like a lion like it does, going out like a lamb and becoming a full of mad March hare.

There is some difference between a hare and a rabbit, but we won't split hairs here. What we want to know is why March hares are any more mentally unbalanced than, say, a mid-January clearance sale hare?

As far back as we can remember we have not even any mad March hares, not even any mildly eccentric ones. We just seem to have common interests, so we're handicapped from the start.

There is, of course, the work of Prof. Simon Simmonds Simmon, "Some Aspects of Lepus Timidus and Other Stories (No Poems)." Writing of the only time he was able to observe a mad March hare in its native state, he says:

"We were up at the crack of dawn and eager for the stalking. Our native runners had come breathlessly into camp the night before and in their childish delight shouted that a mad hare was near the village. From their excited talk I gathered that the beast was indeed a rare specimen. Enraged by something, possibly a mink coat worn by one of the native girls, he for a moment convinced it was a bull hare) was roaring and tearing up the planted fields of lettuce. Some of it he ate, I learned later, but without mayonnaise.

"Our gun bearers traveling at our sides, we started out on the double. Our nostrils were dilated as we raced forward, eager to catch sight of the strange creature we had so long sought. However, I had time to observe as we passed through the heavy undergrowth that there were mouse tracks here and there. Later I shuddered at the thought of it, but we were then young and knew not the meaning of the word fear.

"Our guide, good old Rhabbat-Singh, held up a cautioning finger. "Ghee Chlung Washna Vesik Soldamerican," he said in his native tongue, "meaning 'For Gosh sake don't you boys walk along without waking the dead.'"

"Stealthily, on hands and knees, we advanced. Bit by bit it grew lighter and then through the thick and verdant foliage I could see we were approaching a clearing. We began to hear the roars of the mad March hare.

"Cautiously, my advance covered by men armed with elephant guns, I went forward alone. At the edge of the clearing I stuck my head through some bushes, which grow profusely in this country, and saw before my eyes the sight I had waited years to see.

"There stood the mad March hare. "Boy! Was he crazy!"

## Mat Bout Referee Dies After Tussle

SEATTLE, March 1—(AP)—A few minutes after he was thrown against the ropes at the end of a professional wrestling exhibition, Referee Jack Stevens of Seattle died in his dressing room here tonight.

Stevens had been refereeing a match between Laverne Baxter of Monroe, Wash., and John Katan, Montreal. In a scuffle after he awarded the decision to Katan, Stevens was thrown against the ropes. He fell to the floor outside and died five minutes later.

Friends said he had been advised by physicians only two weeks ago to quit officiating because of a weak heart.

## Lumber Industry Here Handicapped By Lack of Ships

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 1—(AP)—Sawmill operators in this area said today the shortage of ships for lumber movements to the Atlantic coast might cause numerous shutdowns.

The small Mithral plant, Carlton, a subsidiary of the Link-Haynes Lumber company, recently suspended operations.

The Carnation company, Forest Grove, announced plans to close by the end of the week to allow deck clearance.

The Eagle & Worth Lumber company of McMinnville predicted it could not operate beyond March 15 without moving its stock.

## Gloria Dickson Is Not Lost, Asserts

OGDEN, Utah, March 2—(AP)—A report that Gloria Dickson was "lost" was just her husband's "silly idea" the young motion picture actress told reporters here today.

# Sea War Brought to American Shores

## Crisis Is Past In Sacramento Valley's Flood

Death Toll 5; Meridian Is Latest Town to Suffer Torrent

Coast Storm, Rain Come to Oregon Again but Willamette Drops

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1—(AP)—Although water still poured through broken dikes tonight, and hundreds of thousands of acres of rich farmlands remained submerged, the crisis appeared to have passed in northern California's devastating flood.

The damage will be reckoned in millions of dollars, but the loss of life among the 5,000 or more victims of the flood was no more than five tonight.

