

City News
THE WEATHER
Oregon: Cloudy in west. Fair and cooler in east portion tonight; Saturday fair except frosts in the interior; moderate west winds. Temperature: Minimum today, 38 degrees; maximum Thursday, 59. Precipitation today, .01 of an inch. Stage of river, 5.7 feet. Direction of wind, southeast.

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MINE AFFIRE IN IDAHO

14 Men Trapped By Blaze; Hope Held for Lives

Air Compressors Are Put to Work in Effort To Clear Air of Star Workings of Penetrating Gas and Smoke

WALLACE, Idaho, April 24--(By The Associated Press)--Hope that the 14 men entrapped by fire in the workings of the Hecla Silver-Lead mine at Burke, seven miles from here, were still alive, and would be rescued from their prison on the lower levels, was expressed by a newspaper correspondent, who returned from the mine shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

He declared that the imprisoned men are believed to be in the Star workings, two miles from the Hecla main shaft.

Air compressors were working, it was declared, to clear the air of the star workings of any gas and smoke that might have penetrated to that part of the mine, and at 8 o'clock the fire pumps were started.

Twenty helmet men of the United States mine rescue force were on the ground ready to go below as soon as conditions permitted.

If the men still in the mine remained in the star workings, mine men declared they were confident they were in no great danger.

The belief was expressed that the fire would be confined to the Hecla mine proper and that present measures would bring it under control shortly.

Fire at Night. The fire started shortly before midnight in the pumping plant at the base of the main shaft on the 2,000 foot level. The pump man on duty left his station, it was stated, and when he returned about ten minutes later he found the plant afire. The Star workings extend laterally from the Hecla shaft and mine officials believed today that the air lines that carry fresh oxygen to the miners there were unbroken.

The three men rescued from the 1,600-foot level, Silver Llewellyn, Van Voorhis and R. C. Richardson, were partially overcome by smoke and gas but soon were revived.

Richardson said he was in a drift tunnel when the fire broke out. The three men turned on an air line and lying close to it, they were able to get fresh air, and thus avoided death by suffocation. He said he knew nothing of the fate of the 14 men trapped on 2,000 foot level.

Of the 10 in the mine when the fire broke out, all but 17 were led to safety by K. J. Kelly, pump man, who discovered the fire, in the pump station on the 2,000 foot level.

Mr. Henning Named As Federal Judge

WASHINGTON, April 24.--E. J. Henning, assistant secretary of labor, was appointed today to be a federal judge in the southern California district. Mr. Henning will succeed former Judge Bishop, who recently resigned.

No announcement was made at the White House as to whom the president has in mind as a successor for Mr. Henning in the labor department. He has been urged by Senator Cummings and members of the Iowa congressional delegation to appoint former Representative Hull, republican, Iowa, to the post.

BRIDGE BIDS ASKED PORTLAND, Ore., April 24--The county commission today decided to start advertising for bids on the Ross Island bridge tomorrow and to open bids May 26. The commissioners expect that construction of the bridge will take about 18 months.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS LISBON, April 24.--The president of the republic of Portugal has resigned.

Facing Anarchists



Dr. Alexander Tzankoff, premier of Bulgaria, who was wounded in the explosion of an internal machine at the cathedral in Sofia. He is having his hands full handling the situation now. Reports today bear the news that a spread of the program of terrorism against the Bulgarian regime is feared.

MRS. M'PHERSON HURT IN ACCIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, April 24. -- (Special).--An automobile accident in which Mrs. Alvin McPherson was knocked unconscious and Mrs. H. D. McPherson had a large gash cut in her scalp occurred early last evening on South Second street in front of the M. B. Huntley residence. The sedan driven by Miss Pauline McPherson was proceeding south on Second street toward Eugene, when Mrs. H. D. McPherson, Mrs. Alvin McPherson, and Mrs. Harvey Eaton in the party. The car was stopped by the Springfield traffic officer, G. Steinhauer, who informed the driver that the tail light was out, and requested that the party turn back immediately to have it fixed, it is said.

