

The Weather
Increasing cloudiness growing unsettled today. Rain Saturday; Max. Temp. Thursday 74, Min. 46, river 1.5 feet, rain .06 inch, south wind.

Celia Gavin Resigns From Relief Committee

Borealis Seen Here Plainly; Unusual Sight

Northern Lights Display Reported; Eclipse is Said Explanation

Brilliant Illumination Noted from Numerous Northwest Cities

Salem sky gazers last night caught an unexpected glimpse of a "northern lights" display. It was reported by B. L. "Buck" Bradley, amateur astronomer. From Bradley's hilltop home south of the city, great beams of grayish-white light waved upward from the horizon while bands of the same display extended in a semi-circle from east to west across the sky, he said.

The light beams and bands extended far above the horizon along an arc from east to north to west and at times were intense. An east to west movement in the sky appeared to be more of shadows than of light, Bradley said in attempting to describe the phenomenon. The display was most noticeable from 10:15 to 10:30 o'clock, but was still clearly visible early this morning, weather observers at the airport reported.

An exhibition of the aurora borealis had long been unreported in Salem. The only report of the display's having affected radio reception here came from police headquarters. Clive Scott, operator of the police radio station, said he had noticed that the Portland police radio had at times assumed a "wavy tone." This condition, however, might have been due to interference from another station, he said.

WENATCHEE, June 19.—(AP)—A peculiar and unusual display of northern lights caused a sensation here tonight. Appearing first as a narrow band of light stretching from horizon to horizon, from southeast to northwest, the light remained apparently stationary for more than half an hour before suddenly disintegrating into moving, wavelike blobs typical of the aurora borealis.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 18.—(AP)—While the Russians had their total eclipse tonight, the northwest had the season's first feeble display of northern lights. The aurora borealis was reported from Tacoma and Montana, the telephone company here reported the electrical effect was strongest in the Butte and Helena, Mont., region, where it caused considerable trouble.

WALLA WALLA, June 18.—(AP)—A Whitman college authority who would not be quoted explained the strange display of the northern lights here tonight as having been influenced by the sun's eclipse in Russia. Appearing first like a searchlight beam, the lights later broke into small shafts and lighted the northern sky like a nearby city.

Eight to Remain on Relief Staff

Five caseworkers and three office clerks will remain on the Marion county relief staff under the curtailed administrative program adopted by the relief committee Tuesday, Glenn C. Niles, executive secretary, reported yesterday. The committee ordered dismissal of two caseworkers and three clerks to comply with the state relief administration's general orders to reduce administrative expense. Caseworkers who will remain on the staff are Katherine Langridge, Sylvia DuBos, Faye Henderson, Deena Hart and Janet Well. Dorothy Ann Gordon will continue as head of the casework division.

Russian Novelist Maxim Gorky Dies

MOSCOW, June 18.—(AP)—Maxim Gorky, one-time ragspicker and foe of the cars who became a hero of the soviets and their outstanding writer, died today of pneumonia. He was 68. The world famous novelist had been ill for ten days. Russia's leading physicians had kept him alive for the last 24 hours by stimulants and applications of oxygen. Gorky had only one lung, the other having been destroyed by a tuberculosis infection after he shot himself in a suicide attempt as a youth.

Federal Inquiry into Flogging Cases in Arkansas Is Ordered



WILLIE SUE BLAGDEN

Woman Will File Assault Charges

Social Service Worker Is Confident She Can Identify Men

LITTLE ROCK, June 18.—(AP)—A federal inquiry into reported floggings in the east Arkansas cotton strike was ordered today while one of the alleged victims, a woman social service worker, said she would file charges against her assailants. Attorney General Cummings directed Sam E. Whitaker, a special assistant, to question Miss Willie Sue Blagden, 29, of Memphis, and the Rev. Claude K. Williams, Presbyterian minister of Little Rock, who said they were beaten Monday night near Earle, Ark. Cummings said a report on a previous investigation by Whitaker of "peonage" charges in the strike area would be withheld until the second inquiry is completed. (Turn to Page 16, Col. 7)

