The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.
Highest yesterday 49
Lowest this morning 31
Precipitation last 24 hrs. ..... .15

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BRUNO BREAKS AS DEATH NEARS

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, March 31. — Ambassador-at-Large Davis is exuding hope that the Japanese will accept the sieve-like London naval treaty. This is a diplomatic hope. There is not much steam behind it. Here is the reason why:

Paul Mallon

Mr. Davis was squeezed into an agreement at London reducing the maximum calibre of big guns on battleships. The British and French both worked to have us give up 16-inch guns. We have developed a higher maximum of efficiency with these guns than they have. They wanted a 12-inch limitation.

In order to prevent the conference from breaking up without any kind of agreement, Mr. Davis compromised on 14-inch guns. Our 14-inchers are no better than those possessed by other naval powers.

Shrewd Mr. Davis, however, sawed out a trapdoor for himself. He constructed an escape clause. Under it the 14-inch gun agreement is void if Japan and Italy do not adhere to the treaty by April Fool's day of next year. (See section 2, article 4).

That means Mr. Davis is not likely to be the one who is fooled.

He may continue to exude hope without much fear of it being realized.

Note—International bargaining has always been a game of give and take, but in the new naval treaty it has developed some of the finer points of a polite skin game. The participants generally recognize it as such. Nothing else is possible, they say, as long as existing extreme nationalism continues.

Newsmen threw away their pencils and snored at the first few Townsend hearings. Special Examiner Sullivan contented himself with developing a great mass of uninteresting technical background on the history of the Townsend movement. He shied away from anything which would inspire interest.

House committeemen explained off the record that they were holding back their big sensations until the groundwork is legally established. The truth is they were not prepared. Their investigators had not completed work at the time the hearings opened. That is why the hearings are now being strung out.

However, if this is to be a skillfully conducted house investigation, it will be the first in many a year. All the famous and infamous investigations have been conducted on the senate side. House members have never mastered the senatorial technique. They have not had the training, for instance, of Senator Black, who appears to have been overtrained.

A very prominent Republican is complaining to friends that some of his mail lately has borne evidence of having been opened before it reached him. He is not among the second-string politicos who might be aroused by slight suspicions for political purposes.

A Republican lawyer in Washington also has been murmuring about similar experiences.

No complaint has been made to postal authorities. Probably none will be. You may hear about the matter

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SIDE GLANCES
by
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Ernest Scott, Elks secretary, starting to support himself on the new bannister down the front steps of the temple and suddenly catching himself when he remembered it was but freshly painted.

Ah Banwell authoritatively handing out pointers at the rassiin matches last night, stating that he used to be a grunt and grimacer himself. "I was a paper-weight," quoth Ah.

Irl Groves still cheerful despite the fact that an elevator recently fell on his konk and broke his neck, but a little despondent because the cast will prevent his getting out on the opening day of fishing season.

Mrs. Glenn J. Key jubilant over her first grand slam in bridge, made with a bid of seven in spades over her opponent's bid of seven diamonds.

Roy Craft writing the above squib, but admitting that he didn't dash it off with his usual verve for fear of showing up the rest of the column.

Doomed Man Sobs Denials of Guilt; Chair Made Ready

TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—(AP)—Col. Mark O. Kimberling said late today that if Paul H. Wendel should be indicted for the Lindbergh baby murder by the grand jury now in session, he would delay the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann until later in the week.

The warden has the authority in his own discretion to execute Hauptmann any time during the present week, as the sentence merely prescribed the week of March 30.

By DALE HARRISON
Associated Press Staff Writer
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TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—(AP)—The iron nerve of Bruno Richard Hauptmann snapped today, with death in the electric chair only a few hours away. But his sob-wracked story of innocence shrilled through the death house unbroken and unchanged.

"I am innocent," cried the condemned Lindbergh baby killer, even as, a few feet away final tests were being made of the chair in which he is to die shortly after 8 o'clock for the shocking crime of the Sourland hills.

Last Hope Gone

His last hope was gone. The pardons court, which could have saved him, refused to do so. Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who dared political disaster in an attempt to solve the Lindbergh case in the face of a Flemington jury's verdict that the case was already solved, said he would not again interfere.

