

The Weather
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Highest yesterday 50
Lowest this morning 25

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STATE DEPARTMENT HEADS QUIT



News Behind The News
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WASHINGTON, March 27.—From Augsburg to Richberg is not very far. The labor peace of Richberg is essentially the same from an inner perspective as the religious peace of Augsburg. In the Augsburg peace (A. D. 1555), two religious factions agreed to cease religious warfare and to recognize the supremacy of the German state.
In the Richberg peace (March 14, 1935), labor and the new dealers agreed to stop fighting each other and to recognize the supremacy of the NRA state. In both cases it was more of an armed truce than a real peace, and no one knows how long this one will last.

GEHLHAR, SPENCER ARE SUPPLANTED BY APPOINTMENTS

Solon T. White of McMinnville New Agriculture Director—Jack Allen, Pendleton, New Rum Chief

SALEM, March 27.—(AP)—Solon T. White, McMinnville, was appointed by Governor Martin today as state director of agriculture, succeeding Max Gehlhar. Gehlhar resigned his position today.
The appointment will become effective April 1.
The announcement of White's appointment was made during the noon hour here today by the governor. His name had been prominently mentioned for some time to succeed Gehlhar who resigned after the state fair last year but was induced to remain on the job until Martin could name his successor. White is county agricultural agent of Yamhill county, which position he has held for eight years.
The statement issued by the governor stated that White was a native Oregonian, born in Linn county in 1880. He graduated from Oregon State college in 1925, having enrolled after he was discharged from the army as a disabled world war veteran. White later operated farms in both eastern and western Oregon.

TURNER A. FIFER, ILL SHORT TIME, DIES OF STROKE

Turner A. Fifer, a resident of Medford since 1907, passed away unexpectedly at his home, 106 Cottage street, at 7:30 o'clock last evening, after an illness of only a week. He had been confined to bed with flu, and suffered a heart attack yesterday morning. His death was a shock to all in the community.
Mr. Fifer was born May 7, 1866 in West Virginia, where he was reared. Enroute west the family stopped for a time in South Dakota, and reached Oregon in 1907, settling at Medford Sept. 11.
He became affiliated with banking in Medford soon after his arrival and for many years was cashier at the Medford National bank, and held a similar position at the Jackson County bank. He was leader of the Medford band for many years, and was an accomplished musician, the cornet being his instrument.
He is survived by his wife, and by one son, Reginald of San Diego, who is expected to arrive for the funeral. His grandson, Reggie Fifer, 13, has lived with his grandparents since a baby.
Funeral services will be announced later from Perl funeral home.

PORTLAND FRUIT RATE EQUALIZED

PORTLAND, March 27.—(AP)—Equal participation with Seattle and Tacoma in the apple export trade will be afforded the port of Portland on April 30 under new rail tariffs from the Yakima district, the chamber of commerce here has announced.
Equalized rates on apples from Yakima have been effective for a week, and the rest of the Yakima valley will be included in the new schedule the middle of next month. The Yakima Valley Transportation company and the Northern Pacific railway, competitive at several points, have filed a new equalized tariff making the change possible.

Townsend Not Candidate For Presidency He Says

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—Dr. P. E. Townsend, author of the Townsend old age pension plan, said today he would not run for president "under any circumstances" as "I am not fitted for it mentally or physically."
He made this assertion in commenting on a statement in Boston yesterday by Captain Charles M. Hawke, his representative, that he planned to lead a third party in 1936 with Senator William E. Borah, Idaho Republican, as his presidential nominee.
"I am not going to bother my head about it," he said, "we hear these bursts of local enthusiasm from many parts of the country, and I don't keep people from talking. Our organization desires to leave partisan politics alone. We want fundamental changes in some operations of the government but two major parties are enough and we do not despair of obtaining those changes through one of the two parties we have."
Under the Townsend plan, every one in the United States over 65 years of age would receive \$200 a month, and it was spent within the next 30 days.

Gold Hill Dredge Miner Drowns in Rogue River

CHILD, LEFT ON TRESTLE, KILLED



Mrs. Ralph Dickens, 31 (above), testified at a coroner's inquest in Davis, Calif., that she left her four-year-old son, Louis (left), on a railroad trestle near there when he complained of being tired and that she went for help. She was returning from Sacramento. Another witness said he found Mrs. Dickens near a pile driver, apparently under the influence of liquor. Trainers found the body of the boy in water beneath the trestle. Doctors said he had died of a skull fracture. (Associated Press Photos)

PAY AS YOU FIGHT POLICY URGED BY BERNARD BARUCH

Head of World War Industries Board Is Witness Before Senate War Munitions Probing Committee

