

TEMPERATURE RISING; SNOW IS PREDICTED

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Today Warmest Since Cold Snap Began; Streets Still Snow Covered and Relief Not In Sight

With the temperature hovering between 18 and 30 degrees throughout the day the weather in Salem today was the warmest in four days. At no time during the night did the mercury drop below 12 degrees and with the coming of dawn it gradually began to climb until at nine o'clock it had reached 18 above. With the moderation came slight thawing of ice and snow and conditions generally were more agreeable.

For the first time since the snow storm began local car service, and trains on the Oregon Electric system were running on schedule today. By night trains on the Southern Pacific lines will be running on time, officials believe. They said that small lines to towns throughout the valley have been opened up and train service resumed.

Cleaning Gutters
The crew of 13 men in the city street department were busy today cleaning out gutters and making it possible for melting snow to run uninterrupted into the sewers. Street Commissioner Low asked that any one throwing snow from sidewalks or from roofs be careful to not get it into the open gutters. Anyone doing this, he said, will be forced to clean them out.

The gutters are being held open to prevent the flooding of streets should a rapid thaw occur. When the actual thaw sets in, Low said, he will bring the graders into play and bank all the snow in the streets along the sides, clearing the street to traffic and heaping the snow in such a manner that rapid thaw will be impossible.

World Pile Snow
He expressed disapproval of the plan of hauling the snow from the streets, saying that the city has not enough money to carry on such work. By keeping the gutters open, he believes, and melting snow will be accommodated, and the flooding of basements will not occur.

With the report that a fine of from \$10 to \$100 awaits any one who does not clean the sidewalks abutting his property many citizens were out early this morning armed with hoes, shovels, brooms, and spades removing the snow.

It is estimated that merchants down town are losing \$75,000 daily because sidewalks leading into the business district, and thoroughfares down people are unable to get to town and town are not cleared of snow and do the usual shopping. Any early Christmas shopping that was being done prior to the storm has come to an almost absolute standstill, because those who would come down town have been unable to make their way over the impassable sidewalks.

At the council meeting tonight legislation for the removal of the snow from the streets as a preventative against any flood may come up for discussion, it is understood. Appropriation of a sum of money to finance this work may be sought.

All parts of the city were again supplied with gas this afternoon.

Water Situation Better
The water situation in Salem was improving today. The pressure registered at the pumping station was 45 pounds—29 pounds below normal pressure, but several pounds higher than it has been most of the time since the storm wrought havoc to the system. With the continued moderation of the weather water company officials believe the supply will be normal soon. Conservation of water, although not practiced generally, aided some in increasing pressure today.

Traffic on downtown streets was greatly increased today. But for the first time in years autos were in the minority, teams being used to draw dairy wagons or sleighs, and other delivery vehicles.

The meeting of the Tuesday Musical club, scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Denton, has been postponed indefinitely. The new date for the meeting will be announced later.

HUNS PROMISE FULFILLMENT OF PEACE PACT

German Reply to Allied Note Demanding Signing of Protocol Submitted to Conference Today

By Henry Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Paris, Dec. 15.—The German reply to the allied note demanding signature of the peace treaty protocol was submitted at 10:30 a. m. today.

Baron Von Lermer handed the note to Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, with whom he discussed its contents.

The note declares Germany's intention to execute the peace treaty. It takes note of the allied promise to repatriate German war prisoners, then develops Germany's desires regarding the Scapa Flow incident.

The reply, it is understood is most conciliatory throughout. While still holding out against full repatriation of German prisoners, the note states that the impression is given that solution will be easily arrived at.

Von Lermer announced that the group of German technicians will arrive tomorrow to take up conversations with the allied representatives regarding Scapa Flow.

The impression prevails that the Germans will sign the protocol and exchange ratifications of the treaty before the end of the month.

RURAL RESIDENTS PEEVED BECAUSE ROADS NOT OPENED

Residents along rural routes are indignant over the inactivity of county officials and road supervisors who have refused to do anything to make the highways passable. Residents of Polk county are in a similar predicament to those of Marion. There has been no mail delivered for five days.

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HOUSE DETERMINED TO PASS SUGAR BILL BY CHRISTMAS

Washington, Dec. 15.—House leaders determined today that the resolution extending the sugar equalization board for a year to keep prices from soaring shall be passed before Christmas adjournment. The fact that the equalization board expires December 31 unless the measure is passed, makes action imperative this week.

The house agriculture committee will consider the resolution tomorrow. Chairman Haugen said the measure probably will go before the house Thursday.