Only One Hammer Crew Works Late

It wasn't Mill creek mosquitoes that, at a distance, caused a buzzing sound in the vicinity of Union and Winter streets early last night, residents of the neighborhood had agreed before they went to investigate. They found a city street crew working overtime tearing up the concrete pavement with the aid of a compressed air hammer. Members of the crew explained that since the city water department is using the air hammer on a pipe laying job at the new Fairmount hill reservoir site in the day time, the street men had to wait until evening to attack their concrete breaking job. A small section of paving at the northeast corner of the Union and Winter street intersection is being torn up to get at a poplar tree root which has badly cracked the surfacing.

400 Scouts Expected Here Today for Big Camp-o-ral

Additional registrations yesterday indicated that at least 400 Boy Scouts from Oregon and Washington would arrive here this afternoon for the camp-o-ral to be held at the state fairgrounds tonight, Saturday and Sunday. It was reported by Scout Executive James E. Monroe of Salem, who will be camp director. The boys will set up camp in the tent city grove and stage their exhibitions and contests on the fairgrounds parking area. Today's program will consist of registration and setting up of camps at 4 p. m., supper at 6, general campfire program at 8, tattoo at 9:30 and taps at 10. The high-light Saturday will be a parade through the business district led by the Portland scout drum corps. All Programs to Be Open to Public. Monroe said the camp, exhibitions, and campfire programs would be open to the public. Competition will be by patrols. Now registrations yesterday included the Panther patrol of Sa-

Dissolving All Armed Groups France's Move

Difficulty in Enforcing Orders Anticipated; Cabinet Working

Workers in Hospital Get Quick Victory; Most of Demands Met

PARIS, June 18.—(AP)—Striking workers at the American hospital forced a quick victory tonight while official France made a firm thrust at "enemies of the regime." Sixty hospital assistants, scrubwomen and other workers at the Neully-sur-Seine institution won almost all their wage-hour demands in one day of entrenched idleness. Authorities at the hospital said they had to give in because the government, despite a personal appeal from Ambassador Jesse Isidor Straus, refused to oust the strikers by force until negotiation had been tried. Doctors and nurses picked in to scrub floors, clean rooms and cook meals for the 85 patients, mainly Americans, 23 of them in a serious condition. All Combat Groups Ordered Dissolved. On the political front, the cabinet decreed quick dissolution of the Croix de Feu and three other rightist leagues described as "combat groups." Reports from the leagues indicated difficulties ahead. Premier Leon Blum's socialist government moved also to remedy France's shaky financial condition. Authorities sought repatriation of capital with a bill providing prosecution of Frenchmen who fail to declare what gold and securities they have abroad. The cabinet approved a bill which would permit the general federation of labor and industrialists' corporations representation on the regents' council of the bank of France. A weekly Bank of France statement disclosed a new 7-day gold drain of \$59,000,000 francs (\$63,614,206). The senate also but completed parliamentary action on Blum's labor bills by approving a collective bargaining measure. The vote was 279 to 6.

Improving Police Efficiency Is Aim

Committee Will Meet Soon and May Fill Vacancy; Problems Viewed

The city council police committee is expected to meet early next week to discuss and improve the efficiency of the police department, it was reported yesterday. Whether a new appointment to the department and filling the vacancy left vacant by the discharge of Orey G. Coffey would be delayed until after this meeting was uncertain yesterday. Chief Frank A. Minto indicated last night he planned to follow the prescribed procedure of requesting the civil service commission to certify to him men for appointment to Coffey's place on the list. (Turn to Page 16, Col. 7)

Capitol Plans to Be Ready in Time

Plans and specifications for Oregon's new capitol building should be completed in advance of September 15, Townbridge & Livingston, Salem, Francis Keally, New York architects, telegraphed state officials yesterday. The interior floor plans are now being worked over by Whitehouse and Church, Portland architects, for transmission to the New York architectural firm.

