

The Weather
Forecast: Fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.
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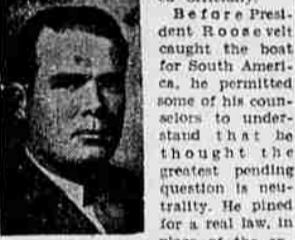
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U. S. NATIONAL BANK BUYS BUILDING



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Most important matter to be handled in the coming congress is likely to be one not yet mentioned officially.



Before President Roosevelt caught the boat for South America, he permitted some of his counselors to understand that he thought the question pending was neutrality. He planned for a real live in place of the existing weak compromise forced on him by congress.

It has been decided officially (although announcement has not yet been made) that the president will seek continuance of his reciprocal trade treaty-making powers, which expire June 12.

Congress will continue without question the reconstruction finance corporation set-up, as well as the president's monetary devaluation authority.

The president and his advisers have not made up their minds on tax legislation. Congressional leaders plan to

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FAMED OLD RANCH AT GAZELLE BURNED OUT

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 1.—(AP)—The famous old Edson & Foutke company ranch home and office at Gazelle, Calif., was destroyed by fire today.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mildred Luster emerging from the county hospital to brave the perils of metropolitan traffic in her shiny new car, and doing quite nicely too.

Mark Goldy shivering under his big overcoat, wishing he hadn't returned from warmer Wyoming and Utah until Medford's cold snap is over.

Smiles on the faces of First National bank employees upon receiving the word today of a general wage boost to meet the higher cost of living.

E. Raymond Driver and Ted Porter exchanging horse-play fistfights out in the middle of the street, but Driver giving up before Porter armed himself with a razor.

Mrs. Justin Smith out hunting for a thermometer of sorts to give her arctic-blooded husband, she insisting he keeps their abode as hot as everyone else in the house suffocates.

Josephine Kirtley bundled up in a big coat, running to high school at dawn this morning with Jack Frost in hot pursuit.

Clarence Bates, tenor-soprano artist, back in town with a brand new batch of conversation for his shave and shampoo clients.

Lee Clark recording last night, unofficially, a record of a new, well-knowning letter before the south-bound train got underway.

PLAN TO OCCUPY OLD JACKSON CO. BANK STRUCTURE

Big Remodeling Job Promised — Long Term Lease to Add Vawter Building on East Main to Space

Purchase of the old Jackson County bank building at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and East Main street by the United States National bank of Portland was confirmed today.

The two-story building was purchased from Al Littrell, Inc., a corporation owned by Al Littrell, who acquired the structure from the defunct bank slightly more than a year ago.

It was also ascertained today that the United States National is negotiating for a long term lease of the Vawter property adjoining on East Main street, premises now being occupied by Brophy's jewelry store and the fictitious village company.

When the long-term lease is consummated, it is the plan of the United States National to combine the properties for occupancy of its Medford branch, which is now situated across the street at the northwest corner of Central Avenue and East Main street.

It is understood that terms of the lease mutually satisfactory to both parties have been agreed upon and that the Vawter and Littrell tenants have shown a disposition to be cooperative in relinquishing their leases for space in the present branch bank quarters.

When all the pending transactions are completed, the combined new premises will give the branch bank double the floor space it now has.

The contemplated removal of the United States National to new premises across the street involves the remodeling of a substantial sum for remodeling of the old bank building and the adjacent Vawter property.

The contemplated remodeling will give the bank a frontage of 75 feet on East Main street and about 70 feet on Central Avenue.

The remodeling structures will be designed by the bank's Portland architects but all supervisory executives, labor and materials will be acquired here in accordance with the bank's policy of patronizing the localities in which it transacts its business.

Since entrance of the United States National in the Medford field a year ago, its business here has shown a steady and rapid expansion until now its present quarters are considered inadequate.

Purchase of the old bank building gives a substantial impetus to the remodeling activity in Medford real estate. Several large buildings recently have changed hands and a major program of remodeling and modernizing is being carried forward.

Really and other United States National Bank employees are considering an exceedingly progressive step and an indication of the institution's faith in the continuing and growing importance and prosperity of Medford and the Rogue valley.

THE DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Grant County Stockmen's association, in an unanimous resolution, agreed to seek legislation to restore the dredged land of sections of the county to its original condition.

New World's Solidarity For Peace Is Roosevelt's Plea At Conference

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt opened the inter-American peace conference tonight with an assertion that the 21 new world republics could help avert war in the old world by maintaining peace among themselves.

But at the same time, the president proposed that the American republics "make it clear" they "stand shoulder to shoulder" to prevent aggression should war flare abroad.

In the speech he had traveled 6000 miles to make, the United States chief executive urged "the strengthening of the processes of constitutional democratic government" as the "best" means to "prevent any future war among ourselves."

