

THE WEATHER HERE

FOGGY TONIGHT and Saturday morning, becoming fair in afternoon. Slightly cooler temperatures. Lowest tonight, 45; highest Saturday, 78.

Maximum yesterday, 83; minimum today, 45. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: 1.31; normal, 1.96. Season precipitation, 1.31; normal, 1.96. River height, 2.7 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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2 of 3 Escapees At State Prison Still at Large

Crawled Through Dry Flume Under Wall—One Captured

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A man regarded as one of the most vicious sex criminals ever to be in the Oregon state prison was free today after escaping with two other convicts by crawling through a dry flume under the south prison wall late Thursday afternoon.

William John Perkins, 24, of Silverton, the sex fiend involved in the escape, had served only five and a half months of a forty year sentence for a long list of torture, rape and sodomy. Authorities rate him "exceedingly vicious" toward women and fear that he will begin attacking girls again.

Perkins and Leo Gilbert Williams, 22, are the subject of an intense manhunt which continued without letup all night.

Williams was serving a three-year term for burglary and is not regarded as dangerous. He can be identified by a hare lip.

Railsback Captured

The other member of the escape trio, Earl Richard Railsback, was captured by a farmer in the Four Corners district about an hour after the escape. Perkins and Williams were seen with Railsback at that time, but the two convicts managed to elude police by dodging through a bean yard.

No definite trace of the convicts has been uncovered since then.

The escape came less than six hours after William Benson, a recaptured escapee, was placed behind penitentiary bars.

Perkins, Williams and Railsback were members of a detail working on the excavation of the flume. The three were working overtime Thursday afternoon, and had access to several tool lockers.

They broke open one of the lockers, and took a crowbar, hammer, saw brace and bit, wrenches and a length of sturdy wire. These tools were employed to remove a large plank covering the bars which run through the flume, and to spread the bars to allow the convicts to squeeze through them and to the outside world.

The spot where the convicts did this work and make their escape is situated between two guard towers, and in sight of either of them. Both towers were manned by prison guards at the time of the escape.

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Scientist Sees End of War

Bonn, Germany, Sept. 23 (AP)—Prof. Otto Hahn, regarded as a discoverer of nuclear fission, declared today "the news that Soviet Russia has the atomic bomb is good news."

"If both the United States and Russia have it there will be no war," Hahn said in an interview upon being informed of President Truman's statement that there had been an atomic explosion in Russia. "It will be the same as it was with poison gas."

Hahn, who won the Nobel prize in 1944, and Prof. Lise Meitner, a German refugee who helped develop the atomic bomb in the United States, were jointly awarded the Max Planck medal for scientific achievement today. Hahn is a professor of Goettingen university.

"The news that the Russians have the bomb astonished me," said Hahn. "I never have believed it. According to my calculations, they could not have it before another two years."

But, he added: "President Truman knows more about this than I do."

Prof. Meitner said she also was astonished by the news.

Lowell Thomas Hurt In Himalayas Pass

New York, Sept. 23 (AP)—Lowell Thomas, 57, author, news-caster and traveler, was seriously injured when thrown from a horse in a steep mountain pass in the Himalayas, his office said today.

The extent of his injuries could not be immediately learned but his office said the army surgeon had been asked to rescue him from the tiny mountain village of Gyantse.

Senator Morse Denounces CVA Strait-Jacket

Charges Administration with "Political Blackmail"

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.), today denounced the proposed Columbia valley administration as an "administrative strait-jacket."

In a strongly-worded statement opposing the CVA, Morse further charged that the administration was trying "political blackmail" to insure enactment of its northwest river authority program.

"I don't like the idea of the administration saying to us that the building of these projects is to be postponed until the administration plan for administering and controlling the projects is adopted," Morse said.

"That looks to me like a form of political blackmail and the people in my section of the country—once they understand it—are not going to like it either."

He made his statement to reporters from a wheel chair yesterday. He left Bethesda Naval hospital, where he has been recuperating from a fall, to vote on the arms aid bill.

Morse said he believes republicans espousing "constitutional liberalism" will find generous public backing. Such a program, he said, must include the checking of power concentration in the executive branch of government. The tendency toward such concentration, he said, is well illustrated by the CVA proposal.

Check Power Grab

(The Associated Press reported Morse as adding: He said he favored a program which would check "the serious political tendency in this country to place more and more power in the hands of fewer and fewer men in the executive branch of the government.")

