

The Weather

Forecast: Somewhat unsettled to night and Thursday; cooler tonight. Precipitation— Highest yesterday 48 Lowest this morning 43

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THANKS to the Prussian election on Sunday, Adolf Hitler's fascists are now the strongest party in Germany, although they haven't a majority.

That fact will cause big financiers all over the world a lot of worry.

THE avowed purpose of Hitler's fascists is to destroy what is in Germany and set up something wholly new in its place. Conspicuous among the things they would like to destroy are Germany's foreign debts, including reparations.

So, you see, the financiers have some cause for worry.

CLEAR out here in Oregon, however, especially in Southern Oregon, where we have big jobs of our own to do, let's not waste too much time worrying over what will happen because one party has triumphed over another in Germany.

Worrying over something that is too big for him to do anything about never did anybody much good.

BESIDES, you know, the victory of the fascists in Italy, which put Mussolini into power, hasn't seemed to do the world at large any great harm.

It's a fairly safe guess that a lot of the worrying about Hitler and his fascists is being done by the ins in Germany who will become the outie if Hitler wins.

THE world, of course, is closely tied together in these modern days, and what happens in one country has considerable meaning in all other countries.

But this writer has a notion, possibly a foolish one, that here in America we do more worrying about what is going on in Europe than we have any real cause for.

If we will go on padding our own canoe, and doing a good job of it, we shall probably come out quite all right in the long run, regardless of Europe's political upheavals.

"ROBBERS steal \$400 from aged woman." So runs a pitiful headline in the news of the day. It is pitiful because this sum was all the old woman had, and at her age, which according to the story is 75, she will need it.

She had hidden the money in currency around the house, and the robbers heard about it.

IF YOU have a little money, and are too old to earn any more, so that what you have is infinitely precious to you, and if you are afraid to keep your money where 99 out of every 100 intelligent people keep theirs, for heaven's sake buy government bonds with it.

ON JANUARY 1, 1930, the American public's investment in automobiles was \$9,000,000,000. On January 1, 1932 it was \$6,000,000,000.

Quite a shrinkage in two years, isn't it?

ACCORDING to figures vouchered for by the Automobile Trade Journal the average age of all cars in service in this country on January 1, 1930, was 3.58 years. The average age of all cars is now 4.18 years.

If you have driven cars for any considerable length of time, you know that at the age of 4.18 years an automobile is getting somewhere near ready to be traded in.

When people begin to buy things again, the automobile industry ought to be in line for good sales.

BUT here is the oddest fact of all: In 1929, when everything was running high, wide and handsome, and a dollar was just something to be spent, consumption of gasoline in this country amounted to 14,877,364,000 gallons.

In 1930, when people were feeling a lot worse, consumption of gasoline rose to 15,783,751,000 gallons.

And in 1931, by which time everybody was feeling TERRIBLE and plenty of people had become quite certain that the end of the world was at hand, consumption of gasoline rose still further to 16,435,328,000 gallons.

Explain that, if you can.

Columbia County Recall Demanded

ST. HELENS, Ore., April 27.—(AP)—Recall of County Judge Wellington and Commissioner Mills of Columbia county is demanded in petitions for a recall election filed with the county clerk here today. The petitioners allege, among other things, that the county court ignored the wishes of the taxpayers as expressed at a budget meeting.

DARROW PLEADS GOLDEN RULE IN HONOR SLAYING

Aged Defense Attorney Makes Impassioned Talk Before Polyglot Jury—Case Will End Late Today

HONOLULU, April 27.—(AP)—With voice and gesture that belied his age, Clarence Darrow, defense attorney, pleaded with the racially mixed jury today to apply the golden rule in judging the fate of the four persons accused of killing Joseph Kahahawai.

"Do unto others—" pleaded the aged attorney as he contended that the accused, Lieutenant Thomas H. Maasie, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord, would "sanctify" any prison to which they might be sent if convicted.

By WILLIAM H. EWING. HONOLULU, April 27.—(AP)—Before the strangerest jury he ever faced in his long career, Clarence Darrow made his plea today for vindication of Lieutenant Thomas H. Maasie and three others accused of second degree murder in the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai.

Mrs. Thalia Maasie, wife of the naval officer, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, her defendant mother, and the accused, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord, filed into the court room just before 9 o'clock to witness what they expected to be the last day of the trial.

The courtroom was crowded. Mrs. Fortescue, in whose home the killing occurred, stood beside her sister, Mrs. Helga Ripley and talked in low tones. The courtroom was more crowded than ever before.

