

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 58%
Highest temperature yesterday 71
Lowest temperature last night 55
Precipitation for 24 hours .12
Precip. since first of month .12
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 .24.96
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 7.41
Unsettled; Mild.

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ARMS SALE EMBARGO

Will congress yield to the president's urge to abolish it or continue it in force? This is the question holding up final action on the neutrality bill. Vote is expected Saturday. Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the result.

KENTUCKY 'FLASH' FLOOD TAKES 46 LIVES

County's Largest Unfurled July Fourth



Hundreds of persons from Roseburg and vicinity journeyed to the A. J. Johnson home near Melrose Tuesday to see a flag, claimed to be the largest in Douglas county, unfurled in celebration of Independence day. The flag, 12 by 20 feet in size, pictured above, was flown from a 40-foot pole, donated by a neighbor, L. D. Romaine. The flag was purchased by Mr. Johnson's father many years ago and has been carefully preserved, although a Swedish flag of the same size, and purchased at the same time, has been used by women of the family for dress material.

BATTLE ON MONETARY BILL RENEWED

Republicans Say Right To Devalue Dead

President's Power Would Not Be Revived Even if Measure Is Passed, Senators Hold.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Senate republicans attacked the legality of the administration's monetary bill today after President Roosevelt discussed with democratic leaders strategy for recovering his devaluation powers and winning support for neutrality legislation.

Picking up the monetary fight where they left off Saturday morning, republican speakers told the senate even if the bill was approved it would not legally restore to the executive authority to devalue the dollar or power to operate the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

The monetary powers, contended Senator Austin of Vermont, acting republican leader, "are entirely dead." It would be "contrary to law," he said, to approve legislation designed to continue them before they had expired.

The devaluation and stabilization fund powers died last week after republicans and anti-administration democrats had filibustered the extension bill beyond midnight, Friday. The administration, meanwhile, came forward with the contention that later enactment of the legislation would have the effect of restoring the powers despite the lapse.

Neither Side Confident

It was decided to vote on the measure at 2 p. m. (PST) today, and this morning President Roosevelt, immediately after returning from his Hyde Park, N. Y., home, conferred with Senate Majority Leader Barkley and House Majority Leader Rayburn.

Barkley, before retiring to the capitol to begin a last-minute (Continued on page 4)

WPA Order of 130-Hour Week Causes Strikes

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 5.—(AP)—Approximately 800 WPA workers employed on widening and deepening the Milwaukee river, dropped their tools and refused to work today as a protest against the new federal relief appropriation act which requires all WPA workers to put in 130 hours a month.

Sanford P. Starks Milwaukee district WPA director said about 800 other men were willing to work, but he ordered the project shut down until tomorrow, rather than risk violence.

WPA workers formerly out in 60 to 80 hours a month and the security wage scale of \$60 a month for general labor, \$70 for intermediate and \$90 for skilled labor.

At Oshkosh, Wis., approximately 900 workers quit in protest against the new regulations.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 5.—(AP)—General Foreman, operations superintendent for the works progress administration, said today more than 1,000 WPA workers had quit work in protest over the new regulation requiring them to work 130 hours a month.

Another official who declined to be quoted directly, said the men were circulating petitions of protest to their congressmen. He added he expected them to return to their jobs tomorrow.

JAPS REPORT AIR BATTLE TRIUMPH

53 Russian Planes Downed in Latest Border Clash, Tokyo Advised.

TOKYO, July 5.—(AP)—The Japanese army reported today its airmen in Manchoukuo had shot down 53 soviet airplanes in a "great, awe-inspiring battle" along the border between Manchoukuo and soviet-protected outer Mongolia.

The Japanese asserted this encounter involved 150 airplanes and lasted for an hour and a half late Tuesday. The Japanese indicated they suffered no losses.

(There was no report of such a battle in Moscow, Japanese and soviet forces have been in sporadic warfare along the Manchoukuo-Mongolian frontier in the Lake Baikal region since May 11. Japanese dispatches have reported overwhelming Japanese victories, and Moscow dispatches overwhelming victories for the soviet forces.)

The Kwangtung army, Japan's Manchoukuo garrison, asserted 355 enemy planes had been shot down in the intermittent fighting on the Manchoukuo-outer Mongolia border since May 29 in addition to planes destroyed on the ground in a raid June 27 on the Mongol air base at Tumen (Tamsui). A communiqué at the time said soviet or Mongol planes were destroyed at Tumen.

Japanese losses for the period were not stated.

