

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 29% Highest temperature yesterday 92 Lowest temperature last night 52 Precipitation for 24 hours 0.0 Precip. since first of month 2.3 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1933 24.97 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1933 7.19 Unsettled, Cooler.

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Will that new WPA monthly working rule hold against the wave of protests or will congress retreat and restore former hour and pay schedules? The battle is well watched. NEWS-REVIEW wire service will keep you informed.

STRIKERS ON RELIEF PROJECTS INCREASE

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

IN eastern Canada, 24 persons were drowned over the weekend. Nine died in highway accidents, a falling tree and a railroad train claimed one life each.

AT Richmond, Missouri, an 18-year-old boy drowned while swimming. He swallowed his chewing gum and strangled.

AT Camas, Washington, a 13-year-old girl died of heart failure while swimming.

AT Wenatchee (Washington) an automobile party of four headed for the mountains to get away from the heat, missed a bridge and car and passengers sank in 40 feet of water.

The tragedy was discovered by a man who had missed the same bridge the night before, but escaped with his life and came back on Sunday to recover articles lost in the river. Diving for the lost property, he discovered the car with the four bodies.

THESE are random gleanings from the Monday press wires, which carry each week a gawdawny story of holiday death and mailings.

LEISURE time in these days, is DANGER time.

(NOTE please, that few are killed while reading useful and mind-improving books—nor does a week-end so spent require all day Monday for resting up.)

A TYPHOON in one of the Japanese islands leaves a trail of one dead, 19 missing and 700 homes destroyed.

A mere trifle, hardly worth mentioning along with air raids over (Continued on page 4.)

OREGON LEADS U. S. IN LUMBER OUTPUT

PORTLAND, July 13.—(AP)—Oregon passed her neighbor state of Washington in lumber production last year and led the record for the first time since records were kept.

A Pacific northwest forest and range experiment station reported showed Oregon cut 3,791,972,000 board feet last year against Washington's 3,348,587,000. The total for the two states was down 21.23 per cent from 1937.

The survey said Oregon had the greatest timber resources of any state.

Washington led in timber production from 1915 to 1937, Maine was the first leader, in 1882, Michigan went to the top in 1845. Washington gained the lead in 1905, lost it to Louisiana in 1909 and 1914 but in each case regained it the following year.

Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press.) Dream Come True SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Night before last the sister of 17-year-old Ernest Knitts dreamed he had drowned. She told her mother.

Police came yesterday to the Knitts home. Remembering the dream, Ernest's mother, Mrs. Sylvester A. Knitts, asked if her son was dead.

They told her his body had been found at the bottom of a lake near here. He had some swimming with friends.

Pick-Up ESTILL, S. C.—When church attendance dropped sharply, the town's ministers arranged for services during the summer in a new air-conditioned theater. Now attendance is above normal.

Boots and Saddles KANSAS CITY—Rather than disappoint relatives visiting from England, Tom Taylor, a rancher from out by Great Bend, Kans., dressed up in cowboy suit to meet them.

The relatives, Mrs. Kathleen Perkins and her daughter, Miss Kitty,

Damage Suit Filed Against Harry Bridges

A.F.L. Unit, Alleging Libel, Seeks \$100,000; Ex-Red Organizer Continues His Testimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—A libel complaint asking \$100,000 damages was served on Harry Bridges today by the Oregon-Washington council of the Labor and Sawmill Workers of America, A.F.L., as the CIO leader boarded a boat for Angel Island to attend his deportation hearing.

The complaint charged a publication in the "Timber Worker," official organ of the CIO of lumber workers, sought "to destroy, defame and disrupt the Oregon-Washington council."

It asked \$50,000 general and \$50,000 punitive damages. Defendants named were the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, Bridges, west coast director of the CIO, and other CIO officials and their wives.

Bridges accepted service of the complaint just before he walked up the gangplank and on the boat remarked: "It's just one of those things. No comment."

Leech Continues Story Testimony Bridges "could have been" hidden behind stage curtains during a meeting of the communist party in New York in 1936 was given today at the hearing by John L. Leech, Los Angeles, former organizer of the communist party.

Austral previously testified Bridges, Australian-born, had been elect-

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1 SLAIN, 4 WOUNDED IN IDAHO TRAGEDY

POCATELLO, Idaho, July 12.—(AP)—An embittered husband, who killed one man and wounded three others because he was denied a visit with his wife, was himself near death today, a bullet deep in his chest.

The shot marked the climax of a six-hour manhunt that last night stirred this southern Idaho city.

