

The Weather

Forecast
Partly cloudy today, rain to-morrow; not much change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest yesterday 23

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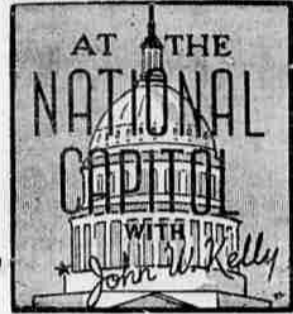
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BELGIUM ORDERS TROOPS TO BORDER



Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Believe it or not, because of the discount in exchange (depreciated currency), the American lumber industry is helpless to meet competition from British Columbia in the markets of the United States. The Canadians can undersell American operators in the American market. When it is considered that 60 percent of the income of Oregon comes from trees, and almost as high a percent in Washington state, the importance of the depreciated currency of Canada to the Pacific northwest is apparent. Such is the statement of 91 men of Oregon and Washington, signed to a petition to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, begging him to modify the trade treaty between the United States and Canada. There is not a lumberman of standing in the two states who is not joining in this petition, with the exception of the Ponderosa pine belt. From Klamath Falls, Medford, Coos Bay, Astoria, Longview, Gray's Harbor to Bellingham, the lumbermen are united in seeking a change in the treaty. These 91 lumbermen are the employers of many thousands of workers (highest minimum scale in the country under the wage-hour act), and if they find foreign competition impossible to meet, it means increased unemployment in the northwest.

THERE is a reservation in the trade agreement (Article XIII) permitting modification in the event of variations of exchange "so substantial as to prejudice the industries or commerce" of the contracting parties. Lumbermen ask that the treaty be modified under this article and they show that the managed depreciation of Canadian exchange has completely offset all forms of protection for American lumber retained in the trade agreement and it has wholly changed the competitive status of Canadian lumber in the United States. Mills of western Canada have been operating at capacity during 1939, and since the war their docks have been crowded with lumber awaiting shipment. Most of the lumber is for England, but actual movement is uncertain. Already surplus production of the upper grades of lumber are flowing into the United States and should lower grade items, under order from England, pile up the lumbermen expect the Canadians to do wholesale dumping in the American market.

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REP. ANGELL FOR STAYING AT HOME

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R., Ore.) said in a statement he agreed with President Roosevelt's message to congress "that we should continue to follow Washington's advice and avoid entangling alliances with foreign countries, but I do not agree with him the paramount issue is the foreign war."

The Oregonian said he believed the job of the present congress was to solve domestic problems, adding the message offered no solution for them. He said the financial structure of the country was near the cracking point and should be preserved. He added American markets should be kept for American farmers, miners and timbermen and "not destroyed by reciprocal trade agreements."

Local Mercury at 23 After a week of damped weather, the temperature dropped sharply yesterday to a low of 23 degrees. Yesterday's maximum was 42. The weather bureau said "no change in temperature for today and tomorrow. Rain was forecast for tomorrow."

PRIVATE REPORTS SAY NAZIS MASS ALONG FRONTIER

Action Unexplained But The Netherlands Unworried—All Leave Cancelled and Air Drills Ordered.

By the Associated Press Belgium unexpectedly called all soldiers on leave back to their posts last night amid unofficial reports of strong German troop concentrations and movements on the frontier.

There was no official explanation of the order which sent messengers speeding through Brussels in freezing weather to call soldiers and officers from cafes, theaters and night clubs. The order also was read over the radio.

In The Netherlands — Belgium's partner in two unsuccessful moves to bring peace to Europe — officials at the Hague said there was no reason for alarm in the Belgian order. It was the third time Belgian soldiers had been called abruptly from leave.

Brussels, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Belgium by radio and courier late last night suddenly called all soldiers on leave back to their posts throughout the kingdom. There was no official explanation. Private reports, however, said that strong German troop concentrations and movements on the frontier seemed to have been behind the order.

Messengers sped through Brussels in freezing weather and entered cafes, theatres and night clubs to summon soldiers and officers. Earlier, the defense ministry had cancelled air raid precautions trials scheduled for Sunday. Here also, officials made no explanation.

There were indications that new men were being called to the colors. Several groups of officers living in Brussels hotels checked out suddenly.

