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Weather
Partly cloudy tonight and
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44, river 6, gentle northerly
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EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

Japanese Attack in China, Seize Railroad

Planes From Battleship Join Search

Amateur Radio Operator Gets Location Word

Catapults Send Aircraft Out Over Pacific but Nothing Is Found

Definite Knowledge May Be Delayed Till Next Monday, Statement

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 7—(AP)—Ray Havens, Conrad, Mont., creamery worker, reported to the Tribune tonight he picked up radio messages, believed authentic, locating Amelia Earhart's plane at 173 west longitude and 5 south latitude.

About 10:40 p. m. (MST) Havens said he heard a man's voice give the position and say: "All's well."

ABOARD U. S. S. COLORADO, July 7—(AP)—Three planes catapulted from the battleship Colorado launched the navy's aerial search for Amelia Earhart's round-the-world plane tonight but returned after two hours to report no trace sighted of the missing flier and her navigator, Fred Noonan.

The Colorado, cruising off Howland island, tiny atoll that was the goal of the Earhart plane after it took off from Lae, New Guinea, catapulted its planes at 6:05 p. m. PST. The planes returned at 8:25 p. m.

HONOLULU, July 7—(AP)—Three catapult planes awaited the signal today to hop from the decks of the battleship Colorado and begin the aerial search for Amelia Earhart in the reef-strewn Pacific east of Howland island.

Despite lessening of the mysterious radio signals which fanned the sparks of hope until yesterday, Miss Earhart's husband, George Palmer Putnam, and others clung to the belief the aviator landed on some island or coral formation near Howland last Friday.

Coast guard listeners again reported hearing the strange "carrier wave" signals which began coming in on the Earhart plane's wavelength Saturday and continued tonight. They said the signals today were weak.

Putnam termed "fantastic" the report this morning of an Oakland amateur, who said he heard Miss Earhart at 7:10 a. m. (EST) broadcasting "we are okay on a coral reef."

Nearing the area pointed out by Putnam and others as the most likely place to search, the Colorado headed first toward Winslow Banks, a long reef formation 175 miles east of the little American island which Miss Earhart and her navigator, Frederick J. Noonan, failed to reach in their attempt to fly 2,570 miles from New Guinea to Howland.

The Colorado presumably refueled the coast guard cutter Itasca 100 miles northwest of Howland this morning and both proceeded into the southern phase of the great hunt.

The minesweeper Swan, which helped the Itasca search a great area north of Howland without success, was ordered to accompany the cutter and the battleship.

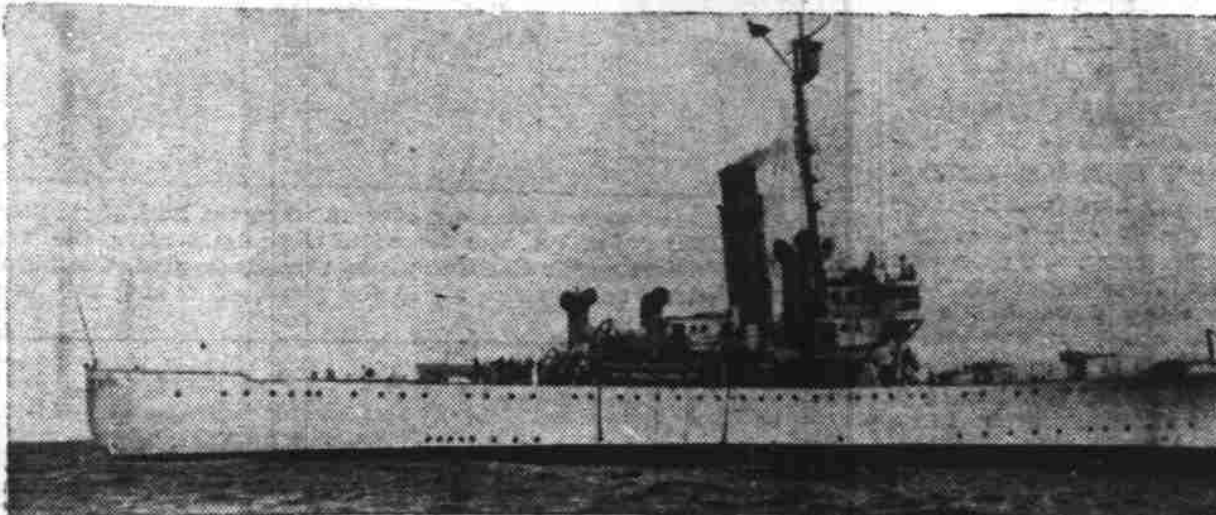
Directing the search from Honolulu, Rear Adm. O. G. Murfin, 14th naval district commandant, said it should be known by mid-afternoon Monday whether Miss Earhart was alive or dead.

Murfin said the carrier Lexington should reach the search area Monday morning and if it used all its planes would be able to scout thoroughly 36,000 square miles about the Phoenix islands in six hours.

Neatness Is not Wise, This Case

GRANTS PASS, July 7—(AP)—The virtue of neatness was its own reward to the two young daughters of Dr. C. L. Ogle, but it cost their father \$900.

