

The Weather
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Warmer Weds and Thurs.
Temperature.
Highest yesterday 73
Lowest this morning 50

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COPCO RATE HEARING UNDERWAY



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Herr Hitler.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—You cannot believe much of the news you get from Germany these days. Hitler has the press by the throat.

His regime lets only what it considers favorable and lets in virtually nothing about what is going on in the outside world than the average dorker in darkest Africa. Similarly, we know little about the true condition there.

A fairly authentic inside survey of the situation can be pieced together from several confidential reports recently received here. These come from official and unofficial sources, ages whose names cannot be divulged, but who have lately come from Germany and know whereof they speak. Their views can be summarized as follows:

Lip Service.
Hitler commands widely enthusiastic lip service from 99 per cent of the German people. There is no opposition. Traveling through Germany you would think he is as popular as Mussolini in Italy.

That situation is amply illustrated by a letter from a Berlin Jew to his cousin in New York. The Jew said: "Hitler is a fine man. Everything is fine here. We are all very happy. P. S.: Brother Isadore held a contrary view. We buried him yesterday."

To read the unemployment figures in the German newspapers you would think that Hitler has done better than Roosevelt. They say the unemployed army has been reduced from around five millions to two millions. The trick in that is that Hitler has transferred most of the jobless into an organized army where they do a little work for the state and receive the equivalent of about 10 cents a day in black bread and poor food.

The fundamental private employment situation is thus temporarily quieted but not cured.

The business situation is suffering from the new tax levies. Germany's unfavorable trade balance is an ever widening gap. Exports are running increasingly below last year.

This has caused Hitler to try easing up on the Jews. Many Israelites are being saved by the intervention of prominent Nazis. So often have Nazi officials come to the aid of Jews with private appeals for Jewish friends that Hitler recently remarked privately:

"There must be 65 million Jews in Germany, because fully that many have sought intercessions with me through my associates."

War preparations are supposed to have been started in German laboratories long before Hitler came into power. He has accelerated them. Chancelleries throughout Europe suspect the Germans are probably better equipped in chemical science than any other nation now.

They know this talk about battle-ships and guns is largely international political phony. Those are obsolete weapons. However, the ingenuity of man has never been able to devise a weapon for which there is no defense. The French, Italian, English and even our own chemical laboratories have not been idle. They also have secrets. The French, particularly, are supposed to have developed a deadly gas which would do the work of an army corps.

Germany has no credit. She has no money. Hitler has succeeded in surrounding himself with international enemies with whom he cannot hope to cope in the long run. He is losing the friendship of Italy. Austria has successfully barred the door to him. No person and no nation can live and prosper the way he is going about it.

The day cannot be long delayed when reason will supplant prejudice in the minds of the German people. Anger cannot long be maintained. This means Mr. Hitler will moderate himself as Mussolini did, or else he will be tossed out.

Most observers believe he will be tossed out.

MURHEAD CEMENT PLANT MANAGER VOICES PROTEST

Errors in Report Testified to By Commission Engineer—Charts and Data Presented—Klamath Mayor Appears.

At the public hearing opened this morning in the city hall by Public Utilities Commissioner C. M. Thomas, concerning the rates, practices and services of the California Oregon Power company, W. H. Muirhead, manager of the Beaver Portland Cement company presented grievances, showing that his company is required to pay almost double the power rates of similar firms on the Pacific coast.

Claude R. Lester, chief engineer for the commission was also a witness in the morning hearing, and his testimony brought out that errors totalling in money \$158,237.23, had been made by the power company in the report asked by the commission on the order dated December 31, 1916.

In his opening remarks, Commissioner Thomas stated that "the commission desires to perfect the records of the investigation by the auditors and engineers upon that period that includes the orders of the then public service commission of 1916, which at that time made the order fixing the valuation checked by the engineers as shown by the analysis. This disclosed a number of errors and mistakes carried into the valuation as fixed."

Mr. Muirhead was then sworn in by Commissioner Thomas, and went into detail of the operation of the cement plant, on which construction was started in 1914, but due to the war, was discontinued until 1918, when another run was started. He told how the company entered into a contract with Copco for 7 1/2 years at the rate of 5 1/2 mills per kilowatt hour at that time.

A forced discontinuance resulted in the present management taking over the plant in 1919, and the group into detail of the operation of the cement plant, on which construction was started in 1914, but due to the war, was discontinued until 1918, when another run was started.

