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Forecast: Rain tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday 50. Lowest this morning 43. Precipitation last 24 hrs. .41

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DYNAMITE KILLS BUTTE FALLS WORKER

Behind Washington Headlines

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Copyright 1937, by The North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT TO OPPOSE HAWAII STATEHOOD MAJORITY OF DELEGATION HOLDS TIME NOT RIPE INVESTIGATION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THOROUGH A.F.L. BOOMS HYATT FOR McGRADY'S POST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—There has been much comment in the public print over the alleged fact that congressmen were not officially notified concerning the special session, that the members just sort of accidentally heard about it and turned up. They were, on the contrary, officially notified, whether they know it or not. Each member receives every day two copies of a publication whose existence congressmen made possible and the content of which, according to the law, "constitutes notice to every-one concerned." It is the Federal Register, published by the national archives. It carried in its issue of October 14, page one, column one, the text of the presidential proclamation convening the extra session.

Hawaii, despite the royal hospitality she gave to the members of the congressional delegation which just visited her shores, has given up the idea that she'll be granted statehood—at least in the near future. Of course you won't get the Hawaiian to admit this—especially the "Big Five" who control the industrial and other destinies of the island—but they probably know how the delegation's report, when it is made, is going to read.

That doesn't mean that all of the congressional investigators would vote against statehood for the islands today. But the majority would. As foreshadowed in this column and reprinted in Honolulu, some of the senators went over prepared to look behind all the doors and under all the beds. "O'Mahoney more than made good on the forecast," reports one seasoned islander who has watched more than one investigating committee start out with a scalpel and end up with a whitewash brush.

Congress has the first real bunch of facts ever gathered here. It continues the man who saw the committee at work and play while it was in the islands. "O'Mahoney's lead was well followed by others, and they all have done a creditable job of fact-finding."

Senator Burke is one of those who think Hawaii ought to be granted statehood. Answering the charge that the islands are dominated by an industrial group, the petitioners for statehood say that, equally bad conditions obtain in certain states on the mainland. Some of the investigators thought, logically, if not altogether mercifully, "Well, all the more reason to keep from adding another."

The congressmen managed to keep out of their eyes to an extent that few predecessors have, held more hearings—some 12 or 14, running through one evening and one Sunday session—but they did miss a few shots. At least that is the low-down that you can't whisper out loud in the shadow of Kilauea. According to these grapevine advices, it seems that when the friends of the island magistrates saw they were looked as far as statehood went, they pushed the Japanese question so far to the front that some of their own fallings were

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS Irvy Fessell Edwards noting sundry sea-sickness preventives in preparation for her voyage to Honolulu with friend hubby. Jack Spalding telling how a friend of his doesn't like to be hit when his nose gets-boots him. Margaret Burton, demon publicity agent of the Legion Auxiliary, curtailing lunch to write a "scop."

WM. CHAMBERS, 63 KILLED INSTANTLY IN ROCK BLASTING

Accident Occurs When Hole Reloaded After Failure to Explode—Men Working On Logging Railroad

William Chambers, 63, a timber faller and bucker employed by the Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon), was instantly killed at 10:50 a. m. today by a dynamite explosion seven miles northeast of Butte Falls where company employes were blasting rocks for a logging railroad right-of-way.

Witnesses to the tragedy told Deputy Coroner Herb Brown that Chambers was re-loading a dynamite hole when the explosion occurred, throwing him 30 feet in the air and 33 feet distant. He was horribly mangled, and the deputy coroner said there was no doubt but that he died instantly.

Charge Failed Explode According to members of the blasting gang, they had shot off several charges before the accident. One charge, they told Brown, failed to explode, and Chambers walked over to re-load the hole. He took out the apparently impotent dynamite and re-loaded the hole with new fuse, cap and dynamite, they explained. Then, as he was tamping down the dirt covering the new charge, it exploded, they said.

A possible explanation of the premature explosion advanced by witnesses, who were about 55 feet distant, was that Chambers, believing the cap on the first dynamite charge was dead, threw it back down the hole before he re-loaded with new explosives.

Witnesses were Roy Lockard, Harry Herriford, George Treffen and Pete Laughlin. All were members of the blasting gang with Chambers. Exact location of the accident was on spur 4 of the Medford corporation railroad, three-fourths of a mile from the Rancheria road.

GRIFFITH TO TALK AT FORUM LUNCH

E. J. Griffith of Portland, regional WPA administrator, will be guest speaker at a forum-luncheon to be given jointly by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary club in the Hotel Medford at noon Tuesday, November 30. Mr. Griffith confirmed acceptance of the invitation to speak here in a telegram today.

Eyston Thunders to New World's Speed Record

Boston Blue Law Bobs Up To Halt Sunday Pleasure

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—An old Massachusetts "blue law" bobbed up today to forbid all forms of entertainment other than sacred concerts on Sundays.

JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET RECEIVES PUBLIC APPROVAL

The Jackson county budget for 1938, calling for a total of the low of \$382,555.15, was approved as printed at the public hearing held today in the courthouse. The budget will be certified and turned over to the assessor the first of the week for extension on the tax rolls.

FRANCE SMASHES 'HOODED ONES' AS CIVIL WAR THREAT

PARIS, Nov. 19.—(AP) Premier Camille Chautemps' government won a smashing vote of confidence from the chamber of deputies tonight on pledges to crush armed enemies within France and to attempt to "limit" war abroad.

JOBLESS CENSUS ENDS TOMORROW

The nation's voluntary unemployment census will be concluded tomorrow, all returns to be in not later than midnight.

AUTO INVADES YARD; DRIVER FINED \$25

Charged with reckless driving, Kenneth Lee Conley, 35, of 536 Pearl street, was fined \$25 in city court yesterday afternoon.

BEAVER-COUGAR TILT ON RADIO SATURDAY

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Average Turkey Big Enough For Over Ten Diners

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SALEM, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Ernest Neal pleaded guilty in a Stayton justice court to a charge of destruction of property and cleared the mystery of a bullet-riddled car found on the Ekhorn road (October 28).

TRUCK DELIVERIES REQUIRED DESPITE LABOR PICKETING

SALEM, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Truck operators under state permits must make deliveries to all places of business regardless of whether they are picketed, Public Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace ruled today.

EARLY YULE TRADE UPS RETAIL SALES

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GIGANTIC MACHINE GOES 317.74 M.P.H. OVER SALT FLATS

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Capt. George Eyston of England today set a new world's land speed record of 317.42 miles per hour.

WOMAN ACHIEVES WISH FOR CENTURY OF LIFE

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Lydia Pafe, who hoped to live 100 years, died today, her wish fulfilled. She was 102.

Albany Cleric Leaving

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP) The Rev. J. B. Patterson, for seven years pastor of the United Presbyterian church, resigned today to occupy the pulpit of a San Diego church.



Captain George Eyston, British sportsman, is shown above with his "Thunderbolt" 24-cylinder racing car, in which he sped over the Bonneville salt flats today at the fastest speed ever attained on land by man. The 2,100 horsepower machine, belching fire from four exhausts, attained a speed of 317.42 miles per hour. (A. E. Photo.)