

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4-20 p. m. yesterday 40-50.
Highest temperature yesterday 79.
Lowest temperature last night 49.
Precipitation for 24 hours .00.
Precip. since first of month .52.
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938-24.97.
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 7.43.
Generally Fair.

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WAR SUPPLIES

Will the U. S. sell them in time or war to "attack" nations or continue its present embargo policy applicable to all? Watch the senate battle on the neutrality bill for the answer. IN NEWS-REVIEW SERVICE.

NEUTRALITY BATTLE UNITES 34 SENATORS

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

THESE words are written on Monday, many hours BEFORE the actual beginning of the Fourth of July. Already some 258 persons have died as a result of the week-end holiday.

That is more than were killed at Lexington and Concord.

EACH year, in the United States, around 35,000 persons are killed in automobile accidents. That is comparable with the TOTAL NUMBER killed in the eight-year-long Revolutionary war.

THESE deaths are largely the result of carelessness. The nation our forefathers fought to found has become an exceedingly CARELESS nation.

ON July 4, 163 years ago, this nation declared its independence of Europe, and started out on its own. Many sincere people, at this moment, are hoping it may have the good judgment to RE-TAIN its independence and STAY ON ITS OWN.

DR. James Monroe Smith, former president of Louisiana's state university, is under indictment on a charge of embezzling university funds.

Pause here to reflect that in a state less dictatorially governed than Louisiana he might not have HAD THE CHANCE to embezzle the money.

ALBERT Singer, of Hollywood, who shot his wife and son while he was drunk, gives himself up to the police and asks them to

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STRIKE CLOSES 6TH PLANT OF G. M. C.

DETROIT, July 7.—(AP)—The strike of tool and die workers called by the CIO-United Automobile Workers closed a sixth General Motors plant today as Federal Labor Conciliator James F. Bewey renewed his efforts to bring leaders of the union and corporation officials together in a joint conference.

A strike of 250 tool and die workers closed Fisher body plant, No. 27, here this morning, bringing the total made idle by the strike to more than 4,000. Four G. M. division plants closed Thursday and one last Wednesday.

Headquarters of the CIO-UAW announced that tool and die workers, maintenance and power house employees in the Buick and AC spark plug divisions of the corporation were preparing to take strike votes. Buick employees will vote Tuesday and AC employees will vote next Thursday.

Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press)

WPA Project

DUPONT, Pa.—When borough council told WPA officials it was unable to provide trucks for use on a project, 150 workers took matters in their own hands.

They solicited voluntary contributions, raised \$450, purchased two trucks and turned the titles over to council.

Now they ride to work.

Heavy Verdict

LOGAN, W. Va.—R. W. Buskirk, who lives next door to a new power plant, sued the company for \$40,000, claiming vibration from generators was shaking his house down.

The jury returned a verdict in his favor—for \$1.

Celestial Mail

MILWAUKEE—From the post office comes this story of a small

Swanson, Secretary of Navy, Dies

Public Life Covered Span Of 44 Years

Virginian, Internationalist in Ideas, Backed League of Nations and World Court Adherence.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the death of Claude A. Swanson, secretary of the navy at the Rapidan camp, in Virginia.

Swanson, former governor and senator from Virginia and secretary of the navy since President Roosevelt took office in 1933, was 77 years old. He had been in ill health for many months.

"I join with the entire country in mourning him as one whose many years of faithful service to the nation have endeared him to all," Mr. Roosevelt said. "He brought to the public service not only ability and integrity but a loyalty to principle and to duty from which no consideration could move him. By his example he had provided an inspiration for all public servants."

Swanson went from the chairmanship of the senate naval committee to the cabinet.

The Virginian was reported to have been offered the post by Mr. Roosevelt after his senate colleague, Carter Glass, declined another post, the treasury secretaryship.

Behind the veteran official was 44 years of public service, which began with minor offices in Virginia, several terms in the house, then a term as governor of Virginia, to be followed by the beginning of his senate term in 1910. He served in the senate until named to the cabinet.

Included in his public activities was membership in the American delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference in 1925.

Backed League of Nations. Swanson was a firm believer in international cooperation. After the world war he was one of the chief supporters of President Wilson's attempt to get the United States into the league of nations. He also advocated American adherence to the world court.

