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 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 62
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WILHELMINA, LEOPOLD IN PEACE MOVE



Washington, D. C., Nov. 7—In the Pacific Northwest members of Labor's Non-Partisan League will not work for third term delegates if orders of John L. Lewis are observed. The close affiliation of the league and the Commonwealth Federation of Washington and Oregon is slightly fractured and financial assistance may not be extended by the league in carrying on the political activities of the federation.

NEUTRAL RULERS TO MAKE OFFER OF GOOD OFFICES

Belgian and Netherlands Sovereigns Agree On Offer at Surprise Conference

LONDON, Nov. 7—(AP)—British officials tonight side-stepped inquiries soliciting their reaction to the peace move of King Leopold of the Belgians and his neighbor Queen Wilhelmina.

It was hinted the developments in the low countries were too important to be discussed without full study.

Amsterdam, Nov. 7—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands and King Leopold of the Belgians today announced they would send messages to Germany, Britain and France jointly offering their good offices for peace.

The offer to be made to the heads of state of the warring powers will be as follows: an official announcement said.

"In the hour of anxious tension for the world, before war in western Europe begins with full power, we are convinced we are obligated to make our voices heard again.

Contact Difficult

"The belligerents declared some time ago that they are not standing obstinately against examination of a reasonable and fixed basis of a reasonable peace.

"We consider that in the actual circumstances it is difficult for the belligerents to seek contact with one another, and as the sovereigns of two neutral states which have good relations with all their neighbors, we are willing to offer our good offices.

"In case they are accepted, we are willing to use all means which the belligerents give us and which we possess to find, in the spirit of friendly understanding, factors to facilitate an agreement.

Task For World

"This appears to be our task for the welfare of our peoples and for the whole world.

"We hope our offer will be accepted and that in this way the first step will be taken toward permanent peace."

The announcement was issued shortly after King Leopold departed for Brussels following a surprise conference with the Queen which started last night.

Accompanied by his foreign minister, Paul Henri Spaak, Leopold conferred with Wilhelmina until late last night and had a second talk with her this morning.

Wandering Boy



Bruce Crozier (above), seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crozier of Winslow, Ariz., lost for six days in the rugged wilderness of northern Arizona, was brought to Heber, Ariz., by two game hunters who picked him up as he wandered aimlessly. Despite the fact he had been without food, and was scantily clad, he was reported to be in "fine condition" except for a "little fever." He said he had lived on water.

PENSION PLANS IN CALIFORNIA, OHIO CENTER INTEREST

Off-Year Balloting in Several States Gains Importance Through Hot Issues

San Francisco, Nov. 7—(AP)—California's "Ham and Eggs" pension plan drew record numbers of early voters to the polls today in a special election which officials forecast would see between 75 and 90 per cent of the electorate vote.

A few minor incidents were the only disturbing factors around polling booths, guarded by police in many sections of the state.

By the Associated Press

Scattered city and state elections offered no clear-cut test on national issues today, but referendum on questions ranging from old-age pensions to parimutuel betting, robbed the "off-year" balloting of its usual lethargy.

Interest centered largely on old age pensions proposals in California and Ohio. The California plan would give up \$30 every Thursday to unemployed persons over 50, under a law similar to one rejected there last year. Payments would be made in state script redeemable after a year, provided a two-cent stamp tax was attached every week.

\$50 in Ohio

The Ohio plan has been advocated by Herbert S. Bigelow, Cincinnati clergyman. It calls for pensions, supplementing other income, to provide total payments of \$50 a month to retired single persons over 60 and \$80 monthly to couples. A state income tax and a levy on high-priced real estate would finance it.

Vigorous campaigns were conducted in both states. Opponents have contended that the plans were unworkable and would be a burden on the very people they are designed to help.

A referendum on sanctioning parimutuel betting at race tracks was the only statewide question before New York voters. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt were at their Hyde Park, N. Y., home to vote in an

College Students Form Peace Front Against Army Call

Chicago, Nov. 7—(AP)—Northwestern University student leaders today were organizing 53 middle western universities into an "All College Peace Front" with a slogan "We don't want to fight in Europe."