The sound of constant artillery fire was heard across the frontier from Luxembourg, but the Grand Duchy itself was reported completely calm. In The Netherlands, officials at the Hague said the cancellation of Belgian leaves left the situation unchanged for the Dutch.

"There is not a single reason for disquiet," they added. This was the third time since the European war began that Belgian soldiers have been recalled abruptly from leave.

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REAPPORTIONING OF HOUSE NEARS

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt reminded the house today of the constitutional requirement that it face the unpleasant task of reapportioning its seats after every decennial census.

In a letter to Chairman Dunn (D., Pa.) of the house census committee, Mr. Roosevelt endorsed a senate-approved bill by Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) to assure a reapportionment next January. Dunn told newsmen that although his committee refused last summer "by a good majority" to approve the bill, he felt the members should consider it again in view of the president's recommendation and would call the committee to meet within 10 days.

Windsor Pastor Aids Dancer



Patricia Winfrey, jobless dancer from New York who went to jail in Los Angeles in preference to becoming a strip-tease dancer, is shown as she was released in the custody of the Rev. Robert A. Windsor, the pastor who married the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, until she can obtain work to support herself. She faces a formal probation hearing on a charge of malicious mischief arising from her smashing a Hollywood store window. She told the arresting officer she would "rather starve than become a strip-tease dancer," the only work she had been able to find.

ASHURST ADVISED NO GROUNDS FOR BOIVIN CHARGES

Klamath Falls, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Klamath county grand jury reported to Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst that it could find no grounds on which to return an indictment against State Rep. Harry D. Boivin. Judge Ashurst accused Boivin in instructions to the jury recently of representing corporations while serving as a representative. He quoted Governor Sprague's condemnation of such practices. Specifically Ashurst claimed Boivin had a Southern Pacific railroad pass in violation of the state law prohibiting public utilities giving passes to public officials.

In the report the jurors said Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle—who also was attacked by Ashurst—had informed them that "railroads are not included within the definition of the term 'public utility.'" Boivin is an attorney for the railroad. Ashurst said he was "not surprised" at the opinion of Van Winkle but continued that "where special interests are involved he (Van Winkle) is not always on the side of the people."

M'NARY LOOMS AS CHOICE OF G.O.P.

Oceanlake, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Allan A. Bynon, former state senator, said tonight there is a rapidly growing opinion throughout the nation that Sen. Charles L. McNary (R., Ore.), will be the Republican choice for president this year. Addressing McNary-for-constituent groups of the Oregon coast counties, Bynon said: "It is a tribute to his fairness, judgment and non-partisan attitude on matters affecting the welfare of the nation that members of the cabinet of a Democratic administration frequently consult with Senator McNary."

BRITISH PREMIER TACTICS PLAYED

London, Jan. 13.—(AP)—In a blunt attack on Prime Minister Chamberlain, Thomas L. Horabin, a liberal member of parliament, asserted in a speech today that "if we are to win this war Neville Chamberlain must go." Speaking at Launceston, Horabin said Chamberlain promoted "incompetent nonentities and yes men." The British people are being kept in a "fool's paradise," he continued. "At the moment we are in danger of drifting into an endless war with Russia as well as Germany," he added.

BUSINESS BLOCK IN REDDING, CAL. SWEEP BY FLAMES

17 Stores Destroyed, Loss Placed Near Million—Wind Fans Fire, Cause Unknown.

Redding, Cal., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Seven buildings housing 17 business establishments were destroyed in a \$1,000,000 early-morning fire today that virtually leveled a square block of Redding's main business district.

Fire Chief Henry Klaukens said he had not determined the cause of the blaze which, whipped by a northwest wind, swept through the city's central business block, devoured seven structures, and left only one building, the Golden Eagle hotel, standing.

L. A. Hicks, a spectator who received a broken leg when he fell from a building, was the only casualty reported. Firemen equipped with gas masks searched in the ruins of the F. W. Woolworth store after it was reported two fire-fighters had perished in the wreckage, but said they found no indication there had been a loss of life. There was no official report that any firemen were missing. However, Redding has only eight paid-firemen, and they were assisted by 50 volunteers, in addition to fire-fighters from Red Bluff and the state forestry service. Whether any of the out-of-town fire-fighters were missing had not been established.