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Deadlock in Coal Dispute

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Sept. 23 (AP)—With John L. Lewis' miners on a "no day work week," a long coal strike seemed possible today.

That term was coined by Lewis himself in describing the walk-out which has kept the nation's 480,000 miners off the job since Monday. He indicated the no-day week will stay in force until a new contract is reached.

The United Mine Workers' chief bluntly rejected a two-year extension of the old contract yesterday. He declared the current dispute in the steel industry was blocking a wage settlement for miners.

Lewis and operators of the north and west, who have been meeting at this resort at intervals through the summer, recessed their talks until September 29.

Both sides reported stonewall opposition, and Lewis reverted to his old policy of "no contract, no work," at least for the course of the bargaining talks.

Union Hill Grange Wins In North Marion Fair

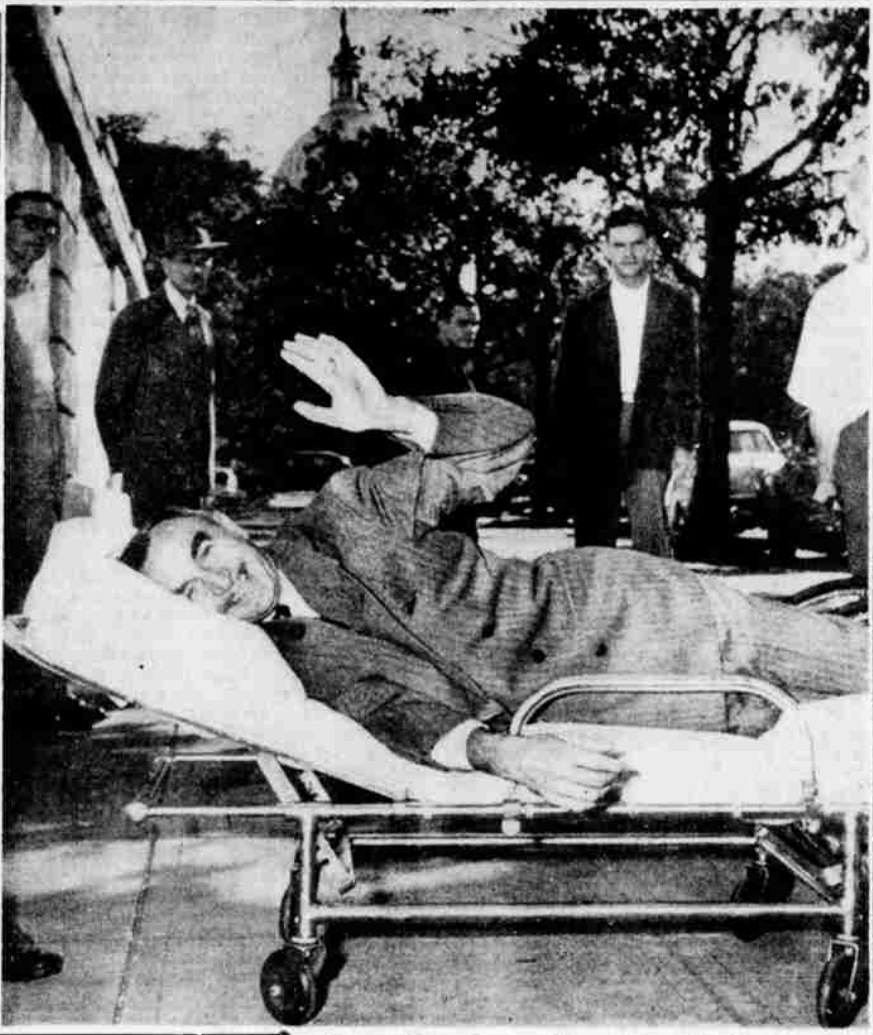
Woodburn, Ore., Sept. 23—Judging of all divisions of the annual North Marion County fair was completed Friday with the exception of livestock as the exposition got into high gear following an opening that attracted around 2500 and addressed by Governor Douglas McKay.

Both competition was keen with the Union Hill Grange taking first place in its division followed by Silverton Hills, Fairfield and Woodburn. In the Farmers Union section the Woodburn local was first with others in order Central Howell, Liberty and Brooks locals.

First place in the senior division of the amateur hour last night went to Nina and Phyllis Specht, both of Silverton, with baton twirling Junior division winners were Stanley Forrest, first; Bobbie Christenson second and Darlene Christenson, third. All are from Stayton.

