

Thousands of Fire Fighters Facing Flames

Pick-a-Back Airship Lands

Record Heat Spell of Year Likely Today

Mercury Hits 101 at 1:30 as Salem Swelters in Torrid Wave

At 1:35 o'clock this afternoon the official thermometer at the Salem airport registered 101 degrees, a rise of 4 degrees in the preceding hour, as compared to a Wednesday reading at the same hour of 95 degrees.

Hot? The thermometer boiled up to 97.6 degrees at 12:35 today and was still climbing, pointing to a new all-time high here.

The ninth consecutive day of 90-degree-or-more weather today brought what was believed to be a new record for heat waves in Salem. On July 12, the thermometer read 89 degrees, and that was the last time the temperature dipped below the 90-degree daily maximum.

There was apparently no prospect for a let-down from yesterday's mark of 104 degrees, which was the highest recorded here in three years. The lingering spell of heat brought a restless night to Salem homes, as the minimum dropped to only 62.

No Hope for Respite
Salemites who were hoping for a respite found scant comfort in comparative hourly readings Wednesday and Thursday. The heat wave Wednesday came after a comparatively cool early morning, the temperature soaring 12 degrees between 11:35 and 2:35. Today, the morning was warmer, and the temperature gained 5.7 degrees in the hour preceding 12:35.

In the three hours preceding yesterday's record temperature, the temperature gained 9 degrees, from 95 to 104.

Today's reading of 97.6 degrees was 5.8 degrees warmer than the corresponding reading Wednesday. The all-time record of 108 degrees was established in August, 1927.

The weather forecast for Friday is "continued fair."

The hourly readings for Wednesday (Concluded on Page 3, Column 4)

Assassins Get Wan Shi-Sen

Shanghai, July 21 (AP)—Wan Shi-Sen, Chinese member of the Japanese-dominated local government of the Shanghai district, was shot and killed by two gunmen in his home in the International Settlement today.

One assassin escaped but the other was caught by a watchman. Settlement police questioned him and a series of widespread raids with numerous arrests followed.

There have been more than a dozen political assassinations in Shanghai since the Japanese army occupied the district. Most of the victims have been Chinese who had taken office in the Japanese-dominated regime. Wan was chief of the judicial department of that regime.

\$10,750,000 Only Allotment Now

Washington, July 21 (AP)—Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes disclosed today that \$10,750,000 allotted this week for four Bonneville transmission lines was all FWA now contemplates spending in connection with the hydroelectric project on the Columbia river.



Owen Wister Passes at 78

North Kingstown, R. I., July 21 (AP)—Owen Wister, 78, famous novelist, died of a cerebral hemorrhage today at his summer home, Crowfield. He arrived there for the season on July 8 and became ill only yesterday.

Court, Summer Work Started

Workmen for the Oregon Contract company yesterday started their job of grading and paving the Court and Summer street approach to the new state capitol and library when crews commenced cutting trees that have to be removed from the parkings to make way for the widened and relocated roadways.

Ladybugs Feast On Aphid Pest

Astoria, July 21 (AP)—Two million hungry ladybugs, released from cold storage hibernation, feasted today on aphids threatening the Clatsop county pea crop.

Queen Margaret to Be Crowned Friday

Stayton, Or., July 21—Queen Margaret Kimbrough will be formally crowned Miss Santiam at the big day of the third annual Santiam Spree here Friday morning. King Bing Tom Hill, assisted by his Cherrian court-

Novel Craft Spans Ocean in 20 Hours

First of Series of Experimental Hops Made Without Mishap from Ireland

Port Washington, N. Y., July 21 (AP)—British Imperial Airways' Mercury, first "pick-a-back" plane ever to fly to this country, arrived here from Montreal at 4:08 p. m. EDT today, 25 hours and eight minutes after taking the air from the back of its "mother plane" over Foynes, Ireland.

Montreal, July 21 (AP)—The British Imperial Airways seaplane Mercury landed here at 11:19 a. m. EDT today after a 2850 mile nonstop survey flight across the Atlantic from Foynes, Ireland, and at 1:59 p. m., after refueling, took off on the 330 mile hop to Port Washington, N. Y., its destination.

Capt. Donald C. T. Bennett, the pilot, hoped to reach the landing base in Manhattan bay at Port Washington at about 4 p. m.

Crowd Sees Landing

A crowd of more than 500 persons watched the ship drop to the St. Lawrence river and glide to the Boucherville air base where a crew waited to refuel the plane for the 330 mile flight to Port Washington, N. Y.

The plane, upper component of the Short-Mayo composite aircraft, was laden with half a ton of newspapers and photographs and news reels of the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Paris.

Officials of Canadian National Airways and Trans-Canada Airlines, government inspectors and customs men greeted Pilot Bennett and Radio Operator A. J. Coeter as they climbed out of the plane.

Others to Follow

The Mercury's flight is one of 15 experimental survey flights in which Imperial Airways plans to test three types of equipment designed for trans-Atlantic commercial service.

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Army Power of France Seen by British Ruler

Fifty Thousand French Troops Parade in Demonstration of Friendship

Paris, July 21 (AP)—France gave King George VI a vivid picture of her military might today, to back up her demonstrations of friendship and her expression of willingness to co-operate in the problems of European diplomacy.

Fifty thousand soldiers, sons of the men who at Verdun immortalized the phrase "They shall not pass," paraded in the king's honor up the broad Avenue de Paris at Versailles.

