

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 38%
Highest temperature yesterday 90
Lowest temperature last night 65
Precipitation for 24 hours 7
Precip. since first of month 1.05
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 48.80
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 8.23
Partly Cloudy.

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STORMS HIT SOUTH DOUGLAS; 22 FIRES SET

Editorials ON THE Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HART mountain again, where the Order of the Antelope is gathering for its seventh annual convale (or whatever you call an affair of this sort; "convale" is at least a word that rolls nicely under the tongue.)

From Seattle to Los Angeles, lovers of the wide spaces and the far horizons are heading in to this shrine in the desert and slapping each other on the back and greeting each other in terms that without the Western smile and the Western spirit would be fighting words.

Out in the sage brush, converging dust clouds herald other arrivals.

THE Order of the Antelope is a brotherhood like unto none other. Founded in 1932 by the 20-20 club and the chamber of commerce of Lakeview for the purpose of building sentiment for the Hart mountain antelope reserve, it has grown and flourished without plowing of the soil or watering of the roots. Like an orchid, it takes its sustenance from the air—in this case, the tangy air of the short sage country.

The antelope reserve is now a reality—272,000 acres of solid reality. No strings remain to be pulled. No tasks remain to be done. But still, on or about the third Sunday in June, (this year, because of the late, wet spring, it was postponed to the third Sunday in July) plumes of dust begin to appear in the desert, all pointing toward Hart mountain.

The Order of the Antelope just wouldn't die when its job was done.

WHY is it that civilized men will forsake their bathrooms and their mattresses and springs for the dust and the heat and the ticks and the mosquitoes and the dog-hair in the grass—not only that, but will look forward yearningly to it for months on end?

And why, upon arriving at their dusty destination, do they regard these things NOT as afflictions of the flesh but as a little corner of

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TRUCK-TRAIN CRASH COSTS TWO LIVES

ELLENBURG, Wash., July 21. (AP)—Wade Morris, 37, of Redmond and Lester E. Whalen, Jr., 21, of Seattle were killed instantly when their hay truck was struck by the Milwaukee Olympian passenger train at 4:25 o'clock this morning on the Woldate crossing, six miles west of Ellensburg.

The two men had slept in the cab of their truck at the Gooding oil station near Ellensburg last night. They filled up with gas before leaving this morning and had driven only five miles when the accident occurred. Nothing remained of the truck larger than two square feet and every bale of the hay was burned.

Towns Mushroom Overnight in Advance of Shasta Dam Job Start

BOOMTOWN, Calif., July 28.—(AP)—Hope and excitement reached a high tempo in this newest of California's cities today as word spread work on huge Shasta dam—key structure in the \$170,000,000 Central valley project—would begin within a few days.

HANKOW AREA PREPARES FOR ONSET OF JAPS

All Civilians Ordered to Quit Tri-City District as Foe Moves Up Yangtze River.

SHANGHAI, July 28.—(AP)—Hankow authorities ordered the quick evacuation today of all civilians in that populous tri-city area as the Japanese war machine moved relentlessly northward from Kiangling.

The command showed the growing Chinese fears for the metropolitan Wuhan area—Wuchang, Hanyang and Hankow. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's headquarters and provisional capital—and authorities' desires to avoid needless sacrifice of non-combatants in expected Japanese air raids.

The Japanese offensive today entered Hupoh province, the eleventh of the 24 Chinese provinces to be involved in the conflict. The Wuhan cities are in Hupoh, which has 71,000 square miles and 29,000,000 population. The entrance to Hupoh was made possible by the Japanese occupation Tuesday of Kiangling, 135 miles down the Yangtze from Hankow, and only 100 air-miles distant from the temporary capital.

Claims Conflict

Reports of developments on the Kiangling front were conflicting. The Chinese admitted loss of the city but maintained their forces reorganized southwest of Kiangling and launched a counter-offensive while huge fires were raging there.

Japanese reports were that Chinese opposition in the area was shattered and that both Japanese naval and infantry units were advancing westward virtually unopposed.

Japanese warplanes heavily bombed Chinese positions north of Kiangling this afternoon. Japanese said widespread damage was inflicted, and their troops, occupied Taihu, on the north bank of the Yangtze, marking the first overland advance since the occupation of Kiangling.

HANKOW, July 28.—(AP)—The American consulate general was informed today mission property of the Reformed church in the United States at Yochow, Hunan province, was slightly damaged by Japanese bombs yesterday.