THIENTSIN, July 5.—(AP)—Japanese soldiers tightened today their blockade of the British and French concessions on a food shortage, especially of milk, was accentuated.

Markets in the French area, which heretofore received some supplies of vegetables, were empty. French authorities announced last night they were starting a strict control system to avoid profiteering.

Japanese surveillance became stricter at barriers they set up before concession entrances June 14.

STOLEN ROSEBURG AUTO RECOVERED

An automobile, stolen Saturday from the home of Robert Huff on South Pine street, has been recovered near Medford, according to word received here today by Sheriff Percy Webb. The car was upped when it ran off the highway a short distance north of Medford. The sheriff was informed. Authorities there learned that three youths had been seen leaving the vicinity of the wrecked car, but were unable to locate them.

MISHAP FATAL OF EX-PHILIPPINE HEAD

SANTA ANA, Calif., July 5.—(P)—Newton W. Gilbert, 77, former governor-general of the Philippines islands, died today of injuries received in an automobile accident last March 28.

Public Dump Ground Plans Strike Snags

Council Committee Files Adverse Report, Owners of Adjacent Lands Remonstrate.

An unfavorable report from the council's inspection committee, coupled with a remonstrance from property owners, halted proceedings to establish a public dump ground on property of the Roseburg By-Products company, at a meeting of the city council Monday night.

The committee reported that the grounds proposed to be used for dumping purposes were not suitable for such, while the council, at the same time, heard a remonstrance from owners of property adjacent to the proposed site.

The petition to have the grounds designated for dumping (Prop. 1) was filed by the company at a previous meeting of the council, and the committee was named to inspect the property and determine whether it was suitable. The company had signified its intention of engaging in general garbage hauling. The By-Products company is engaged in the collection of bones and meat scraps for reduction into fertilizer.

It was proposed at the meeting of the council that some special arrangement be provided whereby the company could continue collection of materials used for fertilizer purposes without engaging in general garbage hauling.

Title Assurance Advised

Councilman W. F. Harris, presiding over the council in the absence of Mayor A. J. Young, suggested that some action be taken to assure titles given to property sold by the city. The present quitclaim deed does not permit the purchaser to obtain title insurance, necessary to procure loans from FIA and other housing agencies, he stated. Suit to quiet title on foreclosed properties was considered, and a study is to be made of the possible average cost with a view of permitting the purchaser to decide whether to accept quitclaim deed or to pay the additional (Continued on page 6)

Important Army, Navy Duties Begun



At the top—General George C. Marshall, who has taken over command as chief of staff of the U. S. army, succeeding Gen. Malin Craig, retired.

Lower photo—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, en route to China to relieve Admiral Yarnell as commander of the U. S. fleet in Asiatic waters.

STRIKE OF 800 HITS FISHER BODY PLANT

DETROIT, July 5.—(AP)—A strike of tool and die, engineering and maintenance employees of the General Motors corporation, aimed at halting production, began today with a walkout of 800 workers in Fisher body plant No. 21 here.

Officials of the CIO United Automobile Workers said strike votes had been taken in eight other G. M. plants, but that the remainder of the 8,000 men involved might not be called out until later.

William S. Knudsen, corporation president, estimated a strike of all tool and die workers would affect 100,000 production employees.

R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, had charged General Motors with "bad faith" in refusing to negotiate a supplementary contract with his group.

Corporation officials said they had refused to "take sides" with the UAW-CIO against Homer Martin's AFL-affiliated UAW "in negotiating changes in the existing contract." General Motors had asked the national labor relations board to determine with which union it should deal.

BUS-AUTO COLLISION CLAIMS SIX LIVES

WASHINGTON, Pa., July 5.—(AP)—Collision of a light sedan with a passenger bus early today killed six persons, including three children, as they sped toward their West Virginia homes after a half-day outing.

Victims were Fred Wendt, 35, his wife, 25, and two of their three children, Joan, four, and an eight-month-old daughter, all of Wellsburg; Albert Bailey, 57, and his son, Jimmy, 14, Pullman, Pa.

Mrs. Bailey, 52, and Albert Bailey, Jr., 16, were injured so seriously they may die. Four-year-old Joseph Wendt also was hurt but hospital attendants expected him to recover.

WIDOW OF JURIST SUES ON POLICIES

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—The widow of the long-missing Supreme Court Justice Joseph P. McKenna today began suit to collect \$50,000 double indemnity on insurance policies by declaring her belief Judge Crater died by "external, violent or accidental means" and his body was "disposed of by cremation" or other means.