Ebert, Jr., Lodged In Jail by Police

BERLIN, April 28.--(Special).--Friedrich Ebert, Jr., son of the late president of Germany and Fritz Koch, chairman of the Berlin Reichs-Banner organization, were arrested last night and allegedly struck by police clubs, when in response to cries "Down with Marx," they called "Long live the republic."

Exposition Plans Are Abandoned

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24.--Plans for holding an exposition here this summer in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver have been abandoned. The centennial board failed to obtain sufficient financial support, said J. W. Shaw, president of the board.

BANDITS ESCAPE

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 24.--Three men held up employes and patrons of the City Bank of St. Paul today and escaped with \$15,000 in currency.

LAW VIOLATION BY GOVERNOR'S ACTION IS SEEN

Former State Treasurer Myers Also Implicated In Reports

Special Session of Legislature May be Called to Solve Problem

SALEM, Ore., April 24.--Some observers here see a violation of the law, sections 4214 and 4215 of the Oregon code, by Governor Pierce and former State Treasurer Myers when they refused last December to levy a state tax large enough to meet the state's need as shown by the budget, and claim this will, toward the close of the present year, and the year following, make it necessary that the constitution be violated in the amount of the state debtor that a special session of the legislature be called to grapple with the financial snarl.

This is on the assumption that the interests back of the tobacco tax and Tithing act referendum succeeded in getting the referendums on the ballot.

Article Quoted Article 2, section 7, of the state constitution provides that the debt of the state in excess of its ability to pay shall not exceed \$50,000, but with the tobacco tax held up by the referendum until after the general election in November 1926--and it may be defeated then--the state will at the end of this year be without funds to meet the shortage in funds caused by the curtailment of the tax levy. And because of the 6 per cent constitutional tax limitation a shortage will also be faced at the end of 1926.

When the fall of 1925 arrives the state treasury will be shorter of funds than it has been for years, says State Treasurer Kay, due to the short levy. While the tax commission should, to meet the requirements of the state budget, have levied in excess of 3 mills, it is accused of arbitrarily levying only 1.8 mills. It is declared this was for the deliberate purpose on the part of the governor to place the legislature in a hole in revenue for the repeal of the state income tax. This means that the state tax for this year is only about \$1,500,000. Half of this amount is now coming in and the other half will not be due until next fall.

Shortage Is Shown The shortage between the tax levy and the funds actually needed was about \$2,500,000 for the biennium, including budget estimated at \$1,700,000 which the budget commission referred to the legislature without recommendation. The legislature, without an adequate tax levy to fall back upon, found itself unable to appropriate enough money by about \$1,500,000 hence the enactment of the tobacco bill and other revenue producing measures, and subsequently appropriation votes by the governor. On the assumption that the money would be forthcoming from the revenue acts all absolutely necessary appropriations were made. The secretary of state has no option but to issue warrants up to the full amount of appropriations, and if the funds are cut short by the referendum it will be necessary for the state to borrow money far in excess of the \$50,000 constitutional allowance on the warrants may be paid.

Weather's Attack Leaves Montana Snow-Covered; Rivers are Running High

BUTTE, Mont., April 24.--King Winter's most bitter spring time onslaught yesterday unleashed the elements on Montana and left a snow-covered state, high running streams and partly paralyzed transportation and communication systems.

Small hamlets were marooned, highways were blocked with huge drifts, wires were down, city industrial traffic was demoralized and railroad traffic seriously affected by the winter's fleeing lash. Clearing skies over a greater portion of the state today promised relief, along with the weatherman's prediction that the storm would move eastward.

Butte prepared to dig itself out of a 29 inch blanket of snow left by the storm which diminished last night and was followed by rain. Corps of workers began to repair the damage, estimated at \$50,000, which the storm caused in the city to power lines and traffic lanes.

