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GALLOWAY DEFENDS TAX APPRAISAL

Little Relief Seen As Rain Falls In Drought Area; WPA Ready With Aid For 25,000

Deaths Reported Sun Beats Down For Sixth Day

Thermometer at 120; Heavy Rains Need To Save Crops

FORT. N. D., July 8.—(AP)—Skies were clouded and long-awaited rain falling at noon today throughout the extreme northwest section of South Dakota, according to reports received in Minot by the Great Northern railway.

According to station agents' reports one-half inch precipitation had been registered at Grenora, with the rain extending as far east as Minot.

CHICAGO, July 8.—(AP)—Weather bureau forecasts today held no hope of substantial relief within the next few days from the record heat and parched aridity blanketing the drought-stricken midwest.

At least 74 deaths had resulted from the sun beating down mercilessly for consecutive days on the area stretching from the rich corn belt of Ohio and Indiana to the wheat fields of Kansas, the cattle ranges of Wyoming and Montana, and the great crop producing states of the Dakotas and Minnesota.

The temperatures rose to heights of 120 degrees, crop losses mounted with accompanying rapidity, while damage has been estimated at $500,000.

Grain Close Lower

Grains, after opening higher today following a halt yesterday for profit taking in their sensational rise starting three weeks ago when the serious extent of the damage became known, closed lower this afternoon as bears completely gained control in wheat pits. Reports of continuous rain

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UNCLE SAM WORKS ON STEEL CHARGES

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(U.P.)—Attorney General Homer S. Cummings said today the department of justice is collecting information relating to alleged collusive bidding by steel companies on government contracts "as fast as we can."

The disclosure followed charges of collusion among steel companies made by John L. Lewis, who is leading an effort to organize the industry's workers, and a request for an investigation made earlier by President Roosevelt.

Cummings said no decision will be made regarding possible action by the government against the steel companies until all information is collected and analyzed.

He said he conferred today with Robert H. Dickinson, assistant attorney-general in charge of the anti-trust division, relative to the alleged monopolistic practices. The attorney general said he had asked all government purchasing agencies, through the White House, to go back into their files and furnish all possible information concerning identical bids for all materials.

From the Headlines

By Deacon Richmond

Farmer Relates Two Fish Stories"

When Hoover went a fishing he caught a rainbow trout, but the line broke in pieces ere he could land it. He pull it out; the guide opined the fish would weigh about three pounds, or more; but when Hoover told the story, he thought 'twas likely four, for Hoover has the tendency of all good fishermen and, when he gets back in the boat, he will claim that it was ten.

As all good politicians, he never lands, but deftly casts the feather where the big ones lie in wait. Now, he has a problem that may be difficult for, when he hooked that one, it had a strange result; he could land the rainbow and lose in the can, twas swallowed by larger fish—the Dolly Varden. Now we expect his enemies to come out and boldly state that he went a fishing and used worm trout for bait.

DROUGHT AT A GLANCE

(By United Press)

The devastating drought entered its second month of record-high temperatures with no relief in sight for thousands of farmers facing crop failure in the spring wheat belt.

Corn crops were failing.

Consumers throughout the country were threatened with higher prices on some commodities, but officials said the cost of living would not be affected greatly.

President Roosevelt, confident federal relief machinery is geared for speedy action, announced he would visit stricken areas next month.

The agriculture department designated 97 counties in the northwest as "emergency counties" in which relief work will be concentrated.

Cattle raisers rushed thousands of head of hungry and thirsty animals into the Chicago market.

HIGHWAY CZARS PUT OFF BRIDGE OPENING

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—The state highway commission deferred setting a definite date today for dedication of the Yaquina bridge, last link in the completion of the Oregon Coast highway, until definite word is received on whether President Roosevelt may attend.

A bridge dedication committee from Newport appeared before the commission and expressed hope it would sponsor the dedication ceremony.

Chairman Henry Cabell, of the commission, learning that Gov. Martin had invited the president to attend the dedication, said he first desired to obtain the itinerary of the president on his western tour. He will consult with Gov. Martin and Senator McNary.

Cabell said that if the president could arrange to be there, the commission would be willing to take over the program for the dedication under the direction of the governor, otherwise it woud prefer to have the Newport committee complete the plans.

The question was raised whether the bridges should bear geographical names or be named in honor of distinguished citizens. Commissioner E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton, said he was in favor of having them known by their "right names—their geographical names."

The commission finally referred the question to Lewis A. McArthur, secretary of the Oregon Historica society.

