The Weather
Forecast — Partly cloudy; little change in temperature.
Maximum yesterday 103
Minimum today 60

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Weather Year Ago
Maximum 96
Minimum 56

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Wanted, Rain.
If Trouble, Then What?
Balfour and the Pee-Wees
The Lead Pencil Shape.

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Excessive heat injures Italy's crops; religious processions and prayers for rain in many places. That must give Mussolini a sort of helpless, indignant feeling.

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But men, in time, will find a way to control rainfall. Italy's necessity may persuade Mussolini to look into it. Absence of microscopic dust in the atmosphere is one cause of drought. It should be easy, with airplanes, to supply missing dust—preferably some hydrophilous substance, like pulverized lime.

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It is proposed to unite Germany with the fragment of Austria after the joyous carving up by the allies. France and other nations don't want a bigger, more powerful Germany.

French newspaper, remembering the American peace treaty, recently invented, asks: "What would America do should events precipitate trouble?"

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America, in all probability, would do something foolish but at least ninety out of one hundred million Americans will hope, if events precipitate trouble in Europe, that America will know enough to mind its own business and let Europe attend to her business.

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Lord Balfour celebrates his eightieth birthday, and the Prince of Wales, congratulating him, says Balfour was a member of the cabinet "eight years before I was born, and his golf handicap at eighty is at a lower level than mine is ever likely to attain."

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The prince might have added that Lord Balfour's family is an older English family than that of the prince. Balfour descends from Lord Burleigh, prime minister under Queen Elizabeth.

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British newspaper praise Lord Balfour's long, honorable career, and work done for his country.

His contributions to science are important. Some of them would shock our fundamentalists. The best practical work he ever did for Britain was in connection with the United States treasury.

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He did another neat piece of work when, at the Washington conference, England, being unable financially to compete with us in ships, Balfour persuaded our boy statesmen to junk our finest battleships, some not finished, thus saving Britain expense. Balfour is a statesman; ours are politicians, or pee-wees.

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Paris fashions for this fall demand "the silhouette." The woman whose outline closely imitates that of a lead pencil will be envied by others that stick out in front, back or at the sides. "A low belt and slight circular fullness, set in on the left side, all the rest lead pencil." That's what you must look like, ladies. Get your rubber suits, and begin to perspire—unless you have common sense.

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For some worry is a necessity. Here's something PERMANENT to worry about.

The earth is losing its speed. In

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NOBILE IS HISSED BY ONLOOKERS

Norwegian Farewell to Italia Commander in Marked Contrast With Reception Given Him — Nobile Appears Ill and Broken — Zappi Jeered and Gives Up Shopping Tour.

NARVIK, Norway, July 27.—(AP)—The North's farewell to the survivors of the Italia when they started for home was hisses. Today they were rushing southward in a special car to Italy where they will face an inquiry into their fatal trip to the pole.

Cheers sped the airship on its way when it departed from Vadsoe on May 5 for the Arctic and the town was decked with bunting and flags in their honor. Hostility kept them aboard their base ship the Citta Di Milano yesterday until the train was ready to take them home.

General Umberto Nobile, commander of the dirigible looked like a man broken physically and mentally. He was pale, thin and stooped and his haggard face showed plainly the strain of worry and illness.

Gives Up Shopping

Captain Filippo Zappi, navigator of the airship, appeared on deck intending to go to buy some clothes. There were hostile cries from the crowd on the quay and he decided to remain aboard the ship.

There was a military air about the vessel. Marines with bayonets fixed stood guard over the gangplank.

Nobile did not appear for some time after the ship had been moored. He was working in the cabin and it was stated he had been spending much time compiling a report of the expedition. He has now recovered sufficiently to stand without a stick, but is still much broken down.

The barking of his dog Titina was heard aboard. The dog has grown fat and wagged her tail merrily.

During the afternoon the Italians appeared on the deck of the vessel. Natale Cecioni, motor chief, whose leg, broken in the crash of the airship, was bandaged, appeared to be the merriest. He jumped around on crutches with a great cigar in his mouth.

Nobile Appears Sick Man

Nobile seemed ill when he appeared wearing civilian clothes with his gloves in one hand. He smiled a bit when talking to his companions aboard but appeared to be nervous and absent minded. His past sufferings were manifest and this seemed to have a restraining effect on the onlookers.

When five survivors landed Radio Operator Giuseppi Biagi came down the gang plank first. He threw himself in the arms of his brother who was awaiting him. Cecioni followed, refusing help.

