

THE WEATHER

Humidity 43.0 p. m. yesterday 18.5.
Highest temperature yesterday 84.
Lowest temperature last night 52.
Precipitation for 24 hours 0.
Precip. since first of month 0.
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1933 25.64.
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1933 7.54.
Clear; Warmer.

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EUROPE

It's presenting the picture of an armed camp, with nearly all of its nations either exercising military forces or planning maneuvers. Sooner or later the tension may break—then watch for the fireworks. The NEWS-REVIEW will keep you posted.

SOUTH DOUGLAS WOODS FIRES CONTROLLED

Brothers Reunited in Roseburg



For more than 40 years John August Peterson (right above) of 1026 Military street, Roseburg, had not seen a relative, other than his own family, until last week, when his brother, Carl W. Peterson, left of Moroni, Utah, arrived here for a visit.

The Peterson brothers were born in Maine, Sweden, sons of Ole and Elsie Peterson. The mother passed away when the boys were seven and five years of age respectively, and a short time later the father, with the two boys and a daughter, Mary, came to the United States and settled at Moroni, Utah.

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The brothers separated in 1899. Carl remained in the home town and engaged in farming and stock raising. He and his wife reared a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

John August "Gus" Peterson came to the west coast and has been a resident of Oregon for the past 35 years. For the greater part of that time he has made his home at Roseburg. He follows the carpenter trade.

He and his wife are the parents of two sons and two daughters. Another son died several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson and a son, Dennis, arrived here last week.

Fire Demon Again Strikes At Centralia

City's 2nd Conflagration Within 2 Weeks Deals Damage of \$275,000; Arson Suspected.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Two costly fires here within two weeks prompted authorities today to consider the possibility that a firebug was active in the Centralia-Chehalis area.

Fire Chief W. J. Ryckman, under whose direction a conflagration was brought under control early this morning after causing an estimated \$275,000 damage, was not ready to state definitely this blaze was of incendiary origin but was investigating this angle. He said no origin for the fire had been established.

The fire broke out in the center of the Eastern Railway & Lumber company's property near the south city limits about 9:55 p. m. last night. In 30 minutes the sawmill was enveloped in flames.

Before the blaze was finally controlled by the Centralia fire department, aided by firemen from four neighboring towns, it had destroyed the company's sawmill, planing mill, dry kiln and 10,000,000 feet of lumber.

W. H. Topping, vice president, estimated the company's loss at \$270,000.

For a time the flames threatened the company's shingle mill on the north, but the wind shifted and carried the blaze southward.

Other Property Burns
A house, near the mill property, owned by Sam Bigby, was destroyed and also the Driscoll boiler works, the Centralia foundry's blacksmith shop, five freight cars and 12 lengths of telegraph wire.

The loss outside the lumber company's property was estimated at \$25,000.

Spark, carried by a high wind, spread throughout the city, putting the entire population on the alert. One fire truck was summoned from the blaze to extinguish a roof fire on the Centralia hotel. Another on a store across the street from the mill property was quickly extinguished.

For a time buildings in the older section of Centralia's business district, across the tracks from the fire, were menaced, but firemen succeeded in halting the blaze near the foundry.

Ironically, a new \$10,000 fire truck was due to arrive in Centralia last night by freight.

Fire departments from Chehalis, Olympia, Tenino and Onalaska joined in fighting the flames.

On July 25 fire starting in the Palmer lumber yards caused damage estimated at \$220,000 to business property in neighboring Chehalis.

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C. I. O. Opponent Leads in Primary



Incomplete returns from last Saturday's democratic primary in Kentucky indicate the nomination for governor of Keen Johnson, above, present lieutenant-governor, Johnson, who campaigned against the C. I. O., had a lead of approximately 15,000 over his closest rival, ex-Congressman J. V. Brown, attorney for the United Mine Workers of America.

STAR WITNESS IN RACKET CASE WEDS

Dixie Davis, Under Guard of Detectives, Is Married to Loyal Showgirl.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(AP)—The red-haired showgirl who influenced J. Richard (Dixie) Davis to overturn the underworld with revelations of lush racketeering was honeymooning with the little dishonored lawyer today under the chaperonage of detectives.