Yochow, midway between Hankow and Changsha, was subjected to a heavy air attack which killed many civilians and destroyed the railway station and many houses. American missionaries at Yochow escaped injury.

The Reformed church has its American headquarters in Philadelphia.

SHANGHAI, July 28.—(AP)—United States marines today reestablished traffic patrols along the sector of the international settlement here which is under their guard.

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CANDIDATE'S FEE CAN'T BE REFUNDED

SALEM, July 28.—(AP)—There is no law in Oregon under which county courts can legally refund filing fees of candidates for office. Attorney General Van Winkle held here today.

The opinion was requested by District Attorney George Anderson of Union county in connection with the filing of a candidate for county judge at the last primary election. The candidate later withdrew and requested a refund on his \$20 filing fee.

house population of 1,350; Summit City 300, Buckeye 250. Most of these residents had some means, but the economic status of the one to two thousand camped along nearby roads ranged upward from nothing. Some had only the trees for shelter.

Twelve miles away and hundreds of feet down, near the river level rail point of Coram, nearly 100 men toiled in temperatures of 120 degrees, on the new railroad temporary diversion tunnel.

The cost of the Central valley project in this area alone has been estimated at \$80,000,000, including the \$35,000,000 dam for which the contract already has been let, and a \$20,000,000, 37-mile rail rerouting job. Between 5,000 and 7,000 men probably will be employed.

PWA Program Expansion With Help of RFC Money Considered by Secy. Ickes

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today with the help of RFC's millions the public works program might be expanded to provide another \$250,000,000 worth of construction. He made the estimate in reply to questions about his new working agreement with Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation.

Under that arrangement the RFC will make loans from its \$1,500,000,000 fund on big projects receiving grants from PWA's \$950,000,000.

"Our program will be considerably larger," Ickes said, "particularly to the extent that we will be able to use our money for additional grants if applicants are agreeable to loans from the RFC."

This would increase the total estimated cost of construction for the whole program to \$1,917,000,000. The current ceiling on construction resulting from PWA loans and grants alone is \$1,667,000,000. PWA projects approved to date call for \$950,000,000 of construction.

Ickes said he "did not presume" RFC would step in and make the loans on all future applications. His organization still has "a considerable amount" left for loans, he said.

Secretary Ickes, as director of PWA, thus far has allotted \$662,251,129 in loans and grants, well

over half of the money available. The indicated immediate effect of the two-agency action was to make possible certain large undertakings which PWA has been disinclined to approve for two general reasons: the amount of funds required, and the time needed for completion.

The RFC was empowered by congress last spring to lend \$1,500,000,000 to states, cities and business men. Officials explained RFC's participation with PWA would be confined to revenue-producing projects, where tolls or rebates would pay off the loans.

Jones was represented as feeling PWA grants of 45 per cent would tend to make projects better risks for loans, and might warrant lower interest rates for such lending.

(RFC loans have been carrying higher interest than the 4 per cent charged by PWA, and some municipalities have been able to obtain money at even lower rates through local financing.)

The demand for more lendable millions has been evident in PWA activities. Of current commitments, 33 per cent have been grants and only 7 per cent loans. Part of the strategy involved was to conserve PWA funds and permit their spread over a greater number of projects. That helped, too, in drawing private funds into the activities.

C. P. RAILWAY PIER DESTROYED BY FIRE VALENCIA HARBOR RAIDED BY PLANES

Incendiarism Suspected in Million Dollar Loss at Vancouver, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 28.—(Canadian Press)—Fire department and Canadian Pacific Railway Co. officials were attempting today to discover an origin for the million dollar fire, which yesterday afternoon destroyed the company's pier "D" on the Vancouver waterfront and for a time threatened nearby property.

Possibility the fire was of incendiary origin was being considered, incendiarism was advanced as one theory after a member of the company's investigation department said he saw the outbreak of the blaze from a ferry on which he was traveling to North Vancouver.

He said when he first saw the blaze it was burning under the lower deck of the extreme north end of the pier. As there is nothing between the lower deck and flooring except piles, officials could find no explanation for the state of the blaze.

The fire destroyed the 1,600-foot pier and its superstructure of passenger and freight buildings and the pier-side of a ramp leading to Granville street, a freight shed and four box cars.

