

STORM BRINGS DEEPEST FALL IN 20 YEARS

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though the lambing season has just started, most ewe flocks were being kept in sheds and the loss was not believed great. Farmers, on the other hand, welcomed the snow as a guaranty of moisture for the April seeding season.

Rising temperatures prevailed over the state today after Monday's record cold for March, which sent the thermometer down to 10 degrees above zero in many localities and 10 below at Meacham.

Baker and Bend, which reported 10 above yesterday, welcomed low readings between 20 and 22 degrees today. The weather bureau here predicted unsettled conditions and continued cold tonight and tomorrow, with snow flurries in the mountains.

Snow in East
Reports of heavy orchard damage in the southern part of the state were discounted by authorities at Grants Pass and Medford. Dr. F. C. Reimer, head of the southern Oregon extension station, said a report of a 75 per cent loss of the pear crop was "ridiculous exaggeration."

He estimated a 50 per cent loss to orchardists who did not amidge, but said there were plenty of blossoms left for a good crop.

Snow still whitened sections of the Rogue River valley.

In eastern Oregon, at La Grande, a light snow was falling with a wind drifting it, but highways were open and no crop damage was reported. The lowest reading was 15 degrees last night.

The latest blooming period in years was predicted for orchards in the mid-Columbia section, and some damage to apricot and peach crops occurred.

Lindbergh Works on Invention at Home in England

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heart and lungs device, understood here to be a valveless pump, was begun by Lindbergh, in cooperation with Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel prize winner, of the Rockefeller Institute of New York, long before his arrival here.

All London newspapers published lengthy dispatches from Trenton today, describing Hauptmann's "last hours," but not a single line appeared in print about the Lindberghs or their activities.

FINES IMPOSED

Fines of \$10 or five days in jail were punishments imposed upon Virgil Wilson and Alvin Clark arrested on charges of drunkenness Monday evening. Bulmar Nares, charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, was assessed a fine of \$20 or 10 days in jail.

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turned to dictatorships for relief—washing their own hands of the mess and saying to some INDIVIDUAL: "Here is supreme power; see what you can do with it."

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Hauptmann's Mother Still Hopeful Son's Life Will Be Spared

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vinced of your complete innocence and in the belief that God will bring the truth to light.

"You have always been my best, truest, dearest, and most beloved son."

"Your loving Mother."

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Kamenz, Germany, March 31.—Frau Pauline Hauptmann, bending over a wash tub in the little yard of her home today, declared she refused to believe that her son, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, must die in the electric chair tonight for the Lindbergh kidnap-slaying.

Convinced of Innocence

Informed of the New Jersey court of pardons' denial of clemency to her son and his condemnation to be electrocuted in the state prison at Trenton, N. J., for the murder of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, the 70-year-old Frau Hauptmann exclaimed:

"I doubt that this decision will mean the final doom of my innocent boy Bruno! He is not guilty. They cannot do it!"

The grief-stricken mother was scrubbing clothes when informed of the impending execution of her son.

"I simply won't believe what you tell me," she muttered grimly. "The execution has been postponed and then postponed so often. Don't you think politics are at the bottom of it all and that they may decide he is not guilty?"

Comforted by Bible

The aged, hard-working woman sat down on a little wooden bench in a sunny corner of her yard, as if forced down by the weight of a sudden realization.

"Oh, this uncertainty for days and nights is unbearable," she declared. "It's so cruel! Often I wake up at night with a feeling of terror. If I only had one good piece of news for a change!"

She returned to her house and entered the immaculate living room, where a Bible was the only book on the table.

"It is this book where I get my comfort," she said. "I just can't give up hopes that I will embrace my poor boy again."

TOWNSEND SPEAKER

C. A. Roberson of Portland and Townsend club district organizer Selwood will be the speakers at the regular meeting of the local Townsend club meeting to be held in the city library auditorium. All members are urged to be present, and the public is invited to hear these speakers.