The bride was Hope Lane, now 28, who was arrested in Philadelphia with Davis on Feb. 2, 1938, and of whom Davis' first wife, Martha, said: "The red-heads all ways get them, don't they?"

It was after Davis was allowed to leave the Tombs prison many times to visit his dentist, and permitted each time to stop by at Miss Lane's apartment, that he detailed for the district attorney the dark ramifications of the old Dutch Schultz numbers racket.

That Davis served as "attorney general."

His testimony figured largely in the conviction of ex-Tammany District Leader James J. Hiller for selling political protection to the Schultz mob.

Davis was released recently but ordered to remain in the southern New York federal jurisdiction, always with detectives guarding him against gangster vengeance.

Davis, now 34 years old, told in a currently published series he and Hope were virtually on their honeymoon in the heyday of the Schultz mob and even then Miss Lane pleaded with him to cut away from the underworld.

But many joints with the law intervened until they were married by a police judge—with the ubiquitous detectives as witnesses and as chaperons.

The wedding was announced by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey.

SECOND GIRL DIES OF PAGEANT BURNS
SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Patricia Seife, 15, died today, the second to succumb from burns received while dancing Thursday night in an outdoor pageant.

Sally Lacy, 13, died Saturday.

Three others were burned when their costumes caught fire as they danced, waving wand-like sparklers which pagan officials blamed for the mishap.

Addie Feiker, 15, was reported still in a critical condition at a Spokane hospital. Virginia Wiebel, 15, was said to be "much improved" and Geraldine Smith, 18, was reported recovering.

BABY BORN AFTER TRAFFIC TRAGEDY
PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. James Chapman, 25, expectant mother injured in an automobile accident which killed Barbara Moore, 21, last Friday, gave birth to a daughter yesterday.

Hospital attendants said both the mother and daughter were "doing very nicely." Miss Moore, a cousin of Mrs. Chapman, was killed in a collision with driving Mrs. Chapman home from a visit to a doctor.

Roosevelt To Keep Up Fight For Program

President Relies on Public Reaction for Victory; Opponents Forecast Strength Gain.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A new struggle to swing popular opinion for or against the unfinished items on the Roosevelt program was in the making today as members of the first \$13,000,000,000 congress laid their record before the "home folks."

From President Roosevelt down, administration leaders took the attitude public reaction would force the 1940 congress to adopt most of the new deal measures shelved during the session which ended Saturday night.

Republican legislators, on the other hand, argued next year the senate and the house would show even greater independence and there was a distinct drift away from administration policies.

Indications pointed to a record amount of political and legislative debate throughout the country before the final congress of Mr. Roosevelt's second term began in January.

F. R. to Continue Fight.
The president, who will leave tonight for Hyde Park, N. Y., to study the last batch of congressional bills, may discuss the situation when he goes to the west coast in October.

He was represented by Senate Leader Barkley (D., Ky.), as he believed that when opposition congressmen have sounded out their constituents, they will modify their views on such measures as the neutrality and lending programs.

The former was held over until next year, and the latter was killed by a bipartisan coalition in the house.

After a Sunday conference at the White House, Barkley said the president did not intend to abandon his major legislative objectives.

He expressed the belief that on this whole Mr. Roosevelt needed fairly well satisfied with the 1939 record.

G. O. P. Chiefs Confident.
In direct contrast with the administration view that the new deal forces would be more successful next year, Senator Austin (R., Va.), the acting minority leader, contended the anti-Roosevelt coalition would show even greater strength than in the 1938 session.

Rep. Martin (R., Mass.), the house republican leader, who held his men firmly together through the session, issued a statement.

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RELIEF ROLLS CUT ORDER GOES FORTH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—State WPA administrators got new orders today to cut from the work relief rolls all persons who had been on them continuously for 18 months or more. War veterans to be exempt.

The discharges were required by the relief act recently passed by congress, but had been suspended while the possibility remained that congress would ease the requirements. A proposal to review the law was defeated last week. About 600,000 may be affected.

With the adjournment of congress, the work projects commissioner, telegraphed his state aides the discharges must be effected by August 31. Others must be discharged, he added, as they reach the 18-month deadline for WPA service.

Persons discharged because of the 18-month rule will not be re-hired for 30 days. Then, they must be notified by relief authorities as needed, and will take their places in the file of those awaiting assignment to WPA jobs.

