

The Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy and cool tonight and Tuesday. Temperature: Highest yesterday 62, Lowest this morning 26.

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Easy Money

Now that Thanksgiving is past, it is time to begin thinking about Christmas. How about extra Christmas money? Why not search the premises and sell off discarded articles? It makes easy money.

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2 MEDFORD WOMEN PERISH IN CRASH



AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—How Bonneville power running to waste and natural resources of raw material can be brought together industrially, furnishing a market for the power, making available commercially the latent resources and creating payrolls, is a problem that has been dropped in the lap of Harold Ickes, secretary of the Interior. Part of the task has been assigned to the bureau of mines and geological survey, and later, the general land office will participate. To be decided is whether various federal agencies will act independently or have representatives on a joint committee, the committee to direct and coordinate the investigations. For sake of efficiency, the committee plan may be adopted. Much is known of the latent resources of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Many researches and explorations have been made by private and public agencies, such as state mining boards, chambers of commerce and a multitude of government bureaus, but the information obtained is nowhere available at one source. No one has taken the trouble to assemble the data and it is scattered from Dan to Beersheba. Collecting this material will be a task of the joint committee, if such committee is organized.

ONE reason why a joint committee is advisable is the inherent jealousy of the different bureaus. Every bureau wants credit for its accomplishments and has no desire to surrender the fruits of its efforts and see the glory go to someone else. Only by being credited for results is a bureau's existence justified. There has never been much teamwork in federal agencies, whether they are bureaus or departments represented.

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STATE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LOOMS

Salem, Nov. 27.—(P)—A property tax for state purposes, the first in three years, will be levied in 1940 because the income taxes will not raise enough to meet the state's expenses, the state tax commission said today. The levy will total \$301,203 and will go into the state's general fund. The last property tax for state purposes was levied in 1937. The commission also announced the property tax for elementary schools would total \$1,798,184 next year, compared with \$1,801,442 this year. This tax is collected within the counties and remains in the counties. The Jackson county property tax levies amounts to \$9,297, the elementary school tax, \$55,505.

Liner Commandeered

Shanghai, Nov. 27.—(P)—The British admiralty has commandeered the 21,517-ton Canadian Pacific passenger liner Empress of Canada, it was stated here today.

SIDE GLANCES

Adults enjoying the Craterian mystery Santa Claus as much as the children, and Impresario George Hunt having more fun than anyone else.

Sheriff Syd Brown having a busy time when left in the office by himself, he trying to take care of business callers, jangling telephones and the press all at the same time.

Don Krous getting off with only a few eye-brow stitches and a swollen phiz after looping the loop in a friend's car at Redding, Cal.

AUTO OVERTURNS, ELIZABETH YOUNG, DAUGHTER, KILLED

Tragedy Near Poor Farm on Highway Late Sunday—Accident Cause Unknown

Jackson county's worst automobile accident of the year late last night caused the death of two well-known Medford women, a mother and her daughter—Elizabeth L. Young, about 52, private secretary to Walter H. Leverette, and Dorothy R. Young, 30, a teacher in the Medford senior high school. Returning home from a Thanksgiving day visit in San Francisco with Patricia Young, Mrs. Young's other daughter, their 1937 Buick coupe left the Pacific highway a quarter of a mile south of the county poor farm and overturned in a ditch. Rushed to a Medford hospital, Mrs. Young died at 12:40 a. m. today, less than an hour after the accident. Her daughter, Dorothy, died at 1:35 a. m. There were no witnesses to the fatal mishap and the exact cause of the accident is not known. However, investigating state police officers believe that whichever woman was driving apparently dozed at the wheel. Tire tracks, police said, indicated that the car traveled for a distance of 290 feet along the shoulder of the highway before coming to a stop on a driveway into an orchard. The machine, badly wrecked and with both doors ripped off, probably overturned several times before stopping, police said. It was lying on the left side of the highway, facing east, when police arrived at the scene. Both women were thrown clear of the wreckage. Mrs. Young was lying just on the edge of the highway 17 feet from the car, while her daughter was 54 feet north of the machine and in the ditch. Warren E. Fichtner of 613 South Holly street, was the first at the scene of the accident. He had been to Talent and was returning to Medford when he noticed the wrecked car, he said. Time of the accident was definitely determined as being about 11:55, as Fichtner said that he had passed the spot 10 minutes before while driving south. Upon investigating, Fichtner found that Mrs. Young was still conscious. "She kept telling me to turn her over," Fichtner said, "but nobody moved her until the ambulance came." Miss Young was unconscious, though still alive, he said. Ambulances Called Peril's ambulance from Medford and the Litwiller ambulance from Ashland were summoned from the county poor farm. Arthur Larsen, driver of the Perl ambulance, said that Mrs. Young told him what hospital to be taken to and what doctor to notify, although she didn't reveal the cause of the mishap. Miss Young was taken to the hospital in the Litwiller ambulance. All efforts to save their lives proved futile. Mrs. Young suffered two broken legs, a broken lower jaw, a fractured left shoulder, internal injuries and severe head lacerations. Miss Young died of a skull fracture.