Defense counsel apparently were without any legal way to turn to save him, but had not given up hope. His prosecutors were unchanged in their conviction that Hauptmann, and Hauptmann alone, was guilty as proved.

In the face of it all, and with the knowledge that a confession or partial confession was his only hope of escaping the chair, the 36-year-old prisoner cried out today to Col. Mark O. Kimberling:

"I am innocent; but I am not afraid to die."

"Any change in my story would be a lie," he told the warden.

Sleep Broken

Hauptmann was weeping when Col.

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STRINGER RETRIAL MOTION PONDERED

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31. —(AP)—Superior Judge George B. Simpson took under advisement today a motion for a new trial for Glenn R. Stringer, Medford, Ore., youth condemned to die for the slaying of Herbert Lee Caples, holdup victim.

P. J. Kirwin, defense attorney, contended that the court erred in permitting Prosecuting Attorney E. G. Cushing to remark to the jury: "What would the world think of a not guilty verdict?" and in further saying: "There has not been a word of refutation."

Kirwin contended the latter statement inferentially referred to the fact that Stringer did not take the stand in his own defense, and that such reference is illegal.

Several other errors were charged.

NEW DWELLING IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire did damage estimated at $100 to $150 yesterday afternoon in the new home of R. E. Munter, 701 South Oakdale avenue. The fire department put out the blaze with chemicals, no water being used and furniture and fixtures being protected against damage by salvage blankets.

The fire was confined mainly to the attic. Cause was ascribed by Chief Roy Elliott to insufficient clearance of a veneer partition through which a stove pipe passed. The house was erected only recently.

It was the fifth fire in five days and Chief Elliott again warned that extreme care should be used during the present cold spell.

KLAMATH HIGHWAYS ARE SLICK AS GLASS

KLAMATH FALLS, Mar. 31.—(AP) Streets and highways in the Klamath vicinity were as slick as glass this morning following last night's snow storm.

Fine snow blown about by a strong wind was packed over the main traffic avenues in a hard, thin coating.

All highways were open.

The spring storm was broken this morning and the sky was bright and clear. Low temperatures prevailed.

There was no crop damage.

JUSTICE CLOSES LAST LEGAL DOOR UPON DEATH STAY

TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard today denied a stay of execution for Bruno Richard Hauptmann in what he conceded to be his last legal recourse before his execution tonight.

In denying the stay, Justice Trenchard, referring to the repudiated "confession" of Paul H. Wendel upon which the plea was based largely, declared:

"They (the Wendel papers) do not justify any arrest of the execution."

"These papers," the aged justice who presided over Hauptmann's Flemington trial, said "do not justify any rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted, much less granting a new trial."

"It seems pretty plain to me that this (Wendel) confession is incredible on its face, out of harmony with the known facts of the case, and without the slightest corroboration with respect to matters which could easily be corroborated.

"I do not think I am authorized to interfere and I will have to deny counsel's motion (for a stay of execution.)"

TO SPEED BUILDING ROGUE RAILROAD

PORT ORFORD, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Gilbert E. Gable, president of the Gold Coast railway and the Port Orford Dock & Terminal company, told interviewers today that all speed possible will be shown in development work in this section.

He smiled at certain critics who questioned the ability of his company to finance the projected railroad between Port Orford and Leland on the Southern Pacific line near Grants Pass.

"So far our companies have a pretty good batting average in performing what we said we would do," he commented.

"We have no intention of spoiling our record in regard to the construction of the Gold Coast railroad."

Preliminary work and clearing of right of way titles will require most of this year, he said.

SCUFFLE OVER RIFLE COSTS LIFE OF BOY

BAKER, March 30.—(AP)—Robert F. Cole, 13-year-old son of Mrs. M. E. Cole of Sumpter, died in a Baker hospital Sunday evening from effects of a wound inflicted earlier in the afternoon by a bullet accidentally fired from a .22 caliber rifle in the hands of Buckley Robb, 12, in the Sumpter residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robb.

