

THE WEATHER
Highest temperature yesterday 57
Lowest temperature last night 42
Precipitation for 24 hours .11
Precip. since first month .292
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1936. 17.93
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1936 8.16
Unsettled; rains.

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NEWS!
The "big" events are breaking rapidly these days, and to keep abreast of the times you should be a reader of the daily NEWS-REVIEW. Unexcelled wire service, complete coverage of local events.

CHRYSLER PLANTS EVACUATED BY STRIKERS

Editorials
On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN A LETTER presented to the senate judiciary committee, Chief Justice Hughes asserts that an increase in the size of the supreme court would "impair rather than increase" the efficiency of the nation's highest tribunal.

He has talked, he says, with Justices Van Devanter (conservative) and Justice Brandeis (the court's leading liberal) and finds that both agree with him in this view.

IF YOU ever worked with a committee of 15 members and really tried to get something done, you will agree unhesitatingly with Chief Justice Hughes that a larger court would WORK SLOWER than a smaller one.

SENATOR WHEELER, of Montana, whose liberal views no one doubts, offers three reasons for his opposition to the scheme to pack the supreme court. He says: 1. There is no assurance of relief for labor, agriculture and other groups in the manner proposed.

2. It is immoral. 3. It is a "stop-gap" plan, rather than a fundamental solution of the problem.

IF YOU were on trial for your life and the district attorney insisted in advance on the right to pick the jury, so as to be SURE he would be able to convict you, you would probably agree with Senator Wheeler that schemes to pack courts and juries are immoral.

SIT-DOWN strikers, with explosive possibilities, share the

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JOHN DRINKWATER, DRAMATIST, DIES
LONDON, March 25.—(AP)—John Drinkwater, famed poet and dramatist, died today at the age of 54.

The distinguished poet, whose dramatizations of characters of British and American history were among his best known works, died suddenly of a heart attack while asleep at his London home.

His widow, Daisy Kennedy, the Australian violinist, was injured March 11 when the automobile in which she and Drinkwater were driving to a party after her concert was in a collision.

Drinkwater had just completed his own motion picture for the coronation of King George VI of which he was both author and producer. The film dealt with "The King and His People" from the time of Queen Victoria to the present.

Drinkwater's historical plays were widely known in the United States, particularly "Abraham Lincoln" and "Robert E. Lee."

Quake Shakes Southern California

LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORING CITIES SWAY

No Damage Save Possibly At Point of Origin Far South of Pasadena, Expert Opines.

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—(AP)—A strong earthquake shook southern California today over an area of more than 10,000 square miles.

Dr. C. F. Richter of the seismological laboratory of the Carnegie Institution termed it "strange enough to cause considerable damage near its point of origin."

This he estimated to be 110 miles southeast of Pasadena, either in the mountains of San Diego county or on the east side of the Imperial valley, a rich agricultural district at the Mexican border.

The quake came at 8:49 a. m. Los Angeles and its environs were swayed by a long and continuously increasing motion. Long Beach reported it was quite unlike the heavy 1933 shock, which came as a jolt, while today's movement was a sort of rhythmic shimmy, with an east-west motion.

Santa Monica, Glendale, Pasadena, Anaheim, Alhambra promptly reported similar effects, while more southerly the intensity seemed to be greater. In the San Bernardino-Riverside region it was a good shake.

San Diego felt it as a sharp earthquake—more than a hundred miles from Santa Monica. El Centro, county seat of Imperial valley, 100 miles east of San Diego, felt it as quite a jolt. At Brawley, just north of El Centro, clocks were stopped.

The visible recording instrument at the seismological laboratory was thrown off balance, but seismologists immediately removed the film from the photographic recording instrument to study its record.

After-Shocks Recorded
After scrutinizing the records, Dr. Richter said he believed the earthquakes occurred on the San Jacinto fault, with the Elsinore and Agua Caliente faults as possibilities.

Several small after-shocks came on the tail of the first heavy movement, he said, and at about 9:48 a. m. what appeared to be a distinct after-shock was recorded on the visible instruments.

Warner Springs, in the San Diego mountains near what Dr. Richter believed might be the center, reported that the quake was strongly felt, but that no damage was caused.

In Riverside the quake was felt sharply, and at Hemet, a San Jacinto near there, crockery rattled. Hemet and San Jacinto were the center of a disastrous earthquake.