Visit With Kin

Mrs. Young and her daughter had left here Wednesday morning for San Francisco, where they visited over the Thanks—

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Jackson Roads In Next Highway Bids

Salem, Nov. 27.—(P)—Bids on 15 highway projects costing \$1,000,000 will be opened by the state highway commission in Portland December 7 and 8. Projects include: Jackson county—surfacing with bituminous macadam on 6.31 miles of Siskiyou-state line section of Pacific highway. Jackson county—Provide 7,600 cubic yards of crushed rock on Siskiyou Junction-Klamath county line rock production project on Green Springs highway.

Uncarded Thrill



After fainting on a platform 40 feet above the floor of the Boston Garden, Henrietta Wallenda of the Wallenda tight rope troupe is shown being lowered to safety. She was balancing on shoulders of a fellow performer, who was in turn balancing on a chair on the rope when the spell seized her. She fought for consciousness until she was lowered to the platform, then collapsed. Twelve thousand attending American Legion circus saw the unscheduled thriller.

SECY. HULL BACKS PREMIER'S STAND ON WORLD PEACE

Washington, Nov. 27.—(P)—Secretary Hull used the words of Prime Minister Chamberlain today in renewing his argument that unhindered trade is a necessary foundation for any lasting peace. Asked for comment on the British premier's radio address yesterday, Hull issued a statement saying he was "gratified but not surprised to find that Mr. Chamberlain should emphasize so strongly the idea that there can be no lasting peace unless there is a full lasting trade between nations" and that "only by an increased interchange of goods and services can the standard of living be improved." Saying the administration's trade agreements program had been developed in an effort to increase prosperity and employment at home, Hull added if the philosophy of the program were put aside and "our trade policy is again to be determined solely by the short-sighted and mistaken claims of particular interests" determined to win a completely favored position for themselves "then this country would 'fall again into the disorderly depression that followed the Hawley-Smoot tariff.'" The existing reciprocal trade program is scheduled to expire next June. Considerable opposition to the program has developed on Capitol hill and any move to continue the plan may provoke a major legislative battle.

FLU EPIDEMIC IN SCHOOLS LESSENS

The flu epidemic is gradually lessening its hold on Medford public school students and enrollment figures are increasing, City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick said today. A check today disclosed that 320 students in the six public schools were absent, as compared with 617 forced to remain home a week ago. Today's absence-figure is approximately 15 per cent of the total normal enrollment, as compared with the 25 per cent of last Monday. By schools, the absences were listed as follows: senior high, 50; junior high, 65; Jackson, 37; Lincoln, 44; Roosevelt, 80 and Washington, 84.

MRS. FDR WILLING TO BE 'HELPFUL' AS DIES WITNESS

Un-American Probe Hears Charge Communists Raid Colleges And Schools.