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—A program for "paying as you fight" in the event the United States becomes involved in another war was advocated today before the senate munitions committee by Bernard B. Baruch, chairman of the World War Industries board.
Such a plan—to be executed by rationing and price-fixing—would "save generations unborn, as well as ourselves, untold misery," the tall white-haired witness asserted to an attentive committee.
Previously, reacting to what he termed "insinuations and innuendoes" against him, he asserted that when he was called to war time government

FIRE TAKES HOME IN SAMS VALLEY

The Williams and Seegmiller eight-room house in Sams Valley burned to the ground about 11 a. m. Monday, according to word received here today. The blaze evidently started from sparks blown from the flue by a high wind, and the entire top of the building was afire before it was discovered by those in the house, who were R. A. Seegmiller, Howard Williams, Charles Williams, Marie Seegmiller and Mrs. A. B. Williams. They were eating lunch at the time.
The wind fanning the flames, the house burned only an hour before it was demolished. A few pieces of furniture were saved. The building was partially covered by insurance, and the owners plan to rebuild at once.
A fence near the house burned, but because of the wind, which carried the flames in the opposite direction, a garage was untouched. There was no equipment at hand wherewith to fight the fire.

GAS THIEF NABBED BY NIEDERMAYER

John W. Rogers, 66, who was arrested at 10:30 last night on a charge of stealing gasoline from a truck at the E. H. Niedermeyer farm near the Old Stake road, by state police, this morning pleaded guilty to the charge in justice court. Justice Coleman deferred judgment on the case until tomorrow.

AMELIA BUCKS DUST ON FLIGHT TO WEST

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart, trans-oceanic flyer, landed here at 2:05 p. m. (mountain standard time), after a flight from Dallas through heavy dust clouds which hid the ground from her plane.
Miss Earhart, on her way to the Pacific coast to prepare for a non-stop flight, left Tulsa, Okla., at 7 a. m. (central standard time) but was forced to land at Dallas and wait until the dust-filled air cleared.
From Dallas, in addition to the dust, her ship bucked head winds all the way to El Paso.

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY BILL GIVEN APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—The \$135,227,506 agriculture department supply bill was approved today by the senate appropriations committee after it added \$2,500,000 for roads in Indian lands and other public reservations except forest reservations.
The University of Michigan zoological expedition to the interior of Guatemala is collecting rare fish and amphibians in rivers said to have no outlet to the sea.

COAST MARITIME LABOR SITUATION NEARS NEW CRISIS

Major Steamship Companies Lining Up With Oil Tanker Operators—Secretary of Labor Perkins Takes Hand

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(AP)—A new crisis, recalling that which led to last summer's bitter general maritime strike, confronted the Pacific coast maritime labor situation today.
Major general steamship companies here aligned themselves at least partially with oil tanker operators, more than 30 of whose craft have been tied up for more than two weeks, by flatly refusing to grant or arbitrate demands of the Masters, Mates and Pilots union for preferential employment.
Almost simultaneously Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, with the declaration negotiations between tanker operators and their union seamen "have been, so far, fruitless," named last night a special board of mediation to seek settlement of that walk-out.
The main issue in the tanker dispute is the demand of the International Seamen's Union for preferential hiring of its members.
The stand taken by the operators of freight and passenger vessels toward the deck officers' demands added edged possibilities to the tanker walkout.
Strike leaders would not comment directly or indirectly on whether it might lead to another general maritime strike such as disrupted the economic life of the entire Pacific coast last year, but indicated they planned a statement later.
H. P. Melnikow, counsel for the unions on strike, however, asserted it had "thrown a wrench in the federal machinery for peace just as the federal was getting somewhere," and termed it "a move to stampede the unions into precipitate action."

AMERICANS LUCKY IN SWEEPSTAKES

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, March 27.—(AP)—American buyers of Irish hospital sweepstakes tickets today won 505 consolation prizes of 100 pounds (\$500) each.
In the morning's draw, Americans drew six of the ten residual prizes, and 205 of the 504 consolation prizes of 100 pounds (about \$500) each.

MORRO CASTLE SOLD AT \$33,605 FOR JUNK

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP)—The liner Morro Castle, pride of the American coastwise fleet before fire swept through her last September with the loss of 124 lives, was sold as junk today for \$33,605.
The Morro Castle, once queen of the Ward line, was completed in 1930 at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000. Lieut. Col. Edward A. Arbery, of the army engineers, announced the ship had been sold to the Union Shipbuilding company, of Baltimore.