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SCHOOL DISASTER FILMS DATED HERE
News pictures showing the London, Texas, school disaster will be presented at Hunt's Indian theater for three days, starting tonight.

Storms Halt Midwest Traffic

English-Born Justice Sutherland Of U. S. Supreme Court Reaches 75

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Justice George Sutherland became today the fourth member of the supreme court to reach the age of 75.

The jurist, a native of England, was the first member of the court since 1794 to be born on foreign soil. He was brought to this country at the age of 15 months.

A former republican senator from Utah, he was appointed an associate justice by President Harding in 1922.

He would be one of six justices affected by President Roosevelt's proposal to reorganize the court by appointing an additional member for each one who did not resign within six months after becoming 70.

Sutherland is one of the justices who have voted most consistently against Roosevelt administration laws. He has sided with the administration in four cases and against it in 13.

He has written four of the opinions deciding new deal litigation. Chief Justice Hughes, who will be 75 on April 11, has written five. Justices older than Sutherland are Brandeis, 80; Van Devanter, 77; and McReynolds, 75.



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Death Toll in Bus Blaze Mounts to 20

One of Three Survivors in Grave Condition; Most Of Bodies Cannot Be Identified.

(By The Associated Press) SALEM, Ill., March 25.—Twenty persons met horrible deaths in one of the nation's worst motorbus crashes yesterday.

Five of the 23 passengers escaped immediate death when the privately owned vehicle sped crazily into a bridge abutment and caught fire, but two died early today, leaving three survivors.

Their clothing aflame, they stood helplessly as 18 others burned to death in the blazing wreckage.

At the Salem Community hospital, two of the survivors—Mrs. Emily Thomas, Chicago, wife of the driver, and Ted Mullin, Portland, Ore., announcer—died early today.

John L. "Schoolboy" Creechmore, 14, of Chicago, and Don Plannery, Kansas City, Mo., were transferred to a St. Louis hospital today. Creechmore's condition was critical.

Four bodies, one that of a 4-year-old child, had been tentatively identified early today. The remaining 14 were so badly burned that intimate friends and fellow workers found it impossible to identify them.

Richard S. Kaplan, Gary, Ind., general counsel for the Transcontinental Roller Derby Association, Inc., said:

The list of known or believed dead: Mrs. Erma Caldwell, Chicago, a dilettante.

Carol Ann Caldwell, 4-year-old girl, (identified).

Jack Israel, Kansas City, Mo., (identified).

Millie Cooper, Villa Park, Ill., (identified).

Ted Mullin, Portland, Ore., (identified).

Louise Brower, Cincinnati, (identified).

Snow, Hail, Sleet, Dust Plague Area

Roads Blocked, Wires Fall, Schools Closed; Dixie Tornadoes Kill 2, Injure 30.

CHICAGO, March 25.—(AP)—Crippled communication lines, isolated communities and paralyzed highway transportation, provided evidence today of the winter's worst snowstorm in sections of the middle west.

While winds whipped snow into big drifts in Minnesota and the Dakotas, rain, sleet, hail, dust, tornadoes and freezing temperatures plagued a wide expanse of the midcontinent.

A 22-inch snowfall deluged Brookings, Watertown, Sisseton and the Black Hills territory of South Dakota. Mitchell, Huron, Pierre and Aberdeen were cut off by a 50-mile an hour wind and snow snapped wires.

Schools Closed
The Aberdeen American News received Associated Press news reports by short wave radio. Telephone company officials said at least 5,000 poles were down. Schools were closed in a score of communities.

Drifts in Minnesota ranged up to 10 feet. Snow plow crews rescued 20 bus passengers marooned near Fairbault. Snow blocked roads, delayed eastern vacations for students of Mankato Teachers college. Schools were closed at Northfield.

The storm dipped into Wisconsin, Nebraska and Illinois. Highway traffic in western Nebraska was at a standstill. Chicago got a

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Madrid Undergoes Five-Hour Attack

Rebel Bombing Planes and Artillery Deal Death, Damage at Night.

MADRID, March 25.—(AP)—Insurgent bombers rained explosives on Madrid for five hours today, halting their sky attacks only when artillery batteries took up the battle and began to pour shells into the beleaguered capital.

One large shell hit a department store just after hundreds of customers had left the building at noon.

Other projectiles struck various other structures in the downtown district shortly before midnight and lasted until dawn.

In bright moonlight, the aerial raiders—usually single planes—circled the city, losing heavy bombs on the central districts.