It was the biggest military procession in France since the victory parade after the World War. It was the biggest ever accorded the head of a foreign state, and it matched in its impressiveness the gigantic displays which the totalitarian countries have made familiar.

In Marshal's Uniform

It was to put these facts clearly in the mind of the British public that France held its parade today in the king's honor.

King George, in the uniform of a field marshal of the British army, stood beside President Albert Le Brun and Gen. Maurice Gamelin, vice-president of the superior war council, and took the salute as the troops marched by, representing every branch of the fighting services.

Diplomatic activity was overshadowed today by the parade, but it was understood from French sources that French-British policy as the result of recent negotiations and talks here included:

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Fire Fighters Drop Tools, Flee Olympic Blaze—With the giant Campbell river, B. C., forest fire threatening other Canadian settlements on the Olympic peninsula, north of Seattle, these fighters found the flames sweeping too close and were forced to drop their tools and flee. The flames already have covered 30,000 acres and were threatening between 30 and 60 million feet of bucked timber stored near Comox landing camp 3. — Associated Press Photo.

Uniforms Put On Hoppers

Sidney, Mont., July 21 (AP)—Eight thousand grasshoppers—winged freebooters of the grain fields—were painted silver and gold today in the interest of science.

The bureau of entomology of the U. S. department of agriculture wants to know how far and how quickly the "hoppers" fly.

Injury Fatal to Charles Drury

Charles Drury, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Drury of Sublimity, died at a hospital here today after breaking his neck in a dive into Silver creek yesterday.

The youth misjudged the depth of the water and crashed his skull into a submerged rock. He was brought to the Salem Deaconess hospital here in the Salem first aid car. His arms and legs were paralyzed before he arrived and he died during the night.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers and three sisters, Jess and Wilber of Sublimity, Mrs. Rachel Jones of Dorris, Calif., Mrs. Edna Eades of Klamath Falls and Mary Drury of Sublimity.

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Envoy of Hitler Brings Peace Hint

London, July 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Britain had received from Chancellor Hitler's confidential envoy renewed assurances of the German government "of their desire to achieve a peaceful settlement of outstanding questions."

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The signatures were affixed in the government house in the presence of delegates of the six mediating nations, including the United States.

After a plebiscite in Paraguay and a constitutional assembly in Bolivia to ratify the pact, the mediators will begin fixing an arbitrary boundary in the Gran Chaco.

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Smoke Rolling From 20,000 Forest Acres

Three Deaths Recorded; 1300 Men Guard Smith River; Siskiyou Suffer

Heat and its unmanageable and far more dangerous companion, fire, began the second week of Oregon occupation today with three persons dead and smoke still belching from more than 20,000 acres of forest.

The northwest continued to wallow in the trough of low pressure and the government weather bureau promised only slight relief from temperatures which soared well over 100 degrees in many sections yesterday.

The bureau forecast scattered thunder showers for the Siskiyou and the middle and southern Cascade mountains, where hundreds of men battled to prevent the spread of flames from the thousands of acres already charred. Forest officials feared the possible showers would be accompanied by lightning which would set more fires than the rain would extinguish.

A brick mason collapsed and died at his job in Corvallis yesterday where the temperature blistered the countryside at 103 degrees. A farmer at Silverton suffered a fatal heat prostration last week and a fire fighter lost his life in Clatsop county earlier this month.

Scottsburg Believed Safe

Scottsburg, hazy-hidden community on the beautiful Umpqua river, appeared out of immediate danger from the Smith river fire. Highway authorities reopened the Drain-Redwood route after they learned the blaze was nearly two miles away. The Smith river inferno, fought by 1300 men, has consumed 6000 acres. Scottsburg was safe as long as the wind did not shift and send the flames crowning through the trees.

An uncontrolled fire swept within four miles of Oak Flat on the Illinois river of southern Oregon and forced abandonment of plans to establish a women's vacation camp. The Chetco fire, still defying efforts to control it, spread to 9000 acres. The fire fighting crew has been increased to approximately one man for every nine acres afire. The Gallice and Noms creek fires, both in the Siskiyou area, had reached a combined total of about 1600 acres.

Three specialists in fire fighting tactics were dispatched by airplane from Seattle to the Redwood ranger station in the Siskiyou National forest.

A gasoline explosion destroyed about \$15,000 in equipment at the hidden Treasure mine near Baker and injured one man.

Lightning is Menace

The forest service quenched two lightning-set fires in the Diamond lake region.

Incendiarists, taking advantage of poor visibility, were giving fire wardens trouble in several districts.

Umpqua Highway Closed by Error

Roseburg, Ore., July 21 (AP)—The Umpqua highway between Drain and Redwood, closed yesterday because of the Smith river fire, was reopened this morning upon orders from the Roseburg division office of the state highway department. The road was closed yesterday upon an erroneous report concerning the proximity of the fire to the highway, it was reported.

Oregon Social Aid \$2,147,700 in Year

Washington, July 21 (AP)—The social security board reported today Oregon received \$2,147,700 from the federal government for public assistance during the year ended June 30. Of the total, \$1,929,900 went to the aged needy, \$153,300 to dependent children of needy families, and \$64,500 to indigent blind.

In a statistical study of April, the board found 306 of every 1,000 aged persons in the state received old age assistance, compared with the national average of 214. This old age assistance totaled \$359,417 during the month and was spread over 16,907 persons.

Of every 1,000 children under 16 years in the state, 12, or nine less than the national average, received help. The benefits for this group totaled \$46,047 for the month of April and went to 2,851 children in 1,262 families.