The accident occurred when Robb, Cole and other boys were scuffling

COMMERCIAL FINANCE PLANS STOCK INCREASE

Directors of the Commercial Finance company met here at 2 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the issuance of $100,000 additional stock. The meeting was held in the offices of W. W. Walker, president and manager of the firm.

MRS. ROOSEVELT MAY VISIT STATE IN FALL

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—E. J. Griffith, Oregon WPA administrator, returning from an airplane flight to Washington, reiterated today that it was possible Mrs. Roosevelt will attend the dedication of the Mt. Hood export being constructed by WPA funds. It will be completed next fall.

Income Shares

Maryland funding, bid $19.25; asked $20.82.

Quarterly income, bid $1.68, asked $1.73.

Hitler Proposes Four-Month Armistice

Execution Seat Yawns for Kidnaper

His life forfeit for the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., Bruno Richard Hauptmann (right) is scheduled to take his place in the electric chair (left) at the New Jersey state penitentiary at 8:20 p. m. (E. S. T.) today.—(Associated Press Photos.)

TRAGEDY SCENE TOLD BY BLONDE SECRETARY

NEW YORK, March 31.—(AP)—Vera Stretz testified under cross examination today she threatened Dr. Fritz Gebhardt, her lover, before she shot him during a struggle in his skyscraper apartment.

Her 43-year-old lover attacked her, she said, and she took a revolver from a bureau drawer.

The blonde secretary testified:

"I threatened him. I said, 'Let me out or I'll do something desperate'."

"What did he do?"

"He said, 'you damned———.' He clutched at my hand. He said I wouldn't dare. He pulled me toward him. I pulled away."

"Did you struggle?"

"Yes, we must have moved toward the bed."

"Did he get on the bed?"

"Yes."

Judge Cornelius Collins asked: "Was a shot fired before he got on the bed?"

A. Yes.

Q. (By Judge Collins) What did he do after first shot?

A. He staggered back toward the bed.

Q. Where was he when the second shot was fired?

A. He got out of bed and was coming toward me.

Q. Did he stagger?

A. I don't know, I just saw the blood.

She began sobbing.

Q. After you fired the second time, what did he do?

A. He fell, between the bed and the desk.

Judge Collins tried to clarify her narrative.

"I don't know," she replied. "I just shot and shot and shot. I can't recall the details."

Q. After the shots, did you leave immediately?

A. I stayed.

Q. How long?

A. Oh, my mind ———

Q. (By Judge Collins) How long did you remain?

A. It couldn't have been more than 10 minutes.

Q. You didn't telephone?

A. No.

Q. After that period, you left? You took the gun, you took the box of cartridges?

A. Yes.

Q. Not until you had used the pistol, did you go back to the bureau drawer after the cartridges?

A. Yes.

TOWNSEND FACES REPUDIATION SAYS REP. M'GROARTY

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Repudiation of the Townsend leadership by the organization's club members was predicted today by Representative McGroarty (D-Calif.) if Dr. F. E. Townsend deviates from his proposal for a transactions tax to pay $200-a-month pensions to everyone past 60.

McGroarty, author of legislation to put the Townsend plan into effect, yesterday accused Townsend of "talking like a fool" after the elderly California physician had disavowed interest in the "private political ambitions" of the representative.

Townsend visited his national headquarters briefly today but left almost immediately. Aides said he had "gone out of town for a rest."

"I no longer care what Dr. Townsend, or other officials of the old age revolving pensions think," McGroarty said. "Millions of people in Townsend clubs throughout the country rallied around my bill, which also has the support of 63 congressmen."

He declared Townsend "seems to have endorsed" a proposal by Sheri-

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HEAP AIRPLANES DOOMED IN STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Oregon's new regulations outlawing "heap" airplanes of the potential death trap variety will become effective as soon as printed copies can be circulated, the state aeronautics board said today.

Allan D. Greenwood, board inspector, said planes not used in interstate commerce will be subjected to state regulations as strict as federal aeronautics rules. Other states are interested in the Oregon regulations, he said.

Planes with state licenses only will not be permitted to be used for student instruction or any commercial purposes.

CONDITION OF EGAN IS UNCHANGED TODAY

EVERETT, Wash., March 31.—(AP)—The condition of H. Chandler Egan of Medford, former amateur national golf champion, suffering from lumbar pneumonia, remained unchanged today.