Washington, Nov. 27.—(P)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today she was willing to be a Dies committee witness—if she had any information which might be helpful. She made the remark at a press conference about the same time Hampden Wilson, an investigator for the house committee on un-Americanism, was testifying the American student union was an instrument used for spreading communism among students. The First Lady, who has addressed the American Youth Congress said repeatedly she did not believe it was communist-controlled, was replying to a suggestion from Alfred M. Lillenthal of New York that she and he appear as opposing witnesses on the subject. (The American student union is one of several organizations making up the American Youth Congress.) Mrs. Roosevelt told her press conference she would not care to take sides as a witness in opposition to Lillenthal, who led a group which split off from the American Youth Congress, but she added: "I would answer anybody's questions asked in the interest of truth." Asked if the Dies committee, which several times has had her name brought into its hearings, ever had asked her any questions, Mrs. Roosevelt said never. When a reporter asked if she would volunteer to testify before the committee the first lady asked why should she and replied certainly not. Wilson said a report which he submitted at a committee hearing was based on an eight-month tour of 50 colleges and universities and discussions with state and city school board members. The investigator, who was lent to the committee by the veterans' administration, also read into the record what he said were excerpts from "The Communist" a magazine of the communist party, which declared "how important" it was "to build the American Federation of Teachers." The excerpt was read, Wilson testified, "to show the real significance attaching to the repeated assertion that the American Federation of Teachers is strongly impregnated with communists." Wilson asserted he had made contacts with the following institutions and individuals, among others, in his nationwide investigation. Reed college, Portland, Oregon; University of Washington, Seattle; School Authorities of Seattle; chamber of commerce, Spokane.

PROVOLT RANCHER TAKES OWN LIFE

Grants Pass, Nov. 27.—(P)—P. Edward Raney, 62, farmer, fired a rifle bullet through his head Sunday before noon at his home two miles from Provolt on the Williams highway. Coroner Virgil E. Hull stated Monday that he committed suicide. Saturday night, Del Raney of Los Angeles, his wife, arrived with her son-in-law, Jack Thomas, Hull said he learned. At 10 o'clock Sunday morning he persuaded them to buy some ice cream. His body was found in his bedroom along with two loaded rifles and a loaded pistol. Raney had lived five years on the Provolt farm. He had been ill the previous week. Two daughters survive, Bee Thomas, Los Angeles, and Ethel Miles, San Gabriel, Cal.

Candidates Hit

Washington, Nov. 27.—(P)—City officials, now worrying about federal income tax blanks along with the average citizen, got the answers to a new stickler today. Under a new law, state and city officials must pay income tax to the federal government. City attorneys were told at a meeting that the internal revenue bureau had ruled that: "A candidate's contributions to his own campaign are not deductible for federal income tax purposes." "The accounts expended by a public official for entertaining, etc., are not considered ordinary and necessary business expenses."

BRITISH COMBAT SEA LOSSES WITH EXPORT SEIZURES

London, Nov. 27.—(P)—The admiralty disclosed tonight that the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, the sinking of which was announced yesterday, was attacked by the German pocket battleship Deutschland and another raider. The announcement said search for the two Nazi warships "is continuing in tempestuous weather both night and day." The 16,697-ton Rawalpindi was on northern patrol duty at the time she was sunk with the estimated loss of 280 lives. Only 17 members of her crew were saved.

Full Fury U-Boat War Yet To Come—Polish Liner, Warship Sunk in N. Sea.

Rotterdam, Nov. 27.—(P)—The Holland-America line reported tonight an elderly American woman identified as Mrs. Stephen Goebel was killed today when the line's 8,859-ton freighter Spaarndam sank after striking a mine in the Thames estuary. Her American address was not immediately known. By the Associated Press. Intensification of the already severe war at sea was presaged today with new sinkings and a British order in council for seizure of German exports. Even as King George VI issued the order in reprisal for German mine-laying, more British ships went to the bottom and admiralty officials marked down last week—the 12th week of the war—as the most costly at sea—29 ships lost. That the 13th week prom—

CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE, FEB. 29

Washington, Nov. 27.—(P)—The federal crop insurance corporation announced today February 29 would be the deadline for accepting applications from farmers for government insurance on next year's spring wheat crop. County agricultural adjustment committees in the spring wheat area are ready to start writing insurance applications. Premium payments must accompany applications this year, officials said. Approximately 60,000 growers of spring wheat had policies on their 1939 crop. Officials expect this number to be increased sharply under the 1940 wheat program. They reported that already 302,000 wheat growers, mostly producers of winter wheat, have paid premiums on 1940 policies. These growers are insured a production of 83,198,000 bushels. Portland, Nov. 27.—(P)—Orr-Lyda J. Brown, 18, Eugene, 1939 4-H club cooking champion of Oregon, will compete December 1-9 in Chicago with other state champions in a national contest.