The commission granted a permit to the Eugene Water Board to construct a pole line 3½ miles along the river side of the McKenzie highway and accepted an invitation from the Salem chamber of commerce to inspect the north Santiam highway on July 22.

Insane Hospital's Bookkeeping Bad, Say State Auditors

SALEM, July 8—(AP)—As emphatic reprimand for negligent bookkeeping accompanied the audit report of the eastern Oregon insane hospital made to the board of control here today by the auditing department.

"There is little excuse for not keeping the bookkeeping up to date," the report stated after pointing out various instances where postings had not been made for two or three months.

The report showed that the hospital had $195,819 on April 1 to operate for the remainder of 1936. The total appropriation fo rthe institution for the biennium was $507,474. Expenditures durin gthe 15 months were $242,912. Of the balance $47,092 was declared revertible to the general fund.

BREVITIES

STATE

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 8.—(U.P.)—Heart disease was blamed today for the death of Alfred Anderson, 34, who sank after he plunged into the Tillamook river yesterday for a swim with his wife.

GEARHART, July 8.—(AP)—M. C. Kaegi, Portland, became president today of the Oregon Pharmaceutical association at the annual convention here.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Ruth Talbot, 23, of Klamath Falls, jointly charged with John Angland, taxicab driver of the same city, with

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Total Will Include 55,000 Within Next 10 Days

Employment Centers In Five States Worst Hit

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(U.P.)—The Works Progress administration set out today to have 25,000 drought-stricken western farmers on federal payrolls within 24 hours, and employ a total of 55,000 within the next ten days.

Announcement of the emergency works program was made by Deputy WPA Administrator Aubrey W. Williams shortly after the weather bureau announced some hope of scattered rains.

Employment will be concentrated in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Minnesota.

55,000 to Be Aided

"Fifty -five thousand families are to be put to work," Williams said, "in the five states where damage is greatest on a schedule that calls for completion of the employment program within a week or ten days at the most.

"Nearly half that number will be employed within 24 hours."

Work will include digging wells, building dams, creating artificial lakes and building secondary roads, Williams said.

Taking Short Cuts

"To bring relief to these people as quickly as possible," Williams said, "we are taking every short cut the law allows to get these projects in operation."

He and Administrator Harry L. Hopkins will supervise drought relief work from Washington. Howard O. Hunter, assistant administrator, is establishing Chicago headquarters to take direct charge of the program.

Blum Government Prepares to Use Force On Strikers

PARIS, July 8—(U.P.)—Premier Leon Blum's popular front government today faced the imminent necessity of resorting to force to bring internal peace to France before dealing with pressing international problems endangering the peace of Europe.

Although re-enforced by a senate vote of confidence, the government prepared to deal drastically with labor troubles. The senate, much more conservative than the definitely red-tinged chamber of deputies, voted confidence only after cautioning Blum that stay-in strikes must be ended and industrial peace restored.

Blum approved Minister of the Interior Rober Salengro's declaration to the senate against occupation of factories by strikers.

Blast Rocks British Arsenal; Five Killed

LONDON, July 8.—(AP)—An explosion ripped through the research department of the royal arsenal at Woolwich late today, killing five persons, one a department official. One other employe was injured seriously.

Fire departments from the town, a metropolitan borough of London, aided arsenal squads in combatting flames which broke out after the blast.

Relief Appointments Draws Women's Fire

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—The action of Gov. Martin in filling three vacancies on the state relief commission with men drew a protest today from the Democratic Business and professional Women's club.

"In every instance, Gov. Martin has filled these positions with men," said Miss Grace B. Townsend, president, referring to the relief commission and other state bodies, "and we are going to ask that they be filled by women."

Il Duce Retaliating For Ambush Killing

ROME, July 8.—(AP)—Italian military airplanes were reported today sent out to make "mass reprisals" against an Ethiopian district in which at least 10 Italian fliers were slain June 26.

The victims, occupying three airplanes, had been making an observation flight over the Wallega area. They landed in a district frequented by fierce and hostile tribesmen.

DANZIG AFFAIR MAY RESULT IN COUP BY NAZIS

Resignation Of Lester Expected As Crisis Is Thought Near

POLE MAY GET POST

Europe Awaits Hitler's Next Move; League Power Ebbs

DANZIG, July 8.—(U.P.)—The first serious rift in German-Polish relations since Chancellor Adolf Hitler assumed power in Berlin surged towards a climax today.

It was predicted freely that Sean Lester, Irish high commissioner to the free city of Danzig, would resign his post. He and his staff were expected to quit in the face of official assertions that Danzig has severed its connections with the league of nations.