He was born at Swansenville, Va., a town named for his family. His father was a tobacco planter, but the son had to work for his education. At 16 he was a school teacher for one year, then attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one semester.

Then he had to go to work again. (Continued on page 6.)

TILLAMOOK CRASH TAKES 2ND LIFE

TILLAMOOK, July 7.—(AP)—A second victim of last week's airplane crash died yesterday.

Winslow Stillwell, 26, Tillamook, succumbed to injuries suffered in the crash that killed Harry Sherman, president of the Tillamook Flying club. Their plane stalled at 400 feet and fell on to a farm while they were practicing landings.

Stillwell's widow and a 5-year-old son survive.

girl named Ruthie, who gave no other name or address. She wrote letter:

"To Jesus in Heaven.
"Dear Jesus: Please bring my dog Skipper back. He is lost. He is a black and tan dog and a fox terrier. I think somebody took Skipper."

Burglary—in Reverse

ALBUQUERQUE—The burglar who broke into Ben Ramirez' home really gave police a puzzle. He deposited two trunks; took nothing.

Perfect Excuse

LOS ANGELES—John B. Eley, prospective juror in the trial of a man charged with robbing a bank messenger, was asked if he could judge fairly.

"I'm a little nervous about these matters," he replied. "I've been held up three times in banks where I have been employed."

He was excused—promptly.

Cabinet Official Claimed by Death



Forty-four years of public service, that began with minor political offices in his native Virginia and extended to the secretaryship of the navy, ended today with the death of Claude A. Swanson, above. He was 77. He had been in ill health and practically incapacitated from duty for several months.

TOWNSEND WANTS NO SENATE VOTE

Pension Backer, Mindful of House Blow, Now Asks Special Tax Levy.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend has made known that he does not want to risk another congressional "beating" for his old age pension program at this session.

Senator Pepper (D-Pa.), a Townsend plan advocate, made public today a letter from the pension leader which asked if he withheld from consideration during senate debate on proposed changes in the social security act.

Townsend wrote that an adverse vote on his plan undoubtedly would "intensify our so-called defeat" in the house. The house recently voted overwhelmingly against the plan for pensions up to \$200 a month.

The letter suggested it would be better to let the program "go by default" and concentrate on approval of an amendment to the constitution which would let congress levy taxes for the specific purpose of paying old age pensions.

Although many authorities contend such taxation already is constitutional, Townsend has said an amendment is desirable in order to clarify the question.

The senate finance committee late yesterday recommended acceptance of house-approved amendments broadening the social security act. Senate debate will start Monday.

The committee suggested only minor changes in the house bill. It recommended exemption of fishermen, newboys and commission insurance agents from the security act and increased from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000 the amount the government may contribute for state public health programs.

U. S. CLAIM TO SPAN ANTARCTIC LANDS

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt approved today plans for an Antarctic expedition in October headed by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, retired, with the avowed purpose of claiming land already explored there by Byrd.

Following a white house conference on the \$340,000 appropriation in the interior department bill for the purpose, Admiral Byrd said he believed the expedition would start between October 1 and 15.

He said the primary purpose was to "substantiate claims to territory already explored, mapped and claimed" and particularly that area in the western hemisphere covered by the Monroe Doctrine.

Finish Fight On New WPA Rules Begun

Thousands of Workers on Relief Jobs Still Idle Despite Washington Ouster Threat.

(By the Associated Press)

In what one labor leader termed a "fight to the finish" to force congressional reconsideration of the new federal relief act, thousands of WPA workers idled today, or prepared to walk off their jobs in protest against extension of laboring hours, despite a "take it or leave it" ultimatum from Washington.

Throughout the nation, workers laid down their tools yesterday, although in some sections skilled laborers resumed their tasks, faced by Washington's order to return to work in five days or be fired, and by local warnings of no home relief for those who walked out.

Abandonment of the "prevailing wage" principle for skilled WPA laborers, through a flat increase of working hours per month, appeared the crux of the dissatisfaction.

Formerly, WPA workers were paid the prevailing union wage in their communities and worked only a sufficient number of hours each month to earn the WPA maximum pay.

All now are required to work 120 hours monthly, regardless of the pay. This, it is contended, would result in some skilled workers working two or three times longer for the same pay they received previously, which in the high wage area of New York ranged from \$55.20 per month for common laborers to \$90 for professional workers.

