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Weather

Fair tonight and Thursday with fog on the coast; slightly warmer tonight; gentle northwest winds. Yesterday: Max. 82. Min. 55. Rain 0. River -2.8 ft. Northwest wind, clear.

Hughes over Bering Sea, Nears Fairbanks

Mattson Suspect Is Cleared

Deportation Of Armed Aliens Favored by VFW

Encampment Modifies Bridges Resolution—Hess Hits at Bonus Board

Imprisonment or deportation of all groups of foreign men drilling in military fashion and under arms is asked in a resolution adopted by the 18th annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which concludes its meeting with election of officers this afternoon.

The encampment also endorsed a national cemetery for Oregon with perpetual care declared an obligation of the government. Need of a veterans' home for disabled or homeless veterans was also asked, it being pointed out that the Roseburg facility is now in use as a neuro-psychiatric hospital.

In amended form, relating the portion that referred to Harry Bridges, Pacific coast longshoremen's leader as a communist, but urging his deportation if convicted of charges of attempting to overthrow the American form of government, a resolution introduced by the Medford post was adopted.

Change Meeting Date
Change in the date of encampment to be held between May 1 and May 31 of each year was also approved.

Criticism of the veterans' state aid commission was voiced by Henry L. Hess, LaGrande, democratic nominee for governor. The original purpose was to provide veterans with homes and assist in their rehabilitation and not to become a revenue producing branch of the state government.

Speaking before the veterans Tuesday afternoon, O. E. (Mose) Palmateer, of Salem, state commander of the American Legion, scored the policy of the federal government in refusing to give relief work to disabled veterans of the World War because they are physically unfit for gainful occupation and because they draw partial benefits from the government.

Mott on Economy
Congressman James W. Mott, Salem, spoke Tuesday afternoon upon the economy act and the repeal of some of its features in the last session of congress. Neil H. Kline, executive secretary of the national V. F. W. emphasized the importance of membership in order to obtain more effective legislation.

Nomination of officers, followed by election and installation and the selection of the 1939 encampment city at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon marked the close of the convention. One major fight looms before the veterans, the selection of a junior vice commander, who under custom becomes state commander the third year. Most prominently mentioned are O. J. Johnson, Pendleton and E. W. Horton, Marshfield, with Phil Ringle, Salem, being considered. Grants Pass or Ashland will probably entertain the encampment next year.

The final parade, for children, was held early this afternoon with the 7th U. S. Infantry and band starting for Vancouver Barracks, Wash., shortly after lunch.

Through the convention officially closes with the routine business late this afternoon, the dogout and dance at Crystal Gardens will be maintained until late tonight.

Tom Sweeney, Portland, met with members who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal in the interest of a state chapter to affiliate with a national organization. No definite action has been taken.

Two Lumber Camp Buildings Burned

Dallas, July 13.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed two buildings in the camp of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, 14 miles west of Black Rock, in the coast range mountains, yesterday afternoon.

The flames were confined to the two buildings, one of which housed the commissary and camp offices and the other the engineer's drafting quarters, and did not spread to other sections of the camp or adjacent timber.

The loss, amount of which had not been fixed today, was completely covered by insurance.

Mrs. Hays Slated Auxiliary Head

Former Salem Woman Placed in Nomination For President

Mrs. Mary Hays of Portland was nominated for the presidency of the department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, at the concluding session of the convention this afternoon in the Elks temple. Other nominations had not been made at press time and will be announced later.

Mrs. Hays is a former Salem girl and will be remembered as Mary Barrick. She is a sister of Dr. Leon Barrick of Salem and attended Salem high school. Her husband, Irvin M. Hays, is also a former Salem resident. The couple has two children, Marvin, 17, and Janet, 14. As well as her activities with the 41st division, No. 3049, Mrs. Hays has been exceptionally active in Waverly chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Department officials expressed the sentiment this morning that the current convention has been the most successful in the past 14 years.

President Arrives
The arrival this morning of Mrs. Laurie Schertle of Oakland, Calif., national president of the auxiliary, added color to this morning's session. Mrs. Beatrice Shadoin, of Corvallis, who is ending her duties as department president, and Mrs. Claudine King of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, national councilwoman, returned to Portland to greet Mrs. Schertle upon her arrival from the midwest, where she has been attending other conferences.