The aged defense attorney was speaking to a jury which during the process of formation admittedly had puzzled him and caused him to comment on his inability to fathom some of its Oriental features.

Public Prosecutor John C. Kelley announced he would make his closing argument immediately after Darrow had finished. The latter planned to talk for about three hours, by holding an afternoon session, something not previously done, Judge Charles S. Davis hoped to be able to give the case to the jury by the end of the day.

Joseph Kahahawai, Sr., and Mrs. Esther Anita, father and mother of the slain native, occupied front seats. Suffering Pictured.

A hush fell over the courtroom as Darrow began. He pictured Lieutenant Maasie eight months ago as a strong, healthy, respected young man with a wife beautiful, admired and respected. Then he pictured the immediate scene, with Maasie in court and the prosecution demanding he be sent to prison for life for shooting Kahahawai after the native supposedly confessed attacking Mrs. Maasie.

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BOOTLEG PRICES HERE FORCED UP SAYS WILD YARN

The Grants Pass Courier Tuesday printed a story to the effect, "that a slick California" had effected a merger of Medford bootleggers," and boasted the price of "bootleg" fifty cents per gallon. This is news to the Medford public, and the law-enforcing agencies. Nobody here has heard of the formation of a string of chain rum peddlers. It was suspected that the story originated in the fertile brain of a budding young journalist, with some space to fill.

As near as could be determined the going price for moonshine in these parts for some time has been 45 per gallon for the best mountain dew, which is alleged to be drinkable. The price tapers down to as low as 35 per gallon for terrible stuff, rough on the digestive system. There is not much demand at any price, and a dearth of peddlers.

The "jint racket" is the current method, as it fits the depressed pocketbook of the consumer, and gives the up agent more profit, with a reduced risk of getting caught, as he can carry his delivery in his hip-pocket.

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Eskimos in Tide-Swept Area Face Dire Misery

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 27.—(AP)—Eskimos living in the district between the mouth of the Yukon river and Hooper bay, where a tidal wave last December destroyed the natives' food supplies, are so desperately in need of "assistance they are resorting to unprintable measures," said Al Woodley said upon his return here yesterday.

Woodley had flown over the district with the Very Reverend Francis Manager, superior of Jesuit missions in Alaska.

The tidal wave carried ice blocks 20 miles inland and destroyed several native villages and food supplies over vast territory.

Manager said several hundred Eskimos in the region were suffering in the area were exaggerated.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Table with National and American columns, listing scores for St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—Secretary Mills today issued a powerful administrative offensive against cash payment of the soldiers' bonus.

He spoke before the house ways and means committee appearing as a witness in its extended hearings on the issue.

In language no less forceful than that Charles G. Dawes employed week ago, the new treasury chief drove home his opposition to the \$2,400,000,000 outlay, whether paid in borrowed money or through inflation of the currency.

"The measure now before you is designed to pay an obligation not in debt, in money that is not honest," Mills said. "The adjusted service certificates do not mature until 1945. To pay them at their face value today, less the amount that has been borrowed on them, would, in effect, almost double the payment provided for by the Adjusted Service Compensation act and would involve an immediate cost to the government of about \$2,400,000,000."

"In other words the government is to pay almost twice the amount it undertook to pay."

"To select this moment," he went on, "is to select this moment."

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SIXTEEN COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED IN MEET OF HOMEMAKERS' UNIT

One hundred and ten women, representing 16 communities in Jackson county, met at the First Christian church today for the one-day Homemakers' conference being conducted through the cooperation of the home demonstration agency. Talks were given by Miss Claribel Nye, Mrs. Zetta Rodenwald and Lucy A. Case of the extension division of Oregon State college.

The delegates were divided into six groups, and project recommendations for the coming year were outlined, and explained by them at the general assembly which followed, with Miss Alice Hanley presiding.

Mrs. Sarah Wertz, home demonstration agent of Josephine county, and Mrs. E. B. Eberlein and Mrs. McIntosh, of the Grants Pass, attended the sessions. Luncheon was served in the church at noon.

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RAIN CALLS HALT ON COURT HOUSE WORK

Work on the new county courthouse was temporarily halted yesterday by rain. The stone masons were forced to lay off, and the plasterers were advised that any "wet plaster" would have to be replaced. The work of laying the Indiana limestone on the entire wall, up to the first floor, was completed. Owing to faulty alignment, the granite cornerstone at the main entrance had been removed for re-setting. The work of putting on the roof will be completed this week. The incinerator has been installed.

