

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 85%
Highest temperature yesterday 81
Lowest temperature last night 51
Precipitation for 24 hours .0
Precip. since first of month .52
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 .24.97
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 7.44
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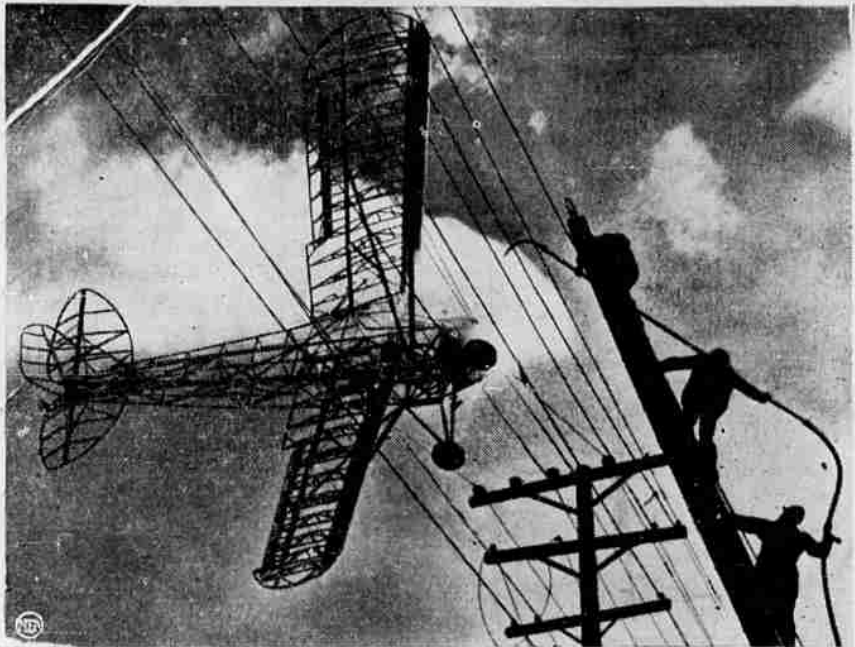
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HEAT WAVE CONTINUES, LEAVING 45 DEAD

Plane Trapped in Tension Wires; Pilot Saves Self



C. D. Thomasson (at left), sailor attached to the North Island naval air station, had no trouble taking off with a rented plane in San Diego, Calif., but when he attempted to land the plane struck high tension power lines and burst into flames. Thomasson cheated death by burning, electrocution or falling when he pulled himself along a wire, hand over hand, until he reached a pole, then shinned down the pole. Above, firemen are shown looking at the ribbed skeleton of the wire-trapped ruins of the plane.

WPA PROTEST STRIKES SPREADING

100,000 Idle In Resenting 130-Hour Rule

Congressmen, Under Union Pressure, May Propose Restoration of Old Wage Standards.

By The Associated Press
Spreading strikes and protest walkouts by skilled craftsmen on the WPA against sub-union wages and longer hours today drew an official threat that all persons who interfered with WPA projects would be prosecuted on felony charges.

Simultaneously, under strong pressure from AFL leaders, supported by rival CIO chieftains in a united labor front, a movement developed among some members of congress to relieve the new relief act and restore prevailing union wage standards.

AFL officials estimated 100,000 WPA workers over the nation had been made idle by the mass protests against the action of congress in setting their work month at 130 hours. Heretofore, under the prevailing wage scale system, some workers earned their monthly wage in as few as 50 hours, although others were required to work longer, depending on the local scale for their type of work.

WPA officials differed with union leaders on the extent of the strike, but in Washington, Col. F. C. Harrington, works projects commissioner, said the work stoppages were "growing, but not very rapidly."

N. Y. City May Prosecute
The threat of federal prosecution was voiced in New York City by local Administrator Col. Brehon Somervell, who said he had asked the U. S. attorney, John T. Cahill, for an interpretation of section 28 of the federal relief act.

That section makes it a felony to deprive relief by fraud, force, threat, intimidation or boycott. The maximum penalty is a \$2,000 fine, two years in prison, or both.

Col. Somervell declined to say whether he was considering action against workers who remained away from their tasks, pickets, or vendors who refused to deliver materials to WPA projects.

Refusing to recognize the work

Neutrality Law Changing Rests On Two

Senators Gillette, George Mum on Arms Embargo Repeal Plan After Cabinet Urge.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—The fate of the administration's efforts to clear the way for repeal of the arms embargo provision of the neutrality act appeared today to rest largely in the hands of two democrats who often have opposed new deal legislation.

They are Senators Gillette of Iowa and George of Georgia.

Both of the senate foreign relations committee indicated, some senators on both sides of the controversy said, that the administration could safely count on only 11 of the 23 committee votes for a motion to strike out the modified arms embargo which the house incorporated recently in legislation to change the neutrality act.

Without committee approval, these senators said, there was little chance of the senate reversing the house stand, but much as foes of the administration's proposal to repeal the arms embargo provision of the present neutrality law said yesterday that 24 senators had subscribed to a statement opposing any change in the statute at this time.

Cabinet Pressure Seen
Neither Gillette nor George, who the committee members, would say how he intended to vote when the issue was brought before the committee at a meeting scheduled next Tuesday.

Gillette disclosed, however, that he had conferred yesterday with three cabinet officers, including Secretary of State Hull. He declined to identify the other two, but newsmen noted that both Attorney General Murphy and Postmaster General Farley visited the capitol yesterday.

Gillette said the cabinet members had been asked by President

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'BLACKOUT' SET FOR SOUTHERN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 8.—(AP)—Arrangements for a "blackout" over a strategic, densely settled 16,000 square miles of southern England reminded Great Britain today of her peril from the air.

The six-hour test of extensive air raid precautions, organized jointly by the civil defense forces and the royal air force, was planned to begin tonight and cover all of southern England except London and Devonshire and Cornwall in the extreme southwest.

London prepared for a separate test, but a vitally important one. The port of London authority arranged to test the whole AHP (air raid precaution) organization along 40 miles of the Thames.

The key area of the exercises outside London was in Kent and Sussex in the southeast—two counties nearest the continent, with a large number of vulnerable coastal towns and extensive, newly-developed industrial sections.

The remaining counties agreed to cooperate as a rehearsal for an even larger, 24-county "blackout" in which all are scheduled to participate next month.

The tests called for R.A.F. bombers and fighter squadrons to roar over darkened towns as small, high explosive and incendiary bombs exploded in vacant lots to give a realistic touch. Other planes were to carry observers.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

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