Dallas Wins Prizes
The Dallas auxiliary walked away with the three awards for membership, Mrs. Ethel Mott, membership chairman, was awarded an individual prize for securing the most members for the Dallas auxiliary. The auxiliary also was awarded prizes for the largest percentage gained and the most new members. Mrs. Mary Hays, membership chairman, made the presentation.

Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee, department of the V.F.W. auxiliary legislative committee, was the principal speaker on this morning's program. She stressed the importance of the voting privilege and urged that everyone influence their friends and families to vote and to make known their wants to senators, congressmen and those holding political office.

Old People's Home
Department Commander Snellstrom appeared before the auxiliary this morning and praised the Salem auxiliary and residents of the capital for the gestures of hospitality shown during the convention.

A resolution urging the founding of an old people's home in Roseburg was filed by the Roseburg delegation.

Mrs. Fern Burkhardt, past department treasurer of Kansas, was among the distinguished guests at this morning's session.

The past and present auxiliary presidents held a breakfast at the Quella this morning at 7:30 o'clock. After the impressive installation ceremonies this afternoon the auxiliary adjourned. The council of administration met for a conference later in the afternoon.

Prizes Awarded for VFW Competition

The blue and white uniformed drill team of Jasper C. Lent Post auxiliary of Portland won the silver trophy in the uniformed drill group competition in front of the grandstand at the conclusion of the 18th annual Veterans of Foreign Wars encampment parade last night.

The women have drilled together for six years, practically all on hall floors, and made their first appearance under existing conditions. A move is under way to make the trophy a perpetual one.

Judging was not completed in time last night to permit official notification and announcements were made this morning by the chairman of the various committees. Other awards were:

Grand sweepstakes for stunts—Corvallis post, with its acrobatic tumblers; entertainment—Mt. Hood (baby) post, Portland, Italian musical trio; originality—Lincoln county post, Newport, "Sons of the



Heads VFW Auxiliary — Mrs. Mary Hays, who was nominated for the presidency of the Oregon department, Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, at ceremonies in the Elks temple this afternoon. — Jester-Miller Photo.

Battle Rages For Kiukiang

Shanghai, July 13 (AP)—Chinese and Japanese fought today for control of Kiukiang, 135 miles down the Yangtze from Hankow and a main barrier to the Japanese offensive pointed toward that provincial capital of China.

The fighting was heavy and intense heat, with the temperature above 100, added to the suffering. It seemed apparent the Japanese still were deadlocked in their efforts to take Kiukiang.

The Chinese, determined to leave nothing for the invaders should they gain control of the city, were systematically destroying waterfront properties of possible military value. There were, meanwhile, reports of new guerrilla warfare in southern Kiangsu province, with mobile units slashing repeatedly at Japanese communication lines, and seizing munitions supplies in lightning raids on many localities.

One attack was said to have forced Japanese to retreat from Tung-tai, in central Kiangsu.

Britain Enlarges Air Program

London, July 13 (AP)—Britain poured \$2,291,000 pounds (\$114,505,000) more into her air rearmament program today and announced the immediate dispatch of a new mission to Canada to arrange for the manufacture of heavy bombers.

Sir Kingsley Wood, secretary for air, told the house of commons the special mission under Sir Hardman Lever would go to Canada "for the purpose of entering into negotiations with the Canadian aircraft industry for the manufacture of large bomber aircraft in Canada."

The allotment represents 45 per cent of the total cost of the project, which is estimated at \$37,750. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, will supervise construction, which is expected to start as soon as contracts are awarded.

An application for \$40,725 of federal funds was filed by Nyssa, Ore., today, Hockley announced. The sum requested was 45 per cent of the total cost of erecting and equipping a projected one story brick high school building. The request was forwarded to Washington, D. C., for approval.

Prince Callison Forfeits Bail
Redwood City, Calif., July 13 (AP)—Prince G. Callison, former University of Oregon football coach, will forfeit his \$100 bail posted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, his attorney, Edmund Scott, said yesterday.

Justice of the Peace Edward McLaughlin agreed to the forfeiture. The case was scheduled for trial today, but Callison is in the east.