Sam-ina from the FFA tractor driving contest was held late Friday afternoon at the Lincoln school playgrounds. Finals are scheduled for 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Among the opening day visitors were members of the county fair board, county and state officials.



Overseas Arms Plan Passes

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—The administration chalked up an important victory in foreign policy today on the strength of the senate's 55 to 24 approval of an overseas arms program.

The senate reached its decision late yesterday to rearm the friendly nations after beating down two moves to make a \$200,000,000 cut in the \$1,314,010,000 arms bill.

The measure came through the senate with only two minor changes. This was in part a personal triumph for Senator Connally (D., Tex.), and Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), the two party leaders in foreign affairs who led the fight for the aid program.

Nineteen republicans joined 36 democrats in voting for passage. Ten democrats and 14 republicans voted against it.

Connally told reporters: "As chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, I am highly gratified at passage of the program and delighted over the defeat of the crippling and interfering amendments."

In the debate, Senator Taft (R., Ohio), contended that the program contemplates arming every nation in the world that might be opposed to Russia.

But Vandenberg argued that the goal is "stopping aggression before it reaches us." Had the foreign aid program to date been successful, "we probably would be voting billions" to fight a defensive war.

Seek State Land for County Health Unit Site

At a conference Friday between County Judge Grant Murphy and William Gahlsdorf, business manager of the Salem General hospital, it was decided to open negotiations with the state to secure a piece of state land on D street for the proposed new county health unit site.

The court recently directed a letter to the hospital board asking what would be required to secure for the county some land from the hospital's present holdings on D street for use as such site. Gahlsdorf told the county board Friday the hospital board has considered the matter and has come up with the new proposal.

The state land connected with the Oregon State hospital abuts the Salem hospital land on D street at the east and makes a jog back into the hospital holding a little over 85 feet wide and about 645 feet deep. The proposal now is to seek from the land which would give the hospital 85 feet more frontage on D street and square up its holdings.

If this can be secured the proposal would be to furnish the county with this 85 feet frontage on D street to such depth as it might be deemed would be required for health unit purposes and place the potential health unit on this site.

Further plans of the hospital would be to open a new street from D street to Center street through its properties along its present east line. This would place the health unit on the east corner of the new street intersection with D street and furnish access both from D and Center streets. Directly to the west of this new street, it is proposed, the hospital would provide a huge parking area with an oiled surface. Also back of the health unit on the rest of the land acquired from the state, not used for the health unit, a parking area would be established.

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4000 Dachau Victims In New Mass Grave

Dachau, Germany, Sept. 23 (AP)—A new unmarked mass grave jammed with the skeletons of about 4,000 victims of the notorious Dachau concentration camp have been discovered here, it was announced today.

The burial pit was found by a mixed American-German commission investigating the desecration of another burial ground by a building contractor.

Dr. Phillip Auerbach, Bavarian government member of the commission, said the grave was being sealed off by police and an investigation would be conducted to determine why the grave was not marked.

Say Woman Placed Bomb on Plane

Montreal, Sept. 23 (AP)—Definite proof that a woman placed explosives aboard a Canadian Pacific airliner which crashed September 9 is in the hands of the Royal Canadian mounted police, they announced today. The crash killed 23 persons.

Inspector Rene Belec of the R.C.M.P. detachment in Quebec City said: "We have definite proof that explosives were placed aboard the plane to get rid of a woman and we believe we can prove who did it."

Truman States Russia Possesses Atom Bomb

Mystery Veils Pick-up of Atom Blast in Russia

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—The evidence of an atomic explosion in Russia probably was picked up by radiation-detection instruments—or just possibly by earthquake recording devices.

While neither President Truman nor the atomic energy commission offers an explanation of how the U.S. got wind of the explosion reported by the White House, these are known facts:

1. Atomic scientists have instruments, such as Geiger counters, for spotting rays coming from the ground or in the atmosphere.

2. Earthquake-recording instruments called "seismographs" are able to record disturbances in the earth's crust. But this must be remembered: An atomic bomb explosion doesn't begin to compare with the energy of an earthquake.

Thus, if seismographs actually did record evidence of an explosion in Russia, they necessarily would have had to be quite close to the scene.

Conceivably—although there is no official word to back this—airplanes bearing such devices might have been operating close to Russian territory. If so, airborne particles of radioactive dust might have come within the range of these instruments.