Egan Is Featured.

H. Chandler Egan of Medford is mentioned in today's "Strange As It Seems," feature of the Mail Tribune. The author, John Ripley, calls attention to the fact that Egan won the U. S. amateur golf championship in 1904 at the age of 20, and 30 years later, played on the American Walker cup team.

'HELL ON WHEELS' CAPTURES GONDAR

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WITH THE NORTHERN ITALIAN ARMY, GONDAR, Ethiopia, March 31—This important strategic city at the head of Lake Tana fell into the hands of an Italian truck column led by Achille Starace, secretary-general of the fascist party, today.

The mechanical cavalry roared its way southward along the Sudanese border, cutting off all northern Ethiopia from supplies, which previously had been delivered over caravan trails from the sudan.

This Italian drive is by far the most important international move yet made in the present war because of the significance to the British of the Lake Tana region.

Cannot Tax Gas In Bus Tanks

WASHINGTON, March 31 — (AP) — New Mexico lost today in the supreme court in its effort to impose a 5 percent per gallon tax on gasoline bought by a bus line outside the state and used in passing through the state.

In a unanimous opinion delivered by Justice Sutherland, the tribunal affirmed a ruling against the state by a three-judge federal district court in New Mexico.

Portland Contributors Lag.

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—The campaign here for Red Cross funds to be used for flood sufferers was less than a third of the way toward its $18,000 goal today. Officials said $5230 has been collected.

DELAYED FILINGS COME IN BY MAIL

SALEM, March 31.—(AP)—Mail receipts following the close of primary election filings last night brought the total today to 450, setting a new high record for names to appear on the nominating ballots in Oregon.

The secretary of state ruled, according to his interpretation of the Oregon law that "a letter mailed is a letter received," and permitted filings by letters postmarked before 5 o'clock last night. Nine were received today and more were expected.

President Roosevelt and Senator William E. Borah headed the Democratic and Republican primary ballots, both without opposition for the preferential vote for president.

Five candidates filed for United States senatorial nomination and 19 for nomination to the three seats in congress. Representative James W. Mott, Republican incumbent from the first district, was the only congressional candidate without primary election opposition.

SMOTHERED BABY TO BE BURIED IN C. P.

REDWOOD CITY, March 31.—(AP)—Berilyn Eugene, 33-day-old baby of Mrs. Edward Bellows, smothered to death in bed clothing of its crib. The body will be sent to the family home at Central Point, Ore., for funeral services.

GOOD CROP LEFT EXPERTS ASSERT AFTER SURVEYS

Prof. Reimer Says 75-90 Per Cent of Normal Crop Prospect in Talent-Phoenix Area—Apples Unhurt

Slightly colder weather was foreseen by the meteorological bureau for tonight, the Rogue valley being affected by the squally end of the storm area moving rapidly to the eastward. The bureau said the temperature might drop below this morning's minimum of 31 degrees. Because of squalls, the mercury dropped nine degrees in two hours this afternoon, the early afternoon reading being 33 as against 38 at the same hour yesterday. Before the precipitate drop the temperature reached 42 at noon as compared with yesterday's maximum of 39.

Prof. F. C. Reimer, head of the Southern Oregon Experiment station at Talent, following a survey of orchards in the Talent-Phoenix district yesterday afternoon and this morning, estimated "there are sufficient blossoms left to provide 75 to 90 per cent of a normal crop of most varieties of pears, provided there is no further frost loss."

Prof. Reimer also characterized upstate reports of "75 to 100 per cent loss" as ridiculous exaggeration.

"I would say that fully 50 per cent of the blossoms are brown inside," said Prof. Reimer," but owing to the heavy bloom there are plenty of blossoms left for a good crop. The loss of 50 per cent of the blossoms does not mean a 50 per cent loss of the crop, as trees produce many, many more blossoms than are necessary. The public often confuses this condition.

Looks Reasonably Good.

"Things look reasonably good, provided there is no more frost damage," said Prof. Reimer. His investigations included only the orchards of the Talent-Phoenix district, and the south end of the valley.