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ITALY TAKES CITY AT HEAD OF LAKE TANA

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war because of the significance to the British of the Lake Tana region.

Gondar is only a few kilometers from the head of Lake Tana, the source of the Nile which gives the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Egypt its water supply.

Many Victories Claimed

The motor column was modeled after that of Gen. Rudolfo Graziani which, in the south, moved up from Dolo to Neghelli to break up Ras Desta's army several weeks ago.

Like Graziani's drive, it has been made in a huge semi-circle, starting originally at Asmara and circling back through Eritrea up to the border of Umanja, which is only a few miles from Kassa, the regular lake entry port of the British Sudan.

The way for the maneuver was paved by victories of the past six weeks all along the northern front from Umba Aradam through Tembien Province and the Takaze river area, allowing fourth army corps on the extreme right of the line to penetrate deep beyond Setit and Semien and providing perfect left flank protection for the northern "Hell on Wheels" column.

Black Forces Scattered

The capture of Gondar coincides in the general picture with considerable activity on the left extremity of the northern line where reports have it that Emperor Haile Selassie himself has taken the field in the general vicinity of Quoram in the last desperate effort to halt the Italians on their advance that has been all-conquering since the victory of Amba Aradam Feb. 10.

It is considered likely that the next—and possibly the last—big struggle in the north will be fought in the vicinity of Quoram if Haile Selassie can gather an army together to make a stand.

Mahoney Ignores OARP Endorsement

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get the endorsement, while Dr. C. B. Cassel, Klamath chiropractor and member of the board which turned Mahoney down, came home with an endorsement for democratic national committee.

It was reported here there might be a development in Portland tonight which will put an official end to Townsend campaigning for the endorsed slate, while another report was that there would be a Townsend meeting here at which the endorsement would be considered.

The Portland development, it was understood, would center around a telegram from national headquarters, instructing Charles Paine, Eugene, to close campaign headquarters and "lay off" until after the primaries. Paine, despite the so-called repudiation of the area board's endorsement activities, has proceeded with campaign plans, and even has announced a "nickel a week" method of getting together thousands of dollars for campaign expenses.

The political turmoil stirred up by the area board endorsements has spread throughout the state, and its effect on the ambitions of such candidates as Willis Mahoney and Walter Pierce, both left out of the approved list, is being studied by political observers.

Mayor Mahoney's position has been rather delicate due to his statement some time ago that he would take off his coat and fight for whomever gets the Townsend endorsement. He stated Tuesday

that he "doesn't consider the action of the area board as a bona fide Townsend endorsement, and therefore does not feel bound by his pledge."

"The situation," said Mahoney, "is this. I had a long distance conversation with Dr. Townsend shortly after these so-called endorsements were announced."

"I told him definitely that if he approved of those endorsements, I would withdraw from the campaign. He told me that he knew nothing of the endorsements, that he did not favor making endorsements before the primaries, and that he wanted to have the club members give an open expression in the primaries, choosing, of course, nominees friendly to our cause. After receiving this information directly from Dr. Townsend, I filed and will make the fight for the nomination."

Mahoney said that Dr. Townsend, at the time, wired Hal Simons, Townsend's official in Portland to settle the rumors up there, similarly disapproving the Oregon endorsements. That development was reported in the press at the time, but Paine proceeded, anyhow, to prepare for a campaign for the endorsed slate. More vigorous instructions from national headquarters are now in prospect, it was reported here Tuesday.

Harking back to the situation in Portland at the time of the area board endorsements, to which Mahoney referred, the Salem Capital-Journal this week carried texts of telegrams purportedly exchanged between Charles Hansen, then Townsend state manager, and Townsend national headquarters. Here are the last two telegrams in the list, bearing directly on the question of authority in making endorsements:

Congressional and State Boards
meeting here tomorrow twenty-first to endorse candidates and plan campaign. Acting on wire from Arbuckle. Bulletin not received. If further instructions wire

Charles E. Hansen
State Area Manager
Los Angeles, Calif.
March 29, 1936 2:57 p.m.
"C. E. Hansen,
311 Dekum Bldg.
Doctor Townsend here in office says go ahead and endorse candidates tomorrow."