10 Women Nominated as Worthy of Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP)—The names of ten women are among the 53 new names submitted for the eighth quinquennial election to the hall of fame of New York university.
Including names previously considered, 74 distinguished Americans are eligible for election.
All the nominees have been dead 25 years or more, a requirement which barred nomination of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, whose death on December 3, 1910, is less than 25 years from the time of the election October 15.
The ten women are: Louisa May Alcott, author; Susan B. Anthony, feminist and abolitionist leader; Mrs. Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Theosophist organizer; Mrs. Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, editor; Lucretia Mott, anti-slavery and women's rights advocate; Sacajawea, Indian guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition; the "Pocahontas of the Pacific," Lucy Stone, anti-slavery and women's rights leader; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, abolitionist and women's rights leader; Mrs. Alice M. Latham, author and reformer; Elizabeth E. Hutter, philanthropist.
Dr. Robert Underwood Johnson, director of the hall of fame, said Susan B. Anthony received more nominations than any of the other women.
Among the men, the controversy over the inventions was revived to bring into conflict four names. Both Robert McCormick and his son, Cyrus H., were nominated as inventor of the McCormick reaper, while John Fitch and James Rumsey were nominated as inventor of the steamboat.

Princess Barbara Appears Listless On Journey Home

ABOARD THE S. S. BREMEN, March 27.—(AP)—George Zeidler, chief steward of the Bremen's restaurant, said today he was worried about Princess Barbara Hutton Mdivani's health.
Zeidler, who is an old friend of the princess, said she was eating very sparingly and appeared listless.
"It's not like former trips when she was always happy and ate heartily," said Zeidler. "She looks ill."

LIGHT SMUDGING REPELS FROST IN FIRST ONSLAUGHT

The first smudging of the season—light in all orchards—occurred early this morning in the valley, and Roy W. Rogers, frost meteorologist, predicts the same temperature conditions for tomorrow morning, with no general smudging, but "firing in the colder areas." Rogers stated that early weather forecasts were for slightly warmer weather for tomorrow.
Temperatures reported ran from 21 to 26 degrees. The early evening forecast was for a minimum of 22 degrees, and the frosting of the new seed orchardists to prepare for the first engagement of the year with Jack Frost. Many orchardists were prepared for firing and watched their thermometers all night.
Meteorologist Rogers requested that all orchardists who have not had their thermometers tested this year to do so at once.
The light smudging reported last night was in a few orchards in the north end of the county and in the Central Point district, at the Suncrest orchards east of Talent, and at the federal experiment orchard south of Medford. Orchard and weather authorities hold that, with the continuation of the present weather conditions, there will be no general smudging.
County Horticulturist Lyle P. Wilcox reported this morning that Bartlett and D'Anjou were not "partaking in the clusters, but dropping their buds scales," that peaches "were in the pink," and that almond, and apricot trees were blooming, and susceptible to cold.
The present condition of the trees was held to contain sufficient delayed buds to insure a crop, though a heavy freeze should prevail.

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Judge Vaughn upheld the contention of creditors that Colonel Miller had no right, interest or title in the 17,000 acres remaining of the one-time 101,000 acre domain, on the ground it all had been mortgaged and the mortgages foreclosed.
Colonel Miller and his equally picturesque attorney, Sid White, pictured in big white hats and cowboy boots, had sought to maintain control of the ranch through a petition in bankruptcy under the Frazier-Lenke farm mortgage act.
White said an appeal would be filed immediately.

FRED SPRANGER IS VICTIM IN MISHAP TO DREDGING BOAT

Officers Using Diving Equipment in Effort to Locate Body—Partner Witnesses Tragedy From Shore

Grappling operations were started this morning for the body of Fred Spranger, 46, a miner, who was drowned about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Rogue river while operating a barge about four miles upstream from Gold Hill.
State police, the sheriff's office and the county coroner's office were being assisted in making the search by miners with diving equipment. Frank Peri, county coroner, believed the body was swept down comparatively shallow rapids into deep, still water below.
Ed Michaelson, a partner, who saw the tragedy from the shore, said Spranger jumped from the barge as it swept into swift water and started to capsize.
Boat Skipper Water
Spranger had pulled the barge upstream by hand to a mooring cable, intending to shift its position, when, Michaelson said, weight of the cable on the prow caused the boat to slip water. Evidently becoming alarmed, although the barge was but 15 feet from the shore and then in comparatively quiet water, Spranger let go

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WILL ROGERS says:
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 26.—When you pick up a Monday paper it's just like in the old days when we only got telegrams when there was bad news. We are afraid to open our paper. We know that a loved one, a friend, or at least an acquaintance has met death in a car over the week-end. Before we had this high type of civilization which we are so thoroughly enjoying, why we used to have wars to get rid of the surplus number of people.
California is all excited about a baby who could work a dial telephone at the age of two years. Well, I bet I could come as near doing it at two as I can now. There is only one difference with a dial phone, you have to euss yourself instead of some innocent girl!

Will Rogers
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