In the first definite theory she has expressed as to his fate, the widow, now Mrs. Stella M. Kunz, added her belief the jurist died "on or about" the day he disappeared—almost nine years ago.

She said her theory was based on information compiled by police and other agencies in a world-wide search.

Justice Crater, whose disappearance became one of the greatest mysteries in many years, carried four life insurance policies totaling \$25,000 with the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance company and the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York.

All the policies contained provision for double indemnity in case of death by "external, violent or accidental means."

The widow's suit asserted although Justice Crater's death was legally established recently by Surgeon General C. E. Coffey, the insurance companies have refused to pay even the face value of the policies. She is the sole beneficiary.

OREGON STATE GAME FARM SUPT. DIES

CORVALLIS, July 5.—(AP)—Gene Simpson, state game farm superintendent and authority on artificial propagation of upland birds, died here Tuesday.

He was a veteran of the Spanish American war.

Torrent Hits Morehead As People Sleep

Flood Follows Costly Fire by 24 Hours; Railroad Track Swept Away; Aid Rushed.

MOREHEAD, Ky., July 5.—(AP)—Forty-six persons today were reported drowned in floods that followed quickly a night cloudburst that swept creeks and rivers out of their banks in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

Thirty-eight of the dead were listed here by Postmaster W. E. Crutcher. Nearly all were trapped by the torrent in their sleep.

The state board of health in Louisville said it had been informed at least eight were drowned when a wall of water rushed down the gorge of the Kentucky river at Jackson in Breathitt county. Bridges, homes, stores and school buildings were swept away, the department said.

Dead May Reach 100

Mrs. N. L. Wells, chairman of the Howard county Red Cross, said the loss of life may run to 100. She also estimated there would be a thousand refugees and many requiring medical attention.

The bodies of the following had been recovered:

- Mrs. George Hoggess, 78.
- Mrs. James Toller, 71.
- Mrs. Minnie G. Carter, 20, and her son, Junior Days Carter, 11.
- Mrs. Curt Salyers, 28, and three children, Albert, 2; Bobby, 4; Ivan, 6.
- Mrs. Salyers' mother, a Mrs. Ratliff and the latter's son, Loren, 6.

A man named Porter, Jennie Amburgey, about 50, Marjory Amburgey, 13, Erva Lee Amburgey, 6, Lula Mae Perry, 27, Selva Lee Perry, 17, Maggie Frances Collins, 12, Erva Lee Gobel, 10, Elmer Sparkman, 9, John Paul Sparkman, 6, Thelma Lee Sparkman, 4, Mrs. Harlan Boyd, Robert Sparkman.

No students of Morehead Teachers' college, located here, were in the flood.

Crutcher said the death toll is expected to be high in the rural sections of Rowan county with which it has been impossible to communicate.

Other Towns Suffer

Farmers, a village seven miles west of here, was cut off and Clearfield, a factory town of approximately 500 persons on the opposite side of Triplett creek from Morehead, was trapped to have suffered heavily. Rescuers were unable to cross the swift current to reach the community.

Water on Railroad street, Morehead's main thoroughfare, varied in depth from four to ten feet at (Continued on page 6)

THREE HURT WHEN TWO AUTOS CRASH

Mrs. Melvin Couron, Roseburg, and John G. Hastings of Yoncalla and Cecil Platt of Drain received treatment at Mercy hospital last night for injuries suffered in an automobile collision on the highway north of the Deer creek bridge late Tuesday. Cars driven by Hastings and Mr. Couron collided with considerable damage to both automobiles. Mr. Couron and the couple's five-month-old baby escaped unhurt, but Mrs. Couron was cut about the face and head and suffered a severe case of shock. Hastings and Platt were treated at the hospital for cuts and bruises.

A chief of police John S. Doer reported that two quart bottles of beer were found by city officers after being tossed from Hastings' car, although no arrests have been made.

CUT OF 200,000 IN WPA ROLL ORDERED

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Colonel F. C. Harrington, work projects commissioner, ordered the July WPA payroll cut today from 2,600,000 to 2,400,000 persons, to keep within limits set by congressional relief appropriations.

Harrington said the reduction was the first move to trim rolls to a monthly average of 2,047,000 by next June 30. The 1939 fiscal year average was 2,500,000 workers.

The July quota was divided as follows: general WPA, state programs, 2,246,545; white collar projects, 24,155 and miscellaneous employees assigned to other federal agencies, 190,000.

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

ALMOST as ancient as the myth of "the good old days," referred to in this column yesterday, is the notion that the world has progressed so far that it can progress no farther, and so of necessity must slip backward.