2 STATES REACH AGREEMENT ON TRANSIENT CARS

California-Oregon Modify License Rules Affecting Trucks And Workers.

Salem, Nov. 27.—(P)—California and Oregon motor vehicle administrators reached an agreement here today whereby they would grant reciprocity to each other in connection with the operation of cars and trucks between the two states. They agreed that if a resident of one state accepts gainful employment in another state but does not establish residence in the other state, he does not have to get a license in that state. This particularly favors migratory farm laborers. Foreign corporations of one state do not have to have their trucks licensed in both states if the trucks carry on an interstate business exclusively. For instance, a California corporation may have a branch in Oregon and trucks connected with that branch would be licensed in Oregon. Under today's agreement, these trucks could enter California without getting California licenses if the trucks were conducting business in interstate commerce. But if they carried on intrastate business in California, they would be licensed in that state as well as in Oregon. They also agreed that trucks carrying potatoes from the Tule Lake district of California to San Francisco via Klamath Falls have to be licensed in California because this is business conducted solely within California. These trucks generally have Oregon licenses, and the owners have objected to the requirement that they must get California plates. Those attending the meeting today included Assistant Attorney General Wilmer Morse of Sacramento, Motor Vehicle Director Howard Philbrick of Sacramento, motor vehicle director C. H. Gunn of Denver, Colo.; state patrolman George Ellis, Jr., of Sacramento; motor vehicle director Dave Cohn of Olympia, Wash.; Secretary of State Earl Snell of Salem, and superintendent of state police Charles P. Pray of Salem.

Bioff Surrenders



William Bioff, western representative of AFL motion picture studio unions is shown as he surrendered in Los Angeles on a warrant from Chicago asking his arrest on a pandering charge on which it was asserted Bioff was convicted 17 years ago but had failed to serve his sentence. Bioff denounced the charge as a "frameup". He surrendered shortly before he was to have begun wage negotiations on behalf of 23,000 workers.

MINE MENACE NOT AS BAD AS 1917, MACKENZIE SAYS

By Dewitt McKenzie (Associated Press Writer) It was a bad week-end for Britain at sea, with the loss of two more big ships—the Polish liner Pilsudski which was chartered by England, and the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi—but there was no indication the plague of mines was any worse. In assaying the extent of this very definite menace which the Nazis have thrown in the way of the allies, we should remember the German mine and submarine campaign in the World war was much more severe in late 1918 and early 1917 than it is now. That was the period when Admiral Jellicoe, commander-in-chief of the grand fleet, told the prime minister the loss of shipping alone might soon force the allies to conclude peace. Besides the unrestricted U-boat warfare, the Kaiser's submarines were laying their mine-eggs in clusters like caviar. The allies had a tough time, but the ultimate answer was that the Kaiser ceased to be the all highest mine-layer and became the exile or Doorn. British Premier Chamberlain last night declared none of the recent losses had affected Britain's "overwhelming naval superiority" and asserted England would soon master the mine. The really new aspect of this situation thus far apparently—barring possible technical improvements in the mines—is that the Germans have been laying mines from seaplanes, which does present an entirely fresh problem for the allies. They must figure out a way of combatting this smart innovation before they can clear the seas of mines. The British navy undoubtedly will get some easement from this mode of mine-laying during the next few months. From November to March there are constant and heavy fogs over the English channel and the North sea. The fogs frequently get so bad that visibility is only a few feet. Air pilots have to do a great deal of "blind-flying" and minelaying from seaplanes will not be easy.