Chief of Detectives Guy Nelson named the slayer as Britt Harrington, 39, Harrington, Nelson said, shot and killed F. F. (Bob) Hunter, 45, town marshal of suburban Alameda, when Hunter was called by George Bailey, Harrington's father-in-law, to prevent the younger man from forcibly entering the Bailey home.

Wounded in the same blast of gunfire which felled Hunter was R. D. Belling, who peddled automobile dealer, who had driven the marshal to Bailey's home.

Then began a sensational pursuit which ended when Nelson and City Officer C. C. Evans trapped Harrington in a dormitory under construction at the University of Idaho, southern branch. In the exchange of gunfire which followed both of the fugitive and his pursuers were wounded, the latter not seriously.

Wholesale Job

OMAHA, Neb.—Catcher Mary Ann James, 15, of a Tilden, Neb., girls' softball team caught a pitch on the nose, instead of her glove, and came to Omaha for treatment.

When the doctors finally finished they had removed not only a piece of cartilage from the injured nose, but her tonsils, adenoids and appendix.

Indisputable Proof MIAMI, Fla.—When a negro woman claimed a \$6.75 check made payable to her late husband for an electric rate refund a Florida power and light company clerk demanded proof of the payee's death.

"I shot him and I've got papers here to prove it," was the astounding rejoinder. She produced a coroner's certificate which stated the man was "shot by wife." The finding was justifiable homicide.

The clerk handed over the check.

Movie Films Test Drunk Drivers



Inexpensive movies are cutting cost of prosecuting suspected drunken drivers in Fresno, Calif. In the first 100 uses of movies, 86 suspects plead guilty after they had been filmed. Here Leland Frenzel films a drunk-driving suspect in a series of tests.

Roseburg-Diamond Lake Road Link Entering Final Stages of Construction

Work of extending the North Umpqua road has been halted for a few days, due to need for machinery repairs, according to V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, who spent Tuesday and Wednesday on an inspection trip in the North Umpqua district.

The road has now been built into Copeland creek canyon, and lacks only about three and one-half miles of forming a connection with the road from Diamond Lake to Big Camas.

Mr. Harpham, however, states that it is doubtful if the connection will be made this year, as funds are not available to crowd the project, and, with considerable hard rock work ahead, the grade will probably lack a mile or more of a connection if fall rains put a halt to operations at about the usual time. In the event rains are late, it may be possible, it is stated, to close the remaining gap by late fall.

Bottleneck to Be Widened Mr. Harpham states that plans have been made tentatively to do a great deal of work in widening the bottleneck section of the road between Rock creek and Circle-H lodge during the coming winter season.

It is hoped to establish a side camp at the Boundary guard station and, with the use of a power shovel and bulldozer, widen the existing narrow section of road west of the lodge. Eastward from Circle-H the road has been greatly improved during the past few years, and there are comparatively few short sections where two-way passage is not possible.

REJECTED SUITOR TRIES BABY THEFT

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 12.—(AP)—Eighteen-month-old "Teddy" Winston was safe with his mother today while police held Maurice Lies, 29, a farmhand, on an open charge.

The youth, in a signed statement to Police Captain R. W. Rogtuse, said he took the child yesterday because his mother, Mrs. Alice Winston, refused to marry him. He threatened to "kill the baby and myself."

Lies returned the child to its grandmother when he discovered a patrolman following him. Although kept in an automobile three and a half hours, Teddy was unharmed.

California-Oregon Veterans Hospital Asked of Congress

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—A bill was introduced in congress today to provide for a veterans hospital to serve northern California and southern Oregon. Oscar L. Lynch of the Humboldt county allied veterans council wired from Eureka today.

The bill seeks a 200-bed hospital at a cost of \$1,500,000. Local veterans have endorsed the project and petitions stating that there is no hospital for general veterans' use between Portland and San Francisco.

STATE NURSES ASSN. MEETS HERE IN '40

The 1940 annual convention of the Oregon Graduate Nurses association will be held in Roseburg, probably in the month of June, according to word received here today. The Roseburg chamber of commerce and the local unit of the association extended an invitation to the convention at its recent session in Portland. Word was received here today that the invitation was accepted at a meeting of the board of directors in Portland last night.

Aliens Being Ousted From Plane Plants

Weeding Out Process for Defense Safeguarding Also Extends to Arms Factory.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—To safeguard secrets of new war planes designed for the expanding army and navy air forces, aircraft manufacturers are quietly weeding out aliens from their employes.

At the direction of the war and navy departments, several score foreign technicians have been discharged recently or transferred to other than military work.