General Nobile still seemed nervous when he said farewell to the officers of the Citta Di Milano. He walked down the gangplank feebly and nearly stumbled.

Hissing But No Disorders

A large crowd had assembled on the quay by this time. There was some hissing, but no disorder and only two policemen were present.

The members of the Swedish relief expedition who are traveling to Stockholm by the same train were loudly cheered as they boarded their car.

The passage of the Citta di Milano from Spitzbergen to Narvik was very slow. It was stated that this was because Captain Alberto Mariano was still very ill.

Mariano's leg became frostbitten while waiting on the ice for rescue with Zappi and it was amputated after he and Zappi had been rescued by the Russian ice breaker Krassin on July 12.

The Citta di Milano will return to the Spitzbergen region to aid in the searching operations for the six members of the Italia crew who drifted away in the balloon part of the airship after the crash. It will also aid in the hunt for Roald Amundsen and the five men missing with him.

GAS WAR LOOMS IN THIS STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—The Portland Telegram today says a gasoline war among independent dealers loomed today, following reports that a large group of independents will tomorrow launch a campaign meant to undercut a smaller group that reduced prices this week. It is declared the large companies are not involved in the proposed battle. The present retail price of gasoline in Portland is 21 cents a gallon.

HOOVERS REACH HOME TOWN ON SAD MISSION

Ending their trying trip across the continent, Secretary and Mrs. Herbert Hoover arrived at Palo Alto on the morning of the funeral of Mrs. Hoover's father, C. D. Henry. Although all formal ceremonies were postponed a large crowd of home folks were at the depot to greet them. The presidential nominee and Mrs. Hoover went immediately to their car (above) and drove to their home on the Stanford campus.

MR. HOOVER TO SPEND SUNDAY ON RIVER

Distinguished Visitor to Be Guest of Toggery Bill at His Fishing Lodge On Rogue — To Be Given a Steelhead Dinner.

Herbert C. Hoover, republican nominee for president, and party of 50, on an auto tour and fishing trip through northern California and southern Oregon, will arrive in this city Sunday evening, Mr. Hoover, his secretary and two press representatives will be taken at once to the summer cabin of W. F. Isaacs on Rogue river, where he will spend Sunday night. Monday morning the nominee will fish.

Sunday evening, the host, W. F. Isaacs will serve a steelhead dinner to the distinguished visitor. It will be an informal affair. The other guests will be State Highway Commissioner C. E. (Pop) Gates and wife, Mayor O. O. Alexander and wife, Ed H. Lamport and wife and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mann.

Reservations have been made at the Hotel Medford for the remaining members of the Hoover party.

The party will leave Eureka, Cal., by auto early Sunday morning and make the long drive to this city that day.

A telephone message announcing the coming of Hoover was received last night with explicit instructions that politics were taboo during the stay of Mr. Hoover, and requesting that no public reception be planned, as Mr. Hoover desired only seclusion and fishing.

The party will be escorted into this city by a detail of traffic officers.

The actual stay of the nominee in Medford will be only a few hours at most. An effort will be made by Legion convention heads to induce him to remain over during the state convention here next week, but this is doubtful, because of the amount of time required.

The Sunday evening dinner will be served and prepared by Miss Francis Kenney, Mrs. Ted Baker, Mrs. Al Hayden, and Mrs. Earl Coe. The fish will be cooked, under the direction of "Toggery Bill," who has a system all his own, and a copyrighted sauce, to which he alone possesses the formula. Fried trout will be served the nominee and party Monday morning, bright and early for breakfast. Mr. Hoover will also take lunch at the fishing lodge.

Ed Lamport will have charge of the arrangements for fishing, and will advise Mr. Hoover what weight pole, and what fly to use, and furnish the equipment. Louis Ulrich will be designated as special guide and adviser to Mr. Hoover keeping him posted on the best pools and the best riffles, and where the fish linger. He will be assisted by Isaacs, and both know the Rogue like they know the alphabet.

It was revealed today that the Hoover party started planning to fish in the upper Rogue last Monday, but endeavored to shroud their coming in secrecy Monday night. Ed Lamport received a phone call from Eureka asking him to make arrangements for a fishing party, and asking about the fishing. Wednesday night a second call was received. Last night, the third phone call came, and Lamport was told that Mr.

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MAGIC FORCE WAVE USED AS PATH OF FLAMES ARE DESTROYED

Walla Walla Area Swept By Fires in Grain Fields — Loss Will Reach Hundreds of Thousands — Workers Flee As Flames Spread.