Professor Reimer said that pres-

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BAN ON CITY DOGS BEGINS TOMORROW

The city ordinance confining dogs to the property of their owners during April, May and June of each year goes into effect again tomorrow.

During the three-month period any dog that leaves its owner's property, unless it is held on a leash by an attendant, is subject to seizure. To redeem a seized dog the owners must pay for the expense involved in catching and keeping it at the Jackson County Humane society shelter, Police Chief Clatous McCredie explained.

Purpose of the three months' confinement is to protect gardens, flower beds and yards.

A new city ordinance subjects the owner of an unlicensed dog to fine and incarceration in the Medford jail.

PORTLAND SEWAGE BOND ISSUE OKEH

SALEM, March 31—(AP)—The Oregon supreme court ruled the $6,000,000 bond issue for construction of a sewage disposal plant in Portland was legally voted and the action by the city council for the project valid. Authorization for procedure with the project was granted.

The opinion, reversing the Multnomah county circuit court overruled the injunction against issuing and selling the bonds despite the complaint the city council had changed plans and specifications from those submitted to the voters at the special election in July, 1933.

GRAND RONDE VALLEY SUFFERS NO DAMAGE

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 31.—(AP) Despite the chilly weather here the last few days, no crop damage has been reported in the Grande Ronde valley. Fruit buds are not far enough along to be affected. Most of the winter wheat has had a protective covering of snow, growers reported.

A light snow was falling here this morning with shifty winds drifting it some, but all state highways were reported open and in fair condition.

COMMISSION TO RULE FRONTIER DURING INTERIM

Germany Would Agree Not Increase Rhineland Force —France, Belgium Must Also Agree to Proposal

BERLIN, March 31.—(AP)—A four-month "armistice" with a three-man international commission to control both the German and the French-Belgian sides of the frontier was reliably said tonight to be Adolf Hitler's counter-proposals to the Locarno powers in the Rhineland crisis.

During the "figurative or moral armistice" Germany would agree not to increase her Rhineland troops, but France and Belgium would have to give the same guarantee.

This plan was flown to London by Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's special ambassador, for delivery to Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary.

Hitler proposes that the international commission be composed of an Englishman, an Italian and a neutral, to be chosen by the English and the Italians.

This commission would not only control the German side of the border to see that troops are not increased, but also the French-Belgian side.

The Locarno proposal of an international police force on German soil apparently was rejected.

This was said to be the kernel of the long document which Von Ribbentrop took to London.

Hitler considers that the negotiations for a "more peaceful peace" ought to be completed within the four-month period. If not, the possibility remained open that the armistice could be extended.

EDISON MARSHALL SAYS ADVENTURE YARNS SELL BEST

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—The busy office worker, the low-salaried housekeeper and the man in the street have to take their adventure synthetically, so there's no limit to the demand for adventure stories, Edison Marshall, formerly of Medford, told interviewers here.

Readers are tired of "realistic stuff" and demand "good, wholesome reading, not necessarily all sweetness and light, not risqua, but entertaining fiction they can believe—convincing, that's what I mean."

The former University of Oregon author said he would go to Burma at the end of this year to hunt tigers and material for a new story.

STORMS DELAYING SAWMILL OPENING

Storm conditions in the hills are delaying the logging operations of the Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon company), and the start of sawmill operations here, scheduled for Monday, April 6, has been deferred, according to General Manager James H. Owen.

It is now planned to "start the sawmill some time next week, it all depends on the weather," Owen said today. "We will have to get more logs in the ponds before we can operate."

The first trainload of logs from the Butte Falls district cutting arrived last Saturday, an insufficient amount for steady operation.

H. F. Chaney of Portland, executive vice-president of the Medford Corporation spent Monday in the city en route south.

Big City Stores Using More Ads Than Year Past

CHICAGO, March 31.—(AP)—Retail advertising reached 17,646,579 lines in the newspapers of 65 major cities during the week ended March 21, and was 6.1 percent above the total for the corresponding week a year ago, Advertising Age reported today.

The 1935 figure was 16,623,184 lines. For the year to date retail advertising lineage was 1.9 percent of 1935.