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Highest yesterday 37
Lowest this morning 31

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49 LIVES LOST IN SEA DISASTER



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The trouble with all these vague charges about a new deal censorship is that no one can prove anything. If something is suppressed, it does not get out at least, not often.

An exception to that rule may be offered by a confidential general memo addressed to all personnel in the interior department and public works administration, dated Nov. 27, 1934, and, until now, unpublished. It tells its own story, as follows:

"The secretary of the interior is seriously concerned over the frequency of departmental news leaks and has ordered that every precaution be taken to prevent the issuance of official information through unauthorized channels. To this end, you are requested to cooperate in the publicity procedure indicated herein.

"The department of interior publicity division, headed by Mr. Michael Straus, is the central clearing point for all information regarding the plans and policies of the department and its subdivisions. Mr. A— is assigned to your division to act in a functional capacity as the representative of Mr. Straus' office and is held responsible by the secretary and Mr. Straus for whatever is published regarding the department and its subdivisions. Mr. A— is assigned to your division to act in a functional capacity as the representative of Mr. Straus' office and is held responsible by the secretary and Mr. Straus for whatever is published regarding the department and its subdivisions.

"There is a second memo which will be even more interesting to the proposed Dies congressional investigating committee. It is dated December 1, 1934, and indicates that restrictions against the press also have been applied to members of congress. It tells its own story also, as follows:

"Calls are occasionally received from various sources inquiring regarding positions, certifications, personnel matters, etc. This is especially true with reference to the congress. When members of congress call, request members of congress to call the individuals in this bureau who have interviewed them after certification. When calls of this kind are received they should be referred to my office and no information of any kind whatsoever, for any reason, should be given. My office will carefully explain that no information can be given regarding personnel matters other than Mr. Burlew's office.

Liner Mohawk Sinks Soon When Rammed By Freight Carrier

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The name of Marvin Trumbly, printer, of Cronwell, Ore., is listed among the missing in the crew of the steamer Mohawk, which sank early today following a collision with the Norwegian steamer Talsman.

The name of Delmar Gould, ordinary seaman, whose home is in Weston, Ore., does not appear among the list of dead or missing.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The possibility that 49 persons lost their lives in the sinking of the \$2,000,000 Ward liner Mohawk grew this afternoon when the freighter Talsman, which rammed the Mohawk off Sea Girt, N. J., last night—lipped into port without any signs of survivors.

There was no statement from the captain of the vessel, but crew members told newspaper men there were no survivors aboard.

On that basis, one of the last hopes for the safety of the 46 persons listed as missing was dashed.

Dramatic Rescue at Sea



A lifeboat from the President Jackson with Japanese refugees in it approaching the American steamship after the Hokuman Maru, Japanese freighter, foundered in the North Pacific during a heavy storm.

The stricken Japanese Hokuman Maru wallowing in heavy swells of the North Pacific, as lifeboats from the President Jackson carry her crew to safety during a dramatic rescue at sea. The Hokuman foundered after being disabled in a gale. In the right is shown one of the President Jackson's lifeboats. Another can be seen near the sinking ship and the Japanese flag can be seen still flying at the stern. A useless Hokuman lifeboat can be seen. (Associated Press Photo).

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Partial Repudiation
Attorney General David T. Wilentz drew from the witness:

3-Cent Divorce Asked by Man In Eastern Oregon

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—The divorce machinery in Nevada's well known city is simply too antiquated to be even considered in the light of Baker county's most modernistic conception of fast divorce action.

A Pine valley man, apparently having heard of heart in hand marriages, figured why not air-mail divorce. Freedom might be worth \$75 to some persons, but to the halfway resident, three cents seemed sufficient.

The writer informed the county judge that he and his wife "do not get along" and asked for a divorce by return mail. The judge has already informed the man that "it simply isn't done that way."

MANN'S STORE TO EXPAND, REMODEL IN NEAR FUTURE

An expansion program that will give the Mann's department store here one of the most up to date department stores on the Pacific coast will be launched in the near future, a report from John Moffat, store manager, stated today.

The building formerly occupied by the Hutchison mercantile company has been recently purchased by Scott Davis, who also owns the store building now occupied by Mann's store, and will be remodelled and modernized completely, the ground floor to be occupied by the men's department and other departments of the second floor. A full size basement

POWER MEASURE OPENS OLD FEUD IN LEGISLATURE

Proposal Backed by Private Interests Introduced Before Grange Bill—Martin Is Not Favoring Either

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD
Associated Press Staff Writer
SALEM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Continuation of the prolonged battle between two factions—the state grange and individual interests—over control and distribution of government power in Oregon was precipitated in the house of the 1935 legislature today when the first power measure, that by private interests, was introduced. The grange bill will be brought in the middle of next week.

The proposal brought in today would create a state power commission to expend unvoted funds up to \$12,000,000 for construction of transmission lines from Bonneville to virtually all parts of the state, and if more funds are needed to sell more bonds up to \$60,000,000 upon vote of the people.

Grange Bill Differs
The grange power bill, officials of the state organization said, would differ from this proposal in that it would put the sale of all bonds to the vote of the people for state construction of transmission lines if the federal government fails to do the work.

The noted grange power bill was (Continued on Page Six)

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Clemency was recommended for Holland by the state police and district attorney, and Attorney E. E. Kelly, who made an appeal. The authorities informed the court Holland had no previous bad record. Attorney Kelly said that Holland was the father of seven children at the time the crime was proposed and three of his flock were ill with infantile paralysis.

The court stated from the bench: "The testimony of Holland was instrumental in securing a conviction and that he had a parole in mind after hearing his testimony."

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GIRL KICKED TO DEATH ENROUTE FROM SCHOOL

VALE, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A rising tide of public indignation today spurred officials in their efforts to determine if Phyllis Westfall, 9, was kicked to death or whether death resulted from other causes.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Leavitt, who investigated and turned his information to District Attorney M. A. Biggs, said the girl was on her way home from school, January 9, when a group of four boys of her own age began to torment her.

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