

The Weather
Fair today and Thursday but considerable morning cloudiness on coast; maximum temp. 81, min. 54. River -3.9 ft. NW wind.

Local News
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EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

EVIDENCE OF RAIL SABOTAGE SHOWN



Roadmaster T. W. Williamson, pictured above, points to evidence of sabotage in the Nevada train wreck of the "City of San Francisco." He is pictured holding a pencil (shown by arrow) where the rail was taken up, bent four inches inward, then respiced. Wreck resulted when the train, traveling at 60 miles per hour, struck the open rail. (IIN)

Federal Men Probe Wreck

"Definite Evidence" Is Found, Says Head of Railroad

RENO, Nev., Aug. 15—(AP)—Federal officers today took over investigation of the wreck of the streamline train "City of San Francisco" and direction of the search for the maniac who deliberately derailed the train, killing 23 persons and injuring 109.

The search was spurred by clues toward the identity of the man, or men, who moved a rail hurling the 17 car train into a Nevada canyon last Saturday night.

"We have some definite evidence," said A. D. McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific company, who took charge of the railway investigation, "but it is of such a nature that we do not feel free to divulge it at this time."

An unrevealed number of men were picked up in railway yards and hobo jungles and questioned as the search spread out over Nevada, Utah and California. But there was no indication that the killer had been found.

Reno police still held a man booked as Bob La Deuceur, 28, of Lewistown, Mont., although Police Chief Andy Welliver said previously he expected to release the man. He was taken into custody yesterday and questioned by authorities investigating the wreck.

Officers were divided in their opinion as to whether the crime was the work of one or two men. McDonald sided with those who believed it was the work of a lone mad man—a man who, a disheveled man—possibly one with a grudge against some individual on the train, satisfying that grudge without regard for the lives that might be snuffed out.

"A man would be a fool to take another into his confidence in a thing like this. A madman would, sooner or later, be bound to squeal."

Authorities asked to see an amateur motion picture of the wreck scene, in hope of uncovering new clues.

Japan to Confine Herself to Orient

TOKYO, Aug. 15—(AP)—Holding the door open for a possible deeper entry into European affairs at some future time, reliable sources said tonight that Japan had determined to confine her present major activities to the far east.

The decision, it was reported, was reached Aug. 8 after an extensive discussion of recent international developments by Premier Baron Kichiro Hirayama and his ministers of war, navy, finance and foreign affairs.

Japan's latest European policy was said to differ little from a formula adopted by the cabinet June 8. This was never announced, but high authorities said at that time it broadened "the basis for cooperation" with Germany and Italy but ruled out a military alliance.

Quadruplets Born To Kankakee Pair

KANKAKEE, Ill., Aug. 15—(AP)—Quadruplets, two boys and two girls, were born tonight to a 23 year old Kankakee, Ill., mother. One, a boy and the last of the babies born at approximately seven minute intervals, died two hours later, but Dr. J. R. Wilkinson said the three others and the mother, Mrs. Myra Deschand, were doing nicely. "Virgil, the father, is 25.

Combine Wrecked As Train Hits It

WOODBURN, Aug. 15—A combine belonging to Joe Serres was completely demolished this afternoon at 3 p. m. as it was being towed across the Southern Pacific railroad track just south of the Elmer Settlement place. It was hit by the second section of passenger train No. 18, which was northbound. The tractor was not hit and no one was injured in the accident. The combine had stalled right on the track and as hit before the train could be flagged to a stop. The tractor had made it across the track but the combine struck on the rails. The combine operators saw the train coming, detached the tractor, and ran up the track to flag the train but it was too late.

Army Man Killed Beneath Box Car

Capt. John Joyes Came Here as Leader of 7th Infantry

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 15—(AP)—Captain John W. Joyes, Jr., 34, of Vancouver, Wash., barracks, died tonight by a slowly moving freight car.

Joyes first fell beneath a Southern Pacific passenger train he was attempting to reboard. One hand was severed.

The stunned man crawled into the path of the box car being switched. Noise from a nearby construction project drowned his cries for help.

The body was discovered by a track inspector an hour later. Joyes had left the passenger train at 12:30 a. m. to smoke a cigaret. Accompanied by Col. C. A. Bell (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

Youth Is Suicide Because of Sinus

SEATTLE, Aug. 15—(AP)—Coroner's Deputy Barney McDonald said tonight a 13-year-old boy, found hanging from a rope in the bedroom of his farm home at nearby Woodinville, Wash., today, committed suicide to escape suffering from sinus trouble.

McDonald said Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pelton, parents of Rodney Floyd Pelton, told him their youngest son had suffered from sinus trouble for several years and because of it was extremely "high-strung and nervous."

The boy had placed a nail in a rafter, obtained a large cotton rope and kicked over a chair, McDonald said. His parents were shopping in Seattle at the time.

Machine Gun Bandits Snatch \$70,000 in Daylight Holdup

LONG BEACH, N.Y., Aug. 15—(AP)—Under the menacing snouts of two machine guns, two bank messengers were robbed of \$70,000 in a swiftly-executed holdup today by five bandits who then escaped despite an elaborate plan of apprehension which had been waiting six years for just such an event.