Stanley Frankel and Robert Buchanan, organizers, said college students would be the first called to arms if the United States entered the European war "and we feel an organization of 1,200,000 students can demand peace in a voice that will be heard."

FRUIT DISTRICTS SEEK RETURN OF ARGENTINE MART

Elimination of Trade Barriers Against Pears, Apples Sought by Solons

Washington, Nov. 7—(AP)—Elimination of trade barriers which they said had "practically wiped out" the Argentine market for this country's apples and pears since 1930 was sought today by a group of five senators and seven house members.

Joining in an appeal to the state and agriculture departments, they advocated inclusion in a prospective trade agreement with those of the United States and guaranteeing abandonment by the South American nation of "present unreasonable sanitary and exchange control restrictions."

Lost Since 1930

"Since 1930," the group said, "nine stringent so-called sanitary restrictions have been placed against United States apples and pears. These technical restrictions amount to every effort short of embargo."

Senator Schwelmbach (D-Wash.) said the appeal was signed by himself, Senators McNary (R-Ore.), Holman (R-Ore.), Byrd (D-Va.) and Townsend (R-Del.), and Representatives Lea (D-Calif.), Robertson (D-Va.), Buck (D-Calif.), Cannon (D-Mo.), Wadsworth (R-N.Y.), Anderson (R-Calif.), and Pierce (D-Ore.)

Limit Imports

If the group's proposals were adopted, present American duties on pear and apple imports would be maintained. Moreover, imports of Argentine apples into this country, Schwelmbach said, would be limited to 25,000 to 50,000 boxes annually, and pears to 100,000 boxes—"both quotas to govern the months during which importations may be made."

Argentina would be asked to set a quota for United States apples of 450,000 bushels on parity of duty with ours, and to reduce its duty on pears to parity on the basis of a 100,000 box quota.

Urge to Kill



Mrs. Walter Hibberd (top), bride of a week was found hacked to death in her Springfield, Mass., apartment, and her 20-year-old husband (lower), walked into the Brattleboro, Mass., police station, and according to police confessed the crime, explaining he had the "urge to kill."

SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTED AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

\$178,600 to Be Raised by Tax Levy for Next Year—Iverson Only Protestant

The 1940-41 budget of school district 49 (Medford) was adopted by the board of directors last night at the conclusion of a public hearing at which George Iverson, landlord and taxpayer, entered the only protest.

The budget totals \$312,500. Receipts were estimated at \$133,899.27, leaving \$178,600.73 to be raised by a tax levy. For the current fiscal year the budget was \$318,800 and the tax levy was \$168,185.79. Thus while the 1940-41 budget is \$6,300 less, the amount to be raised by tax is \$10,413.94 more than this year.

Iverson Cites Letter

Mr. Iverson objected to capital expenditures without an expression of consent from the taxpayers and he asked that a letter be written to the Mail Tribune and published last Thursday be incorporated into the record as expressing his general views on the budget "in a nutshell."

Mr. Iverson objected specifically to a \$15,000 budget item for new buildings and a \$13,500 item for repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds. He made a motion to strike the \$15,000 item from the budget but the motion lost.

Speaking on the motion before the vote was taken, Eugene Thordike, manager of the Medford office of the First National Bank of Portland and a member of the school board, asked Mr. Iverson if he went to the school superintendent's office to study the budgets of the past few years and to talk with the school authorities he wrote the letter to the Mail Tribune. Mr. Iverson replied he did not do that but that he looked over the schools.

Speaks For Taxpayers

Mr. Thordike said that frequently petitions are received for school improvements and additions such as gymnasiums and Mr. Iverson replied that he knew groups of a dozen or so filed such petitions from time to time.

"But I'm speaking for taxpayers in general," Mr. Iverson said. "You don't consider taxpayers in according to petitions from these groups. Let the taxpayers tell you what you may have."

At another point in the dialogue between Mr. Thordike and Mr. Iverson, the latter said: "You folks don't know what it is to go hungry to get by. But there are lots of people in Medford going hungry to get by and you ought to go easy in spending money."

Mrs. Hoy Speaks

After considerable discussion Mrs. James K. Hoy addressed the meeting. "I represent the P.T.A.," she said. "We have 500 members, not 12, and we believe in gymnasiums and now we want a swimming pool. We still believe in big budgets."