As one plane finished its deadly task another appeared to take up the assault.

Government militiamen scored the sky with huge searchlights. Defense troops directed a stream of anti-aircraft shells and rifle bullets at the night raiders.

Casualties Numerous
Officials, completing a hasty survey of the damage, admitted there were numerous casualties.

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Compulsory Judge Retirement is Aim

Constitutional Amendment in Lieu of F. R.'s Plan Proposed by Burke.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Senator Burke (D., Neb.), opponent of the Roosevelt court bill, announced today he would introduce a constitutional amendment for compulsory retirement for judges at 75 years of age. It would be submitted to state conventions called by congress to meet within six months.

Burke said his amendment also would fix the size of the court permanently at nine members.

He announced his plan after Dean Young B. Smith of the Columbia university law school had testified before the senate judiciary committee in favor of an amendment for compulsory retirement of judges, and suggested that congress had authority to call the state conventions.

During his testimony Smith asserted the Roosevelt court bill would "threaten the independence to the supreme court and might permanently impair the confidence of the people in that court."

Smith was the first law school dean to appear before the committee in opposition to the measure.

In his testimony he conceded that the court in recent years had "read into the constitution limitations upon the powers of government not required by its language."

He contended, however, that under "fundamental changes" could be made in the power of the federal government without a constitutional amendment.

The Columbia dean proposed as a substitute for the bill a constitutional amendment providing for compulsory retirement of judges at 70 or 75 years of age.

Such an amendment, he said, "can be drafted with ease, can be stated in simple language, and can be returned to their cells."

Turkey Hill Job Of Grading Given Out For \$50,540

The Jacobsen-Jensen company of Portland was today awarded the contract for grading and paving 1.16 miles of the Turkey Hill-Chenoweth Park section of the Pacific highway in northern Douglas county. The bid received by the state highway commission, at its meeting in Portland, was in the sum of \$50,540.

The low bid for production of rock for stock piles on the Myrtle Point - Mystic creek section of the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway was submitted by Homer Johnson of Portland in the sum of \$24,030. The contract calls for 11,400 cubic yards of rock.

LOG TRUCKERS TO FORM COUNTY UNIT

Uniform State Rates Aim Of Association Meet Held in Roseburg.

Preliminary steps for organization of a Douglas county branch of the Southwestern Oregon Log Truckers' association were taken at a meeting of more than 30 operators here last night. The Douglas county group will affiliate with the organization now nearing completion in Coos county.

The purpose was stated to be the establishment of uniform rates and charges, and the single fund under supervision of the public service commission of Washington state was proposed as a basis.

Harlan Crockett of Roseburg was elected temporary chairman and E. C. Gile of Yoncalla was chosen temporary secretary. It is expected that the organization, when completed, will have approximately 50 members.

A Coos county delegation headed by Baxter Moore of Myrtle Creek, engaged in logging at Coos Bay, and John Olson of Empire, was present and explained the method of organization in that area. The organization there will be completed by April 25, according to present plans.

Speakers declared that cut-throat competition is ruining the log trucking business and that a uniform scale is necessary if the operations are to survive.

AMERICAN CLIPPER LANDS AT TUTUILA

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, March 25.—(AP)—(Via Pan-American Airways Radio)—South Sea Islanders gazed in wonder at the giant Pan-American clipper, which gracefully sailed into land-locked Tutuila harbor today after a ten-storacious 15,416-mile crossing from Kingman reef.

The four-masted flying boat, the first ever seen by the Samoan natives, landed after ten hours and 35 minutes of almost continuous "blind flying" through cloudy, squally and windy weather. The flight was the third leg of a pioneering trip from Oakland, Calif., to Auckland, N. Z.

Confronted with severe rain squalls here, Captain Edwin S. Musick said he and his crew of six would delay the final, 1,737-mile stage of their flight for at least a day.

MISSING MINISTER OBJECT OF SEARCH

PORTLAND, March 25.—(AP)—The Rev. Harry L. Allen of Monroe has asked Oregon authorities to aid in a search for his father-in-law, the Rev. Joseph P. Marlatt, 80, missing since March 13.

Marlatt, former Methodist pastor at Vancouver, Wash., was last seen on one of his customary long walks near his home at Monroe, and may have sought to visit a son, Paul, who at one time worked in Portland. Allen said. He was described as five feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, with white hair and a fair complexion.