Showdown Launched.

In concert with apparently spontaneous walkouts in other sections, the building trades council (A.P.L.) of New York city ordered a "strike to the finish" by its members on

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NAZIS WILL SPEED EVICTION OF JEWS

BERLIN, July 7.—(AP)—The Nazis set up today a new organization, "the reich's union of Jews in Germany," to hasten their program of driving Germany of every single Jew and to constrain them still here from contact with German citizens.

All Jews except foreigners must belong to the organization, the main task of which is to speed the emigration of Jews. It has been estimated 400,000 Jews—of whom 200,000 were considered too old to emigrate—still live in Germany. It has been reported 250,000 have emigrated already.

The new law empowers the interior minister to dissolve any Jewish organization or society or to order its incorporation in the new union. The property of the dissolved organizations falls to the state. Jews may attend only those schools which are under the control of the union.

Adolf Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter pointed out the union must establish a fund to care for Jewish welfare needs and help needy Jews to emigrate, and added: "National socialism in Germany does everything and still more to make it as pleasant as possible for the democracies to take in their special darlings."

AUTO CRASH KILLS S. P. CO. BRAKEMAN

SALEM, July 7.—(AP)—One Portland man was killed and another injured at 1:30 a. m. today when the car in which they were riding left a curve on the Salem-Louis highway.

Edward Leiland Ranford, 45, was killed, and William W. Weiss, 18, a Salem high school boy, is seriously hurt.

Both men are brakemen on the Southern Pacific railroad, working out of Black Rock in Polk county.

State police said they believed that Weiss, owner of the car, was driving.

Japan Gloomy In Failure To Crush Chinese

War Stalemate Perplexes Deluded Nation, Whose Leaders Blame Aid of 3 Powers.

By RELMAN MORIN

TOKYO, July 7.—(AP)—An undercurrent of pain, perplexity and resignation ran through quiet services with which Japan commemorated today the second anniversary of the war with China.

The traditional moment of silence was observed at noon. Solemn services were conducted at all national shrines and Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako offered prayer at palace shrines for the repose of the souls of the dead.

The attitude of the people is one of "it cannot be helped." It implies resignation. It does not mean approval. Many seek eagerly some sign of peace and finding none, they plod on, trying to forget higher taxes, increased living costs, restrictions on manners and customs, the death of sons, fathers, husbands.

People Puzzled.

The continued Chinese resistance causes perplexity among the Japanese. Since childhood they have heard their army is invincible.

There still are reports of how a Japanese soldier hurled himself into a whole company of Chinese, killing most of them and capturing the rest. Newspapers said that in recent border fighting in Outer Mongolia one Japanese airplane attacked 22 Russian planes, shot down two and drove off the others. The Japanese believe the reports.

It would be too much to say that the army's prestige has been lowered in the eyes of the people. A controlled press tells them of victories or gives explanations.

It is explained soviet Russia, Great Britain and France are preventing the long-expected Chinese collapse. On all sides you hear: "We are fighting three or four na-

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DOUSTED DOUKHOBORS STRIP IN PROTEST

NELSON, B. C., July 6.—(AP)—A dozen Doukhobors at Winlaw, B. C., 30 miles west of here, found themselves homeless today following eviction proceedings yesterday when Sheriff Harper of Nelson, a deputy and eight bailiffs served foreclosure writs issued for the Sun Life Assurance company.

The Doukhobors, members of three families all named Perpelkin, had their belongings deposited on the pebbly road and saw the gate of their half-section farm closed and barred. They accepted the situation quietly, although three men and two women employed the method of nude protest made famous by Doukhobors in this West Kootenay district, and stripped off their clothes for a few minutes.

The eviction was the first made since the Sun Life was granted foreclosure proceedings against the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, Limited, the communal organization representing orthodox Doukhobors in Canada, which had mortgaged about 15,000 acres of land in the southern interior of British Columbia.

MEDFORD FIRE DEPT. OFFICER DROWNS

MEDFORD, July 7.—(AP)—Henry Haswell, 51, assistant chief of the Medford fire department, perished in the waters of Rogue river near Trail, while fishing, late Thursday. His wife, a fishing, was an eye-witness of the tragedy.