Before entering the new schedule, Mr. Muirhead testified, the power company presented bills totalling \$5000 or \$6000 of the old company. In 1919 the cement company entered into a contract for five years, on a rate averaging 5.6 mills per kilowatt hour, and continued under this rate until 1924.

In March of that year, he received a letter from Copco stating that rates were increasing, under the new schedule, and would be effective the next day. Mr. Muirhead said he immediately came to Medford to confer with the officials. He said he pointed out that his firm was the only large one under schedule at that time, and their request showed a 17 per cent increase. The commission had held a hearing, Muirhead said, and he had not been notified.

"Every cement company in the northwest operates under a special schedule," Mr. Muirhead said, "especially large concerns that operate 24 hours every day of the month," which he said his company did. He told the commissioner that his company found it hard to compete with those on the coast that operated under special rates.

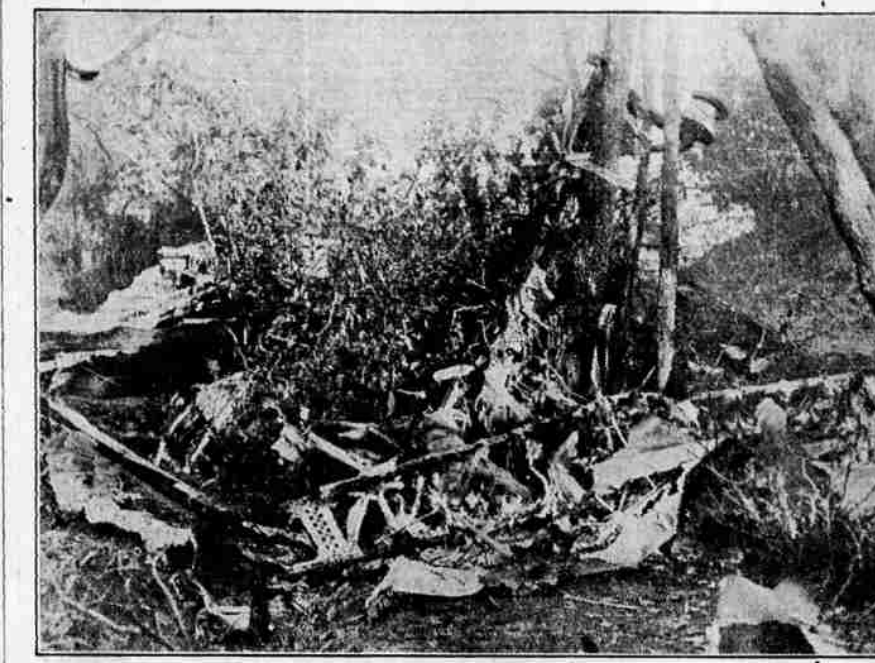
Mr. Muirhead then went into detail concerning plans of the Beaver Portland Cement company to construct its own plant across the river in 1926, and that they were prevented by legal action taken by the Copco. The case at the present time is before the United States district court of appeal in San Francisco where it has been pending since last December.

The difficulties of establishing a private plant, possibilities of Copco taking it over, and other phases were brought out by Mr. Muirhead, who declared that many of his competitors operated under rates as low as three mills, mostly on surplus power. He gave 7.8 mills as the price his firm pays when in full operation, and said that a higher rate was demanded when not in full operation. Figures for 1929 and 1930 presented by the manager showed the rate paid averaged 7.8 mills.

A chart was submitted as evidence by Mr. Muirhead, giving the relative prices paid by the six cement factories in the San Francisco bay district and other points on the coast. Rates, he said, were lowest in Washington. Hans Cleland of Olympia, Wash., attorney, representing the power company, was given permission to defer cross examination of Mr. Muirhead until another session when he might be presented in today's hearing.

Special Session Date Due Today

WHERE SEVEN DIED AS AIRPLANE CRASHED IN FLAMES



This Associated Press picture gives a striking view of the wreckage of the giant transport plane which crashed near Chesterton, Ind., killing all seven occupants. The plane, Chicago bound from New York, suddenly fell in flames in a wooded patch in the Indiana sand dunes region.

FARMER VERSION OF PLANE BLAST GIVES NEW ANGLE

Nation-Wide Hunt for Bomb Clues Underway—Rumor Discredited—Gas Theory Advanced

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A new witness appeared on the scene today to add to his version to the crash of the United Air Lines New York to Chicago plane with the death of seven persons as federal agents were conducting a cross country hunt for clues to the cause of the disaster.

