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Forecast: Fair tonight and Friday, but cloudy and unsettled at times; frost Friday morning.
Highest yesterday 68
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News Behind The News
(By Paul Mallon)
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WASHINGTON, April 11.—The few really important news deal bigwigs discovered on their desks the other day a privately printed book, elegantly prepared and bound with glazed blue leather. It contained a plan which apparently was being submitted in conference.
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METAL ATTAINS HIGHEST LEVEL IN NINE YEARS

Bloc in Congress Resumes Campaign With Vigor — Drinks On House in Tonopah—Old Mines to Open
By the Associated Press
Silver prices boomed the world over today in response to the announcement that the United States treasury would pay 71 cents an ounce for newly mined metal from American mines.
Silver mining circles in the Rocky Mountain area were jubilant. They hoped it was a step in restoration of the old statutory price of silver at \$1.29 an ounce.
The silver bloc in congress resumed its campaign with vigor. The senate agricultural committee approved the Wheeler mandatory 16 to 1 silver purchase bill.
Silver prices shot up to the highest levels in nine years in New York and London. The Montreal silver futures market boomed. The London price reached the New York equivalent of 64.745 cents an ounce.
Foreign metal was later sold in New York at 65 cents an ounce, up 1 1/2 cents from yesterday's final bid price.
Shanghai bankers, however, took a gloomy view. Since China is on an actual silver money basis, a rise in its price was said to have a deflationary effect. Nevertheless, the situation has been partially mitigated by imposition of a silver export tax.
TONAPAH, Nev., April 11.—(AP)—Drinks were "on the house" in some Tonopah saloons today as jubilant miners enthusiastically greeted the government's increase in the price of newly mined silver to 71 cents per ounce.
In many another old Nevada mining camp, the increase was hailed as the biggest mining event in many years. Tonopah, Virginia City and Eureka, all "bonanzas" in their day, expected greatly increased mining activity.
Scores of other "ghost towns" in Nevada were expected to be revived.

Jackson County Bank Building Sold to Littrell

Dixie Howell Of Rose Bowl Fame Seriously Hurt
LYNCHBURG, Va., April 11.—(AP)—"Dixie" Howell, former University of Alabama football star, now a rookie with the Detroit Tigers, suffered a skull fracture in practice here today.
Tossing a ball around with his teammates, he was felled by a hard drive from the bat of Johnny Mize. Players of both teams carried him from the field unconscious. His condition was reported as serious.
Howell figured prominently in the Rose Bowl football game of last New Year's day, his forward passing helping Alabama to victory over Stanford.

FRENCH INSIST ON GERMANY KEEPING ARMS LIMITATION

Stresa Conference Opens With French Determined to Make League Appeal Basis of Tri-Partite Action
MOSCOW, April 11.—(AP) Tass (Official Russian) news agency tonight confirmed reports the Soviet and France had reached an agreement in principle for a "Franco-Soviet convention of security which will be concluded in the very near future."
By the Associated Press
The premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy went into session at Stresa today to discuss Europe's peace problems while the rest of the world looked on with varying emotions. Not since the Paris peace conference had there been a meeting between the heads of the three governments.
In Berlin, German officials, maintaining an ironic pessimism, expressed the view the next move regarding Germany's rearmaments is up to the Stresa conferees. Germany is demanding equality without any strings attached and a German spokesman said that unless equality is granted, "we can't discuss further conferences."
Authoritative quarters in London were informed the newly-developed agreement between France and Russia on mutual assistance would have to be explained at the Stresa conference with a view toward determining just what relation it has to the League of Nations covenant.
Moscow itself was silent on the Franco-Russian agreement as Maxim Litvinoff, Russia's foreign commissar, started for Geneva to attend the League council meeting called for April 15 at which Germany's rearmament will be discussed.
With the question of the independence of Austria one of the chief subjects for discussion at Stresa, an official Austrian newspaper suggested the question of what should be regarded as interference in Austria affairs should be determined solely by the Austrian government.

