

The Weather

Forecast: Occasional rain or snow tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 37. Lowest this morning 10. Precipitation last 24 hours .40

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SACRAMENTO FLOOD SPREADING



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON (Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The diplomatic antics of the French at London are no mystery to our people. Ambassador-at-large Norman Davis has tipped the top officials what to expect.

The basic trouble is that Britain wants to bring Germany into any general naval agreement reached at London. The French government fears it will fall if it brings German participation. The anti-Nazi group in France is asserting that such a step would legalize German violation of the Versailles treaty.

So the French are putting on a little show for domestic French consumption, battling about battleships, seeking to impress the French people with the great fight to save them some money in naval construction. The top fellows here fear that the French may use our refusal to budge on the battleship issue as an excuse to run out on all London agreements—but they do not much care.

The way our people figure it out, Mr. Muscle-in started that story about the prospects of an Italian-German-Austrian pact for the effect it would have on the London naval meeting.

The last time, it was Mr. Hitler who made overtures to Il Duce for a revival of the triple entente. Il Duce turned him down.

Since that time, things have changed. Il Duce needs help. Of course, Hitler has a ready ear for any proposal which will frighten France. He has been successful. Paris diplomats are in a panic.

It will probably complicate British efforts to get France to concede Germany's participation in the naval agreement, which seems to be exactly what Il Duce wanted. Heavy atmosphere of all of which affords you a scent of the inner suspicions and political dirty work in which the London conference appears to have become involved.

500 FLEE HOMES AS WATERS RACE THROUGH LEVELS

Typhoid Epidemic Feared—Damage Over Million Is Counted—Big Asparagus Crop Beneath Surface

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Thousands of acres in northern California's fertile valleys lay under water today as health officials urged precautions against a possible typhoid epidemic.

The weather bureau forecast more rain today and tomorrow. To the 100-mile-long flood-stricken district along the Sacramento river were added fresh levee breaks at scattered points beside the Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced rivers. Unofficial estimates placed total damage to crops and buildings at more than \$1,000,000.

Dr. John J. Sippy, San Joaquin county health officer, cautioned refugees to undergo inoculation for typhoid and to drink no water from flooded wells. No cases of the disease have been reported, he said.

More than 500 persons were homeless. The San Joaquin river tore through a 150-foot levee section eight miles east of Antioch, submerging 3600 acres of land, including 800 acres of asparagus that was to have been harvested yesterday.

Waters ripped through a 70-foot break in the Stanislaus river in southern San Joaquin county causing \$400,000 damage to spinach and pea crops. Near Ripon, the Stanislaus poured through a 25-foot hole over about 3000 acres of farm land.

Two breaks near Merced were reported. Twelve families fled in the patch of a breach 14 miles north of the city. Nearby, seven feet of water submerged buildings and forced seven schools to close.

One hundred SERA workers fled when the San Joaquin poured over Paradise dam, 13 miles southwest of Stockton.

VICTIMS OF 'CLOCK' KILLING



Victims of a double killing, Carl S. Barbour, 56, operator of a Los Angeles rooming house, and his wife, Dorothea, 61, shown above, were found dead on a burning bed. Police asserted the two had been beaten to death and the bed set afire by an infernal machine constructed of an electric heater and cheap watch to destroy the evidence.

Fred Stettler, 25, a chauffeur, was arrested and booked on suspicion of the slaying. (Associated Press Photo)

SNOW THREATENS CLOSE ROADWAYS IN KLAMATH AREA

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A storm that already has lasted continuously for more than 24 hours raged in this section of the state today. Klamath Falls, previously escaping the heavy weather hitting major portions of Oregon, this morning was fighting clear of a ten inch blanket of snow. A brief, strong wind late last night piled up drifts to the depth of several feet.

All available equipment was working at top speed to maintain communication lines. Early this morning there were no reports to indicate main highways were closed but plows were having difficulty in keeping the paths clear.

Many secondary roads, however, were shut indefinitely and residents of the outlying county districts were finding it impossible to get into the city. Mail service from Alturas, Medford and Lakeview was held up three hours. Trains from the north were on time but rail travel from the south was delayed.

PERJURY CHARGE IS DEMANDED BY BRUNOS COUNSEL

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 25.—(AP)—A demand that prosecution officials bring a perjury charge against Millard Whitely, Sourslands mountain logger and one of the chief witnesses against Bruno Richard Hauptmann, was made today by C. Lloyd Fisher, chief counsel for Hauptmann.

Fisher in a letter to Prosecutor Anthony M. Hauck, Jr., of Hunterdon county, said he wished Hauck "would proceed in the Whitely case as you did in the Heier case."

