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WEATHER

Tuesday's maximum 87
High 48, Low 31
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. .....Trace
Season to date 4.54
Last year to date 8.80
Normal precipitation 3.42

RAIN

LEAGUE SEEKS AID FOR FINNS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE league of nations is getting ready to expel Russia. Russia retorts that there is no occasion to expel her (because of the Finnish incident), as her relations with the "Finnish people's government" are wholly peaceful.

The "Finnish people's government" is the WHOLLY FRAUDULENT government set up by the soviets in the few miles of Finnish territory they have succeeded in overrunning.

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BAREFACED absurdities such as this still further turn world opinion against Russia, and in the long run will give no help to Stalin's ambition to RULE THE WORLD.

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SO far, the Russian drive against Finland has fizzled. The correspondents report soviet slain HEAPED UP before the Finnish machine guns. Today's Finnish reports say that Russia is massing a million and a half men for a smashing offensive against the Mannerheim line, which is the Finnish equivalent of the French Maginot line and the German westwall.

The French, the British and the Germans all fear to throw troops against modern fortifications, remembering the slaughter of Verdun.

But what does Stalin care for a few thousand or a few hundreds of thousands of slain? What did Genghis Khan care? What did Tamerlane care? What did Attila care?

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(REMEMBER this: Genghis Khan, Tamerlane and Attila were all OVERTHROWN in time.)

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THE British house of commons, planning a secret session to discuss munitions and war supplies, is installing SOUND-PROOF doors.

If you can imagine German spies with their ears pressed to the keyholes of the house of commons doors, you ought to be able to get a laugh.

Tip to playwrights: This ought to provide an idea for a good farce comedy.

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TAFT (probably a little brash) intimates that if he were President he'd balance the budget in two years. FDR, speaking scornfully at his press conference, says he'll give a handsome prize if Taft will tell him exactly how to do it.

Well, individuals balance their budgets by following a simple two-word rule: "SPEND LESS."

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ALL individuals know that failure to balance their budgets means ultimate bankruptcy. Governments, unfortunately, KID THEMSELVES.

Leaky Gas Tank Causes Trouble

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 13 (AP)—Eugene F. Turner, returning home from buying a sack of flour, stopped last night when he thought he had a flat tire. He didn't know his gas tank was leaking.

When he struck a match, the gasoline flared. Turner ripped open the sack and vainly threw flour on the blaze. His jacket went next beating at the flames on two tries. Help arrived, but smouldering upholstery had to be torn out.

When the fire was extinguished, Turner looked at the suspected tire. He had guessed right. It was flat.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Dec. 13, 1914—Cold weather hampers fighting on most fronts.

700 Missing In Shipwreck

Swashbuckling Screen Hero Dead

Hollywood mournfully prepared a great and final tribute to Douglas Fairbanks Sr., as funeral services were prepared Thursday. Picture at left shows the idol of a million theatre-goers as he will be remembered in "The Gaucho." At right is a recent picture of Doug and the former Lady Sylvia Ashley who was at his side when the screen star died in his sleep.

RUSSIAN BOAT RUNS AGROUND IN SNOWSTORM

87 Known Dead; Japanese Rescue 395 After Disaster Off Siberia

WAKKANAI, Hokkaido, Japan, Dec. 13 (AP)—More than 700 Russians, including women and children, were missing today and believed drowned or frozen to death in the wreck of the Russian steamer Indigirka on the treacherous coast of Hokkaido.

The Japanese ship Karafuto arrived here with 395 survivors from the crowded Russian fishing service vessel which went aground in a blizzard yesterday on the east coast of Hokkaido, northernmost of the main Japanese islands.

Survivors, most of whom were suffering from exposure, said the ship carried 700 fishermen, many accompanied by wives and children, and a crew of 39.

(The scene of the wreck is on one route between Betwezn fishing stations on the Kamchatka peninsula and Vladivostok).

(Reports received in Tokyo said 87 were known to have died on the Indigirka).

Survivors said the Indigirka sent out one SOS before huge waves smashed her radio room. Because of the blinding snow she was unable to give her position accurately.

The storm held possible rescue ships in port throughout yesterday.