William Clement, manager of the three-story, 63-year old Pioneer store, in which the blaze originated, made the \$1,000,000 damage estimate. Insurance company representatives, however, placed the probable loss at \$750,000. The fire was discovered at 2:30 a. m., and was brought under control several hours later. The blaze still was smoldering in basements of the wrecked structures tonight, particularly under the ruins of the Woolworth store where a recent arrival of stock had been stored in the cellar.

The flames spread rapidly from the Pioneer store to Ted's Fountain, J. C. Penney company, the Woolworth building, the Redding Printing company, Mode of Day dress shop, and the Motor Supply company, leveling the seven structures. Explosions in the Pioneer building were attributed by firemen to combustion.

The Mode O'Day store destroyed by the fire in Redding was one of a chain owned by C. O. Lovejoy of Medford. Mr. Lovejoy operates a number of Mode O'Day stores in southern Oregon and northern California, including one here. He was in Eureka, Cal., at the time of the fire but left for Redding as soon as he was notified of the conflagration.

BLANKET OF SNOW OVER DUST BOWL

By the Associated Press A near blizzard swept a wide area of the high plains states yesterday (Saturday), bringing new joy to wheat growers but annoyance to livestock producers and travelers. In eastern Kansas and western Missouri a freezing rain covered highways and streets with a glaze of ice before giving way to a heavy snow. A north wind carried the storm, a mixture of snow and sleet, southward into the Oklahoma panhandle and New Mexico. Temperatures were well below freezing.

In western Kansas some highways were blocked by drifts. Telephone service was disrupted. The highway commission warned motorists to remain at home except in emergencies. The storm moved down from the high Rocky mountains, where snow up to 47 inches in depth was reported in some districts.

JOSEPHINE CLERK GIVEN LENIENCY AFTER SENTENCE

Judge Norton Offers to Help Pay Shortage of F. L. Coon—Coutant Succeeds

Grants Pass, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton sentenced F. L. Coon, former Josephine county clerk, to 18 months in the state penitentiary today and then paroled him with an offer to contribute money to help pay Coon's default.

Coon pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of embezzling \$7.27 in public funds. He thanked the judge for the offer but explained friends already had contributed sufficient money. A petition from 250 businessmen asking leniency was presented to the court by W. T. Miller, the defendant's attorney.

Coon, clerk for 19 years, wrote a check to cover default on a report and audit by Alfred W. Mundt, certified public accountant. Mundt was employed by the county court. Ben W. Coutant, 50, republican, was sworn in today as Coon's successor. A linotype operator here for the past 18 years, Coutant is a past commander of the American Legion and active in grange and boy scout work.

FEAR LIST FAILS TO MENTION WAR

Americus, Ga., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Psychology students at Georgia Southwestern college here have compiled a "fear list" in the following order: Snakes, drunks, water, wild animals, mad dogs, fire, stormy weather, reckless driving, high altitudes. War was not mentioned.

BULLETIN

Ashland, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Southern Oregon School of Education basketball team defeated the Klamath All-Stars tonight, 47-40.

Longview, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Longview high school broke the winning streak of the Oregon freshman basketball team here tonight, 28 to 25.

The Frosh were cold during the first half and ended the period with a 9-18 deficit. In the second half, they closed the gap considerably but were not able to take over the lead at any time.

Wershekul and Borrevik, of Oregon, and Andrew, Longview, shared scoring honors with nine points each.

Tokyo, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The cabinet of Premier General Nobuyuki Abe resigned today. Abe went to the emperor's palace at 9:55 a.m. (4:55 p.m. PST Saturday) for an audience with Emperor Hirohito.

Palo Alto, California 49—Stanford university defeated the University of California at Los Angeles, 40 to 38, here tonight to win its second consecutive conference basketball victory over U.C.L.A.

It was U. C. L. A.'s 29th straight conference cage loss. The score last night was 53 to 38 in Stanford's favor.

Coast Loans Good Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Home Owners Loan corporation reported today that one in ten borrowers in the Pacific coast region had paid off his mortgage in full.

Where's The Wife?