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MASONS TO GIVE MASTER DEGREES

Medford lodge No. 103, A. F. and A. M., has announced plans for an elaborate meeting Friday night, at which time the master Masonic degrees will be put on. The same degree team which recently received much acclaim for their work in Klamath Falls, will be in charge.

The gathering has been announced for 7:30 o'clock, and will be followed by a supper in the banquet hall.

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200 SALEM HIGH PUPILS DROPPED BY BOARD ORDER

Hundred Additional Will Be Suspended if Affiliation With Forbidden Secret Societies Can Be Proven

SALEM, April 27.—(AP)—Two hundred students, members of secret high school fraternities, were suspended from school by summary action of the Salem school board here last night, and more than 100 more will be dropped from classes as soon as their affiliation with societies can be definitely determined.

Members of the board required less than 30 minutes to pass a blanket resolution suspending all girls and boys belonging to about nine secret societies organized within the school. Their credits will be withheld until such time as they produce sufficient evidence they have severed all connections with these organizations, prohibited by state law.

Follows Kidnaping. Action of the board and the leaving of Victor DeJardin, student, by seven members of the "Julius Caesars," a secret society, which resulted in a wave of public opinion demanding the immediate ouster of these societies. The seven members of the kidnaping have been suspended by the school authorities and their credits for the year taken. They will also appear before justice court here tomorrow to answer charges of assault and battery. The board upheld the suspension of the seven boys.

The action last night culminates a controversy over secret high school fraternities here in progress for several years.

COSHOW NEXT TO FACE TRIAL FOR EMPIRE DEBACLE

DALLAS, Ore., April 27.—(AP)—Sentence upon Frank J. Keller, Jr., former sales counselor of the Empire Holding company, who was found guilty by a Polk county jury last night of devising a scheme with intent to defraud, will start here Monday. His trial will be followed by those of the other three Empire Holding corporation officers, W. R. Adams, I. H. Petty and Jay Stockman, all indicted on the same charges. By the Marion county grand jury. Keller will remain out on the original \$1500 bail furnished following his indictment.

Keller has 60 days in which to perfect an appeal if he desires to carry the case to the supreme court, but no statement has yet been made as to what may be attempted in this regard.

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Suspect Worker Met Foul Play

OREGON CITY, April 27.—(AP)—Investigation into the death last night of Juanito Cruz, a Mexican section worker, was undertaken today under the theory that the man was murdered. He was found last night in a dying condition beside the railroad tracks near his home in Canby.

Bear Quiz Witness



Percy Avery Rockefeller, counsel of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., director of some 50 corporations and trader on the New York stock exchange, appeared as a witness in the senate banking committee's investigation of short sellings.

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DEUEL RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF MEDFORD C. OF C.

After having given careful consideration to the acceptance of the office to which he was elected last Tuesday, H. S. Deuel announced today that, due to conditions of business requiring a major portion of his time and effort, he will not be able to accept the presidency of the Medford chamber of commerce, and is presenting his resignation from the office at a special meeting of the board of directors, which is being held this afternoon.

Mr. Deuel was in San Francisco when elected to the office, and during the past week has been considering the acceptance of the office, but is of the belief that the duties of president of the chamber will require more time and effort than can be spared from his business. It is probable that his successor will be selected at the board meeting this afternoon.

It is probable that the reports of the program of work and budget committees, presented to the directorate last week for their consideration, will be further discussed and considered at today's meeting, in order that the incoming officers of the chamber may at once embark upon the year's program. Plans for the chamber's annual Oregon Products banquet will also be presented for consideration.

JAP JUGGERNAUT OPENS DRIVE ON MANCHURIA FOES

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Three Japanese brigades moved by rail and river boats, in a sweeping drive against the rebels, estimated at 30,000 along the eastern lines of the Chinese Eastern railway and in the lower Sungari valley.

At the same time lesser Japanese forces sought to crush minor revolts in the Tungshua district, 125 miles east of Mukden and in the Tungling region on the Mongolian border, northwest of Mukden.

A dispatch to the Reno News agency from Antung said troops which formerly acknowledged the new Pu-Yi regime had revolted and enveloped Tungshua, where Japan maintains a branch consulate.

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Firemen worked over the child a half an hour but were unable to revive her. An examination disclosed the little girl suffered from leakage of the heart valves and the shock of the blow is believed to have killed her.

Presbyterians In Winning Group are Honored at Feast

Seventy-seven members and friends of the Local Workers' class of the First Christian church were present at a dinner given in honor of L. G. Gentner's group, winners in a recent contest, at the church recreational hall last evening.