From the main street of this summer resort town, where the robbery occurred virtually on the steps of the postoffice, the bandits sped bravely across one of three bridges connecting the island with the Long Island mainland—and disappeared.

By land, sea and air, police, directed by wireless, pressed their search unavailingly during the day, carrying out a plan of operation similar to that of the army's famous "M" day preparations.

Charge Jefferson On Three Counts

Kidnap, Rape, Murder Is Charged Against Man Who Slew Girl

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 15—(AP)—A Palm Beach county grand jury today accused Charles Jefferson, smooth-talking theatrical promoter, of kidnaping, rape and murder—of which the state will seek to exact the death penalty.

The triple indictment was based on a signed confession in which Jefferson—alias Herbert Goddard, Thomas Cochran and Thomas Ashwell—admitted he lured two Miami high school girls from their homes, criminally attacked and then stabbed one of them to death and held the other prisoner for three days.

The survivor, pretty, blonde Jean Bolton, night club melody singer, spent more than an hour telling the jurors about her harrowing experience in Jefferson's company in his car beside a swamp outside Boca Raton, not far from where lay the nude, bruised body of Frances Dunn, 17.

Officials kept secret their plans to arraign Jefferson to prevent a repetition of mob threats that caused his removal last Thursday to the Orange county jail in Orlando for safekeeping.

Direct Air Mail For All Is Seen

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 15—(AP)—Every American community will be provided with direct air mail service as a result of a new pickup device now under experiment in three states, Ambrose O'Connell, second assistant postmaster general, said today.

O'Connell, here for the 36th annual convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers association, which opened today, said the device would permit delivery of mail almost any place.

Three thousand carriers and their wives were welcomed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague and Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland.

No little credit for the high standards of living enjoyed by the farmers can be attributed to the RFD, the governor said.

"Suspend the service of the RFD for 24 hours and the nation would be up in arms," declared Mayor Carson. The people he said, are prone to take the service too much for granted and often fail to appreciate it.

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400 to Be Cut Off WPA Rolls In This Region

Dismissal Notices to Go out August 27; Vets Are Exempt

Changes in Office Here Brings Enlarged Area Under Control

Notices of dismissal for a 30-day period are being prepared at the Salem WPA office for all those who have been on WPA payrolls in the district continuously for 18 months or more and will be distributed during the next two weeks, W. M. Bartlett, new supervisor of operations, said yesterday.

About 400 of the 1531 on WPA projects in Marion county will be affected by the action, he said. Veterans are exempt.

Dismissal notices will be given out August 27, at the close of the payroll period, or at the termination of any project that closes before that date. District office compliance with the law passed by the last congress.

New appointments for the local office staff announced yesterday by Bartlett include Ray Weatherhorn, who has been in the finance division of the Portland WPA office to supervise the finance division here and Lyle Duncan, who has been head of finance on the Wolf creek project, to be assistant to Weatherhorn.

Mrs. Viva Poorman will remain as supervisor of professional and clerical work. Selection of a supervisor of the labor division has not been made.

Five Counties In District The Salem office, which has heretofore served Marion and Polk counties, will now serve an enlarged territory including Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

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Girl Is Heroine Of Rail Tragedy



Thelma Ristvedt, a stewardess on the "City of San Francisco" steamer, though hurt herself, ministered to the needs of the more seriously wounded until she collapsed. She is shown as she arrived in Oakland, Calif., aboard a relief train.

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Danzig Question Nears Climactic Development

New Deal Thanksgiving Gains Kicks From Grid Managers, New England

Businessmen Favor Earlier Holiday, but Football Folk Flabbergasted; Some States May Have Dual Thanksgiving

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—(AP)—A gridiron rebellion grew today apace with a pile-up of protests from rock-ribbed traditionalists against President Roosevelt's plan to change the day of thanksgiving this year from November 30 to November 23.

Many in authority and businessmen, favored the president's precedent-smashing idea—to help business—but the football people were both amazed and flabbergasted over what to do with games scheduled for November 30.

There may be two Thanksgivings this year.

Tradition-bound New England was largely shocked.

Senator Bridges (R, NH) led the opposition in Washington with a statement the president's announcement was "a complete surprise because there had been no intimation of it in Mrs. Roosevelt's column."

Heartily approving the president's announcement was Lew Hahn, general manager of the National Retail Dry Goods association, who August 4 addressed a communication to Secretary of Commerce Hopkins urging an earlier Thanksgiving as "good for business."

His organization represents some 5,700 department (specialty and dry goods stores, which were estimated to do well over \$500,000,000—or around 15 per cent of the yearly total—in the peak shopping season from Turkey day to Christmas.

Hahn said the president's move (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7.)

Huge Fire Rages In Idaho Forest

Blaze Discovered Burning Mature Trees Deep in Primitive Area

MCCALL, Idaho, Aug. 15—(AP)—A raging 2000-acre forest fire lit tonight the center of the Idaho national forest's primitive area—one of the most rugged regions on the continent—as national forest officials rushed hundreds of men to the scene.