He referred to Benjamin Heier, New York restaurant cashier, a Hauptmann defense witness who was indicted in Hunterdon county for perjury at the Flemington trial.

Heier swore he was sitting in an automobile with a young woman the night of April 2, 1932, when the \$50,000 Lindbergh ransom was paid and saw a man jump from the wall of St. Raymond's cemetery. The man, he said, was not Hauptmann.

The state, in rebuttal, produced a witness who said at about the hour Heier testified he was in the Bronx he was involved in an automobile collision in midtown Manhattan.

Heier's case has not been brought to trial. Fisher himself is reluctant to sign a complaint against Whitely, who was accused by Governor Harold G. Hoffman of "lying." Whitely said he saw Hauptmann prowling in the woods near the Lindbergh estate shortly before the kidnaping, March 1, 1932.

HONOLULU, Feb. 25.—(UP)—George Bernard Shaw spurned a traditional Hawaiian welcome today, and ripped a let from his neck when a hula girl draped one over his head. Shaw, forgetting his momentary petulance, talked freely with interviewers concerning world affairs.

DENIES POLITICS GAVE DEM CHIEF TWO FAT JOBS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Jesse H. Jones said today that "qualifications" not "politics" had dictated appointment of Walter J. Cummings, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, to two jobs paying aggregate salaries of \$90,000 a year.

The Reconstruction Finance corporation chairman confirmed to newsmen that Cummings is receiving \$75,000 as chairman of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust company of Chicago, and \$15,000 as trustee in the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad.

Both RFC borrowers. Both the bank and the railroad are RFC borrowers. In the senate yesterday, Senator Couzens (R. Mich.) battled unsuccessfully the bill to exempt bank stock held by the RFC from state and local taxation and said:

"If these banks can pay these salaries they can certainly pay taxes on these preferred stocks."

The bill passed, however, and was sent to the house for consideration. Jones replied negatively when asked whether Cummings' political connections may have figured in the

CITY SNOW MOVED BY SUN AND RAIN; MERCURY MOUNTS

The sun came out long enough this afternoon to clear the city of what was left of its heaviest snowfall of the year. A light shower aided the melting warmth of the sun by washing the slush from streets and sidewalks.

Well-To-Do Man Is Kleptomaniac After Car Injury

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—An automobile accident three years ago resulted in a long series of mystifying burglaries, state police announced following the appearance in Woodburn circuit court of Frederick Lettke, 33, on a burglary charge.

Lettke, a well-known Woodburn resident, received a skull fracture three years ago which affected his mind to the extent that he became a kleptomaniac, police said.

He admitted forays into various establishments since that time during which he collected enough widely divergent articles to fill four trucks.

That Lettke had nothing to gain by the burglaries was proven by the fact, police stated, that as a retired business man he owned several farms and possessed a sizeable bank account.

SCHOOLS PERILED BY INTERESTS IS EDUCATORS CLAIM

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Charles A. Beard, author and historian, told educators today that attempts to bar the study of "controversial" subjects such as communism, represent "an effort of selfish and narrow interests to conquer the schools for their own purposes and ends."

Beard, who addressed the department of superintendence of the National Education association, urged a vigorous defense of the values of scholarship against outside pressure. Nearly 10,000 educators are attending the department's convention.

"Does anyone really believe there can be a true history of the United States, for example, that does not deal with the great issues of banking, tariff, income, budget, agriculture, industry and labor that have been formed, and still form, so much of the substance of American history and practice?" he asked.

ANOTHER GENERAL NAMED IN SENATE POLITICAL STORM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A charge that Major General Frank C. Bolles, commander of the Seventh corps area of Omaha, Neb., was "actively engaging" in politics developed today in senate debate on the suspension from duty of Major General Johnson Hagood as eighth corps area commander.

Senator Hastings (R-Del.) had termed the action in relieving Hagood of his command an "illustration of terrorism in government" when Senator Robinson, the democrats' leader, hurled the charge about Bolles. He coupled it with an assertion that Senator Hastings was "instrumental" in sending Brig. General William Mitchell, former air corps chief, "to his grave without the restoration due him."

Half Dozen in Debate. The debate springing out of the suspension of Hagood involved a half dozen senators.

Robinson literally stormed out his words in heated reply to Hastings. He asserted that Hagood "violated" the army code in taking part in politics by criticizing the administrative agency.