Value of the pier itself was placed at \$500,000 and the other losses at an equal amount. Canadian Pacific officials said the fire would not interrupt their steamship service.

The blaze was the greatest in Vancouver since Aug. 9, 1929, when the Canadian National pier burned with a loss of about \$1,500,000.

FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN SAND CAVE-IN

CLEVELAND, July 28.—(AP)—Five small boys and a girl were playing yesterday when they decided to dig a cave in the embankment along a rapid transit track. Three boys and the girl were smothered to death when tons of sand collapsed on them. A fourth boy, believed dying, was taken to a hospital.

The dead, all of Cleveland: Agnes Makrajak, 8; Edward Kruczek, 9; Billy Nelson, and Leo Yezemba.

HEART ATTACK KILLS FISHERY EXECUTIVE

ASTORIA, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Oscar A. Wirkkala, vice-president of the Columbia River Packers' association, died at his home here today after a heart attack at the Astoria Golf and Country club. Wirkkala rose from office boy to an executive of the Columbia area's largest fish packing firm.

RESOLUTION ON JUSTICE BLACK TURNED DOWN

"Eligibility" Inquiry Move Loses at Convention for Bar Assn.; Anti-Nazi Rap Also Fails.

CLEVELAND, O., July 28.—(AP)—The assembly of the American Bar association today rejected 67 to 17 a resolution which would have asked the United States supreme court for information on the eligibility of Justice Hugo Black to sit on the court.

The assembly also rejected a resolution attacking Germany for discrimination against "incapacitating citizens . . . solely because of their race, religion or political opinions," which action has shocked the conscience of mankind.

CLEVELAND, July 28.—(AP)—The American Bar association's resolutions committee refused today to approve a resolution which would have the association ask the U. S. supreme court for information on "eligibility" of Associate Justice Hugo L. Black.

Also unfavorably reported to the convention's assembly was a proposed resolution sharply attacking Nazi Germany for "discrimination" against "law abiding citizens . . . solely because of their race, religion or political opinions," which action has "shocked the conscience of mankind."

"The matter is not within the purview of the association," the committee, headed by L. B. Day of Lincoln, Neb., said of the German resolution introduced by C. C. Burlington, New York City attorney.

In reporting on the Black resolution the committee pointed out the supreme court already had refused to rule on the Alabama's eligibility in the proceeding brought by Albert Levi, an attorney. The resolution was proposed by Dean Edward T. Lee of John Marshall law school, Chicago.

Proponents of these and seven other proposed resolutions still had an opportunity to speak for their measures on the convention floor before a vote could be reached.

Wagner Act Assailed.

The association's house of delegates resolved a committee report attacking the national labor relations board procedure under the Wagner act.

The committee on labor and social security recommended board procedure be amended so as "to observe the traditional requirements of fair play, guarantee an impartial hearing and give to the

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LABOR ROW SHUTS PORTLAND PLANT

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—A CIO-AFL jurisdictional struggle long hampering sawmill operations, forced closure of the West Oregon plant yesterday until lumber could be shipped from its dock.

The CIO started picketing the mill when it signed an AFL union shop contract recently. CIO longshoremen refused to pass the nickel-in-the-slot money to the AFL Chamberlin Jr., which has been tied up for a week.

The AFL previously boycotted the mill because it complied with a national labor relations board order and recognized the CIO.

BEND, July 28.—(AP)—Because preliminary proceedings conflicted with the state law, Attorney General Van Winkle advised Deschutes officials today to make a fresh start on plans to construct a courthouse.

The voters approved a project last May which would not cost the county more than \$85,000. The attorney general said existing arrangements would be subject to attack in court.

CHARGE AGAINST OFFICERS DROPPED

Complaints recently brought by Carl Richmond, local turkey grower, against Deputy Sheriff Fred Kinzel and Chief of Police John S. Duer were dismissed in the justice court today upon the signed agreement of all parties concerned. Richmond had charged the officers with assault and battery, the complaint growing out of an attempt by the officers to serve an attachment on a motor vehicle belonging to Richmond.

POLITICS IN 9 STATES DRAW SENATE PROBE

Investigators Will Delve Into Campaign Hotbeds, Following Charges of Illegal Tactics.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The senate campaign expenditures committee dispatched investigators to the nation's political hotbeds today after condemning tactics in Tennessee's democratic senatorial race.