'SALESMAN' NAMED BY HIGHWAY ASSN.
EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—President Howard S. Merriam and Carl I. Byers, of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, announced Lloyd W. McCallister, formerly of Grants Pass, had been named to a public relations capacity.

"We find that Oregon people are poor salesmen of their own community and state and we hope to overcome this in part by promoting a series of 'Show Oregon' sectional shows in all Pacific highway states from Ashland to Portland before another tourist season opens," a statement said.

New Flight Endurance Record Ends At Approach of Electrical Storm

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Hunter and Humphrey Moody took a light plane endurance flight record and a four-day growth of blond beard to bed with them today.

The brothers landed their little (Taylorcraft) monoplane, "Miss Springfield," at the municipal airport last night at 10:46 p. m. (C. S. T.) exactly 343 hours and 47 minutes and three seconds after they took off July 23.

Grimacing, stoutly declaring they could have gone on "that much longer," they nevertheless went immediately to a hotel where a "do not disturb" sign and two policemen guarded their door. They were so cramped, because they couldn't stand up for two weeks in the plane, that friends half-carried them to an automobile.

An electrical storm brought them down. It had been brewing for several hours and rather than chance a mishap they landed when it broke, although their 55 horsepower (Lycoming) engine was still running smoothly. Fifteen minutes after the landing a torrential rain fell and the wind whipped up strong enough to uproot several trees.

A grand jury charge faces ex-governor.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Former Governor Richard Webster Leche, who left office just six weeks ago, was indicted by a federal grand jury here today along with Seymour Weiss, hotel owner and powerful political figure, on charges of violation of the Connally "hot oil" act in a transaction in which each allegedly received \$67,000.

Named with Leche and Weiss, in the indictment which Attorney General Frank Murphy had studied yesterday in Washington, was Freeman Burdick, Kentucky, independent oilman, and the East Texas Refining company.

Additionally Weiss was charged in another indictment with evading payment of income taxes for 1935, and he and Louis C. Leauge, suspended assistant to the president of the Standard Oil company of Louisiana, were named in a third indictment as conspiring together to violate the income tax laws.

Weiss and Leauge had been previously indicted on mail fraud charges.

The indictment related Weiss and Leche were parties to an agreement by which Burdick built a 59-mile pipeline from the Rodman, La., oil field near Shreveport to east Texas, and the Polican Oil company given a daily allowable increase from 5,000 barrels to 200,000 barrels by the state conservation department.

The government alleged the East Texas Refining company agreed to take 1,000,000 barrels of the "hot oil," but only 100,000 barrels were actually shipped on which commissions of \$10,000 were paid Weiss for distribution. The pipeline, which cost \$475,000, then was sold for a reported price of \$950,000 and \$100,000 paid Weiss as a commission.

After payment of \$14,500 as attorney fees the government alleged Leche and Weiss split the remaining \$134,000 in equal shares.

VISITOR DROWNS IN SILT COOS LAKE
FLORENCE, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Coast guard men were hunting for the body of P. A. Reecht, 55, Tucson, Ariz., who was drowned late Saturday night as he fell from a boat into Siltcoos lake south of here.

Mr. Reecht, fishing with E. T. Bower, also of Tucson, fell from the craft when he attempted to adjust an outboard motor. An oar was thrown to the struggling man but it failed to hold his weight. The party arrived at the lake earlier Saturday.

MONDELL, FORMER G. O. P. CHIEF, DIES
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Frank W. Mondell, 79, who led the house republican majority in the post-war congress, died Sunday. He represented a Wyoming district from 1898 to 1922.

After his retirement, he practiced law in the capital and served as director of the war finance corporation during the Harding administration.

Incendiary's Work Evident Near Riddle

900 Acres on Catching and Island Creeks Scarred; Northwest Oregon Timber Ablaze.

A 500-acre incendiary forest fire on Catching creek near Riddle was believed under control again today, after jumping trenches last night and racing over a 100-acre area before its progress was halted.

Strips of fire were set out Friday night on Catching and Island creeks, southeast of Riddle, and covered 400 and 500 acres, respectively, before being subdued Sunday. Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association, reported.