Confessed Kidnapers is Asylum Escape

Confined in Hospital at Time of Abduction—Is Entirely Harmless

Tacoma, July 13 (AP)—Chief William Cole of the Washington state patrol announced today he was convinced a man with various aliases who yesterday confessed the Mattson kidnaping was a "mental case and had no part in the crime."

Cole said the man, who said his name was Clarence White, Clarence Thorp, Clarence Mead and Frank Olson would not be charged with the kidnaping and slaying of 10 year old Charles Mattson but probably would be subjected to a sanity hearing and possibly confined in a state institution.

Cole reached this decision, he said, after four days of almost continuous questioning during which the man had changed his confession of the crime a dozen times and had involved several persons who were later found to have alibis covering the period of the kidnaping in 1936-37.

Confesses Crime
Olson was brought from the hotel room, where he had been held for 48 hours, early today to allow newspapermen to make photographs. He later was returned to the room to be kept in custody, Cole said.

Cole quoted Olson as saying he broke into the Mattson house, stole the boy and dashed down the precipitous cliff behind the home and reached the beach in pitch darkness. A rowboat was moored there and he rowed with the boy for several hours across Commencement Bay to Dash Point, where he had parked his car, the confession said. He then drove to Everett.

Asylum Escape
Spokane, Wash., July 13 (AP)—Dr. M. W. Conway, superintendent of the eastern Washington hospital for mental cases, said today that Frank Olson, confessed kidnaper of 10 year old Charles Mattson, was an inmate of the hospital when the kidnaping occurred, December 20, 1936, and had been since 1935.

Olson's real name is Lester Mead," Dr. Conway said. "I talked to bureau of investigation men in Tacoma this morning and there is no doubt as to the identity. Mead ran away from the hospital vegetable farm last week. He is entirely harmless, but is given to fantastic theories that he is a big-time criminal."

"He escaped in March, 1937, and from Marshall, reported to the Spokane county sheriff he had just wrecked an overland passenger train."

Highway Patrol Grant Approved

Portland, Ore., July 13 (AP)—President approval of a grant of \$14,287 for the construction of state highway patrolmen's quarters and maintenance buildings at Brothers in Deschutes county and at Sunter in Harney county, Oregon, was announced today by C. C. Hockley, regional director of the PWA.

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Barbara Drops Criminal Case Against Count

Separation or Divorce Proceedings Next Probably in Danish Courts

London, July 13 (AP)—The former Barbara Hutton dropped a criminal charge against her titled Danish husband today with indications that a separation or divorce proceedings would be the next step in her turbulent married life.

The surprise ending of what one of the lawyers called "a most unhappy case" came as her second husband, Count Court Haugwitz-Reventlow, reappeared in the shabby Bow street police court dock and prepared to defend himself against the charge that he had threatened the American-born Woolworth heiress.

Solicitors, announcing an agreement under which the 42-year-old count promised to stay away from Countess Barbara's London mansion and not communicate with her, indicated no reconciliation was in prospect.

Mystery Man
The countess' counsel indicated to the judge that the mysterious "gentleman in London" whom the count was accused of threatening to shoot, did not come into her life until after she had quarreled with her husband.

The countess' attorney, Sir Patrick Hastings, hinted at a shift of the marital dispute to Danish courts in telling the magistrate that any separation proceedings would be subject to Danish law.

The sudden ending of the case disappointed a crowd jamming the tiny courtroom in the hope of finding out the name of the mysterious "London society gentleman" whom the count was accused of threatening to "shoot like a dog."

But Countess Barbara's attorney said she already had quarreled with the count before she met this "mysterious person."

Agreement on the withdrawal of the charge indicated the count and countess might be closer together on the terms of separation or divorce settlement than they were last week.

Franco Leads Final Offensive

Hendaye, France (AP)—The Spanish Frontiers, July 13 (AP)—Insurgent Generalissimo Franco was reported today to have taken personal command of a unified army of 300,000 men for a grand offensive against Valencia from three directions.

During a comparative lull in the fighting yesterday he was said to have effected coordination between General Miguel Aranda's corps on the eastern flank near the Mediterranean coast, General Garcia Valino's central corps in the Ebro mountains and General Jose Varea's western flank corps south and north of Teruel.