Should It Modern Need. Adding that these processes should be made to "conform to the modern need for unity and efficiency" and at the same time to "preserve the individual liberties of our citizens," the president said:

"By so doing, the people of our nations, unlike the people of many nations, who live under other forms of government, can and will insist on their intention to live in peace."

As a second move toward peace, the president urged the American republics to set an example for old nations.

Three men pleaded guilty to charges of selling liquor to Indians when they were arraigned in federal court this morning and were sentenced by Judge James Alger Fee.

The defendants and their sentences were: William J. Stanton, 62, of Federal Falls, eight months in a federal road camp and \$100 fine; Joe Lewis, 27, of Beatty, eight months and \$100; Cephas B. Blake, 34, a Negro, of Klamath Falls, ten months and \$100.

Blake was shown to have a record of nine previous convictions for petty offenses in Oregon and California.

McKinley David, 38, an Indian, pleaded guilty to selling steers without the written consent of the superintendent of the Klamath reservation. He was sentenced to six months in a federal road camp.

After disposition of the four criminal cases, trial was begun of the civil suit of Walter Small versus the Oregon Caves resort. The case was heard in absence at the resumption of court this afternoon while a naturalization ceremony was held.

The civil suit is to be tried, probably tomorrow, by the trial of Roland Hicks, who is accused of the death of a fellow Indian, Irwin Johnson. Hicks is charged with second degree murder.

Federal court began its second session of the year here this morning with a complete staff of officials present from Portland.

Tease Dancer Loses Gems



Gypsy Rose Lee, the former burlesque queen who "strip teased" her way into a New York musical comedy, performed the most expensive "strip" act of her career when six men robbed her of jewelry she said was insured for \$25,000.

She was stopped at the door of her New York apartment house and forced to strip off the jewels. The dancer is pictured shortly after the robbery with her empty purse.

BRITAIN TO PROTEST ALIEN PARTICIPATION IN SPANISH UPRISING

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Great Britain will protest before the international non-intervention committee tomorrow the participation of nationals from other countries in the Spanish war.

At the same time, the German embassy issued a denial of a report in authoritative British circles that between "2000 and 5000 Germans" had arrived at Seville, Spain, to fight for the insurgents.

The reports did not make clear whether the "Germans" were volunteers or regular soldiers.

FRANCE WILL OFFER TO SETTLE DEBT FOR \$536,000,000 IS BELIEF

PARIS, France, Dec. 1.—(AP)—France will offer the United States approximately \$536,000,000, parliamentary circles forecast today, in full and final settlement of her war debts.

When France defaulted on her semi-annual payment last June 15 of \$74,878,725, she was in default \$250,292,292.

NO POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ENTERING LEAGUE IS WORD

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared flatly today at a press conference there was no possibility of the United States entering the League of Nations.

His statement was made to Argentine newspapermen three hours before Mr. Roosevelt was to open the inter-American peace conference of 21 nations.

Saddened by the death of August (Gus) Genenrich, his friend and protector, the president cancelled a morning motor tour of Buenos Aires suburbs.

Genenrich, the president's personal guard, died of a heart attack early this morning while dancing in a gay Buenos Aires cafe. He was 55 years old.

Genenrich had been with the president since 1928. His photograph is familiar to newspaper readers over the world, because he had appeared in nearly every picture taken of the president since that time.

Mr. Roosevelt remained all morning at the executive offices in the United States embassy, in Palermo park, but decided to go through with other scheduled events of the day, including receipt of a resolution of honor from the Argentine congress.

The United States president arranged a quiet luncheon, later receiving children from the Ward school, a North American-operated institution attended by the children of most United States families here.

Genenrich's funeral, it was announced, will be held in President Roosevelt's executive offices at the United States embassy at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

VALLEY OF MOON RAVAGED BY FIRE

GLENN ELLIEN, Calif., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Fire raged through the Valley of the Moon last night and today and was controlled by backfiring after the flames reached within a quarter-mile of the community.

The blaze started near Oakville, Napa county, and burned over the hills in long fiery fingers that joined again northeast of here and swept toward Glenn Eilen, Sonoma county.

Hundreds of volunteers, aided by fire fighting apparatus from nearby communities, worked through the night, finally stopping the flames at the highway between Kenwood and Wardville.

BOVIN SILENT ON SPEAKER CAUCUS

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Harry D. Bovin of Klamath Falls, whose early candidacy for the speakership of the house apparently has assured him of the office, left for his home today without committing to a caucus proposed to iron out the job and committee assignments for the forthcoming legislature.

MINERAL SURVEY GETS UNDER WAY IN ROGUE VALLEY

War Department Geologists Welcome Information From Miners On Ore Deposits for Basic Industries

Survey of industrial ores in the Rogue river valley was begun today by the war department.

Those who launched the survey were Arthur M. Swartley, consulting mining engineer, Ray Treasher, geologist, and Robert Layfield and Leslie Richards, junior geologists. All are civilian employees of the war department.