PEACE TREATY BALLOT

Following the armistice, the representatives of 23 nations, including our own, drew up and signed at Paris a peace treaty with Germany, our part being the League of Nations covenant. This was also signed under compulsion by Germany.

During the special session of congress that ended on November 13th, a series of 15 resolutions to this treaty and the covenant was adopted by the senate on recommendation of a vote of the committee. When the ratifying resolution came to a vote of the senate, however, 41 senators voted to ratify with reservations, 29 to ratify without any reservations, while 15 voted against ratification on any conditions whatever.

This is a democracy and in the end the will of the people will be acted upon by our representatives in Washington. To test public sentiment on this most important question of modern times, the Capital Journal asks its readers to state their attitude by checking that one of the following statements which expresses their views.

- 1—I favor compromise on reservations with immediate ratification of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant.
2—I favor ratification, but only with all the Lodge reservations.
3—I favor ratification, but only without any reservations.
4—I am opposed to ratification in any form.

Criminal Negligence

Has Salem's initiative and resource frozen along with its water pipes? For nearly a week the snow has been lying from one to two feet deep in the streets and no effort has yet been made to clear it from even the business section. Where other cities began immediately after the snow stopped falling to cart it away and make the streets safe and passable, Salem has done nothing to speak of.

Individual parties have cleared, or partially cleared the sidewalks in front of their places of business, but the city street department has confined its efforts to clearing a narrow ditch, which will give in and become clogged again as soon as a rapid thaw starts, along the curb.

Piling Dangerous
Today the proposal is made to scrape the snow into large piles and allow it to melt away gradually. Such a method of handling it will not clear the streets and will add to the dangers of a thaw. The first drop in the temperature below freezing following the thaw will find the streets and sidewalks surrounding the piles of snow covered with sheets of ice, making traffic hazardous both to pedestrians and horses. And it will leave the streets blocked, or partially. Snow and ice scattered from the piles will make the streets dangerously slippery at all times.

The plea that the city cannot afford the expense of carting the snow away is a poor economy stand. One

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Jason Rogers of the New York Globe, representative of the American Newspaper Publishers' association and the magazine owners are expected to appear before the committee.

Will Cut Consumption
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"My bill, I believe, will reduce the consumption of print paper by one-half, decrease the amount of weekly magazine paper used by 25 per cent and that of the monthly publications about 25 per cent.

"Publications are loath to increase advertising rates and thus decrease the space given to it, fearing their competitors will not follow suit, so it is up to the government to take the initiative for them to protect all interests."

Canadian Supply Threatened
Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—Notification from the dominion government that an order-in-council will be issued authorizing the minister of customs to prevent exportation of news print paper by any manufacturer who does not obey orders issued by the paper controller of Canada, today in the hands of the Canadian Pulp & Paper association, with headquarters here.

The new mandate is the result of a failure of the paper controller to induce the manufacturers to continue to supply Canadian houses with news print paper at a considerably lower price than that obtained for paper sold to the United States. The manufacturers already notified the controller they will not continue to supply paper in Canada after January 1 at such low terms as they have in the past.

Canadian mills now make approximately 800,000 tons of news print yearly and over 700,000 tons is shipped to the United States. The manufacturers maintain they have always made concessions to Canadian consumers, whether by government instruction or not but contend that every attempt to restrict the price in Canada has an ill effect on the export market.

The manufacturers will have a hearing before Controller Pringle tomorrow.

Paring of Budget to Meet Tax Limitation Worries County Department Heads

trembling like the sword of Damocles over the recently published estimated budget, the court and commissioners of Marion county are in a quandary as to how the estimate will look after the budget is established on December 31.

As the published estimate exceeds the constitutional limit by the sum of \$48,643.59, some of the estimates will have to be spared, and the question uppermost in the minds of most county heads is, "Will the appropriation for my department get the ax?"

Schools Need Most
According to county records the major portion of the excess is for the schools of the county, \$45,633.10 representing this portion of the estimate.

County government and related affairs will cost \$139,166.50 to administer this year as compared to the \$112,631.65 budget item of 1918, an increase of \$26,534.85 which sum is inclusive of \$10,000 for the Silverton armory.

Other comparative items showing slight increases over the preceding year are: Roads and highways, improvement, maintenance and construction of roads, bridges and ferries and salaries of deputy roadmasters, patrolmen and assistants; \$157,000 is estimated \$156,784.63 for the year 1918.