"It looks like the crisis has passed," the weather bureau announced, although the water may rise in the lowest part of the Sacramento valley for the next 24 hours. Cool, dry weather in the mountains was most favorable.

Today the town of Meridian, about 40 miles north of Sacramento, became the crisis center when levees breached, unleashing a torrent on 70,000 acres of crops, and forcing hundreds of families to vacate their homes. The town was isolated.

Woman Is Drowned, Four Persons Saved

One woman was drowned when an automobile was trapped and overturned in the flood as she and her family fled to higher ground. She was Mrs. Frank Fleharty, 52. Four others in the party were rescued after clinging to the branches of a tree for six hours.

Divorcee's Right To Secrecy Cited

Battle of Census Takes New Angle; Tobey to Appeal to Public

WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP)—Arguing that a divorcee has inalienable right to keep her marital difficulties a secret, Senator Tobey (R-NH) today launched a new assault on "personal" queries to be included in the 1940 census.

"Suppose it means the idea of a job to a woman to tell that she was divorced," the senator demanded at a hearing before a senate subcommittee.

His attack on questions about divorcees was a new development, since he had previously concentrated his fire on questions about individual income. The subcommittee is considering a resolution by him to delete the questions about income.

Dr. Leon T. Truesdell, census bureau statistician, defended the question about divorcees, saying it had been asked in every census since 1850. He said the purpose was to "classify population according to marital status."

Another witness, Edward J. Noble, undersecretary of commerce, spoke in defense of the income question. He said the census is engaged in the insurance business in Portland.

Cook Making Mind Up Today on Race

Floyd Cook, former chairman of the Oregon republican central committee, said while he was in Salem on business yesterday that he would decide definitely today whether or not he would be a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer.

Cook is engaged in the insurance business in Portland. Earl Hill, Lane county storekeeper and republican state representative, already has filed for the treasury position.

## Welfare Commission Drafts "Different" Personnel Plan

PORTLAND, March 1—(AP)—The state public welfare commission studied today its version of a federal proposal for personnel selection system today—one following the outline "as far as possible without losing all semblance of control."

Standards of personnel administration set up by the federal social security board previously were adopted under protest by the commission. However, its new plan differs from the federal key system on several major points.

The federal plan would remove personnel selection and internal management from state and county commissions, putting them under an independent merit council, Administrator Elmer Goudy said.

## FLOODS SUBSIDING AFTER HEAVY DAMAGE



Though water was still rising in the lower portions of the Sacramento river Friday the flood which drove 5000 persons from their homes and did damage in the millions though it took only five lives, was reported as having passed its crisis. Upper picture, by Associated Press, is aerial view of typical scene in the rich farming area north of Sacramento, near the town of Princeton. Lower picture, by International Illustrated News, shows an inundated farm near Pescadero, near the coast.

## Serenades Will Herald Spring At Annual WU Frosh Glee Sing

### Betsy Roosevelt Requests Divorce

LOS ANGELES, March 1—(AP)—Betsy Cushing Roosevelt, without opposition from her film-producer husband, James, went to court today to seek a divorce under which she may receive \$65,000 immediately and \$50,000, if she wants it, five years hence.

She testified that relations had been strained between her and the president's eldest son since he first asked for his freedom in May, 1935. After hearing her, the judge set the case over until Monday so her brother, Henry K. Cushing, stricken suddenly ill, could appear.

Terms of a property settlement made out of court give Mrs. Roosevelt sole custody of their two children, Sara Delano, 7, and Kate, 6, although he will be allowed to confer with their mother on such matters as education. It grants her \$167.50 a month for each until they are 12, then \$250 a month.

Seniors Seeking Fourth in Row but Juniors Are Defiant as Propaganda Peddled; Gym Scene of Colorful Exercises; Monday Pay Day

By PAUL H. HAUSER, jr.  
Willamette university is ready for its annual song battle tonight. Members of the four classes will put on their singing clothes and hurl serenades at each other until one class is a winner of the coveted Freshman Glee banner and the loser earns a quick swim in the icy Mill stream.