The wintry gust brought joy to Montana's agriculturists. Farmers everywhere hailed as manna the white flakes from the heavens which ended a drought period which seriously had threatened the state's spring crops.

Balkan States Move Troops; Outlook Grave

Dispatches From Sofia Minimize Seriousness, But Reports Conflict

Roumania Moves Troops to Border; Greece Fears More Trouble

(By The Ass'd Press) Dispatches from Sofia continue to minimize the seriousness of the Bulgarian situation, but indirect reports from other Balkan centers picture conditions as grave.

Balkan states are said to be taking military precautions against the spread of terrorism in Bulgaria, which flared to its high mark with the recent attack on King Boris, assassination of General Gheorghieff and bombing of the Sveti Kral cathedral, where 100 persons were killed.

Troops Are Moved Roumania is reported moving troops toward both her Russian and Bulgarian frontiers. Jugo-Slavia is guarding her border; indirect reports say Greece is mobilizing a part of her army but will not intervene unless Greek frontiers are threatened.

Greece, according to these reports will regard an increased Bulgarian army as a menace to the Balkan status quo. Greek agents are reported en route to Belgrade to renew negotiations for a Greek-Slav alliance.

Intervention Feared Roumania intervention will follow any attempt to establish a communist republic in Bulgaria, it is declared in dispatches from Bucharest, where sensational accounts of the Bulgarian situation have been received.

Belgrade dispatches to London say a serious diplomatic conflict between Roumania and Bulgaria appears possible unless Bulgaria abandons her suspicion of Jugo-Slav complicity in the campaign of terrorism in Bulgaria.

Jugo-Slav officials deny that assistance has been given to the communists. (Continued on page three)

Bulgarian Terrorism Grows

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MOTHERS' DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY TWO LODGES HERE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.--Protests against the award by the state highway commission today of a contract for paving with concrete the Astoria-Stensens section of the lower Columbia river highway for \$10,000 more than the lowest bidder offered to give it with asphalt were ignored by the commission. Representatives of commercial and civic organizations of Astoria congratulated the commission for accepting the bid for the concrete pavement.

Simonsen and Hefty of Portland received the contract for \$261,402, whereas the bid of the Warren Construction company for asphalt was \$231,901.

Other contracts let today were: Lane county--Grading and surfacing 2.74 miles of Blachly section of Willamette valley-Florence highway to K. L. Hall, Eugene, \$40,530.

Douglas county--Paving approaches to Robert A. Booth bridge on the Pacific highway north of Roseburg, 24 miles of concrete paving, L. W. Metzger, \$18,154.50.

Henton county--Embankment approach to new bridge at Albany, to E. H. Hoesner, \$7,207.50.

Douglas county--Grading and surfacing 1.74 miles of Gardiner section of Roosevelt highway, to Joplin and Eldon, Portland, \$69,527.

The following bridges contract was awarded: Lane county--Bridge over McKenzie river on McKenzie highway near present Hendricks bridge, to Union Bridge company, Portland, \$56,140.

The commission awarded the counties the first half of the 1925 state market road funds to be paid in June (Continued on page five)

Wheeler Trial in Last Stages; Jury Hears Arguments

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 24.--(Special).--The trial of Senator Burton K. Wheeler on charges of illegally appearing before the interior department entered the last lap here today when arguments to the jury were begun.

District Attorney John S. Slattery, Wheeler's prosecutor, was the first to address the twelve men who will render a verdict.

The prosecution warned the jury against "sympathy and prejudice," declaring them to be "enemies of justice."

"The mere fact that Senator Wheeler holds a high office should not deter you for one moment from doing your full duty," he said.

"No man however high, is above the law. Even presidents may be impeached. In this land of ours, there is no room for kings or tyrants."

"If you want to arrive at the conclusion that he is not guilty, say so in your verdict," the prosecutor continued. "But I submit to you that the government has been fair in this case and that it has proved everything with which Wheeler is charged."