Mr. Iverson complained that capital outlays should be financed by bond issues approved by the taxpayers but Mr. Thordike said it was not necessary to have bond issues for such things as gymnasiums and new roofs. "I don't question anyone's coming here to object; that is right, but in fairness you should study the budgets before writing letters," Mr. Thordike stated, dis-

Now that politics has been resumed (adjourned during the neutrality debate), the position of Lewis toward the administration is worthy of note. Here is his record: Labor day he made a coast-to-coast broadcast denouncing the administration for being more concerned with foreign than domestic affairs, and threatening something or other by farmers and workers if the unemployment situation was not remedied.

He protested because CIO advice on relief legislation was not invited; he criticized the Social Security Board; he is attacking the National Labor Relations Board; his CIO is now demanding congressional investigation of the U. S. Maritime Commission and he has levied an assemblers' union to raise about \$800,000 for the political campaign next year.

And all the while President Roosevelt is politely ignoring the existence of the big labor boss and Madam Perkins, secretary of labor, no longer has him in for tea.

WHERE Lewis can take his CIO in the 1940 election is a mystery; he is apparently "off" Roosevelt and cannot very well be.

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Butte, Mont., Nov. 7—(AP)—Physicians said tonight that the death today of Policeman Eddie O'Connor, 29, whose seven months of continuous hiccupping attracted nation-wide attention, was caused by meningitis.

San Francisco Butter

San Francisco, Nov. 7—(AP)—(USDA)—Butter, 92 score, 32; 91-29 1/2; 90-28 1/2; 89-27.

Sacramento, Nov. 7—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade 35 1/2; second grade 33 1/2.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Paul (Mac) McCurley adding insult to injury by sending a lengthy telegram from Eugene collect, to Bill Holloway calling Bill's attention to the score of a football game on which Bill had already lost a wager to Mac.

The charming June Nealon delightfully telling of her recent trip to San Francisco.

Pastor James Hamilton still finding a certain part of his anatomy tender from an old fall in George Yeo's office, the chair offered the rev. gentleman collapsing most violently and breaking into a thousand bits.

Promoter Mack Lillard's cash and gratis customers having the time of their lives in the razzle-dazzle, the night being one of hilarious merriment.

SECY. HULL OPPOSES U. S. SHIP TRANSFER TO PANAMA REGISTER

Washington, Nov. 7—(AP)—Secretary Hull expressed today his opposition to the transfer to Panamanian registry of United States lines ships, as impairing the integrity of the neutrality act.

Hull said he had given this opinion to the maritime commission. He did not indicate what the commission's reaction was.

The United States lines applied for permission to transfer to Panamanian registry nine ships which had been in trans-Atlantic service.

After one member of the commission had said yesterday that the transfer had been approved, the full commission issued, after a late night session, a statement saying that it was deferring final action, pending an investigation of all the facts.

OPERATE SAWMILL LONG AS POSSIBLE

The Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon) sawmill here, which in recent years has closed its season in early December, expects to operate as long as it can before any shutdown, according to James H. Owen, general manager.

Owen said much depended on the state of the lumber market, which slipped a bit recently. Present plans are not to call the usual December shutdown. Such a course will aid the local labor situation during a dull period.

Logging operations have been aided by the ideal fall weather, and some usually closed earlier have been able to continue, with the woods fairly dry and no snow or mud to bother. Many of these concerns also expect to continue until forced to quit by weather conditions.

P. O. STATION CLOSES DOORS

Postoffice station 1, situated at 129 North Central avenue, will close at 5 p. m. today, it was announced by Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

The station will be re-opened as soon as possible, but whether it will be at 129 North Central avenue or some other site, Mr. DeSouza did not know. Closure of the station was made necessary by the recent closing of the Central Market, the landlord taking over the premises, the postmaster explained.

RUSSIANS STAGE MILITARY SHOW

Moscow, Nov. 7—(AP)—Soviet Russia capped her celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the Communist revolution with a display of military might today as War Commissar Kliment Voroshiloff warned that though neutral, the nation "must be prepared."

Voroshiloff spoke briefly in Red Square, through which thousands of troops marched in a parade that lasted more than an hour and one-half.