The man, Francis Wiseman, a farmer living near the scene of the crash near Chesterton, Ind., mistook Henry R. Corbett, Chicago insurance actuary, for an official investigator yesterday as Corbett was viewing the scene and told him his story.

"I was walking near my house when I heard the roar of the plane's motor and looked up and saw it, flying towards Chicago," he said. "While I was watching it there was a terrific blast and then flashes of fire. The tail of the plane floated away and the front part shot up in the air several hundred feet like a skyrocket."

His version differed from official opinion which had settled on the belief that the cabin section of the ship went into a nose dive at once. Wiseman told Corbett he was willing to tell his story to officials, but had been kept away from the inquest due to a broken arm.

Yesterday a report that a mysterious parcel carried by one of the passengers may have contained powerful explosives and caused the blast was run down and the passenger cleared by officials of the line at Newark, N. J., from where the ship departed on its ill-fated trip.

Eastern officials of the company said that if any explosive was aboard it probably was secreted in a compartment behind the rear cabin wall where blankets were kept.

Another theory that was being investigated was that escaping gas fumes had collected in a pocket in the baggage compartment and exploded.

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Electric Chair Ends 'Watching' Sunbeam In Cell

CHICAGO, Monday, Oct. 16.—(UP)—Rosa King, 29, was killed in the Cook county electric chair this morning for shooting a policeman in the back.

King, who killed Policeman Harry Redlich last July 8, was strapped in the chair at 12:31 a. m. He was pronounced dead six minutes later.

King had spent most of the last day of his life watching a sunbeam move slowly up the wall of his cell.

NORTHWEST TRADE QUICKENED; ROAD WORK EXPEDITED

Lumber Exports to Europe and Australia Increase, and Salmon Packers Face 'Neat Net Profit'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—More good news for the Pacific northwest was found in a commerce department report telling of increased exports of United States lumber and logs to Germany in the first half of 1933 and improvement in demand for Douglas fir in Scotland.

The report said the first six months of 1933 saw an increase of approximately 70 per cent—from 29,500 tons in 1932, to 49,700 tons in 1933—in the German exports.

The department said that while some of the increased exports there was due to low stocks and speculative purchases there also was a slight actual improvement in the German market.

Shipbuilding on the Clyde was given credit for the demand for Douglas fir and Sitka spruce. Higher prices were predicted in the Glasgow vicinity for the West Coast product due to the building of 40 large vessels on the Clyde river.

BILLION ADVANCE TO THAW FROZEN ASSETS IN BANKS

Speedy Pay-Off To Depositors of Closed Institutions With R. F. C. Funds Planned.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Government and banking officials hurried to translate into actual dollars and cents for depositors today, President Roosevelt's plan for advancing approximately \$1,000,000,000 on the assets of closed national and state banks.

The immediate federal job was completing organization of the deposit liquidation division of the Reconstruction corporation which was designated by President Roosevelt to stimulate the distribution of frozen bank assets.

The President, in announcing last night creation of the deposit liquidation fund, named C. B. Merriam, R. F. C. director, as its head. Other members were Jesse H. Jones, R. F. C. chairman; Under-Secretary Dean O. Ashton of the treasury; Lewis W. Douglas, budget director; J. F. T.

Approximately \$200 in cash was stolen from the stockholders and Farmers National bank of Wallowa during the noon hour today by two holdup men who escaped, probably in the direction of Lewiston, according to a telephone conversation with bank officials at Wallowa.

The two men, one quite tall and the other short and of dark complexion, entered the bank during the noon hour. They held up Cashier C. F. McDaniel and one other employee and made them go into a rear room. McDaniel persuaded them not to lock him in the vault.

Three other patrons who entered the bank during the next 20 minutes were also locked up as the robbers leisurely picked up what cash they could find. As soon as they left—without at any time exciting outside notice—McDaniel spread the alarm.

A sum of money, probably about as much as the holdup men took, was overlooked by them, McDaniel said. One of them apparently had been drinking, officials learned. Officers and posse of citizens were searching in all directions for the pair this afternoon.

SCHOOL AND JOB RELIEF FOREMOST, SHORT MEET PLAN

State Must Match Federal Funds—Governor Awaits Conference, Ere Definite Date and Statement Announced.

SALEM, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier said today he would announce the date of the extraordinary session of the state legislature "later in the day." He declared he had yet to get in touch with the president of the senate and speaker of the house before finally deciding upon a definite date.

This brief statement to the associated press followed receipt by the executive of a response to inquiry as to how far the federal government would go in unemployment relief and who was expected of the state. The communication from Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins was received at the governor's office here today.

