

WEATHER FACTS

FORECAST—Oregon: Clear, cold. Sharp winds. Rainfall: 24 hrs. ending 5 p. m. Fr., 30. Season to date, 5.16; normal, 6.06. Last year to date, 5.01. TEMP.—Min. last night, zero; max. Fr., 20.

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STATE TO TELL RUTH'S MOTIVE

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE U. S. Biological Survey says officially, after a careful survey: "Oregon's wild life is worth \$20,000,000 annually to the state."

To this the Oregon fish and game commission adds: "We are going to make it worth \$100,000,000 annually to the state."

THE twenty million dollars of present benefits, as estimated by the biological survey, are made up as follows:

Food value of fish and game, far, money spent by sportsmen for licenses, equipment, transportation, housing, etc., and the protective value to agriculture involved in the destruction of insects by protected birds.

LET us pause momentarily at the mention of food value of fish and game and chuckle good-naturedly up our sleeves.

If all the money spent to GET fish and game were spent for bacon and beans instead, we would have surplus enough left over to feed the unemployed.

It sportsmen went hunting and fishing for food alone, they would be engaged in a losing venture.

THIS brings up an important thought: Since sportsmen DON'T go hunting and fishing for food alone, why are so many of them so intent on bringing back the limit of fish and game?

Why not cultivate more intensively this idea: "I'm not paying for MEAT. What I'm paying for, and what I WANT, is enjoyment of the great outdoors?"

THE Oregon fish and game commission has been spending the past week in southern Oregon explaining its ten-year plan, which consists, briefly, in laying plans NOW so wisely that ten years hence Oregon will have MORE fish and game than it has at present and so will be able to provide recreational opportunities for more people.

That is what it means by making the wild life of this (Continued on Page Six)

STATE APPRAISALS START NEXT WEEK

Charles V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission, informed Secretary A. G. Morrison of the Taxpayers' league, that employees of the commission will begin next week on a re-evaluation of Klamath county property.

Two men who will start appraisals of business buildings will be put to work here at the outset of the campaign to make a complete re-evaluation of county property, as advocated by the Pomo-grange last fall.

The Klamath Taxpayers' league supported the movement of the Grangers and the county budget committee appropriated \$3,500 to start the work this year in the county, with the idea that in the years to come additional sums would be budgeted to allow a re-evaluation of all property in the county.

Living in 1931 Cheaper by Ten Per Cent Than in 1930

By J. H. JENKINS WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, (AP)—Living last year was cheaper by nearly ten per cent, for the country as a whole, than it was in 1930.

Every item in the cost of living tumbled down, even rents which are the slowest of all fixed costs to yield to the pressure of declining prices.

This was announced today by the bureau of labor statistics, based on a study of 32 representative cities, north, south, east and west. For all the drop, however, it still cost nearly 46 per cent more to live in 1931 than it did in 1913.

The actual figure for the year's average decline was 9.3 per cent, with an index figure of 145.3 for December, 1931, against 160.7 for December, 1930, and 100 for 1913.

The survey, split into six month periods showed "at during the last half of the year the decline in prices slowed somewhat as compared with the first half; that foodstuffs dropped 3.4 per cent; clothing 7.2; rents 4.1; household furnishings goods 5.6 and

MAYOR STANDS ON DECISION FOR SECRECY

Secret Session Report Is Given; Second Meet Called Today

Bagley 'Left Out' On Friday; Pay Cuts, Reductions Due

By Bob Galloway Mayor Fred H. Cofer remained adamant in his stand for closed meetings of the council Saturday, following his refusal to allow the press to attend a meeting held privately Friday to discuss city finances, despite the opinion of a majority of the city council favoring allowing the press to attend and report the proceedings to the public.

Interviewed at the city hall regarding Friday's meeting, the mayor stated that the council did not meet as a whole but the finance committee had met. However he admitted that more members of the council were present than the finance committee.

"We talked over general conditions. The people want economy don't they? We met to cut expenses to keep within the budget."