It is probably that when the bow and arrow was perfected around clothed hunters gathered around their fires at night, considered the difference in their standard of living as compared with the standards of their club-wielding forbears and assumed each other solemnly that everything had been thought of that could be thought of and so the future must be a drab and uninteresting prospect.

THE bow-and-arrow ancestors of ours, unfortunately, left no written record of their thoughts, and so we can only guess at what was in their minds, but in recent years man has been exceedingly prone to express the gloomy prediction that all the good things that can happen have happened and so nothing much of good can be expected in the future.

As late as the eighties, a U. S. commissioner of labor, Dr. Carroll D. Wright, wrote a lengthy official report in which he expressed the carefully considered opinion that about everything had been invented that could be invented, that business had made about all the progress it could hope to make, that civilization was about as far advanced as it was possible for civilization TO ADVANCE, and hence nothing much could be ex-

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More Than 600 Lose Lives In Annual Celebration of Independence Day in U. S.

By The Associated Press

The motor car killed 79 times as many persons as did fireworks as America observed the 163rd anniversary of its independence with a four-day celebration marked by more than 600 violent deaths.

A survey today listed only four lives lost by exploding fireworks to 277 deaths in automobile accidents throughout the 48 states.

The total toll was at least 612 compared with 517 reported for the three-day celebration last year.

Thronging of beaches by merry-making millions accounted for the second highest number of fatalities—182 drownings. Trains killed 29 persons. There were 36 fatal shootings, eight plane deaths and 79 dead in miscellaneous accidents.

Two fireworks deaths were caused by the premature explosion of home-made bombs or firecrackers. Children Sowders, 14, of Marion, Tex., died after a piece of tin, blown from a can placed over a firecracker, severed his jugular vein.

Safety Student Killed

Ironically, Edward Fisher, 21, of Chicago, who was studying to be a safety engineer, was killed when his automobile skidded off a road in Michigan. His father, Dr. H. E. Fisher, is secretary of the National Safety Council.

In the largest group of tragedies six West Virginians, including three children, were killed when their light sedan and a bus collided near Washington, Pa.

At Carman, Okla., a 28-year-old pilot and two high school students were killed when their plane

dived from 1,000 feet after a wing covering ripped loose. Three persons died when a motor car tumbled 100 feet into a canyon near Alamogordo, N. M.

Lightning took several lives. It killed two—man and wife—at Hay City, Mich., but spared their baby who was in his father's arms.

Little Delaware was the only state in the union to report no fatal accidents over the Fourth of July weekend. Three were killed last year.

The state, with a population of 242,000, also had few injured in traffic and fireworks mishaps.

Texas Toll Leads

Texas led the death list with 41 followed by California with 39, Ohio with 37, New York with 35 and Michigan and Illinois with 31 each. Ohio was first in auto casualties with 23.

Deaths from all causes by states:

Alabama 17, Arizona 4, Arkansas 16, California 39, Colorado 9, Connecticut 8, District of Columbia 1, Florida 14, Georgia 17, Idaho 1, Illinois 31, Indiana 22, Iowa 8, Kansas 16, Kentucky 26, Louisiana 7, Maine 11, Maryland 13, Massachusetts 12, Michigan 31, Minnesota 34, Mississippi 5, Missouri 20, Montana 10, Nebraska 19, Nevada 1, New Hampshire 2, New Jersey 15, New Mexico 5, New York 35, North Carolina 11, North Dakota 4, Ohio 37, Oklahoma 11, Oregon 10, Pennsylvania 17, Rhode Island 2, South Carolina 10, South Dakota 3, Tennessee 9, Texas 41, Utah 2, Vermont 1, Virginia 17, Washington 12, West Virginia 6, Wisconsin 11, Wyoming 1.

BRITAIN DODGES QUERY ON POLAND

By The Associated Press

Questioners in the house of commons failed today to get government assurances Britain would fight all her forces to Poland immediately if "Poland suffers an act of aggression."

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BAND TO GET NEW UNIFORMS, JAUNT

The Roseburg school band, with complete new uniforms, will go to the Oregon State fair on the date of September 7, it was announced today.

The school board will raise the funds necessary to pay costs of transportation to Salem, according to George Grimm, chairman of the committee named by the club to raise the money.

The school board has arranged. It was stated, to outfit the organization with new uniforms prior to the forthcoming appearance at Salem.

CONGRESSMAN DIES AT WHEEL OF AUTO

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Rep. Harry W. Griswold (R., Wis.) died at the wheel of his automobile after a heart attack late yesterday. He was 52 and serving his first term in congress.