"And there is at least one more commander," Robinson shouted, "who is actively engaged in politics, who

NAME ASSESSORS FOR 1936 TAXES

Deputy assessors, who will take the field March 2, for property appraisements for the 1936 taxes, have been named by Assessor J. B. Coleman as follows: East and southeast district—J. G. Walker of Bellview. City of Ashland—George Nichols, Jr. Talent and Phoenix—Jay Terrill. Medford—C. A. Myers. Suburban Medford and adjoining farm areas—H. N. Lofland. Central Point and Berrydale and environs—C. H. Howe. Eagle Point and Butte Falls—Ross Kline. Jacksonville and Applegate—E. A. Langley. Rogue River, Gold Hill and Wimer—Ed E. Dimmick. Siskiyou Valley and Prospect—George McDonald.

BAD CHECK SUSPECT FACING TRIAL HERE

San N. Fisher, 51, arrested at the Portland municipal airport on a warrant issued in justice court here charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, has been released on \$1500 bail to appear here for trial, state police have been notified.

Hungry Fox Taken For Wolf At Door

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25.—(AP)—When Mrs. W. T. Lynch stepped out on the front porch she saw what she thought was a wolf. The Lynches weren't expecting one, so she called the police.

The police captured the animal and at the zoo he was identified as a fox. The animal experts there said he probably was taken by the hard winter and driven to the city to look for food.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

John Perl and Ben Harder hiking down Main street, Perl gesticulating frantically and Harder alternately picking his teeth and listening.

Sam Carey with an armload of shoe boxes, being consoled by ladies asking him questions, and rolling his eyes looking for a place to deposit the shoes until the barrage was over.

OREGON FLU WAVE OF MILD NATURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Influenza is widespread in Oregon, but most cases reported are mild so far, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, said today.

"No deaths have been reported to us yet from influenza, although deaths from pneumonia are above average," he said. "The pneumonia deaths are not numerous enough to be alarming."

"Cleanliness is the best preventative I know for influenza," Dr. Stricker said. "Wash your hands thoroughly before touching food, and avoid eating at places where utensils are not sterilized."

"Avoid contact with persons the least bit sick, and avoid crowds."

NAB THREE BOYS ON AUTO THEFTS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Three youths, said by officers to have admitted two car thefts, are in the county jail at Roseburg while a check is being made to determine if they are runaways from the Washington state training school.

According to Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thomson, the youths have admitted the theft of a car belonging to Dorris Barry, Tacoma, as well as the theft last night of a sedan belonging to Everett Partin of Roseburg.

The boys give the names of Bill Reynolds, 17; John Wilson, 15, and Clarence Barnes, 17. Although they claim residence in New York, Deputy Thomson reports, papers found in their possession indicate that they live in Washington state, probably Tacoma and Seattle.

George V Funeral Expense \$125,000

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The funeral of King George V, who died January 30, cost about \$125,000.

The expense was disclosed today in a supplementary estimate for various government departments, presented to the house of commons for parliamentary approval.

SLIDE SURVIVORS DIG FOR VICTIMS

OURAY, Colo., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Survivors of Colorado's second avalanche tragedy in eight days dug into a mountain of debris at the bottom of a bowl-shaped canyon above here today, looking for bodies of two of the three persons killed. The third was recovered. At least four others were injured.

Breaking loose from the heavy snow rimming the canyon, the crazy snow, estimated to have lain as deep as 18 feet, skidded down the "Chicago slide" yesterday, swept through the lower floor of a two-story bunkhouse, wiped out the \$100,000 mill and a snow tunnel connecting the buildings, and came to rest a half mile farther down.

Income Shares

Maryland fund, bid \$11.85; asked \$20.45. Quarterly income shares, bid \$1.50; asked \$1.65.

BACK DEM DEM FOR EDUCATION VACANCY

SALZBURG, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The name of Colonel C. A. Robertson of West Salem, Democrat, was being advanced today by Democrats in Polk county for appointment to the state board of higher education to succeed L. P. Finseth, Governor Martin reported today.

Finseth, a Republican member of the board, will complete his term March 2. The governor declared some factions within the Democratic party are supporting him for reappointment, resulting in a "political war" in Polk county. Finseth was declared to have received the endorsement of the Polk county Democratic central committee.

House Burns When 'Vinegar' Explodes

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Four persons were suffering from burns today, one in a critical condition, as a result of an explosion of a house in Lewiston. The explosion was caused by a power line failure caused by the explosion of an insulator on a 11,000-volt line that threw the eastern half of Salem and rural districts into darkness last night.

The blow-up was caused by moisture which had frozen around the insulator and cracked it, power company officials said.

Brought Own Death. ABSEDEEN, Feb. 25.—(AP)—John Maslin, Aberdeen high school football coach killed in a crash early Saturday, was held responsible by a coroner's jury for his own death. The jury found Maslin drove left of the road. Deaths of Virginia Dwyer and Vincent Bowman in a subsequent crash were held responsible.