Others hold their jobs only through short term official permits, issued after a close tab has been made of their reliability.

Officials made the disclosure today, without divulging the number of persons affected, following an announcement by a Hartford, Conn., firearms plant that all aliens working in its machine gun division would be let out immediately.

Defense Work Guarded The action is one of several new measures to keep from foreign agents information which might damage the national defense. By all indications, no general "spying hunt" has taken place or is in prospect.

A 1926 law forbids employment of aliens on military contracts without express official permission.

Until last year, permits were issued for only three or six months. Given of the federal bureau of investigation check on the aliens.

Aircraft Plants Affected The tighter clamping of the lid on military secrets has affected aircraft plants particularly, because they must turn out more than 3,500 planes in the next two years and because their higher pay has attracted more foreign technicians.

Informed officials expressed belief the Hartford concern discharged aliens voluntarily, possibly with official encouragement but not by government order. In many instances aircraft manufacturers similarly have taken the initiative.

Of 24 American aircraft manufacturers (Continued on page 6.)

KRESS GIVES U. S. FORTUNE IN ART

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Samuel H. Kress, New York merchant, has given the nation a collection of Italian paintings and sculpture valued by experts at between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

Trustees of the new national gallery of art accepted the gift yesterday, and President Roosevelt acclaimed it as a "decided step in the true purpose" of the gallery.

The \$25,000,000 gallery is being erected with funds provided by the late Andrew W. Mellon. The marble building, covering two blocks, will be completed next year on a site near the capital.

Mellon donated also his collection of old masters valued at \$50,000,000 and expressed the hope others would give their art treasures for the gallery.

"Kidnaped" Mother Accuses Son



Hubbard Middlecoff, 35, right, held at Stockton, Calif., with six other persons, three of them women, in the kidnaping of Middlecoff's mother, Mrs. Middlecoff Emery, 67, left, allegedly to gain control of her property. "My heart is broken but the law must take its course," said the mother, who signed complaints against her son and his alleged accomplices. She says she was struck and bruised during the alleged kidnaping, which occurred while she was visiting at the home of a friend. She was later found in a San Francisco hotel.

Douglas Jail Empty After Four Years

Last Prisoner Free on Own Recognizance; Alleged Auto Thief Being Brought Back.

The Douglas county jail today was vacant for the longest period since its construction here in 1928. Frank Brookhart of Reedsport, who spent 24 hours as the lone occupant of the jail, was released Wednesday morning, when Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly deferred passing sentence after Brookhart had pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny and released the prisoner upon his own recognizance.

The jail remained empty today. The last previous vacancy was for a period of two hours August 5, 1925.

Brookhart, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court, had used a boat belonging to Harry Marks of Reedsport on one occasion with the owner's permission. He returned later, however, and took the boat without permission and allegedly damaged it. Judge Wimberly decided to give the case further consideration before passing sentence.

Car Michael Being Returned. The vacancy in the jail is expected to be broken within the next two days, as Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thornton is on the way from San Luis Obispo with Melvin Carmichael, Roseburg youth, who allegedly stole an automobile, early in June from George Norman, CCC foreman at Tiller. Carmichael, who had been released only a few days previously from the state training school where he had served a term for auto theft, had been stationed at the camp for two days before his departure in the stolen car.

The youth was reported to have admitted the theft of the Norman car, and to have told officers that the car, in turn, was stolen from him. His statement, according to the information received by Sheriff Perry Webb, the latter reported, also said that he had stolen cars in California. It had been expected he would be prosecuted under the federal Dyer act, but Douglas county authorities were notified yesterday that he would be released to (Continued on page 6.)

PORTLAND STRIKE HITS CAN FACTORY

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—(AP)—The American Can company, employing more than 200 workers, was closed by a Congress of Industrial Organizations strike today.

Ed Lantz, secretary of the CIO industrial union council, said the walkout was ordered "because the company played one group against the other." He charged the company endeavored to cut the workers' wages to 55 cents, although men doing the same work received 57 cents an hour.

The management declined to comment. The plant had been operating at capacity for the peak canning period.

A picket line was established by the steel workers' organizing committee.

S. P. CO. CHAIRMAN HOLDEN RETIRES

NEW YORK, July 12.—(AP)—Hale Holden, 69, chairman of the Southern Pacific Co., has retired from active service on pension after 32 years of continuous railroad service, the company announced today.

The company, at the same time, said the office of chairman had been discontinued and the duties of Holden were transferred to August L. McDonald, president of the board.

McDonald said the headquarters of the directors and executive committee would be moved soon from New York to San Francisco.