WINONA, Wash., July 27.—(AP)—Thirteen homes were destroyed by fire which swept in from burning grain fields here early today. The fire later was controlled by volunteer fighters recruited from Colfax, 25 miles east of here, brought here by automobiles and aboard a special train on the Oregon-Washington railroad.

The fire also destroyed several hundred acres of standing grain and pasture at a loss estimated at $50,000. No business property was burned here.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 27.—(AP)—Scattered clouds that greeted several hundred smoke begrimed farmers and townsmen this morning held out some hope of assistance in fighting a fire that during the night swept the wheat lands of Eureka Flats near here, for some 40 miles over a 10-mile front.

The area burning is in Walla Walla county on the edge of the large wheat belt in southeastern Washington, which extends eastward nearly to the Idaho line and southward into the wheat lands of Umatilla county, Oregon.

To the west of the Eureka Flats territory the country is more or less desert and pasture land. Many farms in the vicinity were abandoned years ago for lack of water. Because of the dry hot weather common to this country during the summer, wheat fires have always been feared, since they spread rapidly and quickly get out of control.

The destruction of the pasture lands is considered important in that thousands of sheep and cattle raised there every year will be deprived of food.

While it has been reported the fire was started by sparks from an engine, the heat wave of the last five days has absorbed much of the moisture from the standing grain and many other causes might be attributed. Harvesting operations are in full swing and, while a good portion of the fall wheat has already been cut, thousands of acres of standing spring grain are endangered, and it is believed the heaviest loss will be suffered from destruction of this grain.

No authentic estimate of the damage was available, but unofficial suggestions named $200,000 as a possible figure. More than a score of great wheat ranches had been laid waste by the flames that had advanced doggedly eastward, despite the efforts of weary fighters to stem the crimson tide.

The damage included standing wheat and sacked grain, besides the buildings on several farms. The town of Eureka, with about 200 inhabitants, was threatened during much of the night.

Fanned by a wind created in part by its own heat, the fire ran rapidly through the grain fields, parched to tinder dryness by the high temperatures of the last few days. Backfiring and plowing of trenches in an effort to head it off proved of little avail.

Meanwhile farm homes were

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MAGIC FORCE

Vienna Criminologist Gives Amazing Demonstration at Edmonton, Alberta — Murder Mystery Solved — Fighting Cocks Hypnotized.

EDMONTON, Alta., July 27.—(AP)—After helping to solve a murder mystery, Dr. Maximilian A. Langner, Viennese criminologist, subdued two enraged fighting cocks by means of what he described as hypnotism.

From Vernon Booher, Dr. Langner obtained in 15 minutes information as to where he had hidden a rifle. Then Booher confessed he had killed his mother, brother and two farm hands. The doctor said he obtained his information by reception of thought.

Two fighting cocks, which the doctor had never seen before, were placed upon a table where they immediately began fighting furiously. Dr. Langner, grasping the birds by the wings, concentrated his power upon them. The cocks slowly quieted down, their heads dropped and their respiration was the only sign they were alive. Laying the cocks side by side on the table, the doctor stepped back. As he snapped his fingers, releasing them, he said, from the hypnotic spell, they sprang to their feet and began fighting again. Scientists, police officials and reporters saw the demonstration.

Explaining his method, Dr. Langner said that the use of thinking sends out vibrations or waves similar to radio broadcasts. In every person, he said, there is an undetected sixth sense by which these waves can be received. This sixth sense, he said, can be developed by training.

In explanation of how he was able to secure from Booher the information as to where the gun was hidden, he said that a person who has committed a crime has it constantly on his mind. It was therefore comparatively simple for him to tune in on Booher's thoughts.

Baseball Scores

National.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	2	9	0
Boston	1	5	0

Blake and Hartnett; Delaney and Taylor.

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	2	8	4
New York	4	8	0

Fussell and Hargreaves; Fitzsimmons and Hogan.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	6	0
Brooklyn	5	10	2

Mitchell, Haid, Johnson and Wilson; Vance and Deberry.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	10	0
Philadelphia	5	5	1

Donohue and Hargrave; Ring, Walsh and Schulte.

American.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	7	14	3
Chicago	4	10	0

Quinn, Rommell, Grove and Cochrane; Walsh, Crouse, Connolly and McCurdy.