REFERENDUM OF TAX FURTHERED

SALEM, Ore., April 24.--Preliminary papers for the referendum of the tobacco tax, enacted by the legislature of 1925, were filed today with Secretary of State Koser and request for ballot title sent to Attorney General Van Winkle. The referendum is being invoked by the following: Oregon Retail Cigar Dealers' association, J. O. Olsen, secretary and treasurer, and Edward G. Gavin, president; W. G. Keady, A. E. Malin, J. H. Oliver and S. S. Rich. All are of Portland.

Tax Returns Soon Cleared, is Report

Hundreds of tax returns are still awaiting their turn at the office of the tax collector and it will be at least two weeks before the property owners will receive their receipts, according to announcement today of Sheriff Frank E. Taylor. "Many tax payers are writing in asking why they have not received their receipts," the sheriff said. "All of these returns are listed and with the big rush on it is impossible to clear them off at once. We are asking that those who have sent in their returns be patient as all letters received have been stamped with the mailing time and none are classified as delinquent," the sheriff states. A large number of letters were received today from tax payers inquiring about their receipts.

RECEIVED TULIPS

A large bouquet of early colored tulips was given at the garden of Mrs. Frank E. Frank, motor route A, were placed at the First National bank and they draw appreciative comments from persons at the desk of Mrs. G. H. Gibbon of the escort department.

Scholarship

Miss Hill of Eugene, now a senior at Oregon Agricultural College, has been offered a teaching scholarship and research scholarship through the State Agricultural college. She is a graduate, it is announced.

Map Here

The literature maps of Eugene, prepared by the Nabors company, have been received, and show an immense amount of building in the city since last map made several years ago. The maps show the public building, private block, garage, etc.

Stamps Here

Half-cent postage stamps are on sale at the Eugene postoffice. A supply of this new issue needed a result in the recent change in postal rates has arrived here for distribution. There is a heavy demand for the new brown stamp bearing the name of Nathan Hale, American patriot, as the half-cent increase in rate applies to many kinds of mail, including Darwin E. Moran, postmaster. There was a considerable supply of these stamps on the coast and several of the large offices of the coast including mail received consignments by the mail route.

City Boys Sign

City boys have already signed up for the annual summer camp of the C. A. A. to be held at the Row camp in July, according to announcement today of W. P. Walter, secretary of the "Y." All registrations must be in by May 1, in order to complete the camp roster. Walter states, it is expected that 50 boys will attend the camp which will probably start for the woods about July 9, is the announcement. If 20 of the older boys are signed for a camp this will be probably at a different site, secretary said.

Plants to Be Planted

Plants and small native trees will be planted on the burned over spot on northwest slope of Skinner's butte in order to beautify this part of the city, according to F. M. Wilkins, chairman of the park board. The park board has completed an inspection of the area to plan for the work to be done for the summer, Mr. Wilkins said.

Received Tulips

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ALBANY SHERIFF IS ATTACKED BY TWO PRISONERS

ALBANY, Ore., April 24.--Sheriff Frank Richard was attacked last night by two prisoners when he went into the jail corridor to place the prisoners in their cages for the night. He was rescued by State Probation Officer Duckworth, who rushed into the jail when he heard the disturbance.

Harry P. Ramsay, held on a burglary charge, and another prisoner of whose identity the sheriff is not certain, jumped upon him and started to beat him, Richard reported. Duckworth struck Ramsay and rendered him unconscious. The other assailant immediately retreated.

Sheriff Richard said he believed the attack was part of a plot to effect a jail delivery.

Turkey and Greece Settle Troubles

LONDON, April 24.--Advice to the Exchange Telegraph from Constantinople say an agreement has just been signed settling all the problems affecting Turkey and Greece.

The principal cause for friction between Turkey and Greece has been the operation of that part of the treaty of Lausanne providing for the exchange of minority populations.

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for NATIONAL and AMERICAN leagues, listing scores for various teams like Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Cleveland, etc.