Forecasts that as a solution of the problem a Pole would be appointed high commissioner to succeed Lester revived threats of a Nazi coup d'etat to join Danzig to Germany.

Opposition Unquestioned

Such a coup, it was believed, would not be opposed by force of arms. Nazi exponents of the Join-Danzig-to-Germany movement doubted that Poland would be able to go to war with Germany even in defense of her treaty rights in the free city. They scoffed at suggestions that the league of nations could muster an international armed force to occupy Danzig and prevent German presentation of a fait accompli.

Poles remained unequivocally opposed to any German move to abolish the league's custodianship of Danzig. But they expected Berlin would continue encouragement of Nazi activities in Danzig to emphasize league inability to cope with any major power.

Need Polish Friendships

They doubted that as long as German-Polish relations remain friendly the Nazis would attempt a coup de force in the free city. Polish friendship was considered invaluable for Germany in the present crisscross of European relations. A coup in Danzig, it was believed, might endanger continued good relations.

Germany however, was expected to seek formal ousting of the league of nations from the free city to further weaken the Versailles treaty, which Hitler already has abrogated by rearming the Reich and remilitarizing the Rhineland.

Removal of international guarantee and supervision stipulations would automatically reduce the question of Danzig's status to a purely German-Polish affair.

COUNTY PLANNERS NAME 2 PROJECTS

The re-organized Lane county planning commission Tuesday evening embarked upon two major projects as its first objectives after a period of inactivity.

A study on school consolidation possibilities, and research on county-owned lands were named by the commission as demanding the attention of the group.

The commission, in naming the school survey project, emphasized that it did not include a recommendation of county unit plan of school administration, being a study of mergers between individual schools.

Meeting with the commission was C. W. Reynolds, supervisor from the state planning board, who urged that the commission renew its activity, and to build up civic planning.

Most of the meeting was taken up with matters of re-organization, headed by the announcement of Elmo B. Chase as chairman of the commission. A set of by-laws was presented by Reynolds, and O. S. Fletcher and Ray Martin were named to study the suggestion, reporting later in the month. Probable site of the August meeting will be on the coast, the exact location to be named later. Members present were O. S. Fletcher, P. M. Morse, W. F. Clubb, Earl H. Hill, H. E. Maxey, Perry Thompson, Ray Martin, Cal M. Young, John Durr, secretary, and Victor Todd.

Chinese Nationalists Dodge Japan Conflict

NANKING, China, July 8.—(U.P.)—Military and civilian officials climbed aboard the Chinese central government's band wagon today and pledged themselves to strike for a unified China without war on Japan as a condition for harmonious cooperation.

HOPING!

America's multimillionaire oil tycoon, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., celebrates his 97th birthday with the hope that his good health will carry him past the century mark.

JOHN D. PASSES 97; AMAZED AT HEALTH

LAKEWOOD, N. J., July 8.—(U.P.)—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., became 97 years old today, proclaiming his "good condition of health simply a miracle" and hoping he will live to be 100.

He celebrated his anniversary as he has all his others since he retired from active participation in the oil business that made him one of the richest men of history—behind a wall of secrecy in Golf House, his magnificent fortress home.

One thing only was divulged about his plans for the day. Defying the diet of buttermilk and crackers which legend has it he subsists upon, he ate a piece of his birthday cake. There was little possibility that he would leave Golf House today. The estate was surrounded by newspapermen and Rockefeller abhors them.

He made an unusual concession to the press yesterday by posing for a commercial photographer, then sending prints and a 63-word statement to newspapers. The photograph showed his face more deeply seamed than ever, but his eyes were alive and his mouth was twitchd into a smile. His statement said:

"Everybody is good to me and I send them all most cordial thanks. I have no word to express my gratitude both for all their kindly attentions and for my own good will to mankind. My good condition of health is simply a miracle to me and I am grateful for the unusual blessings that have come to me in all my life."

Tchitcherin, Great Soviet Statesman, Dies from Illness

MOSCOW, July 8.—(AP)—Soviet Russia mourned today the death of George Tchitcherin, 64-year old former commissar for foreign affairs.

The veteran revolutionist, an early Soviet leader, died yesterday. He retired from public life in 1930 because of ill health.

In the days when Russia was under a strict blockade by the allied powers Tchitcherin struggled for an end of the embargo and recognition of his country by the rest of the world. By 1924 he had put an end to many Soviet disputes with other countries and had negotiated successfully for diplomatic relations with the major powers of Europe.