Haswell, wearing long waders in a riffle, slipped and fell face first into the stream. The waders filled with water, making it impossible for Haswell to remain his footing. He was a good swimmer. The body was recovered.

BATTLE WITH BEE CAUSES FATAL CRASH

HOUSTON, Texas, July 7.—(AP)—James C. Hardy of Tomball lost control of his automobile while passengers tried to kill a bee. His son, 11 months old James Omer Jones, was killed as the vehicle crashed into a culvert.

Senate Group O. K. Follows House Assent

Proposal, If Enacted, Would Enable Douglas County to Exchange 100,000 Acres of Timber.

Passed by the house and given the approval of the senate committee on public lands, a bill authorizing the exchange of former Oregon and California railroad and Coos Bay wagon road grant lands, now owned by the government, for lands of equal value now held by private, state or municipal interests, was declared today to be reasonably sure of final action by congress. The bill is regarded of extreme importance to western Oregon where it would permit the consolidation of now widely scattered timber holdings, greatly increasing saleability of the timber and easing problems of administration.

The plan was presented here several months ago, when representatives from the department of interior and forest service met in Roseburg with the Douglas county court. The plan, which was presented to the federal representatives on the part of Douglas county by Iurion Clough, then county judge, was favorably received, and a bill providing authorization was placed before congress.

Exchange Right Extended.

At present exchanges of re-vested and reconveyed lands in Oregon are limited to timbered lands held in private ownership. The bill now awaiting final action would permit exchanges, as well, of timber lands held by private, state or municipal interests.

The bill would permit the government and counties to exchange cut-over lands in the blocking of areas suitable for timber as well

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SHOWERS RELIEVE FATAL HOT WAVE

CHICAGO, July 7.—(AP)—Thunderstorms rolled eastward across some of the middle west today, bringing relief from a hot spell that has taken at least 12 lives.

J. R. Lloyd, government forecaster, reported showers cooled sections of Iowa, Minnesota and eastern Dakota and Nebraska this morning and that they would reach the Great Lakes area late tonight or tomorrow.

Southwesterners continued to suffer, however, although it was cooler in the northwest. It was slightly cooler in Kansas where most points reported readings above 100 yesterday. Phillipsburg's 111 topped the nation.

Most of New England sweltered for the fourth successive day with no relief sighted before Sunday.

LENDING PLAN WILL DROP ALIEN LOANS

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Administration leaders were reported authoritatively today to have agreed to eliminate a provision for \$500,000,000 in foreign loans from legislation authorizing the president's lending program.

As a result, some critics of the foreign loan proposal were said to have given assurances they would not oppose an increase of \$100,000,000 in the export-import bank's funds.

They were known to have conditioned their acceptance on a provision that loans by the bank should be confined to the financing of export transactions.

SHERIFF LOSES HAT, SHIRT IN BURGLARY

ALBANY, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—An audacious but easily satisfied burglar thoroughly ransacked Sheriff and Mrs. Herbert Shelton's home last night. Even the mattresses were stripped from the beds.

The sheriff found his guns and valuables unharmed. Only an old hat and shirt were missing.

"Party" Lobbyist Gets Prison Term



Penitentiary gates yawn for William P. Buckner, Jr., above, cocktail and beauty lobbyist, who yesterday was sentenced in federal court at New York to two years imprisonment and fined \$2,500 for mail fraud and conspiracy in the manipulation of defaulted Philippine railway bonds.

Defending his "swooper" parties for congressmen, Buckner said he didn't think he "had to become a monk" to obtain bond legislation. Two accomplices of Buckner also received prison terms and fines.

HOLDUP SUSPECT TO BE TRIED IN SOUTH

Calvin E. Rose, held at Oroville, California, and believed to have been implicated in two armed holdups in Roseburg, June 12, will be prosecuted in California and not released to Douglas county authorities, Sheriff Percy Webb was informed today. Douglas county, however, in filing a hold warrant, will be able to bring Rose here to answer to the holdup charge at the expiration of any sentence which may be imposed in California. The nature of the charge against him there was not given in the information received by Sheriff Webb.

CALIFORNIA NOT TO DELIVER C. E. ROSE, IDENTIFIED BY ROSEBURG VICTIM.