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By the published estimate, the general fund calls for \$253,533.88, while the 1918 fund was \$251,253.28 or an increase of \$2,280.60. This increase is made up principally of the following items: county expense, \$26,534.85; \$62,500 to be levied to provide county road funds under the Pierce market road law, \$9,000 to provide interest on county municipal road bonds, besides many other small increases.

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SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS WAR TIME DRY LAW

Highest Tribunal Decrees Prohibition Act Must Be Enforced Until Peace Is Proclaimed In Decision Rendered Today

Washington, Dec. 15.—War time prohibition is constitutional, the supreme court today decided. Enforcement of the act must continue until peace is proclaimed, the court decreed.

The decision was a sweeping victory for the contention of the prohibitionists and the government. It means that the millions of gallons of intoxicating liquors now stored throughout the country and valued at about \$1,000,000,000 will be a near total loss unless peace is proclaimed before constitutional prohibition becomes effective.

Revenue Loss Big
The court held that the provision of the war time act stating that prohibition shall end at the conclusion of the war has no other legal meaning than the proclamation of peace.

Because of the decision the government will lose \$448,000,000 in revenue from whiskey alone, unless the ban is lifted before January 18. The opinion was read by Justice Brandeis.

The court's decision means the clamping down again of the lid in all sections where it was lifted by special court injunctions and subjects all who thus sold intoxicating liquors to prosecution.

Decision Made Both Ways
In Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans and Providence, R. I. courts held the act unconstitutional.

In New York, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, along the Pacific coast and other places the act was upheld.

The decision today both affirmatively reversed and affirmed the decisions of lower courts. The suits were against the higher court by the prohibitionists and Dryfoot, Blum & company, and the Louisville federal court by the Louisville Distilleries & Warehouse.

In the Louisville federal court the prohibitionists obtained an injunction restraining the removal from the district from prohibiting the removal from bond of millions of gallons of whiskey stored throughout the state. The government immediately appealed the injunction. Judge Walter Evans having declared the war time act unconstitutional. The opinion was reversed.

Eminent Men Fled Town
The government won at New York. Judge Knox refusing a similar injunction to Dryfoot, Blum & company to remove fifty barrels of whiskey from bond. This was today affirmed.

The contention of the liquor interests was that the war time prohibition act, because of the probability that it would extend over until constitutional prohibition becomes effective would deprive them of their property without just compensation.

The question was disposed of in record breaking time by the court. Final arguments being concluded on November 21 or about three weeks ago.

Italians at Mercy of Factions; Lack of Majority Cause

By Camillo Cianfrani
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Rome, Dec. 15.—The newspapers generally express the opinion that recent events in the chamber of deputies indicate the government is without a majority and is completely at the mercy of a day-to-day policy of the legislators.

"The chamber has not yet found its bearings and is liable to commit suicide at any time, throwing the already difficult situation into absolute chaos," said the Giornale D'Italia.

Factions Hinder Work
Although the chamber has shown a disposition to handle the larger problems effectively, the notes on minor propositions have clearly indicated the bitterness of factional jealousies which may at any time spread to the international and parliamentary correspondence.

Premier Nitti's speech last night urging greater national economy, was approved by the chamber, however, Nitti caused considerable surprise by recommending prohibition for Italy.

He declared that consumption of all foodstuffs must be curtailed and that a good start could be made by elimination of drinking.

"The American people do not drink," the premier said. "Let us not learn that."

Food is Hoarded
Nitti announced that food would be rationed again this winter. He demanded that importations be cut down because of the high rate of exchange.

"We are in an extremely difficult situation," he said. "We must live on credit and economize one-third. The country lives on imports. If these should cease entirely the situation would be tragic. The minister of the treasury will tell you the whole truth Tuesday."

Orders for more than 70,000,000 feet of lumber have been placed with lumber merchants of Oregon and Washington in the last six weeks.

DR. FORD, DEAN OF CHURCH WORKERS, DIES OF APOPLEXY

Dr. Thomas B. Ford, 74 years old, veteran Methodist minister and one of the best known church workers in the Pacific Northwest, died of apoplexy at Oregon City Sunday afternoon. The end came as the aged clergyman was waiting for a trolley car in front of the ruins of the Oregon City Methodist church, recently destroyed by fire and of which Dr. Ford had been pastor for many years.

Since his appointment in 1918, Dr. Ford has been superintendent of the Salem district of the Methodist conference, and at one time resided here. His wife died here about four years ago.