Divorce Pending



Mrs. Lois Spreckels (lower), formerly the socially prominent Mrs. Clark De Ruyter of New York, has established residence at Reno, Nev., preparatory to seeking divorce from Adolph B. Spreckels (above), an heir to the Spreckels sugar fortune. (Associated Press Photo)

HOPES FOR RELIEF FROM DUST KILLED BY LATEST STORM

Dun-Colored Clouds Have Swirled Through Southwest for Month — Dust Pneumonia Taking Toll
KANSAS CITY, April 11.—(AP)—Flying dust and sand-choking, oppressive, invariable-tightened their grip on the southwest today.
Where in other years at this season, wheat and other crops have spread their checkerboard pattern over the landscape, there are barren fields without a blade of green and deserted highways.
For a month, dun-colored clouds have swirled and billowed. Hopes for relief, raised earlier this week by promising weather forecasts, were shattered yesterday by a dust blizzard labeled as the "worst" of the series.
As the latest storm roared over Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, the government's monthly crop report was released.
"A large proportion of the acreage in this important winter wheat area was being abandoned," it said. The condition of the wheat crop in six Kansas counties—Graham, Gove, Greeley, Wichita, Hamilton and Kearney—was listed as zero.
Kenneth Welch, relief administrator in Baca county, Colorado, said no crops whatever can be expected in southeastern Colorado unless heavy spring rains come.
"I do not see how anyone can continue to live here if these storms continue," Welch added.
Pneumonia increasing.
"Dust pneumonia is increasing rapidly among children in Baca county," Welch said.
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Reel Fight Scene Is Too Realistic; Joe E. Brown Hurt

HOLLYWOOD, April 11.—(AP)—A motion picture fight scene that became a little too realistic pit Joe E. Brown, motion picture comedian, under the care of doctors today with an injured back.
Brown was knocked down and trampled in a mob scene from a new film. Two tendons were torn, and it had not been ascertained today whether any of his ribs were broken. Physicians said the accident aggravated an old injury sustained during Brown's circus days when he fell off a high trapeze and broke his back.

DEPOSIT WAIVERS TO SHARE PROFIT IS ANNOUNCEMENT

Valuable Property On Main and Central Will House Drug and Jewelry Stores — Purchase Price Not Told
At Littrell, owner of the Littrell Auto Parts company here, today completed negotiations for the purchase of the Jackson County bank building at the corner of Main and Central streets, for an unannounced figure.
The sale was approved by the board of directors of the bank, which closed its doors on March 21, 1932. Money realized from the sale will be used to liquidate the claims of those depositors who signed a 50 percent waiver at the time the bank was closed, it was said.
Littrell stated that the forefront of the building, which is to be completely remodeled, will be occupied by a drug store, and the rear part, facing on Central street, will be taken over by a local jeweler, who will have the use of the vaults. Due to the fact that final details have not yet been cleared up, he declined to name the new occupants.
Included in the remodeling plans are plate glass window fronts for both sides of the building, and interior refinishing, although the second story offices will not be remodeled at this time. Work will start as soon as the architect, Louis H. Humphries of this city, has completed his figures, and contracts can be let, Littrell said.
Negotiations for the purchase were started about 10 days ago, it was learned.

PERIL FOR LEAGUE SEEN BY BERLIN IN FRANCO-RUSS PACT

BERLIN, April 11.—An official German source stated tonight that Berlin sees the League of Nations "being destroyed" by the Franco-Russian agreement.
This agreement, yet to be signed, is for mutual assistance in case the league members fail to combine against an aggressor.
The Franco-Russian move, coming almost simultaneously with the announcement that Premier Mussolini intends to keep 600,000 Italian soldiers in uniform until the atmosphere clears, was regarded officially as killing the Stresa conference at its birth.
"The Paris and Moscow policies," said a German government spokesman, "will result in the moral and factual weakening of the League of Nations rather than a strengthening."
The two powers were said by this accord to have "followed the eastern pact principle but in a different form."
While no extraordinary uneasiness was displayed over the possibilities of the new pact, several "trial balloons" have been sent up to feel out the French on the possibility of Pierre Laval, French foreign minister, halting at Berlin on his way to Moscow for a talk with Reichsfuehrer Hitler.

MOTHER HURLS CHILDREN TO DEATH FROM TRAIN

PADERBORN, Germany, April 11.—Elisabeth Freundlich, 31, today confessed hurling her son, 9 years old, and her baby daughter from a speeding train "because of poverty."
The boy died in a hospital and the girl, physicians said, probably will die.
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ENGLEHARDT ASKS DIVORCE DISMISSAL

J. C. Englehardt yesterday filed answer in circuit court to the divorce suit of his wife, Dora Englehardt, filed more than a year ago, and seeks dismissal of the suit without costs and no division of property as sought. Supporting affidavits of Helene Undebacht and Esther Erickson, are submitted in support of the plea.
The answer further alleges that the plaintiff advised the children not to mind the defendant, that the two sons sold valuable dairy cows at the suggestion of the plaintiff and disposed of same without authority of the defendant, and that any division of property would bring bankruptcy, and "reduce the plaintiff to penury."
The affidavits set forth that the dairy ranch, located on Rogue river, has a monthly income of \$80 which recently rose to \$100 per month.
Attorney V. A. C. Ahlf of Grants Pass appears as counsel for Englehardt.