HEAT WAVE IN OREGON IS BROKEN

U. S. Weather Bureau Declares Worst Is Over and Showers Are Predicted Tonight — Yesterday Much Cooler in Most Parts of State — Clouds Bring Down Mercury Rapidly.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Decidedly cooler weather in Portland today with promise of further moderation, and probable showers tonight and tomorrow spelled passing of the hot wave which swooped down on the Pacific northwest last Saturday.

The weather bureau declared that the torrid spell had been broken throughout Oregon, and that regions which have been sweltering the last week were to have relief.

Maximum temperatures late yesterday throughout Oregon and Washington were some lower than the high peak of Wednesday.

Another death was added late yesterday to the heat toll when John B. Heide, of Everett, Wash., collapsed at the Gresham fair grounds just as one of his favorite horses, Lilas Dee, won the 2:14 event. Heide was said to have collapsed from a heart attack due to heat and excitement.

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Although the thermometer only registered 100 here yesterday, seven degrees cooler than Wednesday, last night was the warmest of the year, with a minimum of 72 above. The city was sizzling this morning with mercury at 82 at 7:30, sky clear.

EUGENE, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—The maximum temperature in Eugene yesterday was but 93 degrees, and cool breeze last night brought the minimum to 54. Today was cool with a gentle breeze adding to the comfort of local residents.

Clouds aided the situation and the heat spell seemed broken, at least for the day.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Last night was the hottest of the hot spell in Pendleton, following a maximum yesterday of 100.

PORTLAND HAS A FIRE EPIDEMIC; LOSSES LARGE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Fanned by a breeze and given impetus by the tinderlike condition of baked-out wood, fire totally destroyed the Heiser Machinery and Marine Iron works, swept through the shops of the Peerless Pattern works and did considerable damage to the Independent foundry shortly after 3 a. m. today.

Loss was estimated unofficially at about $150,000.

The Heiser company was damaged to the extent of $80,000.

The blaze apparently started in the Heiser plant, spreading to the buildings of the Peerless Pattern works and thence to the Independent foundry. All of the structures were wooden.

Another fire at 6 a. m. today, which occurred while several fire companies were still pouring water on the smoking ruins of the earlier morning blaze, burned the two-story frame building occupied by the Enterprise Planing mill. Loss was $10,000.

Fire late last night, also of undetermined origin, broke out in a stairway in the two-story building occupied by the Bass-Hemter Paint company. Damage was estimated at $5000.

The Noted Dead

TONOPAH, Nev., July 27.—(AP)—Jack Longstreet, 82, one of the most picturesque of the survivors of frontier days, died at a hospital here today. He had lived for 75 years on the remote homestead which he wrested from the Indians.

Longstreet was six feet, six inches tall and weighed 250 pounds. During the sporting events here last July 4 he showed agility by mounting the horse which won the race by vaulting into the saddle without touching the stirrups.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 27.—(AP)—The Rev. Joseph N. Donahue, 38, C. S. C., formerly president of Columbia university, Portland, Ore., is dead. He had been ill three weeks with embolism.

GOLD HILL POST OFFICE ROBBED SAFE IS BLOWN

$400 in Cash and Stamps Secured Last Night By Daring Yeggs — Explosion Fails to Raise Alarm — Sheriff On Trail.

Gaining entrance through a pantry window, burglars early this morning robbed the Gold Hill postoffice of $100 in cash, $300 in miscellaneous stamps and a money order book, number 50,501 to 51,001. Sheriff Ralph Jennings investigated the safe this forenoon, but could find no clues.

The office safe was blown by a charge of nitro-glycerin the report of which was heard by several Gold Hill residents, who thought the noise was one of the usual blasts at the cement plant, where such blasts are set off to loosen klinkers in the furnaces. Employes at Kelly's garage saw a car in Gold Hill early in the morning with its top down, containing one man, driving through the city. Officers today were searching for the machine, but could not locate it.

The theft was discovered this morning by Postmaster John Reed.

FIFTY CRIMINAL INSANE ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM

Fire in State Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee Results in Getaway of Over 300 Inmates — Police Reserves Called Out.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 27.—(AP)—More than 350 patients, 50 of them listed as criminals, escaped from the main building of the central state hospital for the insane early today, when fire destroyed the two upper floors.

Nine hundred of the 1,272 patients were back in the institution at dawn, three hours after the blaze had been brought under control.

Nashville police and officials of the institution were organizing an intensive search for the others, 11 of whom were considered extremely dangerous.