CUTTER AND COMB DIO "HAMS" AID SEARCH



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Mae West not Spinster, She Advises Court

Finally Admits Wedding in 1911 to Wallace, Obscure Hooper

Previous Denials Aren't Official, Explained by Her Attorney

LOS ANGELES, July 7—(AP)—Blonde and buxom Mae West of the films, a woman of many diamonds and few words, admitted today she married Frank Wallace, New York vaudeville actor, in Milwaukee, Wis., 26 years ago.

The admission came in a brief answer to a suit brought by Wallace in an effort to establish the fact of his marriage to her. Miss West previously publicly denied she ever married the actor, or ever had known him.

Miss West admitted she and Wallace were married at Milwaukee April 11, 1911, but denied she ever had lived together as man and wife.

When Wallace's original attempt to establish the marriage was made in New York in 1935, the actress commented tartly: "I never married Frank Wallace or anyone else. I was a school girl in 1911, too young to marry. I can't understand it."

Miss West asserted that Wallace was married February 6, 1916, to Miss Ray Blakeley, contending that, to her knowledge there had been no dissolution of the West-Wallace union at that time.

To Wallace's complaint, he attacked what was purported to be a copy of the marriage license, showing that he was 21 years of age and Miss West was 18 when they were wed.

Denials Were Not Official, Declared
Miss West's answer was filed by attorney E. Miliken, who pointed out the actor's denials of the marriage.

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Foes of Court Plan Accused Of Disloyalty

Bitter Debate Upon F. R. Scheme Is Halted by Baseball Recess

Wrecking President Aim of Opponents, Charge of Senator Logan

WASHINGTON, July 7—(AP)—Roosevelt men, continuing their furious drive to alter the supreme court, declared on the senate floor today that opponents of the re-vamping bill are trying to smash President Roosevelt.

The assertion drew immediate denials from the democratic opposition, and the ensuing debate brought into the open certain political charges and counter-charges which usually are only whispered in the cloakrooms.

Senator Logan (D., Ky.) had declared that some democratic senators who owe their election to President Roosevelt have "played the ingrate" by opposing the bill.

Hardly had the assertion been made than Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) replied with an accusation that the administration had been guilty of ingratitude in seeking to "destroy" men who in 1932 abandoned their long time political affiliations to back his candidacy.

Logan asserted that the senate judiciary committee's advice (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Courthouse Setup Studied by Court

Conference Set; Tapering Off of PWA Is Added Setback, Belief

PORTLAND, July 7—(AP)—C. C. Hockley, director of the PWA for Oregon, said today he had been advised by the central office to accept no more applications for new projects.

Applications now on file in Washington are ample to exhaust the funds available to the state from the amount granted the federal emergency administration of public works by congress, the director said.

The program of the state office for the present will be confined to completion of projects now under way, assisting public bodies which may receive new allotments in the completion of contracts and projects now under way.

Marion county's application for a courthouse building grant reached state PWA headquarters before the deadline announced yesterday but the chance of its being allowed is dimmed by the fact that the county does not have its share of the cost, \$304,425, provided for. The application was filed at Hockley's office May 25.

The immediate future of the county's plans will depend upon developments at a meeting of the general building committee next Tuesday night at which either Administrator Hockley or his chief assistant, Fred Johnson, will be present, it appeared yesterday.

Stunt Flier in Air Show Here



BERNADINE LEWIS KING

Air Circus Comes Here Late Today

Record Crowd Assured in View of Popularity in Other Cities

All records for attendance at air shows in central and eastern Oregon have been broken with the crowds which have turned out for the Sky Circus and flying aircraft exhibition of the 1937 Oregon Air Tour, which will appear at the Salem airport at 5 p. m. today.

The thrilling 3-hour Sky Circus has kept crowds on edge and have sent them away from the airports with enthusiastic praise of the show—"It's the best air show I have ever seen."

Tex Rankin's sensational half-hour stunting performance in a tiny all metal silver monoplane, has been the high spot of the performance at each of the shows presented in central and eastern Oregon.

Bernadine Lewis King has kept crowds entertained both with her sky writing and her stunting exhibition which is climaxed with picking up a handkerchief on a stick with her wing tip. She performed in keeping with her upside down records by flying most of the monoplane tipped on its side.

New thrills in parachute jumps have been presented by George Cook, Hollywood ace, and Dorothy Haden, Sacramento sky leaper. Crowds have held their collective breaths waiting for each to pull the rip cord and come out of their long delayed tumbles through space, at which they reach speeds of 165 miles an hour.

The entire program moves like clockwork under the supervision of Allan D. Greenwood, tour director. (Turn to Page 7, Col. 8.)

Army Interfering With Pickets But Method Peaceful

A meat workers' union is having trouble maintaining its picketing of a Salem market, because the United States army is taking away the pickets. No armed force was utilized, only the attractions of joining the army as offered by a recruiting sergeant.

About a month ago, Sergeant Joseph Scarpa, going about his duties of enlisting men for the service, talked with and signed up the first picket. A few days later he fell in with the successor and that man too decided to exchange a picketer's shoulder boards for the army pack.