The 32nd running of this melody handicap sees the senior class, three times a winner, favored on past performances, but facing stiff competition all the way down the starting line.

Backers of the juniors, a three-year old which has finished out of the money in previous performances, are confident. On the campus yesterday they dragged a brass civil war cannon, borrowed for the moment from the state-house grounds. Tied to its muzzle in perilous position was an effigy labeled the seniors.

The juniors also gave out yesterday with a shower of printed slips which read: "Seniors wakened from their dream. Sophomores cooling in the stream. Freshmen raise their voice to scream. 'Juniors have the winning theme.'"

Rallies are withholding judgment from the freshmen, in their maiden race, and wondering how they'll do on a wet track. The freshmen are also confident and scattered their sentiments yesterday as "Win the Glee with '45."

### Leary Made Chief Insurance Deputy

Seth B. Thompson of Portland yesterday assumed his duties as state insurance commissioner as successor to Hugh Earle. He was appointed recently by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

The new commissioner's first official act was the appointment of William F. Leary as his chief deputy to succeed James Sehon. Both men have been employed in the insurance department for several years.

Thompson indicated there would be no other changes made in his operating staff at present.

### Late Sports

LOS ANGELES, March 1—(AP)—Middleweight Champion Ceforino Garcia and Welterweight King Henry Armstrong fought a draw tonight in one of the most savage bouts ever seen in a California ring and one that wrecked a little brown bomber's dream of capturing a fourth title in his spectacular career.

The bolo punching Filipino, making the second defense of the title he blasted away from Freddie Apostoli last October, and Armstrong, a 133 lb. 113 lb. fighter, kept the crowd of 25,000 in an uproar as they battle from pillar to post and wound up the ten rounds in a toe to toe exchange in Garcia's corner.

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## St. Paul Bank Robber Named In Indictment

Alleged Bandit, Wife to Face Federal Counts First, Says Page

Local True Bill Returned Against Jones to Be Held in Reserve

William Jones, 32, foiled Monday in an attempt to rob the St. Paul bank of \$231, will be turned over to federal authorities in Portland for arraignment under two indictments charging robbery of banks insured by the federal deposit insurance incorporation, according to announcements made yesterday by District Attorney Lyle J. Page.

The district attorney's statement came shortly after the Marion county grand jury had returned an indictment against Jones yesterday charging him with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon on Raymond Smith, assistant cashier of the St. Paul bank.

Page said that he had learned from Jones that the latter would plead guilty to indictments charging him with the St. Paul holdup and a previous one at Canby on November 9 when he obtained \$1065, should he be turned over to federal authorities.

Jones also said, Page reported, that his wife, Myrtle, would also plead guilty if arraigned in federal court on an indictment charging her with participation in the Canby robbery.

Mrs. Jones was taken to Oregon City by Clackamas county authorities Wednesday. Page said (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## Santiam Highway Delay Is Debated

Fish Commission Declares It Was Not Consulted, Reply to Chamber

While threatened delay in relocating the North Santiam river highway to skirt the Niagara dam site, part of the Willamette valley project, continued, the state fish commission through M. T. Hoy, its master warden, yesterday notified the Salem chamber of commerce that the commission's consent for construction of the dam had never been requested.

In a tart reply to a plea by the Salem chamber that the commission give its consent to the project to clear the way for reconstruction of the highway, Hoy wrote, in part:

"Your letter... conveyed to this department the first intimation that the improvement or relocation of the North Santiam highway was being held up or was in any other manner obstructed by the failure of the fish commission to grant or not to grant permission for the construction of the proposed dam...

"As a matter of fact, it is not within the province of the fish commission to grant or refuse permission for construction of this or any other dams in the Willamette basin project...

"The fish commission is not engaged in the building of this dam, or has its consent as to the building of such dam ever been requested."