SETTLEMENT OF BARGAINING ISSUE PENDS

Sit-Down to be Succeeded By Picket Lines During Parley of Chrysler and Unionists.

DETROIT, March 25.—(AP)—More than 6,000 striking automobile workers marched in swirling snow today from eight Chrysler corporation plants they have held since March 8, but prepared to establish picket lines until their strike for exclusive bargaining rights is settled.

The "sit-downers" in the Chrysler Kercheval avenue plant, the last to vote on the peaceful evacuation agreement, gave their approval about 12:40 p. m. and in a few minutes began to leave the factory.

Word of the Kercheval vote was telephoned to the big Dodge plant and 5,000 strikers there marched at once from the plant.

About 1,400 strikers in the Kercheval plant cheered the announcement of plans to end the sit-down phase of the strike, but asked for a speech from Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers union, before they gave final assent.

Governor Frank Murphy at Lansing said the negotiations between Walter P. Chrysler, corporation chairman, and John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization, on the union's demands, would resume this afternoon.

Martin and Frankenstein, organizational director of the UAW, hurried to the Dodge plant to take part in a parade there.

Frankenstein announced company police would take charge of all factory gates and the union would establish peaceful picket lines. He indicated that he expected some state troopers would be stationed at entrances as observers.

Plants Taken Care of
Union officials said the plants were "in better shape than when the strike started." They said the men had paid extra attention during the strike to keep the plants clean and the machinery protected.

Martin issued strict orders that all debris was to be removed before a plant was evacuated.

One of the jobs of the clean-up squads was to remove offices labeled "stool pigeon," "injection," and "fence jumper" which had been suspended from the windows.

Several dozen finished automobiles which had been placed in rows behind entrance gates to form a barrier were returned by strikers to a storage yard before the evacuation at the Dodge plant.

NEW STRIKE TIES 30 SHIPS AT S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—(AP)—Thirty ships were tied up here today when the waterfront employers association severed relations with the local unit of the International Longshoremen's association because of a labor dispute.

Longshoremen had refused to pass a sailors' picket line around the S. S. Knoxville City, whose crew of 30 men walked off last Tuesday. The crew protested against employment of five eastern seamen.

Scio's School Troubles Increased As Coach Withdraws Resignation

SCIO, March 25.—(AP)—Cecil Elder, athletic coach, added new troubles to Scio's high school situation when he withdrew his voluntary resignation shortly after submitting it to the school board.

Students, many of them who have gone on strike as protest against the board's failure to renew the coach's contract, surrounded Elder on the main street yesterday afternoon when word of his withdrawal came after an all-day session between the school board and County Superintendent J. M. Bennett.

Elder, according to student demands, recalled his resignation. "I will stay but I want it understood I am not backing this student strike," he told O. A. Hall, chairman of the board.

Hit-Run While Drunk is Charged

SALEM, March 25.—(AP)—Joe Leroy Stafford, 22, was arrested on charges of hit-and-run driving and of driving while intoxicated after his car allegedly struck and injured Nadine Conway, 18, a pedestrian.

Her injuries were not serious. Stafford was captured by police after a chase of a mile and a half from the scene of the accident, which was witnessed by Officer Louis Burgess.

Wholesaler City License Kayoed

NEWBERG, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—City Attorney C. W. Swan said the supreme court ruling invalidating an ordinance levying a license fee on "wholesale trade vehicles" will affect a number of Oregon towns in addition to Newberg.

The court upheld a circuit court ruling favoring the contention of the Blue Bell Potato Chip Co. that the tax was discriminatory.

Swan said that city attorneys of Newberg, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Oregon City collaborated in drawing a model ordinance in 1934, and that several other towns had adopted it.

Surplus Prune Buy Rests on 1937 Crop Size, Roseburg Chamber Told

In the opinion of the marketing department of the U. S. department of agriculture, further purchases of surplus prunes is not advisable until definite information on the volume of the 1937 crop is obtainable, Senator Charles L. McNary informed the Roseburg chamber of commerce in a telegram received here today.

The chamber of commerce recently requested the senator to use his influence to cause the department to purchase half the existing surplus on the Pacific coast and distribute the fruit through relief agencies.

The marketing agent, McNary said in his message, pointed out that the department bought 26,000 tons from the 1936 crop and estimates that less than 20,000 tons remain in the hands of growers. Unless future information on the 1937 crop shows a large surplus, the department does not believe further purchases advisable, McNary said.