Two Lads Escape From Institution

Two 16-year inmates escaped from the state training school for boys near Woodburn at midnight last night, Salem police were informed. They were Stanley Sears, Lebanon, and George Persons, Portland.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, June 18.—(AP)—The Seattle Indians clubbed their way back to the lead in the Pacific coast league tonight, winning 7 to 5 from Los Angeles and taking a one-game lead in the series. Los Angeles . . . 5 10 4 Seattle . . . 7 13 1 Thomas, Gabler and Stephen; Wells and Bessier, Spindel.

Radio Brings Direct News From 'Front'

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a series of news dispatches which Salem amateur radio operators attending the annual national guard encampment will transmit to amateurs rooming here, for the benefit of citizens interested in the local guardsmen's activities. Jerry deBrookert, owner of amateur station W78Y, received this dispatch at 10:30 o'clock last night direct from Fort Stevens where Milton Marsh and J. Wayne Taylor are operating the Headquarters battery radio transmitter.)

By CORPORAL PHIL BELL FORT STEVENS, June 18.—(Via Amateur Radio) — Headquarters battery, 249th coast artillery, of Salem started firing subcalibre this afternoon. A few trial shots were fired by the six inch batteries. The mortar batteries tracked with preparations for firing tomorrow. Targets for the mortars and six inch rifles are towed in the river. The ocean tug tows the targets in the ocean for the big 10 and 12 inch guns, which tracked today.

Firing of service ammunition, some shells weighing over one-half ton, will not take place till next week. If weather and other conditions are favorable the artillery will fire at Fort Stevens and six-inch guns at Fort Canby Wednesday. The first casualty of the encampment was Private, First Class, Max Hauser of the medical detachment. He went out on the ocean tug as a first aid man and became seasick. He was quite ill today.

Radio contact with the tug from the shore group and commander was established with good results. The radio was manned by the men of Headquarters battery and consisted of two five-meter voice sets (ultra short wave radio-telephones) and two 50-watt voice sets.

Cooking School's Final Meet Today

Attendance Bigger Second Day and More Expected For Last Gathering

Today The Statesman cooking school holds its final session in the armory from 2 to 4 o'clock. Mrs. Fern Hubbard will lecture on and demonstrate meat dishes. Folger's coffee will be served as usual at the conclusion of the afternoon as the audience leaves. An increasing number are stopping at the attractive stand where the coffee is dispensed free of charge to cooking school patrons.

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Agreement on Taxation Plan Now Complete

But Bitter Fight Looms in Senate When Bill is Brought Back

Final Draft Veers Over to Original View of Chief Executive

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(AP)—After tossing into the discard a move to increase surtaxes on individual incomes, senate-house conferees today reached complete agreement on a tax bill estimated to produce \$300,000,000 for at least one year.

The compromise measure, calling for an entirely new system of corporation taxes, was engineered closer into line with the original recommendations of President Roosevelt. In that sense it veered away from the senate bill. The action placed a congress nearer its much-sought goal of adjournment by Saturday night.

Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the house conferees, who said he was certain the new bill would meet with the administration approval, asserted that the conference report would be called up Saturday in the house. Bill drafters, ready to work night and day to place the measure in legislative language, said it would be in shape by then. Fight Apparently Looms in Senate.

But a bitter row apparently lay ahead of the conference report in the senate. There was no specific evidence, however, of any intention to filibuster.

As it emerged, the compromise corporation tax plan called for: A graduated levy of 8 to 15 per cent on all corporation income.

On top of that would be imposed a 7 to 27 per cent tax on earnings not distributed to shareholders, after deducting the normal tax from total income.

Corporation dividends, now subject only to surtaxes, would be subjected also to the 4 per cent normal individual income tax.