The survivors said they did not know the fate of their missing comrades.

The Indigirka was a ship of only 2690 tons, but vessels plying between the northern fishing ports and Vladivostok often carry large passenger lists.

"Heat Wave" Bothers Santa

With unseasonably warm weather, Santa Claus (W. S. Thompson) in an Oklahoma City department store reverted to a summertime Santa suit—swimming trunks—and waved a makeshift palm-leaf fan. The temperature reached 75 degrees, much too warm for a full Santa Claus costume.

VOTE TO OUST RUSSIA ASKED FROM COUNCIL

Members "Invited" to Offer Finland All Possible Assistance

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (AP)—A 13-nation committee of the league of nations today adopted a resolution condemning Russia as an aggressor and containing an implied demand that Russia be ousted from the league for invading Finland.

The resolution, which was then submitted to the league assembly, which may act on it tonight, incorporated a report drawn up by a sub-committee "inviting" league members to give Finland all possible aid.

In addition it suggested non-member nations such as the United States might be asked to join in helping Finland if the league of nation's council desires.

The report now goes to a special 13-nation committee considering the Russian-Finnish conflict before being submitted to the league assembly and then to the council.

Approval of the part naming Russia an aggressor and suggesting aid to Finland seemed certain since only a majority vote of the assembly is necessary. Action on expulsion of a member requires a unanimous council vote.

The sub-committee also condemned Russia as a violator of the league covenant and recommended putting the entire technical staff of the league—its economic, health and financial experts—at Finland's disposal.

League officials said copies of all documents connected with Finland's appeal to the league would be sent to Washington in hope the United States would cooperate in aiding the Finns.

Russian spokesmen predicted the soviet union would be expelled "within 24 hours." British and French spokesmen went as far as to forecast a resolution calling for such action would be sent to the assembly and council.

Argentina led the way to a showdown on the expulsion of Russia with the threat she would resign, if the soviet union remained a member.

Rodolfo Freyre, Argentine delegate, told the assembly his government's decision to resign is "unalterable" so long as Russia is a member.

"The league has no doubt lost all coercive force," Freyre declared, "but there still is one ges-

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MURDER SUSPICION RESTS ON FATHER

Huge Accident Insurance Policy Figures in Car Deaths of Family

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (AP) Protesting his innocence, Laurel H. Crawford, 41, a World war veteran, is held on suspicion of murder in the deaths of five persons.

Crawford alone escaped when his automobile in which were his wife, their three children and a friend plunged 1000 feet down a canyon side on the road from Mount Wilson observatory Monday night.

Deputy Sheriff Paul Mahoney said Crawford carried a total of $40,500 in life and accident insurance on members of his family.

"It's all my fault," cried Crawford. "I shouldn't have been driving the car. It had bad brakes and the old gear box was in bad shape.

"We were having such a good time together. Now they're gone."

The victims were Mrs. Elva Ruth Crawford, 41; Alice, 15; Paul, 10; Helen, 8, and Ralph Barnett, 61, a lodger at the Crawford home.

They had driven to view the night lights of Los Angeles from the mountain top, Crawford said, and as they started down he tried

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Taft Suggests Cut in Size Of Budget

BOSTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—A broad study of government to balance the national budget at between seven and seven and one-half billions of dollars, through savings of from 25 to 50 per cent in the various departments, was advocated today by Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) as an objective for the republican party in the 1940 political campaign.

Taft, traveling in New England in furtherance of his aspirations for the G. O. P. presidential nomination, suggested such a study could be made by a "group of practical businessmen and administrators—perhaps some of these republican governors who have done such a good job in the states."

Speaking at the women's republican club here, Ohio's junior senator asserted one of the chief needs to return the government to "sanity" was "a complete study of government" as the basis for "drafting a complete program of reorganization" to eliminate bureau duplication and "inconsistencies."

Taft, who struck out at government spending yesterday and outlined four principles for a 1940 republican platform, questioned the "sincerity" of the administration's policy on communism declaring it "actually promoted the efforts of the CIO and Harry Bridges in gaining control of the longshoremen's union," while now it was "making a mild attempt to deport Bridges."