Late Sunday evening, during a period of extremely low humidity, a breeze caused the Catching creek fire to escape from its bounds, but it was confined today inside new trenches.

The two new fires are in the lower Cow creek valley. Last week, incendiary fires on upper Cow creek burned over approximately 2,200 acres.

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A fiendish alliance of wind and fire prevented disheartened firefighters from controlling the great Glenwood inferno in the northwestern Oregon coastal country today.

District Fire Warden Cecil Kyle, who has been on the lines almost incessantly for a week, dispatched crews from the south side area the fire traveled four miles during the night, toward the north fork of the Trask river and crinkled through snags and slashings south and west in the 1933 Tillamook burn.

The smoke was so dense it was impossible to enlarge upon last week's estimate of 10,000 acres. Airplane scouts were unable to determine the fate of a green timber forest inland from the south side yesterday. Kyle turned the job over to experienced cruisers today.

The fire, progressing about two miles a day, roared 12 air miles from its starting point last week. The flames have raced through 12 sections and made side excursions into others.

Although the flames spread into the Selma creek watershed, Hillsboro's water supply was still unharmed.

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AIR STUNTS THRILL CITIES OF OREGON

"Bat Wing" Flier Suffers Slight Injuries; Circus Due Here Friday.

The Oregon air tour, now under way, is proving the greatest aviation thriller the state has ever known, according to word received from Albany and Portland, where exhibitions were given Saturday and Sunday. The tour will arrive in Roseburg, Friday, and the circus will be seen between 2 and 5 p. m. during which time all principal pieces of business in Roseburg will be closed.

No far the tour has been without mishap, except for minor injuries suffered at Portland yesterday by Shorty Stark, who demonstrates a "bat wing" flight. One of his "bat" stunts broke and felled his arm before he could open his standard parachute, causing bruises which required treatment. He will be able to continue with his daring stunt. It was reported, that the show will be held at the fairgrounds in Roseburg, Friday.

Stark, with bat-like wings affixed to his body, leaps from a plane at high altitude and swoops and glides through the air until he nears the ground, when he opens a regular chute for the last stage of his descent.

Another great thriller of the show is reported to be the delayed parachute drops by Faye Lucille Cox.

Max Hankin, noted Oregon flier, and his troupe of acrobats, gave spectators at both Portland and Albany plenty of thrills with their daredevil stunts and their comedy flying.

The show moved to Prineville today and will be in The Dalles Tuesday; Eugene, Wednesday; Salem, Thursday; Roseburg, Friday; Medford, Saturday, and will close at Rialto on Sunday, unless invitations of several eastern Oregon cities for additional appearances are accepted.

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

OFF the coast of Southern California, just beyond the three-mile zone, ideas a gambling ship, around the gambling ship (carefully keeping out of range of five patrol boats loaded with deputies from the office of the attorney general of California.

The deputies are armed with warrants charging conspiracy to violate the gambling laws of the state. They say they'll get the wicked floating gamblers if it takes all winter.

PROBABLY they will. This writer certainly wishes them luck. Gambling is a filthy business and ought to get short shrift from the law.

But it's hard to escape the conclusion that if the energy displayed in this comic opera, naval expedition against the three-mile zone gamblers were directed persistently and steadily against the gamblers operating in one way and another throughout the state of California, they would soon have to fold up.

Commercial gambling can't exist when the forces of the law are SINCERELY against it.

FOUR of these floating palaces of sin have been operating off the California coast for some time. They wouldn't operate if it weren't profitable. It wouldn't be profitable if they didn't take FAR MORE from the customers than the customers take from them. But every night the boats playing back and forth between the gambling ships

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BRITAIN EXERCISES MILITARY FORCES

By the Associated Press

European war machines were geared to a swifter pace for autumn maneuvers today but the continent's surface calm remained unbroken.

Britain was keeping an alert eye, however, on German and Italian military operations while she sent her own land, sea and air forces into two months of unprecedented peacetime maneuvers.

London circles displayed particular interest in German army movements in Pomerania, Silesia and Moravia which border Poland as well as Italian war games in Piedmont and Lombardy near the French and Swiss frontiers.

Foreign military attaches in Belgium said more than 2,000,000 might be under arms by September in southeastern Europe as the result of summer maneuvers in six countries—Hungary, Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey.

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