Held Off "We just met to discuss things. We couldn't do that at council," he said. "We hold such meetings nearly every week and sometimes two."

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RANSOM LETTER IS BRANDED AS HOAX

DENVER, Jan. 23, (AP)—A letter purporting to be written by Benjamin P. Bower, kidnapped Tuesday night, asking his wife to turn over \$50,000 ransom was declared today by Bower's business associates and police to be a hoax.

C. H. E. Alexander, cashier of the Campbell-Sell Baking company of which Bower is manager, declared the letter was not in Bower's handwriting. He displayed samples of Bower's writing showing no similarity to the writing of the note received yesterday by Mrs. Bower through the mail.

The letter made a plea to the wife to deliver the money today. Mrs. Bower accepted the letter yesterday as authentic.

Others connected with the baking concern joined with Alexander in branding the letter a "fake."

Police said the letter was written by some one who wished to "muscle in" on the ransom or by a practical joker.

Contractor Dies Of Asphyxiation

SEATTLE, Jan. 23, (AP)—Alexander Pearson, 45, Swedish Tabernacle director, and one of the Northwest's leading construction contractors, was asphyxiated in the breakfast nook of his apartment here today. A coroner's jury will decide next week whether it was an accident or suicide.

miscellaneous items 0.6. Light and fuel costs were up 1.6 per cent due to seasonal influences.

During the first six months of the year foodstuffs dropped 18.9 per cent; clothing 7; rent 4.5; fuel and light 9.6; house furnishings 11.3, and miscellaneous items 1.5 for an average of 10.4 per cent decline for all items. The foodstuffs decline for the entire year was 15.3 per cent.

The study covers 19 cities back to December, 1914, and thirteen to December, 1917, in all except Jacksonville, Fla., and Portland, Ore., house rents showed increases over the earliest year ranging from 1.5 per cent over 1917 in Birmingham, Ala., to 56.5 over 1914 in Chicago. Rents in Jacksonville were 9.7 per cent lower than in 1917, and those in Portland 6.2 below the same year.

In the list of cities compared with 1914 the cost of all items was higher in 1931 by the following percentages: Chicago 46.2; Houston 41.1; Los Angeles 45.1; New York 52; Portland, Ore., 31.2; San Francisco 38.1; Seattle 48.

Attempt to Spare Babe From Life Of Imbecility Planned

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—An attempt to spare 13-month-old Diana Moore from a life of imbecility may be made next week, with the chances for the success of the operation one in a thousand. The child is suffering from a brain condition called cerebriospastic.

Mrs. Lillian Moore, her 18-year-old mother, is willing that her daughter risk the chance of the operation.

"I am going to have the operation performed even though there is only one chance in a thousand of Diana surviving," Mrs. Moore said. "Whatever happens my baby cannot lose. There is no life before her if she is to be an idiot. And through an operation there is at least a faint chance that she will be normal. I am willing to take that chance."

District Legion Meeting To Be Held Here Tonight

State American Legion and American Legion auxiliary officers are gathering in Klamath this afternoon for the District No. 4 convention of the organization and a banquet tonight at 6:30 p. m. at the Hotel Willard.

Commander F. D. McMillan, of the Klamath post, has invited all Legion and Auxiliary members to the meeting at 8:30 o'clock in the Willard ballroom, whether or not they attend the banquet at 6:30 o'clock.

Perry O. DeLap, adjutant of the local post, will preside at the banquet, at which the state officials will speak. Mrs. Marjorie Olds will sing several selections, and C. O. Moore will present some vocal selections. American Legion State officials

Prettiest Maid



"Where are you going my pretty maid?" "To contests of beauty, sir," she said.

Anyhow, there's no maid in all Italy prettier than dark-eyed Signorina Emma Coffari, above, an employe in a household in Naples. That's what judges of a recent beauty contest decided.

FIRE STATION FUND GONE RECORDS SHOW

City Faced With Running Two Stations on Budget of One

The \$25,000 Fire Station No. 2 (new fire station) fund voted November 4, 1930 for maintenance and salaries of firemen at that station is gone without the fire station having been opened, records in Police Judge Fouch's office show.