The blaze, in mature green Douglas fir at a point about 112 miles northeast of here, recalled the beginning of the Idaho national forest fire that swept over 63,000 acres in 1931.

The first 75 fire fighters reached the fire lines late tonight, with John Kooch, assistant supervisor of the 1,515,000-acre forest, and Gene Powers, fire technician, in charge.

Another 475 men were being moved by truck to within 25 miles of the fire. The last part of the trip must be made on foot.

Forest Supervisor Henry Shank, shortly before midnight, said: "This man-made fire ran badly from the time it was reported by Lookout 'Scoop' McCoy from the Horse mountain station at 11:50 a. m. today until 3 p. m."

He declined to amplify his assertion it was "man-made" other than to say it either was accidentally or intentionally started by someone unknown.

Trio Die in Fall Down Smokestack

TOLEDO, Ore., Aug. 15—(AP)—A scaffolding inside a 205-foot smokestack collapsed at the C. D. Johnson lumber mill here today, killing three men.

The dead are Harvey Pinder, 34, Portland, Ore.; Bill Mitchen, 36, Gresham, and Silas Iscom, 44, Seaside.

A fourth man, Harry Fogelberry, 33, Portland, escaped a similar fate by clinging to the stack's rim until rescued.

The victims were plunged to the bottom of the huge steel tube. After being rescued, Fogelberry climbed up the stack in a rescue attempt.

All the dead were married and employed by the Seattle Boiler Workers, which has a contract to reconstruct one of the mill's two smokestacks.

German Hush Is Held Sign Of new Move

Officials Insist Issue to Be Solved Without Bloodshed

Press Campaign, Events Parallel Preludes to Seizures

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
BERLIN, Aug. 15—(AP)—A host of signs in Berlin tonight pointed to an imminent, almost immediate development in the grave issue of Danzig and Pomorze (the Polish corridor).

In government quarters, which normally are willing to give a hint of events to come, there was an ominous silence.

But there continued the steady press campaign and in the rapid tempo of events of the past 10 days was a seeming parallel to the days of Austrian annexation, Munich, the Czech-Slovak partition, the protectorate over Czech Bohemia and Moravia and the absorption of Memel.

Officials and Nazi party members insist that a Danzig solution will be a bloodless one.

Leaders Convinced Poland Will Yield

This may mean that the German leaders are convinced that Poland, like Czech-Slovakia, will yield and that the German army may soon peacefully march into Danzig, lost in the World war, and into at least a section of the corridor which would connect Germany with its own separate segment, East Prussia.

One cannot predict. One cannot know exactly what the future portends. But the signs and the atmosphere are much the same as in the days before Munich.

It may be that Prof. Carl J. Burckhardt, League of Nations commissioner for Danzig, will not have time to carry on further communications with the British foreign secretary, Lord Halifax, as it was reported reliably he would do yesterday.

Burckhardt to England Not Go to May

Burckhardt in Danzig today declared in a formal statement he had no intention of going to London, but acknowledged that he had had "a short conversation about internal Danzig questions" in Germany. It was taken for granted this conversation was with Adolph Hitler.

Signs that lead veteran observers of German affairs to believe a development may be at hand are:

1. Propaganda Minister Goebbels returned unexpectedly from Italy yesterday, where he had been expected to remain for the remainder of the week.

2. The silence in government quarters.

3. The hurried return to Rome by airplane of the Italian foreign minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, after his conferences with the German foreign minister and Hitler last weekend.

4. The insistence of the German press, since Ciano's departure on Sunday, that the Danzig question must be solved "speedily."

5. Warnings addressed to England, France and Poland, advocating reasonableness "before it is too late," are the order of the day in Berlin newspapers.

6. German fishermen plying their trade in the Baltic have been forbidden to go out to their regular fishing grounds.

7. The German spas in the Baltic are now practically emptied of guests, although August ordinarily is a busy month.

8. From every part of the country reports of the biggest fish of strict rationing of gasoline to private automobiles.

9. Again and again one hears the story, verily of which of course is not determinable by a foreigner, that German soldiers, now massed all along the German Polish and protectorate-Polish frontier as well as in East Prussia, are in possession of little booklets telling them how to ask for necessities in Poland.

Columbia Fishers Get Year's Catch

ST. HELENS, Aug. 15—(AP)—H. T. Cayou and Clarence Broughton had a good fish story to tell today.

The St. Helens fishermen caught the year's biggest fish of the year yesterday in the Columbia river—a 822-pound, 9-foot, 3-inch sturgeon.

A summary of the dried pruned status was presented by J. E. White of the Northwest pruned exchange, who said that the 1939 world crop would be larger than last year, that the California crop on the trees would be shorter but in reality heavier due to the carryover of 55,000 tons and a 1939 Oregon crop of 255,000 tons as against 14,000 tons in 1938.

The present trend of prices does not represent any profit to the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8.)