Mr. Truman used the term atomic "explosion" which raises these questions:

1. Was the explosion that of an A-bomb or—

2. Was it an accidental explosion of an atomic device with which the Russians might have been experimenting.

The known facts of atomic energy indicate that it would be possible for an atomic furnace, "pile," to explode if proper precautions were not taken to keep the chain reaction within the pile under control.

Truman to Fly

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—President Truman will fly to Fort Briggs, N.C., Oct. 4 to review troops and witness parachute maneuvers of the 82nd airborne division.

He said he had made inquiries of state highway engineers in this regard and they said the federal bureau took a long range view as to railroad overpasses. He said they have the experience that railroad branch which may handle one train a day at the time the road is built might be handling 10 or 20 a little later, due to some local industry or population development. Consequently they do not consider the \$75,000 allocated for the expenditure a waste in view of the potentialities.

County Judge Grant Murphy also cited that accidents are often more likely to happen on a one train a day road than on a railroad where the public knows the trains operate frequently and take precautions accordingly.

The judge cited that a number of fatal accidents have happened at West Stayton and Aumsville crossings of this identical branch line which indicates that because there is only one train a day is no assurance of complete safety at a grade crossing.

The question of the "one train a day" objection to spending \$75,000 on an overpass has been raised in letters to members of congress sent by a property owner on the newly proposed Silverton road alignment and these in turn, it is understood, have been referred back to the bureau of roads.

Gardner Friday also made a report to the court that the number of probable condemnation suits necessary to acquire right of way for the new road has been whittled down to three from the six that existed earlier in the week.

He recommended that the court appoint a board of three viewers at once to assess the probable damages on these properties for use in connection with the condemnation proceedings.

Gardner said that the appraisals found by the board of viewers will be entirely independent from what values he may have placed on the lands in carrying on his negotiations. In fact, he said the viewers should have no knowledge of what had been offered by him as agent for the county and that their appraisal should be entirely with free and open minds based strictly on what they considered proper valuations.

President Asserts Evidence Proves Atomic Explosion Occured in USSR

Showing Russia Has Bomb Secrets

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—President Truman announced today "we have evidence that within recent weeks an atomic explosion occurred in the USSR (Russia)."

The White House said the president gave the information to the cabinet this morning. In a statement sent to reporters, Mr. Truman said the development emphasizes the necessity "for that truly effective enforceable international control of atomic energy which the government and the large majority of the members of the United Nations support."

His statement made it clear that top American officials regard the development as meaning the Russians have learned to make the atomic bomb.

Mr. Truman said the probability that some other nation might develop an atomic bomb "has always been taken into account by us."

"I believe the American people, to the fullest extent consistent with a national security, are entitled to be informed of all developments in the field of atomic energy. That is my reason for making public the following information."

"President's Statement

"We have evidence that within recent weeks an atomic explosion occurred in the USSR. "Ever since atomic energy was first released by man, the eventual development of this new force by other nations was to be expected. This probability has always been taken into account by us."

"Nearly four years ago I pointed out that scientific opinion appears to be practically unanimous that the essential theoretical knowledge upon which the discovery is based is already widely known.

"There is also substantial agreement that foreign research can come abreast of our present theoretical knowledge in time and, in the three-nation declaration of the president of the United States and the prime ministers of the United Kingdom and of Canada, dated November 15, 1945, it was emphasized that (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

To Speed-up Air Defense

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—President Truman's disclosure that Russia may have an atom bomb appears likely to speed up air defense planning without changing its direction.

This country's military leaders have long based their thinking on the possibility of Russia having the atom bomb. They gave 1952 as the date the bomb probably would be ready for military use by a foreign power.

Today's announcement indicates Russia may be well ahead of the estimated schedule. Among defense officials, especially air specialists, this news was considered likely to hasten the development of these phases of atomic air warfare planning: 1. The United States must push its interceptor fighter program.

2. It must push the program for a radar detection screen. This program is barely under way in connection with the billion-dollar 13-year plan for an electric airways and air traffic control system, now scheduled for completion in 1953.

3. It must push development of ground-to-air interceptor missiles to be used in defense against enemy bombers and missiles.

4. Intelligence efforts to determine possible enemy progress on aircraft and missiles able to deliver an atom bomb, and on development of launching bases, must be stepped up.

5. It may be necessary to tighten control of international aircraft crossing the nation's border.

Only Atom Bomb Could Cause Blast

Chicago, Sept. 23 (AP)—The editor of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists said today that if there was an atomic explosion in the USSR "that explosion was caused by an atomic bomb."