Big Lee Vote Dooms Conservative Gore

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 8.—(U.P.)—Rep. Josh Lee, fifth district congressman and "boy orator" today became Oklahoma's newest political wonder as the long political life of blind, conservative Sen. T. P. Gore apparently was doomed by yesterday's primary vote.

As the United Press tabulated returns from more than one half of the 3,341 precincts in the state, Lee rolled up the tremendous vote of 115,756. Next to Lee in the democratic senatorial race was Gomer Smith, Townsendite candidate.

Germany Will Shun Powers' Conference

LONDON, July 8.—(U.P.)—Germany has intimated to Great Britain that she is not inclined to participate in the projected conference of Locarno treaty powers at Brussels, the United Press was informed by reliable sources tonight.

Borah Keeps Silent On Campaign Plans

BOISE, Ida., July 8.—(U.P.)—With only 71 hours remaining before he must file nominatng petitions if he intends to seek re-election, Senator William E. Borah today remained silent.

MARTIN TO ASK STATE TO BUILD NEW BUILDINGS

Governor Will Present Plans For Library, Office To Solons

NO RECOMMENDATIONS

Tentative Costs Placed At $1,500,000 For Two Structures

SALEM, July 8.—(AP)—Governor Martin will place squarely before the 1937 legislature, without recommendation, developed plans for construction of a state office building and a state library, he announced today.

"Because of my experience with the last legislature I will not make any recommendations nor make suggestions as to its location, but will put it before them as outlined by the state planning board," Martin said.

In commenting upon his experience in the last legislature the governor referred to his recommendations for a $3,500,000 capitol building on Candalaria Heights in south Salem. The legislature however, voted a $2,500,000 capitol upon the old site.

Hockley Urged Projects

His decision was reached, he said, after C. C. Hockley, Public Works administrator for Oregon, invited him to place state projects before the federal government for consideration under the additional appropriation for such work.

The tentative costs of the projects would be $1,000,000 for the office building and $500,000 for a library. Under the new capitol proposal suggestion had been made for the future acquisition of four blocks to the north of the capitol site, which it was estimated, could be obtained for $750,000 to $1,000,000.

Opposes Present Setup

"The legislature will find the chickens have come home to roost. It had a chance last year to make provision for additional space and more land, but refused to do so. The chance will be right back there again," the executive said.

Many state offices are now scattered over Salem and Portland, which the governor said was not only expensive but tended toward inefficiency. He said the state was now paying $70,000 rentals annually. The growing social security and other departments makes it even more imperative, he added.

The governor requested the state planning board to develop these building plans for presentation both to the legislature and to the federal government.

WILLAMETTE ROAD GETS ALLOCATIONS

Announcement of an extensive construction program for the Willamette highway during 1936-37, including allocation of $350,000 for the current season, has been announced by the state highway commission.

By the autumn of 1937, the road should be completed to the The Dalles-California highway, say officials. It now reaches past McCredie Springs, and by next year will extend into Deschutes county.

An allocation of $1,380,000 of federal forest road funds is scheduled for next fall or winter, commission officials said, with Lane county slated to receive a share of the sum, which applies to the entire state.

Landon, Clark Talk Campaign; Senate Ponders Security

TOPEKA, Kas., July 8.—(AP)—Gov. Alf M. Landon concluded a series of conferences with J. Reuben Clark on western campaign plans today and turned to routine business duties as the state legislature pressed forward with the problem of social security.

The state senate, convened on the floor above Landon's office, held the key to the immediate legislative situation.

$1,000,000 Cannery Burns at Bristol Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—(AP)—The Union Fish company received word today that its Bristol Bay Packing company's plant, a million dollar fish canning factory had burned and was virtually a total loss.

The plant was at the mouth of the Kvichak river, Bristol Bay, Alaska.

TAKES MAILS!

William W. Howes, first assistant postmaster general, will step up a notch to take the cabinet post under President Roosevelt while James A. Farley steps out temporarily to be the mainspring in the Democratic campaign this fall.

FOUR MEN INJURED IN LANE ACCIDENTS

Four men are in local hospitals, three of them in serious condition, following several accidents late Tuesday and during Wednesday morning.

George Smith, 3-C youth from Camp Gunter, is in a serious condition at Sacred Heart hospital, a victim of a hit and run driver who ran over him late Tuesday evening on the South Pacific highway, near Creswell. Smith's left foot and ankle were badly crushed, necessitating the heel part being amputated. He also received severe head and neck injuries, and suffered, too, from loss of blood before reaching the hospital. The state police office had no trace of the driver, Wednesday, and few details of the accident were available.