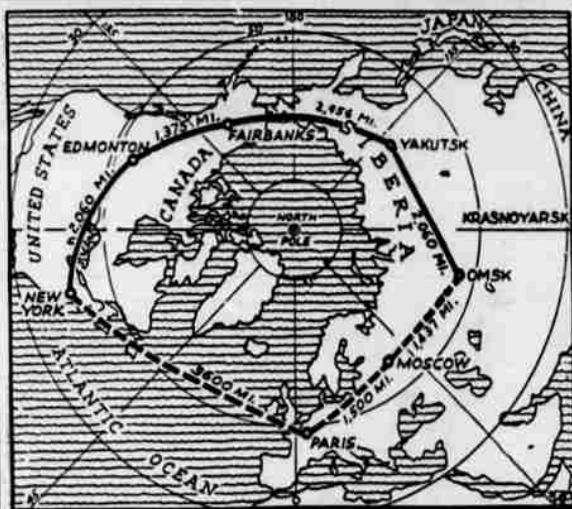
Opposing these Government General Jose Miaja was said to have massed more than 250,000 men, with 200,000 concentrated along the strategic highway and railroad from Mora de Rubielos to Sagunto, junction of the Castellon-Valencia and Teruel-Mediterranean highways 14 miles north of Valencia.

With insurgents within sight of Sagunto, the "key to Valencia," government resistance forced them to halt for reorganization. Valencia dispatches said sharp counterattacks regained some positions.

Banquet for Farley At Baker Thursday

Baker, July 13 (AP)—Reservations for the dinner to be given here on Thursday night in honor of James A. Farley, postmaster-general and chairman of the democratic national committee, have been received from Ontario, La Grande, Pendleton and other eastern Oregon cities.

Farley and his party will be met in Ontario by Baker residents and brought here by automobile. His party consists of his two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann Farley, Ambrose O'Connell, executive assistant, and Edward Roddan, assistant director of publicity of the democratic national committee. Approximately 250 persons are expected to attend the banquet.



Hughes Speeds Around World—Indicated on this map is the around-the-world flight itinerary of Howard Hughes as announced by his flight headquarters in New York. Hughes has a projected flight of 14,700 miles in six legs, and had made the distance from New York to Omsk, 6,696 miles, in 42 hours 40 minutes, well ahead of the time made by the late Wiley Post on his record flight. It was not announced if Hughes would stop at Edmonton, Alberta, after leaving Fairbanks, or fly non-stop to New York. So far the flyer has made but brief pauses for refueling at the indicated points. — Associated Press Photo.

Seek Compromises On Capitol Suits

The jury called to sit on the condemnation proceedings of capital reconstruction commission against Alice B. Frizzell was excused today until tomorrow as proceedings tending toward a settlement of the issues were being carried on by attorneys for the state and Custer E. Ross and John H. Carson for the defense.

The effect was to place trial of the Mary Boesch case ahead of the Frizzell case and it was understood efforts would be made to reach an agreement on the Boesch case this afternoon as well. If so the jury will be notified not to come in at all tomorrow. Otherwise the Boesch case will start at 9 o'clock in the morning. In the Frizzell complaint the state offered \$10,440, the defense asked \$25,000. A figure somewhere between seems likely.

\$45,000 Verdict

These matters transpired after the jury in the Patton case brought in a verdict of \$45,000 for the owners last evening.

After listening to testimony since the middle of last week the jury decided the issues in a little less than six hours, retiring at 3:55 o'clock and returning with its verdict at 9:16 o'clock. This verdict was \$13,600 more than offered by the state which considered the property worth \$32,000. It was \$17,200 less than the \$50,000.50 deemed the proper value by the owners. At the same time defense attorneys stated it was \$11,000 less than the average price paid for properties in the two blocks being secured for state library purposes.

Comparisons Made

The defense in the Patton case drew heavily on comparisons with sales of other properties including not only those being acquired for library purposes but also other properties sold in the same general district to private parties.

Custer E. Ross and John H. Carson in their arguments for the defense pointed out that the offer in the Patton case amounted to about \$1.83 per square foot as compared to an average of \$2.18 per square foot paid for other properties, citing some figures as follows: Beeson, \$2.27; Lachmund, \$2.62; Bowersox, \$2.12; Williams, \$1.98; Huntington, \$2.38; Baumgartner, \$1.81; Frank Myers, \$2.44; Kimball, \$3; Staley, \$1.31; Henry Meyers, \$1.84.