After dinner, peppy songs were led by Mrs. Thos. Sims, president of the class, and a short business meeting, conducted at the tables. An evening of entertainment followed.

The other five groups furnished and served the dinner and were responsible for the entertainment.

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BUDGET PACE, TAX DIVISION PROGRESSIVITY PATH

Hoover Tells Governors Reduced Expenditures in Government Is Absolutely Essential—Growth Cited

RICHMOND, Va., April 27.—(AP)—As "the sure highway to national recovery," President Hoover cited to the governors' conference today the "absolute necessity" of reduced expenditures, better distributed taxes and balanced budgets on the part of government.

Town councils, county commissions, state legislatures and the congress agree on these fundamentals, he said, but to accomplish them "we must have the intelligent support of the people themselves, that selfish vested interest and vested habit do not, by their organized sectional and group oppositions or individual action, defeat these high purposes."

Expressing a wish for greater cooperation toward setting governmental problems, he suggested that the governors sponsor in their states such conferences as they have been holding here. Having the local executives examine their difficulties together, he said, would help toward a realization that local expenditures and taxes are a part of a great national problem in stability as well as one of local concern.

Stressing the need for adjustments, the president told of federal, state and local government expenditures rising from \$2,900,000,000 in 1913 to \$13,200,000,000 in 1930, and the total outstanding debt going from \$4,800,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000 in the same time.

Costs Increasing. Before the war the total governmental cost represented by 8 per cent of the national income and Mr. Hoover estimated the present proportion at above 20 per cent.

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Mooney and Coxey Among Mentioned White House Hopes

OMAHA, Neb., April 27.—(AP)—Delegates to the national farmer-labor convention, today examined the file of their leaders for presidential timber and the names of Frank Webber of San Francisco and Mayor Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, Ohio, stood in relief.

Among those mentioned as standard-bearing prospects, besides Webber and Coxey, was Thomas Mooney, the labor leader recently denied a pardon by California's governor.

Coxey, the man who led the famous "Coxey's army" to Washington in 1894, addressed the convention yesterday.

MEDFORD VOTING STRENGTH SHOWS HEALTHY GROWTH

In the thirteen voting precincts of Medford there are 6,042 voters of all political faiths registered, according to the records of the county clerk's office. This is an increase of 1316 over the 1920 general election, when 4,726 were registered. With 17,302 registered in the county, a third of the vote is registered in this city.

The registration by party in this city for the coming primary and in 1930 is as follows:

Table showing registration by party in Medford for 1930 and 1932. Parties include Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, Socialists, Prohibitionists, and Miscellaneous.

Total 6,042 4,178 1,238. Northeast Medford with a registration of 652 is the largest precinct. Other precincts with more than 600 registrars are West Medford with 621, Southwest 618, North Riverside 641, and Southeast 602.

In the Ashland precincts 2,830 voters are registered, a gain of 823 over 1930. The Republicans number 1878, and the Democrats 892. The Democratic registration in 1930 was 463.

The greatest gain in registration was made in the Howard precinct which embraces the Berrydale district. In 1930, 162 Republicans and 67 Democrats were registered. This year the Republicans number 227, the Democrats 138.

Gold Hill has registration of 416, with 231 Republicans and 182 Democrats. In 1930 the registration was 180 Republicans, 142 Democrats. Jacksonville in its two precincts has 558 voters, as follows:

Table showing registration in Jacksonville for 1930 and 1932. Precincts include S. Jacksonville and N. Jacksonville.

In 1930, there were 90 registered Democrats in Jacksonville. The registration in Central Point is:

Table showing registration in Central Point for 1930 and 1932. Precincts include S. Central Pt.

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COPCO FRANCHISE TO BE DISCUSSED

Representatives of the California Oregon Power company will meet with property owners and the city council in open meeting, planned for discussion of the power company franchise, at the city hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

A large crowd is anticipated for the evening as granting of new franchise has been the leading subject in many circles during the past few weeks.

The present power company franchise expires on June 7. A continuation of the three per cent tax on gross income was recommended in a report recently submitted to the city council by the special committee.

Plans for Farm Relief Advocated at Hearing

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—M. L. Wilson, of the Montana State Agricultural college, outlined before the senate agriculture committee today the "allotment plan" for farm relief.

Wilson, head of the college's department of agricultural economics, asserted the farmers' buying power, 600,000,000 to the farmers' would add \$700,000,000 to the nation's purchasing power.

ROOSEVELT RACE FOR NOMINATION SUFFERS SETBACK

Massachusetts Pledges 36 Votes in Democratic Convention to Al Smith—Pennsylvania in Doubt