Last week the sidewalk in front of the market was a parade of pickets for the third time as another man decided the opportunities afforded by the army air corps beat walking the pavement.

Union heads must have conferred to stop this sort of thing, for yesterday a new kind of picket, a woman, paced the walk in front of the meat market.

Peace in East Threatened by New Outbreak

Marco Polo Bridge Held by Invaders at End of Bitter Battle

Defenders Moved Inside City, Barricade for Extended Siege

PEIPING, July 8—(AP)—The Japanese army resumed its attacks on the city of Wanpinghsien at 11 a. m. today after capturing the strategic communication lines from Peiping to Hankow in a battle with the 29th Chinese route army.

Japanese circles denied Wanpinghsien had been bombarded and placed the blame for the battle on the Chinese forces.

The incident is entirely due to Chinese troops who fired on maneuvering Japanese troops at 11 p. m. Wednesday." Major Take Oimai, assistant Japanese military attaché, said.

After a four hour bombardment of the tiny walled city of Wanpinghsien, near the Fengtai railway junction, the Japanese troops gained possession of both the historic Marco Polo bridge across the Ying-Ting river and the Peiping-to-Hankow railway lines.

The Chinese troops were forced to withdraw into the walled city, which they now are fortifying during a temporary armistice. The gates of Wanpinghsien were closed and heavy sandbar fortifications were being erected.

The battle between the 29th army and Japanese troops conducting secret night maneuvers started at midnight and continued until 10 a. m. The sound of battle could be heard plainly here where observers feared the entire question of peaceful Chinese and Japanese relations hung in the balance.

Desultory Firing
Desultory rifle fire was still continuing in the vicinity at mid-morning with occasional heavy explosions in the western outskirts of the city near Bridges. The city was being barricaded and all traffic was halted. The Chinese defenders were apparently preparing for an extensive siege.

Several score Chinese soldiers were known to have been killed and wounded in the renewed hostilities between China and Japan. A Japanese officer was said to have been killed and several non-commissioned officers and men wounded. It was believed the Japanese casualties would run considerably higher.

A Japanese officer entered Wanpinghsien bearing a white flag shortly after the armistice was concluded. It was presumed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Slashing of WPA Expense Ordered

PORTLAND, July 7—(AP)—E. J. Griffin, Oregon WPA administrator, announced today a 31 per cent cut in administrative personnel, eliminating 106 of the 338 now employed in the state.

In proportion to the reduction in the relief load in the state, which dropped from a maximum of 22,500 last year to 13,000 on June 15 of this year, with a further decrease of 2000 expected by July 15.

The present four state districts will be eliminated under the re-organized setup, and offices of resident engineers established where they are warranted by construction activities. The number of resident engineers will be reduced from 23 to 18, who will report directly to the Portland headquarters.

"The reduction in the relief load has been almost entirely automatic and has resulted from relief workers returning to private employment of their own volition," the administrator said.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7—(AP)—The Portland Beavers and the Oakland Oaks opened their series here tonight by splitting a double header that for a time threatened to exhaust available pitchers for both clubs and to run into Thursday without extra innings.

Oakland took the opener, 12 to 8, the Beavers coming back to take the nightcap, 7 to 2.

TOLEDO, July 7—(AP)—The Pacific Coast Express filed today complaints against two unnamed men charged with dumping 100 dozen crabs, valued at \$145, from a company truck north of Newport today.

The complaints charge entering the truck with intent to steal.

Church May Lift Remarriage Ban

NEW YORK, July 7—(AP)—The commission on marriage and divorce of the Episcopal church proposed to a day liberalization of church law to permit its bishops to authorize the remarriage of divorced persons.

Its proposed addition to the Episcopal canon on marriage would allow divorced persons to apply after the expiration of one year from the granting of divorce to the "bishop of his or her diocese for permission to marry," and would allow the bishops to permit such marriages "if, in equity and good conscience, he shall choose to do so."

Episcopal leaders here predicted considerable support for the movement to broaden the church laws on marriage, particularly from the dioceses of Michigan and Missouri.

Present laws of the Episcopal church require that no minister shall "solemnize the marriage of any person who has been or is the husband or the wife of any other persons then living, from whom he or she has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage" but this canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for adultery.

The complaints charge entering the truck with intent to steal.

District Attorney L. G. English said Wesley Clegg, the driver, was warned to stay in the cab by the two men, who had parked their car across the highway.

State police, who had been warned there might be trouble in moving the crabs, watched the loading of the truck but saw no picket line.

Officials of the Industrial Employees union said representatives of the Pacific Fishermen's union had declared the crabs, caught by members of the I. E. U., to be "unfair."

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Turpie of Toledo and P. Cody of St. Helena also hit for two bases. Loren Wedgess of St. Helena hit for the circuit in the sixth, the first home run of the tournament.

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BALLADE
of TODAY
By R. G.

Throughout the western U. S. A. the short wave radios are tuned in hope of catching some faint word from refugees on coral reef; with anxious hearts the people pray that there be brave, perhaps marooned, men yet to be saved—grave doubts are heard, but many cling to their belief.