The city is faced with running the new station and the old on a slightly larger budget than they ran the one station with, it was apparent Saturday.

By resolution of the city council on September 21, 1931 there was transferred from the fire station No. 2 fund \$5,588.90 to the fire fund and by the same resolution \$432.27 was transferred in the same manner to the same fund.

The budget committee met. Fouch estimated, members of the committee stated that \$16,000 would be in the fire fund on December 31, 1931. Fouch's records show that the true balance on that date in that fund was \$12,415.12.

The budget committee allowed for 1932 for salaries of firemen \$26,946; gas and oil, \$259; laundry, \$125, and subtracted (Continued on Page 3)

AGREEMENT REMOTE ON RAILWAY WAGES

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (AP)—The railway unions told the railroad presidents today that employees should not be called upon to contribute 10 per cent of their meagre earnings for the benefit of other interests in the railroad industry.

David Robertson, chairman of the labor group at the wage conference, in presenting a rebuttal to the railroad executives' plea for a 10 per cent voluntary wage cut this afternoon, asserted that in any consideration of wage reductions the management "should at least be as zealous in furnishing additional employment and relieving employment distress as in solving their own financial problems."

Thus far neither side has yielded a significant point in the discussions of wage reductions and employment stabilization.

Tot Finds Loaded Gun, Wounds Girl

PORTLAND, Jan. 23, (AP)—Dangerously wounded by a shot fired by a 5-year-old boy, Geraldine Cawood, 19, was in a hospital here today, a bullet through her left breast and arm.

The child, Robert Hugh Smythe, had found an automatic pistol in a bedroom. Miss Cawood, employed in the Smythe home, was in the basement when the boy entered with the pistol held out for her inspection.

"See what I found," he said, and pulled the trigger.

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FRANK HAWKS ON LAST LAP OF COAST TRIP

Aviator Out To Make Mexico-B. C. Mark For Round-Trip

Leaves Portland For Agua Caliente at 12:34 o'Clock

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23, (AP)—Captain Frank Hawks, attempting to set a new round trip speed record between Agua Caliente and Vancouver, B. C., paused here on the southward leg of the trip at 12:34 p. m. for fuel. He had circled the Vancouver airport at 11:04 a. m.

Hawks continued southward from Portland at 12:34 p. m. Hawks' time on the south leg between Vancouver and Portland was 1 hour, 20 minutes, seven minutes slower than he did the northward lap.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 23, (AP)—Captain Frank Hawks, attempting a record round trip speed flight from Agua Caliente, Mexico, to Vancouver, Canada, and return, landed here at 6:54:45 a. m. (Pacific time) today, refueled, and took off at 6:44:15 for Portland, Oregon.

Hawks expected to complete his round trip of 2600 miles in 13 or 14 hours, stopping at Oakland and Portland, Ore., each way for fuel.

AGUA CALIENTE, Mexico, Jan. 23, (AP)—Off to a flying start, Captain Frank M. Hawks, speed pilot, raced at 260 miles per hour out of the sky to lightly touch his wheels at the airport here at 4:11:15 a. m. today and be off on an attempt to set a lasting record for a round trip flight to Vancouver, B. C.

ZERO MARK REACHED BY MERCURY TODAY

No relief from the driving cold was forecast by the weather man Saturday, when the minimum temperature was registered for the second time this winter. The mercury had climbed only to 10 degrees above zero at noon, while the barometer was climbing steadily, indicating a continuation of the bitter cold wave that has gripped Klamath for the past few days.

Forecasts from the state weather bureau in Portland predicted fair weather for Saturday night and Sunday, but increasing cloudiness, probably becoming unsettled, near the coast. Little change in temperature was predicted, with moderate easterly winds offshore.

No change in road conditions was reported Saturday by the tourist bureau of the Klamath chamber of commerce.