Mr. Swartley and his late brother, C. M. Swartley, then general contractor, built the Medford water pipeline from Big Butte springs.

The present staff here is to be augmented and the survey conducted for the next four or five weeks. Mr. Swartley said. He stated he would welcome authentic information from qualified miners regarding deposits or ores that are used in basic industries.

Mr. Swartley added, however, that the survey is not intended to place mining or in private promotion.

"Though we like to see all mining groups succeed, we cannot scatter our efforts," he said. "We are interested solely in surveying commercial deposits of minerals that can be used in basic industries. It is our task only to collect and correlate data for the use of industrial concerns that have need of minerals."

"We make a complete survey, describing the deposits, estimating the cost of equipment, showing the cost of hauling, and so on. We are interested in surveying industrial minerals that can compete on a cost basis with those of other parts of the country. This is of interest and value to all classes, including farmers, on

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LOYALIST FORCES IN DRIVE TOWARD FASCISTS CAPITAL

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Spanish government armies of the north pushed forward on two fronts today in a combined offensive directed at Burgos, seat of the insurgent junta.

Supported by tanks and grenade throwers, the advance proceeded thus:

1.—A "standard army" of the west seized the village of Soncillo, near a main highway to the insurgent "capital," and forged ahead.

2.—East of this force, Basque militiamen from Bilbao fought their way to within 10 miles of Victoria, which is about 70 miles northeast of Burgos and commands another main road leading to it.

The Basques hoped to take Victoria, then push along the road to launch a simultaneous attack on the fascist "capital" with the Santander army.

RAIN, MIST NORTH BOLSTER HOPE OF BREAK IN DROUGHT

Astoria Rain and Heavy Mist in Portland Causes Weather Bureau to Revise Prediction — Cold Spells

Overcast skies and meager precipitation lent hope today that unusually drought Oregon's unprecedented fall

Rain was reported at Astoria on the northwestern Oregon coast, and in Portland a mist—enough to wet streets—began falling shortly after noon. Early today, a few flakes of snow fell in some parts of the city but temperatures had moderated by noon.

Prediction Revised. The weather bureau in Portland, which previously had forecast "fair tonight and Wednesday," said: "We have some rain here but we don't think it will amount to very much."

The forecast was revised to call for "cloudiness and some fog" however. At a glimpse, the weather chart showed November rainfall in all areas far below normal and in some sections the smallest on record.

That there is no expectation of the unprecedented condition by report, however, is shown by reports from many general merchandise stores that the Christmas rush has begun the earliest in years. And the buying has been described as heavy. But it is lack of rain, rather than buying, which has brought anxiety.

Survey Shows Main Lack. Today's survey gives a graphic picture as to why such conditions exist. Portland, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Pendleton, Marshfield, Independence, all parts of Oregon—reported precipitation as the smallest on record—and no point recorded anywhere near normal rainfall.

These comparisons tell their own story: In northern Oregon from Portland to the Idaho line: Portland, November rainfall .35; previous low .30 in 1900.

Pendleton, November .05; November, 1935, .32; normal November, 1.56. La Grande, November .12; November, 1935, 1.53; total last four months .18, believed a new record.

Baker, November, trace—same as in 1900—November last year .31, total for year 9.43—2.08 below normal estimate. Roseburg, November, .25; November, 1935, 2.57; normal November, 4.65, below normal since September 1, 1932.

Grants Pass, November, trace; November, 1935, 1.31; September 1-November 30, .33; September 1-November 30, 1935, 4.51.

On Oregon coast: Tillamook, November, 1.15 (usually one of the wettest spots in nation); Marshfield, November, 61; November, 1935, 4.08; since September 1, 1.31; September 1-November 30, 1935, 7.38.

In southern and western Oregon: Medford, September 1-November 30, .36; September 1-November 30, 1935, .36—seasonal deficiency, 3.98. November, 1935, .52; normal November, 1.72; September 1-November 30, 1935, .09; September 1-November 30, 1934, .70; normal September 1-November 30, 2.70.

In central Oregon: Bend, November, .28; November, 1935, .55. Temperatures in this week—a fact which heartened fire fighters considerably and lessened, for the time being at least, danger of serious fire damage.

OLD CRYSTAL PALACE DESTROYED BY FIRE. LONDON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Historic Crystal Palace, one of London's intimate links with a by-gone age, lay today in smoldering ruins.

A spectacular fire last night destroyed the great mirrored edifice which was built at a cost of \$1,350,000 pounds (\$6,750,000) in 1851—an amusement center for millions since the days of Queen Victoria. No lives were lost but unestimated damage was done.

Income Shares

Maryland fund: Bid \$10.27; asked \$11.23. Quarterly income: Bid \$18.90; asked \$20.79.