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John W. Robertson, local service station owner, who was one of the two men held up and robbed, allegedly by Rose, stopped in Oroville yesterday while on his way to the San Francisco fair, and wired Sheriff Webb this morning that he had positively identified the prisoner as the armed man who procured his wallet on the night of June 12. A man answering the same description later the same night robbed F. S. Monroe, S. P. railroad conductor, while the latter was crossing the Oak street bridge.

Gasoline company credit cards stolen from the two men were used in southern Oregon and northern California by the robber.

OREGON TRAFFIC MISHAPS KILL TWO

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)—David Dapp, 20, of Portland died at Hillboro hospital last night from injuries suffered a few hours earlier when his motorcycle struck a tree near Scholls.

His companion, Doris Verhel, 17, Portland, was seriously hurt.

HILLSBORO, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—Wesley Palmer, 12, daughter of Walter Palmer of Reedsville, was killed when struck by an automobile on the Tualatin valley road last night.

She was strolling with another girl and two boys. The driver told state police the girl was in the middle of the highway and he was unable to avoid hitting her.

CLEVELAND TORSO SLAYER CONFESSES

CLEVELAND, July 7.—(AP)—Sheriff O'Donnell quoted a 52-year-old bricklayer as saying today he had killed Mrs. Florence Pollio, 42, one of 12 "torso murder" victims found here since September, 1935. O'Donnell said the man disclaimed any connection with the other 11 slayings.

"Yes, I cut her up," O'Donnell quoted the unemployed former WPA worker who once worked in a slaughter house, as saying.

"Please don't send me to the electric chair," he added.

Bloc Opposes Any Change In Existing Law

Proposed Abolishment of Arms Embargo Will Be Resisted; Borah Hits Alien "Frowns"

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—A declaration which Senator Hiram Johnson (R-Calif.) said was signed by 34 senators stated today the group would fight any change in the existing neutrality law "by every honorable and legitimate means at our command."

The statement was issued by Johnson after a conference in his office with other senators. It was immediately interpreted as a threat to engage in a prolonged debate on administration neutrality proposals. Some senators said they considered it an open threat of filibuster.

The declaration said: "We are unanimously opposed to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law prohibiting the sale or exportation of arms, munitions or implements of war to nations engaged in war."

"We are against any discretion being lodged in the hands of any chief executive to determine an aggressor or aggressors during any war abroad."

"We believe in the real neutrality of our nation in case of any armed conflict. We are determined to maintain our position by every honorable and legitimate means at our command."

Although Senator Johnson told reporters "34 senators are united on this" the Californian declined to list them.

Among those who attended the strategy session in Johnson's office were: Borah (Idaho), Nye (R-N.D.), La Follette (Prog.-Va.), Bone (D-Wash.), Clark (D-Mo.), Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Shipstead (D-Minn.), Capper (R-Kans.), Lodge (R-Mass.), Holt (D-W. Va.), White (R-Me.), Reed (R-Kans.), Danaher (R-Conn.), and Clark (D-Ila.).

Lodge, one of the first to leave the session, said the statement had been framed by no single authority. "We are determined to keep this country out of war by remaining neutral," he added.

The houses already have approved a modified arms embargo, and the senate foreign relations committee is expected to consider the house measure Saturday.

Borah told the senate yesterday it should not be swayed by either the "democracies" or the "dictatorships" of Europe in considering the administration's proposal to repeal the arms embargo of the neutrality law.

He argued the traditional American policy of neutrality.

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VENUE CHANGE IN FISH CASE GRANTED

C. W. Parker, Roseburg, garage man, charged in the Reedsport justice court with possession of illegally caught salmon, as a part of the "booster fish" case which has been pending for several weeks, yesterday was granted a change of venue to the Grant justice court.

Parker's motion for a change of venue, based on alleged prejudice in the lower Umpqua area, was granted by Judge Willard Ruch, who ordered that the case be transferred to Judge Leonard's court in Drain.

Parker was the chairman of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club committee which purchased fish caught by Stuart Taylor and Irving Davis at Winchester, and sold by Frank Bennett of Eugene, Taylor and Davis were paroled by Judge Ruch yesterday from today's jail sentence, based on parole requiring good behavior over a period of five years. Bennett was fined \$100 and court costs. The three had entered pleas of guilty.

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