New Dike Planned For Brownsmead

More of Old One Goes Out as Governor Appeals For Federal Aid

ASTORIA, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—Farmers of the flooded Brownsmead area voted today to call immediately for plans to construct a new dike inside the old levee which has crumbled rapidly under heavy water pressure of the past two days. The county court voted to advance \$5,000 to the dikeing district and loan the county engineer to assist in the work. Another 75-foot strip went out today. Sandbags were thrown up hastily to protect a small road dike which keeps water from covering another 600 acres. Crops on three farms were believed a total loss.

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Controversy Harms All Concerned Says The Dalles Member

New Crisis in Row Over Direct Aid Is Precipitated; Governor Blamed For Creating Overdrafts

Martin Remains Silent as Second of State Workers Quits; Audit of Relief Books Is Ordered

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—Miss Celia Gavin, The Dalles attorney, announced her resignation from the state relief committee today as another climax in the current controversy between the committee and Governor Charles Martin over the expenditure of funds.

Her letter to the governor said she was resigning effective July 1 on the assumption the audit now underway would be completed by that time.

Her resignation was the second to be announced since the governor last week declined to sign additional certificates of indebtedness for direct relief and ordered the committee to proceed on a cash basis. E. R. Bryson, Eugene, made known his plans to retire from the committee in a statement last Saturday. Won't Be Party to Harmful Controversy.

Miss Gavin's letter set forth she felt citizens on relief, the relief committee's administrative staff and county relief committees would be injured by a continuing controversy.

"The inevitable loss of public confidence would result," she wrote. "I am unwilling to be a party to any controversy that might increase their burdens."

She also said "No one could appreciate more than I the merit of your desire to conserve the funds of the taxpayers whenever the conserving can be justly accomplished and without causing suffering to the helpless and with that desire all the committee members concur."

Understood Funds Already Set Aside. Miss Gavin said the June checks, some of which "bounced" before the governor instructed the liquor commission to cover overdrafts, were drawn on a fund of \$300,000 declared to have been set aside by the board of control.

"As I understand it, the failure to so complete the ministerial provision for the finances by your refusal as a member of the liquor commission to sign the anticipation certificates, caused the overdrafts to which you have taken exception."

Home from a tour of eastern Oregon where he fired several salvos at the state relief program and denounced the feeding of reliefers at taxpayers' expense, Governor Martin returned to his desk Thursday and enveloped himself on the relief subject. The governor said that he had ordered an audit of the books and would await the production of the audit. He made no announcement of a successor to E. R. Bryson, Eugene attorney, whose resignation had been submitted prior to the recent passage at arms.

Confronting the governor today will be the resignation of Miss Celia Gavin, The Dalles attorney, as relief committee member. Miss Gavin, prominent democrat, fears controversy will impair public confidence in the administration of relief and says she is not willing to be a party to such controversy which would (Turn to Page 16, Col. 6)

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Whether or not veterans will remain on relief after their bonus checks come in will be decided by the caseworkers during their routine investigations, Niles indicated.

Resigns Relief Board Position



CELIA L. GAVIN

Amity Man Killed By Logging Train

AMITY, June 18.—(Special)—Roy Allen, about 50, of Amity was killed instantly here tonight when a special log train bound for Salem struck his automobile and threw it against a bell signal post. The engineer said the locomotive hit the rear end of Allen's machine. The heavily laden train was "dynamited" to a stop 100 yards down the track from the Fifth street crossing here.

Coroner Glenn Macy of McMinnville took charge of the body. Allen, an employe in the Yamhill county road shops at McMinnville, was a grandson of the pioneer Willamette valley Beckett family, which came to Oregon in 1847. His grandfather Beckett built one of the first houses in Salem.

Surviving are the widow and a son, Granville Amity; his mother, Mrs. Olive Allen, near Amity; three sisters, Mrs. Ray Vincent, McMinnville, Pearl Allen, Hillsboro and Vealeane, Amity.

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