\$927,250 RELIEF ALLOTTED STATE

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—A telegram stating that Oregon had been allotted \$927,250 for unemployment relief in April was received here today by Governor Martin from relief officials at Washington, D. C.
The governor had requested \$1,017,000 in relief money for April.
The telegram contained no word as to where or how the money was to be distributed. The governor said he expected further communication explaining those details.

MELLON RETAINED BANK STOCK WHEN SECRETARY, CLAIM

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—(AP)—The government today pursued its charge that Andrew W. Mellon never divested himself of \$10,000,000 worth of bank stock before becoming secretary of the treasury in 1921.
Mellon's counsel claims, at the hearing now under way before the board of tax appeals, that the stock was sold to his brother, R. B. Mellon.
Through the books of R. B. Mellon, Attorney F. R. Shearer for the government sought to show today that the financier received in 1931 a sum almost equal to the dividends derived from the stock by R. B. Mellon.
The books showed R. B. Mellon received dividends of \$604,000 that year, and the government claims \$753,397.54 was transferred to Andrew W. Mellon as interest on the note given by R. B. upon receipt of the stock.
The bank stock was the first transaction tackled by government attorneys as they launched into their case to prove their claim that Mellon owes the government \$3,089,000 in taxes for 1931. Presentation of the Mellon side of the case, so far as the Pittsburgh witnesses are concerned, was completed yesterday. The case is to be taken to New York probably about four or five weeks hence.
The tax commissioner's petition took the position that the \$604,000 in dividends paid to R. B. Mellon in 1931 should have actually been reported by Andrew W. Mellon as dividends, instead of the \$753,397 received from R. B. and reported as "interest." Upon this, the petition contends, Mellon's taxable income, subject to the surtax rate, should be increased by \$47,193.

WARNING ON FROST PROBABLE TONIGHT

A frost warning will probably be sent out to orchardists again tonight, according to the county agent's office, the weather bureau having forecast freezing temperatures for Friday morning. The weather was expected to become unsettled at times, however, and the severity of the frost cannot be determined until late this evening.
Only a few orchardists smudged last night, the temperature having reached only to 35 degrees in Medford. There was a light haze of smudge in the lower parts of the valley at sunrise.

Mr. Free is the man who arranged those dinners between business men and new dealers several months ago when liaison committees were established. He speaks generally as a friend and authority of the new deal. This is why some gaped when they noted that his plan counseled Mr. Roosevelt to change the middle-of-the-road course at once; fight the radicals (naming Townsend, Long, Coughlin and Upton Sinclair); promote the durable goods industries; amend the securities act; discount real estate mortgages; in short, save the country from an inevitable radical crisis by a swing to the right.

Obviously the book was prepared on the assumption that its deductions would not be publicly circulated, because it speaks more boldly than friends of the new deal ordinarily do. It says, for instance, that "we must make real headway toward substantial recovery or expect radicalism to be 1936." It refers to Father Coughlin as a demagogue who is able to delude 5,000,000 people; Dr. Townsend as an impractical dreamer; Upton Sinclair as a dangerous radical; and Huey Long as the Hitler of Louisiana's return to the dark ages.
"There is only one real cure for this type of radicalism," the book continues. "It lies solely in economic recovery."
"We should put full steam toward recovery and relegate everything else to a position of secondary importance. Thinking people should be made to realize that the nation is facing a very serious crisis and that our hope lies in the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt."
"If an individual like Townsend must be taken seriously at this time anything is possible a year from today if economic recovery shall not have been obtained."
Election charts based on returns of 1928 and 1932 are carried in the book to prove that the radicals may defeat the president and cause the election of a minority republican administration.
To thwart this, the first phase of the program advises four steps:
1. "Economic recovery must be made the paramount issue."
2. "A definite program of counteraction should be studied and planned mainly by men outside the government. This must include leaders from all walks of life."
3. "Newspaper editors and radio broadcasting stations should be educated in order that they may understand the damage threatened by demagogues. * * * we should be careful not to interfere with free speech. * * * we should, however, prevent the quotation of statistics which are without proper basis, and of willful mis-statements of fact."
4. "Important members of both liberal and conservative groups should be brought to the realization that, while they debate their own beliefs, unprincipled radicals are conspiring to destroy the nation."