Hopkins informed the governor, it was learned, that the state must match federal relief funds and a recommendation for a special session to care for relief needs was recommended to Meier. When the governor calls the session, it was reported the latter suggested, the federal government would care for relief during the remainder of this year, but that further cooperation was impossible.

These developments, coupled with information previously obtained, strengthened the speculation that the date of the session would be either November 27 or December 3, with the former date preferred. This would end the session in time for legislators to get home before Christmas. The state constitution limits a special session to 20 days, regardless of willingness of legislators to work without the 85 day pay.

While the governor expected to announce the date this noon, his plans were delayed by inability to get in touch with Earl Snell, speaker of the house, who was reported hunting in the vicinity of Pendleton. It was expected he would be contacted by 3 o'clock. The governor stated he would confer with both Snell and Kiddle before setting his date.

In the meantime, it was learned, the governor was preparing a statement to be released when he issues the call, setting forth to members of the legislature the reasons for the extraordinary meeting. Unemployment relief and public school relief will be included in this call.

Following receipt of the Hopkins letter, the governor immediately called R. B. Wilcox by phone and conferred with him. Wilcox is head of the state relief committee and was the first to suggest the governor call the legislators together to take care of relief needs, or probably upwards of 50,000 families in Oregon the coming year. It has been recommended by the governor's committee of 32 that \$5,000,000 would be the minimum, of which the state would be called up to release \$5,000,000.

2000 ON JOB AT BONNEVILLE DAM BY FIRST OF YEAR

SALEM, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Two thousand men will be earning wages on Bonneville job will give direct employment of the year and from 3,000 to 4,000, the maximum number to be employed, will be on the job soon after the freshets have subsided next spring.

This was announced here today by Colonel T. M. Robins, division engineer of the U. S. army engineering corps, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Work on the dam should reach its peak from an employment standpoint next summer, he estimated, and said that the job would probably require at least four years to complete, depending largely upon freshet conditions. The party returned to Portland early in the afternoon.

Quadruplets Bless Jobless Home and NRA Gets Publicity

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Quadruplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Benedum. One child, a girl, died. The other three are thriving and are to be named in tribute to the NRA—NRA, Rose and Albert. The father is an unemployed miner.

4 YEAR TERM AND LECTURE BY COURT GIVEN TED HAINES

Red Top Area Resident Told Family 'Better Off Without Him'—Parole Ban From State.

Characterizing his case as one of "moral perversion," Circuit Judge H. D. Norton today sentenced Ted Haines of the Red Top district, found guilty of a statutory charge, involving a 14 year old girl, to an indeterminate period in state prison, not to exceed four years. A small crowd of spectators, chiefly residents of the district, occupied the court room.

Following passing of sentence upon the 30 year old man, the father of five children, the oldest one of whom is only seven years of age, the court declared that the sentence was not adequate for the crime committed, but that he was conceding the defendant much because of his family, who he felt sure that they would be better off without the man's presence. "Your family will be better off without you," the court added. "And I hope that you will be better off following the prison term."

Request for a stay in execution, pending the filing of a motion for a new trial, was refused by the defendant when presented by his attorney, Rawley Moore, who explained that he was sincere in planning a motion for a new trial. Judge Norton stated that time for filing a motion would be granted, but that he felt that the defendant would be much safer in jail.

It was reported to the court that Mrs. Haines and children had moved to Medford, and that the defendant's release would not return him to the Red Top district, where the turmoil has been settling, according to the court, since Haines settled there. The announcement brought no change in the court's decision.

BOY HUNTER AND LOCAL LADY HURT IN GUN MISHAPS

Mrs. Elmer M. Baker, wife of Louis R. Baker of this city, is in the Sacred Heart hospital receiving treatment for a bullet wound thru her left shoulder, received at an early hour Sunday morning, believed in the discharge of a gun in her home.

No details of the case could be obtained today. Mrs. Baker was taken to the hospital at 1:52 a. m. Sunday, in an ambulance.

The first serious accident of the hunting season in this district occurred yesterday, when Darwin Martin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Martin of 1049 11th street, lost his right hand in an accidental discharge of his shotgun, while hunting pheasants on the Midway road, near the Huber packing plant, shortly before 1 o'clock.

The youth narrowly escaped death and once his life today, according to the attending physician, to an unknown man, who appeared, placed a tourniquet around his wrist, and rushed him to the hospital.

Martin was leaning on his gun when the bullet was discharged. His wrist was directly over the mouth of the gun, and was severed in the explosion, leaving his hand hanging by a small amount of skin.