Evidence in the five-man Tennessee campaign, the committee announced, "points sharply toward an election contest in the United States senate regardless of which group's candidate wins."

It added in a formal statement about the primary battle, which will be decided next Tuesday: "Apparently every scheme and questionable device that can be used in a political contest to raise funds to influence votes and control the election result is in full swing."

Farley Asked to Probe.

The committee, set up as a guardian over the senate's political morals, also took a hand in the South Dakota senatorial campaign. It asked Postmaster General Farley to investigate use by the farm security administration of its free mailing privilege to distribute a "political circular" in that state.

The SEA, the committee charged, sent out a press release to boost the political stock of former Governor Tom Berry, democrat, in his senate race against Chas. Gurney, republican. Gurney asked the committee to investigate the matter.

Other States Involved.

The committee also ordered investigators, back into Kentucky and Pennsylvania for more facts, and decided to send investigators to Georgia, North Dakota, Indiana, Illinois and California in response to new complaints.

After studying Missouri newspaper clippings, the members voted not to send an agent into that state because no charges had been brought directly before it.

The Tennessee situation aroused so much concern among committee-

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4 ENGINEERS DIE IN MINE CASE DROP

BOURLAMAQUE, Quebec, July 28.—(Canadian Press)—Four engineers were killed instantly and another was injured critically today when a cage dropped 700 feet down a shaft at the Lamaque mining company's \$2,000,000 gold mine.

The dead: Peter Downey, 24, Gleichen, Alberta, and James J. Crocker, 23, Toronto, both graduates of the University of Toronto; Harry Field, 32, Bourlamaque, and Arthur M. Hewat, 32, Halifax.

W. Clarke Isabister, 23, of Toronto was the only survivor. Hospital officials covered him as dying.

Mine officials said they did not know the cause of the accident. A new cable had been installed for the cage only yesterday.

BENNETT SWOOPS ON CARNIVAL GAME

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—City Commissioner J. E. Bennett, who has clashed with city hall and police officials in his anti-vice campaign, headed a parade of 200 persons to the fleet week carnival grounds last night, closed a balloon game and arrested two operators.

Jack R. Seacock, deputy city attorney, advised the commissioner the game was licensed. The commissioner accepted personal responsibility for the arrest without a warrant. A large crowd followed Bennett through the carnival grounds along the seawall and shouted "make way for Hitler."

Earlier in the day he successfully opposed a court motion to restrain officials from interfering with the fleet week entertainment.

REEDSPORT SCHOOL GRANT IS SOUGHT

Announcement was made at Portland today that the public works administration has been asked for a grant of \$7,406 to be used in adding to the union high school building at Reedspoint and to make needed alterations to that structure. The estimated cost of the project is \$16,450.

"It's Long Way To Tipperary" Author Passes

LONDON, July 28.—(AP)—The man who wrote the famous British war song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary"—died today in Birmingham, at the age of 60.

He was Jack Judge, a fish salesman who became a British vaudeville headliner. He had been in ill health for some time.

His publishers retired him on a life pension, saying Judge had written "a soldier's anthem which actually helped win the war."

Before he earned a fortune with one of the most successful song hits of the 20th century, he had spent many years selling fish in a market in Staffordshire.

He wrote "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" on a bet while playing in vaudeville.

"It was New Year's day, 1912, that someone bet me I could not write a song and produce it on the same day," he said recently. "I took on the bet, sat down and wrote the words and music. That night I sang it at the Stalybridge Grand theater."

"It was a grand success. I had to sing it time and again. In fact, we had great difficulty clearing the theater for the second house."

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—James Thornton, 76, composer of "My Sweetheart, the Man in the Moon," died last night in Astoria, Long Island.

For more than half a century a vaudeville headliner, Thornton composed many early popular songs, including "She May Have Seen Better Days" and "When You Were Sweet Sixteen."

ROBERT H. C. WOOD DIES IN ROSEBURG

Ex-Phone System Manager Was Merchant, Realtor and Agriculturist.

Robert H. C. Wood, 68, well known resident of Roseburg, died at his home on North Jackson street early this morning, following a long illness.

Mr. Wood was born Aug. 7, 1869, at Tilkomburg, Canada.

He served for several years as manager of the telephone exchange at Roseburg, and later purchased and operated the Roseburg Book store, which he sold to the present owner. He was also engaged for a time in farming in lower Garden Valley and lately had been in the real estate business.