Hal M. Simons,
Another local angle on the endorsement affair is the fact that Dr. Cassel came out of the board meeting a candidate for democratic national committee. Claude McCulloch, Klamath attorney and former state senator, had already announced for democratic national committee, and promises to make a formidable campaign. There will now be two Klamath men on the ballot for this position, a fact which may be confusing to some voters over the state.

H. E. Wirth, southern Oregon man who is an active Townsend and for a time was a candidate for governor two years ago, has sent the following statement to this newspaper, asking that it be published:

"I urge all Townsend members and sympathizers in this great movement to press on in our great movement, and do not allow any conflicting controversies to affect your judgment in this the greatest humanitarian campaign that America has ever known, and be steadfast and loyal to the candidates that were endorsed for the different offices by our Congressional Boards and by State Area Board. These boards were selected from the ablest members that we could choose, and it is our duty as true Townsends to work for the candidates endorsed by these boards."

"I had aspired to the endorsement for the United States senatorship on the Republican ticket,

but like many others promised that if I did not get the endorsement of these duly authorized boards, I would lay off my coat and work for the candidates that were endorsed. This I intend to do with all the vim and patriotism that a Townsendsite can have. "The Townsend Plan Must Succeed," and we can only do this by standing together. We must forget self, and friends, and vote for the plan, and candidates that have been endorsed by this sane and wise board."

"I also urge all members to stand firmly behind their Congressional board member and be guided by their advice, and not follow the advice of the opposition."

"H. E. WIRTH"

Mayor Mahoney on his trip spoke to large crowds in La Grande, Baker, Pendleton and Enterprise. The mayor was suavely confident, on his return, that the democratic nomination is going to be his.

COUNTY WARRANT ISSUE DISCUSSED

Inclusion in the Klamath county audit of the list of warrants which have been issued on the exclusive authorization of Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst has brought considerable discussion among attorneys of the legality of this method, and also some delving into records to see what has been done in the past.

The latter process indicates that warrants have long been issued in Klamath county on authority of the circuit judge alone. A run, skip and jump through a few records showed such warrants issued on authority of Circuit Judge George Skipworth, who presided here over the Fehl trial; the late Circuit Judge W. M. Duncan, and Circuit Judge Fred Wilson, who presided at the Manning trial. Some persons who have looked further into the records say that this custom dates far back through the years.

Some time ago District Attorney H. C. Blackmer received from the attorney general's office an opinion holding that all warrants should be issued through the county court mill, as is the case with other warrants for paying the expenses of running the county government.

According to the county auditor's report, a great many warrants were issued in 1935 directly on authorization of Judge Ashurst. However, it was found in the records that in at least one instance, the auditor omitted a warrant issued on Judge Arthur D. Hay's exclusive authority. Warrant No. 15183, dated Nov. 14, in favor of Dora Goddard, for \$5, was issued with Judge Hay's authority, only. It was not shown in the audit.

Since the receipt of the attorney general's opinion, all warrants for payment of circuit court expenses have been going through the county court for authorization, in accordance with that opinion.

HURT IN ACCIDENT

Clifford Smith, resident of the Lakeview road, sustained a fractured leg in a automobile accident Tuesday morning when he was en route to work. He was taken to Klamath Valley hospital where he is receiving treatment.

A Shreveport, La., girl has talked incessantly for a week. It seems a bit hard on her elders, who also may want to use the phone.

WARDEN MAY DELAY BRUNO'S EXECUTION

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boration with respect to matters which could easily be corroborated."

Word from Mother
In the Wendel "confession" Wendel reportedly admits that he kidnaped and killed Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., and that the child died of a skull fracture. He repudiated the confession and charged it was wrong from him by torture and force.