TO RETURN GARDNER

City police were informed Saturday that an officer has left Seattle for Klamath Falls to return to the Washington city Owen D. Gardner, arrested here January 14 on a warrant from Seattle, charging robbery.

A Hitch in the Akron's Air Plans

The second time was a charm when the world's greatest airship nosed down to this aquatic hitching post. And here, after failing once to make contact, the dirigible Akron is shown as she hooked her prow to the mast of the naval tanker Patoka in a test off Norfolk, Va.



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Newspaper Involved The Chinese language newspaper, the Republican Daily News, which was warned yesterday by Japanese naval officers (Continued on Page Three)

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Rumors have been current for several days that Spaulding would not for long remain on the commission. The name of Frank Jenkins, connected with the publishing of newspapers at Roseburg, Medford and Klamath Falls, has been most prominently mentioned as Spaulding's successor.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, (AP)—Direct opposition by President Hoover to proposals in congress for a \$416,000,000 naval building program was reported today by Representative Britten, (R., Ill.) after a conference with the chief executive.

Britten, ranking Republican on the house naval affairs committee, said he had reported to the president that the committee probably would approve either the Vinson bill for a \$416,000,000 10 year program or a somewhat similar one year program calling for the expenditure of approximately \$50,000,000.

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GENEVA, Jan. 23, (AP)—When the League of Nations council assemblies on Monday W. W. Yen, Chinese ambassador to the United States, who is representing his country in the league, will ask that immediate steps be taken to halt the "conflagration" in the Far East, he said today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23, (AP)—Earl Sandstrom, 14, and his brother, Ray, 10 years old, drowned in the Clackamas river near Gladstone today when a rowboat in which they were playing upset and threw them into the stream.

DEATH BOXES OPENED FOR JURY'S EYES

Trunks Which Held Bodies Brought Into Court at Judd Trial

Woman Overcome, But Fair Defendant is Unmoved by Drama

By Ralph O. Brown (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

COURTHOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 23, (AP)—Driving relentlessly toward completion of the circumstantial evidence by which the state of Arizona is endeavoring to hang Winnie Ruth Judd, county attorney Lloyd J. Andrews and his assistants approached today the denouement of a crowded courtroom has been awaiting with bated breath—unmasking of the motive for the slaying of her two girl friends.

Over continued strenuous objection of defense counsel led by the white-haired veteran, Paul Schock, the state had presented to the jury a story of Agnes Anne Lerol and Hedvig Samuelson enjoying a peaceful evening of bridge in their home at 2529 N. Second street, Phoenix, last October 16, of their disappearance, of the shipping of two heavily laden trunks, and a battered death-frightened suitcase to Los Angeles, of the unsuccessful attempt there of Mrs. Judd to claim her sanguinary baggage, and the ultimate discovery therein of two bodies, one dismembered.

COURT HOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 23, (AP)—The appearances of death were revealed in Judge Howard C. Speakman's court room today as Los Angeles police officials described the bodies of the two women Winnie Ruth Judd confessed she slew, and identified the containers in which they found them.

The pungent odor of antiseptic fluids rose to the close little room's beamed ceiling as trunks which once contained the bodies of Agnes Anne Lerol and Hedvig Samuelson were opened before the twelve men who will decide whether Mrs. Judd shall be hanged for the two slayings of October 16.

Woman Overcome A woman on one of the close-packed benches in the restricted spectators' space, overcome by the graphic description by Lieutenant Frank Ryan of the Los Angeles department, and by the sanguine associations of the physical evidence he identified, was taken (Continued on page three)

JUDGE SPARROW REPORTED BETTER

A steady improvement in the condition of County Judge Alex Sparrow at Jackson county was noted by his physicians Saturday. He suffered a severe concussion of the brain Thursday when he fell into a pit while inspecting the heating plant in the Hirvi building.

Judge Sparrow passed a fairly comfortable night, and Saturday was rational part of the time and able to speak.

At first it was feared that he suffered a skull fracture, but X-ray photographs taken Friday afternoon revealed there was no fracture.

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