Dewey Scarbrough was another traffic accident victim during the night, being brought in early Wednesday morning to the Eugene hospital, suffering with two broken legs and from concussion. His condition is reported serious. He was in his car alone at the time, when the machine ran into a cement pillar.

The accident was at Fifth and A streets in Springfield, the pillar being at a service station there. Scarbrough's watch stopped at 3:15 a. m., indicating the time of the accident.

James L Black of Vida is at the Eugene hospital, suffering from injuries received in an accident while at work in logging operations for McCulloch company, Wednesday morning. A logging tractor crushed him against a log. His right femur was fractured and the man suffered considerably from shock.

Louis Westfall, Eugene, is at the Eugene hospital with his right leg broken following a fall while assisting in wrecking a house. He is reported as resting comfortably.

G.O.P. State Central Committee to Meet In Portland July 18

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—The republican state central committee will meet here July 18 for the biennial election of officers, Arthur W. Priaulx, state chairman, said today.

A previous date of July 13 was changed because it would not enable officers to comply with legal mailing notice limits.

Priaulx, returning from trip through eastern Oregon, said he found a "particularly enthusiastic welcome for the Landon-Knox ticket in the wheat counties of the state."

Senator Charles L. McNary, seeking re-election, has backing from both major parties throughout the area, Priaulx declared.

British Plane Falls; Seven Soldiers Die

CAIRO, July 8.—(AP)—Seven soldiers, including one Canadian, were killed early today when a Royal Air force troop-carrying plane crashed in landing after night maneuvers.

Six other occupants of the plane were injured. The plane burst into flames after it crashed in the darkness.

LANE NEEDS REVALUATION HE ASSERTS

Unfairness Not Tolerated, Declares Chairman Of State Board

EXPLAINS POLICIES

"Fightin' Talk" Delivered To Answer Charges Of Local Concerns

Fifty intensely interested business people of Lane county Wednesday heard C. V. Galloway, chairman of the State Tax commission explain and defend the devaluation work which his experts are doing here and elsewhere in cooperation with local assessors.

Admitting that there may be purely local or statewide inequities in assessments, and that the work of correcting these conditions is very slow, Mr. Galloway nevertheless asserted that Lane county is not carrying any greater share of state taxes than any other county, proportionately to population and assets.

"Take It or Leave It"

"You can take it or leave it" was the substance of his ultimatum on the program of cooperation between county and state. "We did not push in on you here. We were invited to come in and we have done our share of the work conscientiously. If you do not want our help, that will be perfectly all right with us because we have much more than we can tend to in all parts of the state."

Mr. Galloway indicated resentment of newspaper publicity of the complaints of Lane county industrial concerns whose valuations have been boosted, saying that no effort had been made to get adequate facts before statements were made which might impair the tax commission's good will in all parts of the state.

"Stop Blowing; Get Proof."

"It's all right to blow off," said Mr. Galloway, "but these things demand proof. If you can prove that any injustice has been done here or elsewhere we want that proof. We will welcome it. We may make mistakes, but never knowingly. Our appraisers are warned to treat everybody abso-

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BRITISH ASK MORE ARMAMENT MONEY

LONDON, July 8.—(AP)—Three new estimates, filed in the house of commons, pointed Great Britain today toward a billion dollar defense program.

The government informed parliament it would ask additional appropriations of $100,000,000 or more to bolster army, navy, and air forces ready to meet any threat.

The total amount of the British defense budget, on the basis of preliminary information, would be brought to approximately $990,005,000.

As parliament made ready to consider the new financial requests, Viscount Cecil added a fresh warning that the European situation was "dangerous."

"The old demon war is stirring again," the president of the league of nations union told a meeting of his followers. He expressed belief that alleged German attempts to influence the free city of Danzig to break away from the league of nations "might become of the utmost danger to the peace of Europe."

William Shepherd Morrison, financial secretary of the treasury, described the European situation as "grave."

WEATHER NEWS

The maximum temperature hit 80 again, Tuesday; but cloudiness and cooler weather came Wednesday. The forecast is:

OREGON: Partly cloudy east and occasional light rain west portion tonight and Thursday; normal temperature; moderate changeable wind off coast, mostly southerly.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature, Wednesday, 53 degrees; maximum temperature, Tuesday, 80 degrees; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Wednesday, minus 1.2 feet; wind, north.

SIUSLAW TIDES: Thursday, high, 3:18 a. m., 4:16 p. m.; low, 10:02 a. m., 10:31 p. m.; Friday, high, 4:15 a. m., 4:58 p. m.; low, 10:33 p. m. Saturday, high, 5:19 a. m., 5:47 p. m.; low, 11:17 a. m.