The motorist arriving at the scene, administered first aid at once, and had the boy in the Community hospital in less than half an hour. A physician was summoned and the boy's hand amputated. His condition today was reported as very favorable at the local hospital, where he is still a patient.

GENEVA RECESS FOLLOWS HITLER QUITTING LEAGUE

Disarmament and 'Covenant' No 'Scrap of Paper' Says British Chief—America To Watch Trend

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The Roosevelt administration today decided to lay by the European powers the determination of whether the disarmament efforts will be continued on a general scale and will not be represented at various conferences on the continent this week.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The United States, while expressing formally a determination that disarmament efforts must not be allowed to fail, has decided upon a temporary attitude of watchful waiting toward efforts to this end at Geneva.

DOORN, Holland, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The former failure expressed full approval today for Germany's withdrawal from the League of Nations and the disarmament conference. He said he was surprised that Germany had remained a member of the league so long "in view of the way in which she has been treated."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Oct. 15.—(AP)—Senator Joe T. Robinson said today "a crisis has been reached which threatens the success of the cause of disarmament," as a result of Germany's withdrawal from the disarmament conference and the League of Nations.

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath, in a half-hour speech to foreign correspondents today sarcastically challenged the powers gathered in the arms conference at Geneva to agree on a mutual disarmament.

The minister charged the British foreign office with misrepresenting Germany's attitude to Washington and renewed Germany's pledge to assist in any project for ridding the world of the arms burden provided equality for Germany constitutes the basis of such discussions.

(By the Associated Press)
The world disarmament conference, two days after Germany's withdrawal from that body and from the League of Nations, has adjourned until Oct. 20 upon a plea for continuation of its efforts by the parley chairman, Arthur Henderson of Great Britain.

The struggle for disarmament must go on and "the covenant of the League of Nations shall not be treated as a scrap of paper," was the message of Henderson to the international peace associations at Geneva.

Plans for the upcoming election, November 12 in Berlin provide that only the Nazis may submit lists in the balloting which may also result in ending the presidential system. This information was forthcoming along with a statement by a government spokesman that Germany now believes the next move is up to the other nations.

The French government came out strongly in support of the opposition of Norman H. Davis, American ambassador at large against adjournment of the conference.

Venice, Italy, unfurling a swastika banner, demonstrated their sympathy with Germany in a riot which resulted in strong measures by police. President Roosevelt took the stand that there should be a redoubling of efforts to break the disarmament deadlock, while from other sources came the official revelation that the United States, while ready to lend aid.

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\$75,000 LOSS IN ROSEBURG BLAZE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—The F. W. Woolworth store in Roseburg was a complete loss today as a result of a stubborn blaze which last night occasioned losses estimated at about \$75,000. The fire also destroyed the fixtures at Green's recreational hall, a pool room and upstairs dance parlor, and gutted the two-story brick building, owned by A. J. Hochradel of this city. The fire was discovered about 10:30 o'clock last night, apparently having started in the basement of the Woolworth store. Because of smoke, firemen were unable to get into the building and spent the entire night battling the flames, which were not extinguished until the floors collapsed and dropped the store's merchandise into the water-filled basement.

NO SLOT MACHINE NOW IN OPERATION

Slot machines sang their swan song in Medford yesterday, so far as could be learned this afternoon. The much discussed money getters were absent from all confectioneries and other places of business visited today in the check made by the sheriff's office and state police, they reported this afternoon.

Where they have gone no one seemed to say, but their absence was noted in many favored haunts.

BULLETIN

BANGKOK, Siam, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Many government troops and rebels were killed and injured tonight as severe fighting continued between them on the outskirts of this capital.

Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—(U.S.D.A.)—(AP)—Pear auction market, prices slightly stronger, 18 cars arrived; 13 California cars, 3 Washington, 8 Oregon, unloaded; 31 cars on track.
Oregon Bases, 3,445 boxes: Extra fancy \$1.65-2.15, average \$1.91; fancy \$1.40-1.95, average \$1.59; fancy and better \$1.55-2.05, average \$1.77.
Oregon Barberries, 2,893 boxes: Extra fancy \$2.00-2.35, average \$2.50; fancy \$2.10-2.75.
Oregon D'Anjou, 735 boxes: Extra fancy \$1.85-2.80, average \$2.00; fancy \$1.50-2.30, average \$1.97.
Oregon Howells, 560 boxes: Extra fancy \$1.40-1.70, average \$1.74; fancy \$1.40-1.55.

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