HOWARD S. ABBEY, AUTO DEALER, DIES

Police List Death as Apparent Suicide; Had Been Here 20 Years

Howard S. Abbey, 42, well known automobile dealer, was found dead in the office of his business establishment at Sixth and Oak streets at 7:45 a. m. Wednesday.

When the body was discovered by George L. Black, an employe, a pistol lay in the right hand and several notes to relatives and friends were found in the office. He had been shot in the head. Police investigators listed the death as an apparent suicide.

Abbey had been last seen by his employes about 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, who was called Wednesday morning, said the automobile man had been dead about two hours when his body was discovered.

Abbey had lived in Klamath Falls about 20 years, and was widely known in business, fraternal and veteran circles.

He was a native of Cloud county, Kansas.

In France Abbey served in the 60th heavy artillery, D battery, as a sergeant. Donald Chase, his shop foreman since he entered the automobile business here, went to France with Abbey. They served together there for about eight months.

They returned to the United States after the war and in about two years Abbey located in Klamath Falls. In 1926 he bought out the Motor Inn garage, and in 1930 he took over the Nash agency here. He has held that agency since.

Abbey served for a time as president of the Klamath Auto-

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Park Board Acts On Suggestion for Klamath Museum

The dream of many Klamath county pioneers, who have long hoped for a museum in which to house relics of the past of this area, was one step closer to realization following a meeting of the city park board Tuesday afternoon.

The original idea of a museum at Moore park was planted in the park board members' minds last year when officials of the Klamath Pioneer association approached the group with such a plan.

Following lengthy discussion Tuesday the park board as a whole was named to investigate the feasibility of such a plan, the idea to investigate WPA funds and to obtain community interest.

The board will select a site for the museum within the park, determine the size of the building and consult with Howard R. Perrin, architect, as to plans. One requirement suggested was that the building conform with the park surroundings. Others were as to the construction of the building which must be both fireproof and burglarproof. The hiring of a caretaker was also discussed.

E. A. Thomas, city engineer, will investigate the WPA angle.

The board members will report back at the January meeting.

Members of the board also discussed public liability and to what extent the board is responsible for mishaps within the park. This matter was referred to D. E. Van Vactor, city attorney.

Location of Bremen Kept Navy Secret

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (AP)—While all Germany gloated today over the return of the $20,000,000 liner Bremen her whereabouts remained a military secret.

An announcement by the North German Lloyd line office at New York that the Bremen docked at Bremerhaven after her trip from Murmansk was believed to be part of a camouflage campaign to hide the ship's whereabouts.

Circumstantial evidence points to Kiel as the present shelter for the ship. An enemy raid on Kiel is far less likely than on the more exposed Bremerhaven.

Berlin newspapers bannerlined the Bremen's safe return as a "world sensation."

The papers asserted the British were bewildered by the German navy's feat of bringing the $20,000,000 ship through the blockade.

The official German news agency, DNB, said the Bremen was watched all day yesterday by German aircraft which forced a British submarine that sighted the ship to submerge.

DNB declared the British, informed by the submarine, tried to find the Bremen again but by that time she was "protected by aircraft and the navy and had long reached harbor."

Mexican Arrested For Tossing Flask At Armory Bouts

Joe Paries, about 35, Chiloquin Mexican, was sentenced to $100 and 50 days in the city jail when brought before Police Judge Carl K. Cook Wednesday morning on a disorderly conduct charge.

Paries was arrested Tuesday night at the wrestling match when he is alleged to have thrown a bottle from the balcony of the armory. The bottle is said to have missed a spectator "by inches," crashing onto the floor and smashing into bits.

Previous to that time the management had posted a $25 reward for the apprehension of a person who threw a .35 calibre rifle bullet from the balcony. It is said the bullet struck a woman on the head.

Moscow Recalls Envoy to Italy

ROME, Dec. 13 (AP)—Diplomatic circles said tonight they had learned the new Russian ambassador to Italy, Nicolai Gorcelchin, left Rome suddenly yesterday for Moscow without presenting his credentials.

The Russian ambassador had been in Rome only 15 days.

Soviet embassy attaches disclaimed all knowledge of a reason for the sudden recall or when he might return.