INDICTMENTS IN MILK CASE QUASHED

CHICAGO, July 12.—(AP)—Indictments against 45 individuals and 14 corporations and groups in the milk industry of violating the anti-monopoly law were quashed today in federal court.

Leo F. Tierney, special assistant to the attorney general, announced the government would appeal the ruling directly to the United States supreme court.

The dismissal was embodied in Federal Judge Charles E. Woodward's sustaining of defense demurrers to the indictments.

She Heads NEA



New president of the National Educational association is Amy H. Hinrichs, above, New Orleans, elected at the national convention at San Francisco.

REMOVAL OF FISH BARRIER DESIRED

Steelheads Said Halted at Rock Creek in Attempt to Return to Sea.

Residents and sports fishermen in the North Umpqua area were reported today to be planning appeals directly to Governor Charles A. Sprague, urging that he endeavor to secure action by the state fish commission toward removal of a barrier to fish migration caused by the racks at the Rock creek salmon hatchery.

The racks, long a source of irritation to sports fishermen, are holding back a great school of wild steelhead salmon attempting to return to the ocean, it was reported today.

These fish, now badly battered by their trip to upriver spawning beds during high water were held on their journey back to the sea when the lower water level of the left salmon racks expanded, it is claimed. Fishermen also contend the racks halt the upstream progress of summer steelheads.

Estimates of the fish increase behind the racks range up to 500 or more.

Both the game and fish commissions have hatcheries at Rock creek. Steelheads tagged at the game commission hatchery, it is reported, have been stripped of eggs successively over the period of four years since marking was started.

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12,000 Ousted But Protests Not Settled

A.F.L. Takes Complaint to Roosevelt; Harrington, WPA Chief, Firm on New Rules.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington headquarters of the WPA reported today 12,906 WPA strikers had been dismissed but that despite this disciplinary action, the total number of work relief employees absent from their jobs had grown yesterday to 92,779.

Officials at Washington said the total number absent compared with 77,620 on Monday, but nearly away from work yesterday were engaged in one-day protests and were expected back on the job today.

Corrington Gill, acting WPA commissioner, said the reports showed project operations were normal in 23 states.

Appeal to Roosevelt The American Federation of Labor meanwhile took its complaint on WPA wages to President Roosevelt. Its emissary listed a white house statement might be forthcoming.

Dan Tracy, of the electrical workers union which is one of the groups seeking to restore the prevailing wage rate to WPA projects, told reporters he and Mr. Roosevelt had had a general discussion.

"But anything on the WPA situation," Tracy said, "will have to come from the president."

Mr. Roosevelt has indicated he believed the administration would continue the new requirement all WPA workers—skilled or not—put in 130 hours a month for a "security wage." Federation unions yesterday sanctioned demands that it be abandoned.

The AFL said it had made a date at the white house for President William Green and a committee to see Mr. Roosevelt tomorrow to discuss not only WPA wages, but urgent demands from AFL theatrical unions for the revival of the WPA federal theatre project.

Even as the Washington plans went on, WPA administrators in the field, continued sending out stacks of dismissal notices to workers off the job for five days.

In New York City, the total dismissed increased to 8,397 and in Cleveland the total was 271.

Harrington Stands Firm The strikes, protesting the new requirement that all WPA employees work 130 hours a month, were endorsed by WPA Commissioner F. C. Harrington as he conferred in Chicago with state administrators on other restrictions of the new law.

Harrington said wages in the north and west would be reduced Sept. 1, while those in the south would be increased. The law provides differences in the cost of living, but that the present national average—\$52.50 a month—shall not be changed.

Harrington said he expected a "loud howl" when the program equalizing northern and southern wage scales becomes effective, but that he did not propose "any change in my method of dealing (Continued on page 6.)

CHANGES MADE IN 2 VOTING PRECINCTS

Division of the Edeboer voting precinct into two districts and a change in boundary lines between the Tiller and Days Creek precincts was announced today by the county court.

Edeboer precinct, with 812 registered voters, was too large and has been divided by county court order to provide into East and West Edeboer precincts.

East Edeboer will include the area north of the city limits and east of the railroad tracks as far north as the north boundary line of the airport. The boundary then will extend west to the Stewart ranch, thence turning north to the North Umpqua river which will bring the Winchester community into that precinct. West Edeboer will include the area west of the railroad tracks and south of the airport.

Hereafter voters residing between Mile and Days Creek have voted at Tiller. A petition presented to the county court, however, stated that it would be more convenient to vote at Days Creek. The change in boundary places the new dividing line on the section line immediately west of the Mile store.