The Salem chamber board of directors had been advised by its highway committee that the United States army engineers and the federal forestry service had requested to proceed with relocation of the North Santiam highway until the state fish commission had approved construction of the dam.

## Submarine Attacks British Southgate; German Ship Burns

American Navy Hustles to Aid; Troja Apparently Fired by Crew; Later Word of Their Fate Lacking

Russia Claims Its Troops Are Inside Viipuri but Taipale Withstands Attack; Welles now in Berlin

(By the Associated Press)

Two almost-simultaneous belligerent acts, a reported submarine attack on a British steamer off Puerto Rico and the burning of a German freighter off The Netherlands West Indies, violated the American "safety zone" Friday night and brought the European war close to the western hemisphere.

A frantic distress call at 6:09 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) from the British steamer Southgate, 4,862 tons, told that she was being attacked by a submarine about 130 miles northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The United States swung into action immediately, dispatching the Coast Guard Cutter Unalga and three destroyers to the scene, and ordering all naval vessels in the Puerto Rico district to give such help as possible.

While the naval vessels sped to the aid of the Southgate—silent after the distress signal—the German freighter Troja, 2,390 tons, was intercepted by a British cruiser off Aruba, Dutch West Indies and apparently set afire by her Nazi crew.

The Troja and the German freighter Heideberg sailed from Aruba yesterday in an attempt to run the British blockade. Nothing has been reported from the Heideberg.

Both are violations of Neutrality Zone

Both incidents occurred within the 500-mile neutrality zone set up by the 21 American republics last October to keep the Americas out of Europe's war.

The red army reported today that its troops were advancing into the outskirts of Viipuri, Finnish city which has been the object of a month-long Russian offensive on the Karelian Isthmus, and that the Finns were burning the deserted port.

The latest report from Finland had disclosed that Russian and Finnish troops were fighting bitterly almost on the outskirts of Viipuri. The red army was beginning the second month of its costly offensive with no indication of easing the pressure on the Finns.

Meanwhile belligerents in Europe's "big" war kept ears attuned to the meeting arranged today between Adolf Hitler and Sumner Welles, the United States undersecretary of state. Welles' meeting with Hitler is the first scheduled with the leader of a warring state in his fact-finding tour of Europe.

The action in the Finnish-Russian war, now in its fourth month, centered mainly on the Karelian Isthmus. Besides keeping of its prolonged attack on Viipuri, the red army command thrust at the eastern end of the Isthmus in a manner which was an assault on Taipale but the Finns said it was repulsed with heavy losses to the red army.

Thus the battle line, as disclosed by the Finns, generally followed the east-west railway connecting Linnahalli on the rail road southeast of Viipuri with Ayrappa on Vuoksi Lake.

The United States diplomat called the Finnish war "a serious German-foreign minister, shortly after arriving in Berlin from Switzerland. It was understood the Nazi minister informed Welles that Germany was determined to proceed with its attack against the British and French alliance until she breaks up Britain's "stranglehold on the economic life of the world."

Germany and the United States have not exchanged ambassadors in many months and it was understood Von Ribbentrop indicated clearly that German-American relations are in a deplorable state. He expressed regret that the United States does not have an ambassador at Berlin at this critical time.

German bombers struck at British and neutral shipping, and the British Isles again were hit, and that the action took place too far out for British fighting planes to aid the ships.

Several unescorted vessels were victims of Nazi attacks. One was the 7,415-ton British liner Princess Victoria and the loss of eight men off the west coast of England, presumably by a submarine.

British pilots were reported to have penetrated Germany's eastern coast today after several days in seven days to map communications, bridges and factories.

## George Rice, Once in Alaska Resident, Dies in Dallas

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 1—(AP)—George B. Rice, 57, former plumbing shop proprietor, who came north from Dallas, Ore., in 1914, died today after several years' ill health. His widow and a son survive.

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