He was an active member of the Townsend organization and was secretary of the Roseburg club.

Surviving are his wife and a son, Myron Wood, employed in the office of the U. S. engineer at Salem.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel. Rev. Perry Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery, where services will be closed by the Masonic lodge.

C. I. O. ORDERED TO PAY FEE OF \$1,300

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—Federal Judge Fee directed the CIO yesterday to pay a special master's fee of \$1,300 in the suit brought against it by the Waterfront Employers' association. The master recommended an injunction against picketing the Newport docks and held seven lumber workers guilty of contempt for violating the order.

Drop in Traffic Fatalities Shows Motorists Using Greater Caution

CHICAGO, July 28.—(AP)—The nation's motorists are beginning to step on the brakes in time to save lives. The national safety council reported today traffic fatalities for the first six months of 1938 were fewer by 22 per cent than during the same period last year. Oregon showed a 16 per cent decline, Washington 12.

By heeding the plea to drive more carefully, American motorists saved 3,760 lives during the first half of 1938, the council said. The steady decline in fatalities was registered despite a two per cent increase in highway traffic during the first five months, the council said.

If the percentage of decline continues for the balance of 1938, the council said, the year's traffic toll would be the lowest since 1928 and would represent a saving of 8,700 lives in comparison with 1937. June was the eighth consecutive month to register a decline. The death toll for the month was 2,270, or 24 per cent under that of June, 1937. The June total was below that of May, a trend which has been recorded only once in the past five years.

Sidney J. Williams, director of public safety for the council, attributed the favorable trend this year to various factors. Among them he listed safer cars and highways, more and better drivers' license laws, school safety work, organized safety campaigns, and information on how and why accidents occur, and a better understanding by the public of the tragedy and the economic cost of accidents.

Pennsylvania scored the best mark for the first half of 1938 with a 42 per cent reduction in traffic deaths as compared with the same period last year. Delaware was second with 40 per cent.

POLITICS

They're already in the "dirty" stage in several states, and a senate committee has ordered investigations. The findings will make interesting reading. They'll be published in the NEWS-REVIEW as soon as released.

Fruit, Grain Destroyed By Hailstones

Poultry Slain, Phone Lines Broken Down, Traffic on Side Roads Halted.

Lightning Bolt Hurls Two Firefighters Off Log; Rainfall Spotted Over County.

An unusually severe electric storm, with an accompaniment of rain and hail, hit 22 forest fires in the wake in Douglas county last night. Nineteen fires, 12 of which are in the Diamond lake area, were reported by forest service headquarters here, while three were reported by the county fire patrol. All were believed to be under control.

The Cow Creek area in the southern part of the county was drenched with rain of almost cloudburst proportions. More than an inch of rain fell in less than half an hour, it was reported.

Roy Dunnivan and Harley Naas of Myrtle Creek, engaged in fighting fire at Shively creek, were tossed ten feet in the air when lightning struck a log on which they were seated. Both were stunned but otherwise were not injured.

Fruit, Grain Ruined

Hailstones as large as walnuts, stripped prune orchards, flattened grain, killed poultry and broke telephone lines in the Canyonville, Days Creek, Myrtle Creek and Glengary districts.

The rain extinguished large fires in the south part of the county and permitted withdrawal of weary fire fighters. The forest service announced that 50 men from Redmond, who have been working on the Evans creek fire on the Rogue-Umpqua divide, were being returned.

RAIN REDUCES FIRE HAZARD IN OREGON

SALEM, July 28.—(AP)—Rains south of Eugene and in the Cascade area last night aided materially in reducing the forest fire hazard in Oregon. State Forester J. W. Ferguson reported today.

Ferguson said there were less than 60 fires in Oregon at the present time and that all of these were under control. Men fighting the Smith river fire in northern Douglas county now number 955 as against 1900 a week ago. More than 60 per cent of the men fighting the Valsezt blaze also have been released.

BEND, July 28.—(AP)—The threat of a 100,000-acre Warm Springs Indian reservation fire leaping into the Deschutes National forest across the Metolius river was removed last night by a heavy rain.

GRANTS PASS, July 28.—(AP)—A thunder and lightning storm drenched Grants Pass Wednesday afternoon, power failing for more than half an hour.

Siskiyou National forest officials said the storm was local and set no new fires in the forest.