FARMERS CONFER ON DOCK STRIKES

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—(P)—Twenty-five leaders of California agriculture met in executive session today to discuss what Holmes Bishop, president of the Associated Farmers, described as the "present and future in regard to the movement of California produce to and from waterfronts." The meeting was called by Associated Farmers as an outgrowth of the current labor controversy which has tied up the San Francisco and Oakland docks. Press and public were barred from the meeting. Bishop stating he feared "these men might not unburden themselves fully if they knew the press was present, but there is no desire on our part to squelch news."

LOW WATER HITS CATCH OF SMELT

Portland, Ore., Nov. 27.—(P)—Smelt fishermen moaned today that there were no fish in the Columbia river, and even if it was packed, nets gummed up by pulp from paper mills would be too expensive to clean. Usually the river is full of the tasty little fish at this time of year, fishermen said, but low water has prevented a run upstream this fall. A few rains would clean up the stream and bring fish, they added.

Commonwealth Plans Portland, Nov. 27.—(P)—Farm, labor and pension problems will be discussed by 300 Oregon Commonwealth Federation members at a December 9-10 convention here, Secretary Monroe Sweetland said Saturday. Wool Mart Moderate Boston, Nov. 27.—(AP-USA)—A moderate amount of business was being transacted in the Boston wool market today.

FINLAND FACING FATE OF POLAND, TROOPS AROUSED

Red Soldiers Killed in Border Incident; Press Fans Turmoil; Ultimatum is Sent.

Helsinki, Nov. 27.—(P)—Finland told Soviet Russia today she was willing to negotiate on a demand for withdrawal of Finnish troops from the border on condition that the Red army likewise withdraws. A Finnish note forwarded to the minister in Moscow for delivery to the Kremlin said investigation had shown there was no firing from the Finnish side yesterday, as alleged in a Soviet note, but that it had been learned there had been firing from the Russian side of the border. The Soviet note had alleged that 13 Red soldiers and officers had been killed or wounded by seven Finnish cannon shots at Mainila, north of Leningrad. The Finnish reply said shell-holes made by Red artillery could be seen 800 meters (over 700 yards) from the frontier on the Russian side and that seven shots had been heard. Moscow, Nov. 27.—(P) Soviet Russian troops, in mass meetings after a "border incident" yesterday in which Finnish artillery allegedly killed or wounded 13 red army soldiers, today urged the government to "adopt strict measures." The meetings were held as Moscow awaited an answer to an ultimatum-like note in which Russia demanded Finland withdraw her border garrisons to prevent a repetition. It was delivered last night to the Finnish minister, Baron Aarno Yrjo-Koistinen. The press campaign against Finland was strikingly similar to that which preceded the invasion of Poland and no mention was made in the newspapers or over the radio of the denial issued in Helsinki that Finns had fired on the Russians. The press was filled with stock resolutions rushed through mass meetings of workers on night shifts, urging among other things, in denunciation of Finland that the Soviet union "reply with a triple blow." They reiterated the Soviet withdrawal their troops from the frontier, stating that otherwise "we will throw them out." Some warned that if the Finns were unyielding "we will repeat the lesson given to Polish pans (landlords)." Finnish leaders were accused of fulfilling orders of their imperialistic masters—presumably Great Britain and France. Troops in the Moscow district adopted resolutions declaring "there is a limit of patience" and requesting the government to "bride provocations of war." "Ten days were enough to conquer Poland," the resolutions sternly reminded Finland, which was left facing the dubious alternative of complying with the Russian demand or risking the wrath of the mighty neighbor whose proposals for territorial concessions she has sternly resisted. While asserting that Russia was "not inclined to magnify this abominable act of attack," the Russian note demanded Finland withdraw her troops "without delay" a distance of 12 to 16 miles from the Soviet frontier on the Karelian isthmus. Continued troop concentration at this point, the note said, "not only creates a menace to Leningrad, but is in fact a hostile act against the U.S.S.R." (The Finnish border on the Karelian isthmus, which lies between the Gulf of Finland and Lake Ladoga, is only about 30 miles from Leningrad.) Army Flier Killed Mt. Clemens, Mich., Nov. 27.—(P)—Second Lieutenant Harvey E. Grieger, of the army air corps, was killed today in the crash of a pursuit plane he was piloting in maneuvers of a group from Selfridge field near here.