Prefacing the parade was the keynote speech of Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov last night. He predicted the end of capitalism and inferentially urged communists in foreign countries to work toward that aim.

STANDING ROOM ONLY FOR HOMECOMING TILT

Eugene, Nov. 7—(AP)—It'll be standing room only when Oregon plays Oregon State college on Hayward Field Saturday afternoon.

All of the 17,000 reserved seats in the stadium have been sold, ticket officials said today, and 2,200 general admission cardboard seats put on sale this morning are going fast. They'll be sold to first comers until they're gone.

The enlarged stadium will seat about 19,000.

SALEM RECORDER TURNS OVER FUND

Salem, Nov. 7—(AP)—City Recorder A. Warren Jones has turned over to the city \$4,430, or \$349 more than the discrepancy shown in an auditor's report to the city council.

Jones, who returned to the city last week after being in San Francisco for 10 days, said no shortage existed and that the money was in his office all the time.

He announced last night he had reappointed Alfred Mundi as his bookkeeper. Mundi was discharged Saturday by Jones.

Advise Boiling Of Los Angeles Water

Los Angeles, Nov. 7—(AP)—Dr. George Parrish, city health commissioner, today urged Los Angeles residents to boil their drinking water until the source of infection that has caused 39 cases of typhoid fever in the city since July 1 has been determined.

"Farmer" Roosevelt Of Hyde Park Votes

Hyde Park, N. Y., Nov. 7—(AP)—With a facetious admonition to the election board to "be sure not to vote the gravestones," "Farmer" Franklin D. Roosevelt cast his ballot today at the white frame town hall of this Hudson valley village.

The president voted for county and local officials and on the question of legalizing parimutuel betting on horse races in New York state.

NAVAL AIRPLANE FALLS IN HAWAII

Honolulu, Nov. 7—(AP)—Planes from the aircraft carrier Enterprise today sighted an oil slick on the ocean's surface two miles northwest of Barber's Point where a naval plane crashed into the sea with the loss of one member of her crew.

The submarine rescue vessel Widogee proceeded to the location and began diving operations in an effort to locate the plane. The observer on the plane, Chief Aviationist's Mate W. T. Rhodes, San Diego, was believed to have lost his life. The pilot, Lieut. W. R. Wallis, junior grade, was rescued by a navy crash boat after staying afloat for nearly an hour.

Salvation Army Chief Appointed

San Francisco, Nov. 7—(AP)—Salvation Army officers announced here today that Col. Donald McMillan had been named territorial commander of the eleven western states. McMillan, who comes from a family of Salvation Army workers, is chief secretary of the eastern division in New York.

McMillan was expected to take over his duties in San Francisco early in December.

Hospital Slayer Given Life Term

Portland, Ore., Nov. 7—(AP)—Circuit Judge Robert Tucker imposed a life sentence today upon Allen D. Brumfield, 27, convicted of slaying Mrs. Hattie Hooker, 61, nurse, in an attempt to escape from Good Samaritan hospital August 19. The fugitive from the Washington state prison was accused of wresting a gun from his guard, shooting the nurse and wounding the hospital superintendent.

French Hold Firm In Forbach Sector

Paris, Nov. 7—(AP)—Military sources reported today French troops on the western front still were holding fast in the important Forbach salient despite intermittent German artillery fire. All Nazi attempts to penetrate the deserted city to remove the threat of French guns dominating the German industrial center of Saarbrücken have failed, these sources said.

Sharp Earthquake At San Bernardino

San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 7—(AP)—A sharp earthquake was felt here at 10:50 a. m. today. It shook downtown windows, but no damage was reported.

Service Station Pumps Explode

Cornelius, Ore., Nov. 7—(AP)—Three gasoline pumps exploded late yesterday and partly wrecked the Lloyd Hall service station. Hall, standing 30 feet away, was knocked down and nearby buildings shaken.

Cause of the explosion was not determined. Hall estimated the damage at \$750.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
 (Time is Pacific Standard)
 Tonight: Europe—WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6; WFAF-NBC—East 8.
 Wednesday: Europe—NBC chains 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS 5 a. m., 3:30 p. m.