Entering the Methodist ministry in 1880, Dr. Ford has given his services to the church work in many localities, working in the Missouri-Arkansas conference until 1898, when he came to Oregon. His Oregon pastorates have been with some of the leading churches of the state, being the Hood river church of Portland, 1894; Hood River, 1908, and Oregon City in 1913.

Rev. Ford is survived by four children, Mrs. Sadye Evelyn, Oregon City; Mrs. Harold Swafford, Lebanon; Rev. Burgess Ford, Dayton; and Olive Ford, Oak Grove.

Salem ministers and former co-workers of Dr. Ford are planning to attend the funeral services which will be held in Portland tomorrow at 1 p. m. from the First Methodist Episcopal church.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF DROWNING BABY IS HELD IN HOSPITAL

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Esther Blake lies in the Atlantic City hospital under observation to determine her sanity, charged with the murder of "Buddy," her five year old son by drowning. She is to be questioned further today.

Beside the hospital cot a policeman sits stoically. He is there to prevent the woman from fulfilling threats to end her life.

Mrs. Blake was placed under arrest yesterday when the body of her little son was washed ashore near the Ventnor municipal pier. She has not departed from her story of being attacked by two negroes who snatched the child from her side Friday night.

When William Sprague, Ventnor police chief, said on leaving her last night "I hope you'll tell the truth tomorrow," Mrs. Blake replied:

"Come back tomorrow and I'll tell the same story. Two negroes stole 'Buddy.' Why don't you find 'Em?"

Mrs. Blake was removed to the hospital when her physician, Dr. William Fox, insisted she was not in fit condition to be taken to jail. He said that she was very nervous and had slept little since the disappearance of her little son on Friday, but Chief Sprague scoffed at this statement.

"My investigation shows this woman has pretended illness before," he said. "I am confident she threw her child into the ocean in a fit of insanity brought on by drugs, under the hallucination her boy's dumbness was responsible for her estrangement from her husband and that his death would bring about a reconciliation."

Through a defect in his vocal organs little "Buddy," whose real name was James W. Blake, Jr., was unable to speak only about three words—mother and father, who is a Philadelphia insurance broker, had been married for four years, but it is said that the child's condition had nothing to do with the separation.

Blake went to the police station when informed the boy's body had been found and said he could give no reason for the apparent crime. He said that he and Mrs. Blake were married fourteen years ago.

Blake visited his wife at the hospital at late last night after she had called for him frequently, and when he left about thirty minutes and when he left said: "She tells me the same story."

NEGRO SLAYERS LYNCHED
Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Two negroes, alleged to have killed Edward Meek of Logan county last night, were taken from a train and lynched by a mob of Chapmanville today, according to word received here.

Mrs. William Cherrington and her daughter, Miss Lena Cherrington, spent the week end in Portland as the guest of friends.

ICY GRIP OVER ALL NORTHWEST LOSES HOLD, MERCURY RISES

Portland, Or., Dec. 15.—The cold wave shows signs today of losing its icy grip on the Pacific northwest; in fact, it has already begun to slip.

The lowest point reached by the mercury here last night was 13 above, ten degrees warmer than the lowest mark recorded Saturday morning. At 10 o'clock the temperature was 21 above and still climbing.

The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is "not so cold; snow, turning to rain."

The weather has moderated all along the coast, according to reports received by the weather bureau here today.

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All city schools in this city will be closed until Monday, December 29. This was decided by the school board, meeting in special session today, after it had been reported that no pupils had gone to school this morning.

In most of the school buildings water systems were frozen and rendered useless, and it was found almost impossible in all the schools to heat them properly.

The Willamette university will be closed until January 9.

The Salem Business College opened today with three fourths of the usual attendance. This school will continue open, and it is expected that full attendance will be on hand tomorrow.

The Christmas vacation will begin in this school December 24 and last until January 5.

The Sacred Heart academy has closed until January 5.

CITY UNABLE TO FIND JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED

Unemployment continues to increase in the city. Many local men, due to the cessation of activity in some plants and have been thrown out of work, and other idle men are coming to the city daily seeking work.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning 33 men applied at the municipal labor bureau in the city hall for work. Nineteen of these men were given temporary jobs shoveling snow. There were no other positions to accommodate the remaining men.

City Recorder Rice, in charge of the bureau, appeals to the citizens to give these men work shoveling snow. Many of these men have been put to work cleaning the snow from the roofs of housing the snow from the roofs of housing buildings down town and today, with the warning that a fine awaits those who do clean their sidewalks, several were hired by citizens to clean off walks.

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