As the last hours for Hauptmann neared, there came from his aged mother in Kamenz, Germany, this message:

"I am standing by you right to the last second, convinced of your complete innocence and in the belief that God will bring the truth to light."

"You have always been my best, truest, dearest, and most beloved son."

It was signed: "Your loving Mother."

In his death house cell, Hauptmann reassured his innocence.

Last Hope Vanishes
His last hope was gone. The pardons court, which could have saved him, refused to do so. Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who attempted a political disaster in an attempt to solve the Lindbergh case in the face of a Flemington jury's verdict that the case was already solved, said he would not again interfere.

Defense counsel apparently were without any legal way to turn to save him, but had not given up hope. His prosecutors were unchanged in their conviction that Hauptmann, and Hauptmann alone, was guilty as proved.

Unafraid of Death
In the face of it all, and with the knowledge that a confession or partial confession was his only hope of escaping the chair, the 36-year-old prisoner cried out today to Col. Mark O. Kimberling:

"I am innocent; but I am not afraid to die."

"Any change in my story would be a lie," he told the warden.

Hauptmann was weeping when Col. Kimberling went to him in

the death house this morning. The former German machine gunner and one-time petty criminal in his native Germany, had slept only fitfully through his last night of life.

He spent much of the time between 10:30 last night and 5:30 this morning pacing his cell, talking about his family with his guards, and writing a letter to his old and impoverished mother in Germany.

It took Col. Kimberling nearly five minutes to calm the sobbing prisoner.

"The state will never solve the case by sending me to the chair, for I am not guilty," Hauptmann was quoted as saying.

Appeals to Public
"He said he wished he could appeal to the public over the radio and say that if anyone knows anything about the case, let him come forward and tell," the guards reported to the warden.

"He said he wanted his son (Manfred) to grow up and be honest and to know his father was innocent. He said he got convicted for having money without knowing what kind of money it was."

Col. Kimberling talked with Hauptmann for half an hour. He came to the details of the "last meal."

"I'd like to have that last meal sent to Dr. Condon," Hauptmann replied.

No Breakfast Eaten
He referred to Dr. John F. Condon, the Lindbergh ransom intermediary, whose testimony that Hauptmann was the man to whom he paid \$50,000 ransom was a vital link in the circumstantial evidence that put the Bronx carpenter where he is today.

Hauptmann ate no breakfast. Not so, Charles Zied, the Philadelphia gangster who will precede Hauptmann to death in the chair tonight. Zied ate heartily of cereal, eggs, potatoes, toast and coffee.

Zied ordered this last meal: Celery and olives, roast chicken, buttered peas, French fried potatoes, cherries, cake, coffee or milk, and a cigar.

If Hauptmann does not change his mind and order, a similar meal will be offered him.

C. Lloyd Fisher, chief of de-

fense counsel, called on Hauptmann during the morning and said later:

"It looks very bad, but until the sentence is carried out, I wouldn't say that I have given up hope. While there's life, there's hope, and you can't tell what might break in our favor."

Hauptmann had braced up considerably, Fisher said, since his collapse with Col. Kimberling, and told him he still had hope.

Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, who visited her husband yesterday, will not see her husband again alive, apparently.

Hauptmann was prepared for the chair this morning, a spot on his head being closely shaved. Zied, like Hauptmann, told Col. Kimberling that when he (Zied) goes to the chair the state will be taking the life of "an innocent man." Zied killed a policeman in Camden, N. J., they reported.

"I have saved three lives in my life, and they take mine on built-up evidence." His reference apparently was to his claim that he rescued three persons from drowning.

While the last act of the "most famous criminal case in the world" was approaching enactment here, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, parents of the murdered child, continued to shun the public light in England, to which country they fled because of the notoriety that grew out of the case.

Col. Lindbergh is spending much time perfecting a mechanical heart and lungs, a scientific venture in which he has been engaged for some time.

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