All occupants of the main building were driven from their beds scantily clad, guards and nurses taking time only to warn inmates of their danger. Whether or not there was loss of life was not determined early today, pending an investigation.

Warning shouts of guards, police and firemen added to the terror of the inmates who, soaked by a drizzling rain, darted across fields and down highways and railroad tracks, illuminated by the flames. When the upper walls started crumbling the patients who remained clustered about the institution screamed and moaned in fear and broke through the police lines repeatedly.

Officers tried frantically to round them into other buildings of the institution and deputies posted on highways took many of them to police stations in the city, although so far as could be determined none of the dangerous criminals had been accounted for.

At dawn the alarm was sounded throughout the countryside and residents were put on their guard by police messengers.

Many of the patients helped the guards with the unmanageable inmates during the worst of the disorder, and some were drafted to aid the firemen.

Apparently the fire originated in the roof, although the cause had not been determined. Some 30 nurses and guards and doctors fled without their belongings. They did not have time even to salvage records of the institution. This constituted a serious problem, as many of the inmates, mostly the missing, probably may never be identified again.

The loss was estimated at $250,000.

One fireman was slightly hurt when struck on the head by a falling brick.

Accept Wage Reduction!

LONDON, July 27. — (AP) — An agreement was reached late today at a conference between the railway managers and the railway union leaders under which all railway employes, including high officials and directors, will accept a reduction of two and one half per cent in wages.

SAYS THIS WILL BE A HOOVER ERA

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco Greets Republican Nominee On Behalf of California at Great Homecoming — Hoover Forecasts Unprecedented Development On Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—(AP)—In welcoming Herbert Hoover, republican presidential nominee, on behalf of the city and people of San Francisco, Mayor Rolph said the nation was upon an era unique in the story of American progress.

"That era will bear a great name," he said. "It is to be the Hoover era."

At the outset the mayor reviewed the early struggles of Hoover in San Francisco, at Stanford University, and later as a budding mining engineer, and then paid high tribute to his accomplishments in the maelstrom of the European war in which he was caught while abroad as the representative of the Panama-Pacific exposition here and to his public service since that time.

"The country called upon his genius to save the lives of millions in Belgium, later in Germany and central Europe and still later to direct American famine relief in Russia," Mayor Rolph said.

"Then came a call from a president to work at home. He taught the American people how to save. Two presidents invited him to preside over the department of commerce."

Hoover Deeply Touched

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 27.—(AP)—Here is the full text of Herbert Hoover's response to an address of welcome by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., at San Francisco's welcome to him today:

"Mr. Mayor: I have been deeply touched by the manifestations I have received from my fellow-townsmen of San Francisco, and I wish to express my appreciation for the generous and cordial reception which you and they have given to me.

"It has been one of the penalties of public service, to which I was called at the outbreak of the war, that I should have been so largely deprived of the joys of living in this neighborhood.

"I can go back, Mr. Mayor, in recollection even beyond the time that you became a public institution, even beyond that longest term which you have served amongst all mayors in our great cities. I can recollect from experience when meals could be had for 15 cents and lodging for a quarter in this town, for it is now more than 32 years since I came to San Francisco, a youth in search of a job—and I got it.

"Your office buildings have been my continuous base of operations since that time. From here I have been drafted amongst the army of California-trained engineers for service in different parts of the world, but with the completion of every campaign the lure of California has brought me to this home ground.

Started In San Francisco

"San Francisco is responsible for my entry into public service. The request of this city took me to Europe in 1914, where I was caught in the maelstrom of the war. I was busily engaged on her behalf in negotiation with various governments to secure their participation in your Panama-Pacific exposition which celebrated the opening of the canal. The war destroyed much of these arrangements, but I received a certificate entitling me to a silver medal for this service. I have, however, never had the medal.

"During these past seven years I have had the duty as secretary of commerce of directing many government services which greatly affect the welfare of San Francisco. One of these activities has been the aid of our federal government in building up foreign trade on the Pacific coast.

"That trade is the most priceless possession of this city. It is the basis of employment for a large part of our working people. It is the outlet for the surplus of our farmers in the great valley.

Sees Great Development

"Our foreign trade has grown greatly since the war, until today, if we allow for the depreciated dollar, it is 50 percent greater than before the war. In the meantime, the other great nations engaged in the war are only just now recovering to the level of their pre-war trade. These other nations are now emerging from the destruction of war. The outlook of the world today is for the greatest area of commercial expansion in history.

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