President Urged to Seek Third Term

Aboard President Roosevelt's Train Enroute to San Francisco, July 13 (AP)—Bearing a petition from a Steelworkers' club urging him to seek a third presidential term, President Roosevelt stopped early today at Salt Lake City where his daughter and son-in-law boarded his special train, then headed again westward to Nevada.

On board when the train left Salt Lake City at 4:45 a. m. (MST) after a 10 minute check-up were Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall Boettiger, and her husband, John Boettiger, Seattle publisher, who came by plane last night to meet the train.

The presidential special left Colorado last night where the president received without comment at Pueblo, Colo., yesterday a petition requesting his candidacy in 1940 from the Colorado Fuel and Iron Workers' club.

The petition, representing 4000 Pueblo steelworkers, declared "We are fearful for the welfare of the United States as well as for the

Due to Land At 7 O'Clock From Yakutsk

2456 Miles in Dangerous Flight from Siberia—Leaves Shortly for N. Y.

New York, July 13 (AP)—Howard Hughes reported to his flight headquarters at 2:35 p. m., eastern standard time, today, that his plane was 903 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska.

Albert I. Lodwick, Hughes' representative here, said the location given indicated the Hughes' ship would reach Fairbanks at approximately 7 p. m., EST. He would be ready to take-off for New York at 9 o'clock, arriving about noon.

Hughes started for Fairbanks, 2,456 miles away, from Yakutsk, Siberia, at 7:01 a. m., EST.

One position report came from the plane an hour and 21 minutes after the takeoff. No other positions were given to the New York headquarters until the 2:35 message, relayed here by the army radio station at Seattle.

Leave Yakutsk
Yakutsk, Siberia, July 13 (AP)—Howard Hughes took off for Fairbanks, Alaska, at 9:01 p. m. tonight (7:01 a. m., E.S.T.) on the fifth leg of his attempt to set a new record for round the world flight.

The American airman and his four companions had remained at Yakutsk only two hours and 53 minutes after completing their 2,177-mile hop from Omsk, western Siberia.

(Four and a half hours after his start from Yakutsk aviation authorities in Moscow estimated he had gone some 200 miles beyond the Kolyma river—about 850 miles from Yakutsk—and that if all went well he should reach Fairbanks about 7 p. m., E.S.T.)

Hughes' course traverses some 7,000 miles of Soviet territory, and before leaving Yakutsk he telegraphed thanks to Moscow aviation authorities for their cooperation.

From somewhere over the Bering sea after leaving Soviet territory, he was expected to radio a farewell message to his Russian friends.

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Mrs. Post to Greet Hughes

Fairbanks, Alaska, July 13 (AP)—Three good omens—fair weather, Mrs. Wiley Post and an excited city—were ready today to greet Howard Hughes, flying sportsman, as he approached Fairbanks.

Civic officials, headed by Mayor Leslie Nerland, bent shoulder to shoulder with airport workers in making out the much-used field anew and preparing it for the big silver monoplane.

The weather bureau promised continued clear, warm weather, which should improve from the Bering sea area eastward here and into interior Alaska. A "moderately low ceiling" over the sea and near Nome, 500 miles west of here, should give way to a high ceiling and broken clouds. Weather Observer B. L. Frost said.

By a coincidence, Mrs. Post, who left Lubbock, Texas, several weeks ago on a trip to Barrow, Alaska, to dedicate a memorial to her late husband and Will Rogers, arrived here yesterday from Juneau by plane. It is Post's world-circling record Hughes seeks to better.

An air-minded city as air travel is the most common means of communication in Alaska, Fairbanks became more excited as the hour neared. In the 24 hour daylight, hundreds began to descend upon the airport at an early hour.

Kidnaped Kentucky Woman Liberated
Louisville, Ky., July 13 (AP)—Major James Stewart, chief of detectives of the Louisville police department, today announced that Nettie Costin, 21, member of a prominent Louisville family who was abducted this morning, had been released at French Lick, Ind.

Miss Costin was abducted while sitting in a parked automobile with John Schaefer, 26 year old Louisville attorney. Schaefer, recently came here from Buffalo, N. Y., was bound to a tree by a nattily dressed man with a foreign accent who drove Miss Costin away, police were told.