FINNS EXPECTING KNOCKOUT ATTACK

Russian Advance Stopped as Reported 1,500,000 Massing for Drive

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The major thrust, according to the agency, is expected in the Karelian Isthmus, where Finns, entrenched in the zig-zag line of fortifications called the Mannerheim line, have fought off red invaders since the war started 14 days ago.

Big Organizations Bring Red Threat To U. S., Claim

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—"Hog-tied organizations" competing in business with individual operators, threaten the United States with communism, Rep. Hampton P. Fulmer (D-S.C.) believes.

Commenting primarily on the lumber industry at a joint congressional committee hearing on a new nation-wide forestry program yesterday, Fulmer declared "the little fellows needed federal aid to avoid poverty, unemployment and finally communism."

Such people, Fulmer added, "are ready to be led (by communists) because of their financial condition."

His statement interrupted testimony by Clyde Martin of the Western Pine association that lumber prices were not dictated to members of the organization.

"One of your men told me only yesterday your association does submit price lists," Fulmer replied.

British Planes Patrol German Seaplane Bases

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—British warplanes, trying a new method to head off German mine-laying planes, were officially reported today to have made preventive flights last night over four of the reich's main North sea bases.

The air ministry announced aerial "security patrols" were "carried out over the seaplane bases at the islands of Sylt, Borkum and Norderney" in addition to Helgoland, Germany's island fortress.

The patrols were designed "to interrupt activities of mine-laying aircraft," the ministry said, reporting that "despite considerable anti-aircraft opposition, the operations were successfully performed."

Indicating the system might become general, a ministry spokesman said there was "obviously a lot behind it," but that the press must draw its own conclusions.

Aside from a brief communique reporting that the patrols were "continuously maintained," the ministry declined to supply details.

British radio listeners saw in the air ministry communique a possible explanation for sudden cessation of broadcasting by Bremen and Hamburg radio stations last night.

Reforestation Bonds Backed By Forestry Hearing Witness

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP) Government reforestation bonds and higher tariff rates can remedy America's sickening lumber industry, witnesses told a joint congressional forestry committee today.

The committee, seeking information for a new nationwide forestry policy, favored suggestions that the United States emulate Scandinavian forest practices.

"Reforestation bonds guaranteed by the government would be over-subscribed," Axel Oxholm, Tacoma, Wash., declared.

Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.), committee member, asserted adoption of forest regulations would be useless unless tariff walls were heightened "enough that we wouldn't import a single thing that can be manufactured with American brains and industry."

A system of forest credits to enable owners to hold now-producing timber lands also was suggested by Oxholm.

Oxholm urged cooperation between small lumber operators to establish mills and market products because "unorganized small operators are a detriment to forest conservation."

Rep. Hampton P. Fulmer (D-S.S.) committee chairman, was applauded when he proposed passage "of a law I suggested to the secretary of agriculture," providing for inclusion of 5 per cent cotton in pulp wood manufactures to "save the south and take it out of competition with the west."

"The secretary of state informed me we couldn't do it because it would violate trade agreements," he concluded.

Rep. Fulmer also favored withdrawal of the 25 per cent of forest revenues paid by the forest service to states failing to provide and enforce forest conservation laws.

Oregon's tax base decreased $225,000,000 from 1930 to 1939 largely because of forest fires, denuding of timbered tracts by

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Attack to Follow Game of Patience, Englishman Says

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)— Lord Chatfield, minister for co-ordination of defense, hinted today the allies' strategy would be to play a game of patience until sure of themselves in all branches of armament, then blast out against the Germans with a great land offensive.

Addressing a luncheon audience, Lord Chatfield asserted the allied task was to "retain command of the sea and gradually attain command of the air. Then when we have done that we may have to win a big battle on land . . ."

"It may well be that on the army finally the brunt of the fighting will rest," he added.

French Repulse German Attacks

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AP) — The French reported today that heavily reinforced German patrols had been repulsed in attempts to capture three French outposts in the key salient east of the Warndt forest, center of western front activity between the Moselle and Rhine rivers.

Outpost fighting is becoming more general, the French said, with six sectors affected in the past 24 hours.

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