MAY 1 ZERO HOUR FOR MRS. PIERCE

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—May 1 will be the final day for Mrs. Cornelia Martin Pierce to resign as a member of the state board of higher education. It was learned here late yesterday.
If Mrs. Pierce, who has indicated from Washington, D. C., that she will not resign, does not change her mind by that time Governor Martin will take the first steps toward her removal, it was reported.
The governor will charge that Mrs. Pierce was not attending board meetings regularly, the records showing that she had attended few of the board's sessions since Walter Pierce was elected congressman from the second district and she became his secretary.
Mrs. Pierce was named to the board by former Governor Meier and was reappointed in 1933. Her term does not expire until 1940.

Peace of Europe May Hinge on Stresa Conference

With the peace of Europe in the balance, the leading diplomatic representatives of England, France and Italy met at Stresa, Italy today in a tripartite security conference to determine what action to take in answer to Germany's violation of the Versailles treaty. The location of Stresa is shown on the map and the scene of the conference is pictured, lower left. The conversations appeared likely to be dominated by, left to right, above, Capt. Anthony Eden and Sir John Simon, leading British diplomats; Fulvio Sforza, Italian under secretary for foreign affairs; Pierre Laval, French foreign minister; and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy (right), host to the conference, who is expected to present a plan of united action of the three powers. (Associated Press Photos).

OLD AGE PENSION BOOSTERS SUFFER SETBACK IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—House groups supporting the Townsend and other liberal old age pension schemes suffered initial defeat—and a smashing one—as the house today took up the administration's social security bill.
The social vote was on a resolution making the social security bill the pending business. The resolution permitted only amendments that normally would be in order. Backers of the Townsend and Lundeen bills immediately charged that was a "gag" against their plans.
They sought to amend the resolution so as to specifically authorize presentation of the Townsend and Lundeen bills.
After Democratic leaders—among them Representative O'Connor (D. N. Y.)—had expressed the hope that the Townsend and Lundeen bills could be offered as amendments or substitutes, the house beat down 198 to 54, the proposed amendment specifically authorizing their presentation.
The resolution was adopted, 399 to 103, on a roll call vote.

41 Drunk Drivers Beroft of Permi

SALEM, April 11.—(AP)—The penalty of having their operating licenses revoked was imposed on 48 automobile drivers during March, the secretary of state's office reported today. Driving while intoxicated was responsible for 41 of the revocations.
Twenty-two license suspensions were listed during the month.
ASTORIA, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—John Keines of Portland, a truck driver, drowned in the Lewis and Clark river near here today when he slipped from a log boom.

EX-ALCATRAZ INMATE IS JAIL VISITOR HERE

Varell H. Raap, one of the first inmates of the government prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, was detained in the county jail for a few hours yesterday en route to Chehalis, Wash., where he faces another charge. Raap, whose prison mates were Al Capone, Chicago gangster; "Machine Gun" George Kelly and other notorious outlaws rounded up by Uncle Sam, was arrested as he finished a term for postoffice robbery. He was transferred from McNeil's island federal prison to Alcatraz. Raap was in the custody of Deputy Sheriff B. H. Conpton and District Attorney Sorrell of Lewis county, Washington.

AQUITANIA PULLS OFF SOUTHAMPTON FLATS

SOUTHAMPTON, April 11.—(AP)—The S. S. Aquitania, after being aground on a mudbank since yesterday, was refloated at 5:10 p. m. today and headed up the Solent for the Southampton dock.

MRS. DOTY AUTHOR OF MAIL TRIBUNE POEM
The poem, "The Fight Is On," published in Wednesday's edition of the Mail Tribune was composed by Mrs. W. D. Dowd. The name was inadvertently left off.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 11.—My boss is dead, my friend is dead. Adolph Ochs, owner of the great New York Times, is the first man that I ever wrote for and it was him personally that got me to try it. Think of being lucky enough to break in at the top, for that paper is the top. He was a fine friend and a fine citizen.
Then another good friend, Warren Robbins, our minister to Canada, is gone too. He is the man who took me in to see Mussolini when I got the famous "custor oil" interview. He next took me to see the president of little San Salvador when he was minister there. A fine fellow, Warren, and our diplomatic service will miss him.
Will Rogers.

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