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Courthouse clerks are as puzzled over this letter as, apparently, the young Pennsylvania miner who wrote it. He asked them to check on a marriage "that was of taken place April 14, 1937," saying "I have no knowledge of ever being married, but if I am, please let me know, and send me the marriage license."

Clerks assured him he had taken out a license and, furthermore, had been married the same day.

SENATE TO WAGE VIGOROUS FIGHT TO CUT SPENDING

House Opposition to Harrison Plan Causes Change in Tactics.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Supporters of the Harrison plan to create a joint congressional budget-making committee decided today that it was dead for this session, but senate economy advocates made it clear they would wage a vigorous fight to prevent any increase in President Roosevelt's budget. Senator Harrison (D., Miss.), chairman of the senate finance committee, proposed creation of a special committee of 12 senators and 12 representatives to study President Roosevelt's budget.

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Subsequently, the house appropriations committee instructed its subcommittees to hold expenditures within the president's budget estimates. This action generally was considered as a counter-proposal to Harrison's plan, and persons close to Harrison said today he was convinced the house would not accept this proposal. The Mississippi was represented, too, as having decided against carrying out an earlier plan to set up a separate 12-man senate committee, and to be hopeful, instead, that the senate would adopt the same idea as the house committee and put a ceiling on spending.

Economy-minded legislators said that they would make their fight on the basis of holding spending down to the \$8,400,000,000 total proposed by Mr. Roosevelt. One of the economy leaders, Senator Adams (D., Colo.), told reporters that there was little chance of reducing the president's total, and that it would be difficult to hold appropriations to that level.

GENERALLY FAIR, COOL THIS WEEK

Northern California: Fair Sunday; morning frost; gentle north to east wind off coast. Oregon: Unsettled Sunday; scattered light rains west portion; little change in temperature; moderate west and north west wind off coast. Outlook period Jan. 15-20, inclusive, far western states: Generally fair in California and southern plateau region and unsettled to northward, with occasional rains or snow; temperatures generally below normal but rising in California.

400 PLANES TAKE PART IN RAID ON FINNISH CAPITAL

British Drop Leaflets On Vienna in Air Survey—Moscow Denies Heavy Losses; French Flayed

(By the Associated Press) Russian bombs fell on Helsinki yesterday (Saturday) in the Finnish capital's worst raid since December 1. British planes dropped propaganda leaflets on Vienna and Prague.

Three persons were reported killed in the Finnish capital. Some bombs fell near the United States embassy at Grankulla, in the environs of Helsinki, and jolted the district where many foreigners have taken refuge. Finnish officials estimated about 400 planes participated in the raids Saturday on southern Finland and the capital. Equaling the number of warplanes taking part in Friday's mass air raid on southwestern Finland and the Karelian isthmus when two persons were killed.

The Finnish high command's communique said the Finns destroyed 12 Russian tanks and three armored cars in Friday's fighting. Unofficial reports from northern Finland said preparations were under way for a Russian offensive in the Salla district, within the Arctic circle. Germany's continued reconnaissance flights and attacks on British shipping were answered by Britain's "greatest survey flight" of the war. The air minister in London said British planes made mass scouting flights over Austria and Bohemia and reconnoitered widely in eastern Germany for the first time since the war began last September.

Foreign Press Hit A blistering attack on the foreign press, "especially the French," for "fabrications and slanderous inventions regarding soviet troops" was issued through Tass, official soviet news agency, by the Leningrad military area headquarters. The Russian headquarters reviewed the second three-week

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HATA SLATED AS JAPAN'S PREMIER

Tokyo, Jan. 14.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The Japanese cabinet of Premier General Nobuyuki Abe resigned today, and it was reported, but unofficially that the house minister, Shunroku Hata, would be the new premier.

Abe's resignation was connected closely with relations between Japan and the United States. The prospect that Hata would be premier arose after Japanese army and governmental leaders, including Abe and the war minister himself, apparently had failed to prevail upon Prince Fumimaro Konoye, former premier and now president of the privy council, to head the government again.

Previously General Hata had declared his ineligibility because of tradition against active army men taking office. Republicans win Multnomah lead

Portland, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Republicans have regained the majority among Multnomah county's registered voters. Weeding out names of persons who failed to vote in the last election left 77,015 republicans and 76,191 democrats, a majority of 824. Other parties raised the total to 155,223.