

The Weather
Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday except somewhat cloudy at times. Not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday 68. Lowest this morning 51.

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AIR SQUADRON COMES SATURDAY



By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—

There is no doubt of explanations for the midwest drought. If the afflicted area were as wet as most of the explanations are it would be having a flood.

The most fantastic tale being passed around is the one about the Japanese current. It is whispered that this source of northwest winds and midwest rains has changed its course. Its moisture now is deposited further east, thus explaining the heavy winter of snow and rain in the north Atlantic states.

Those who tell this yarn predict that the northwest and middle west may eventually become as dry as the Sahara.

The main trouble with this explanation is that the Japanese current has not changed. The best experts have measured it to an inch. What did change was the flow of arctic winds. They came down the Hudson bay route this year instead of farther west.

That happens about once every 40 years. At least, it occurred in 1859 and in 1894. It is not likely to happen again until 1975, which is certainly nothing to worry about.

Many of the absurd explanations are based on the superstition of heathen wrath. Those need not be answered in the face of scientific proof that the phenomenon is only a 440-year quirk of nature.

But there is one other more sensible theory. It is that vast public lands in and near the northwestern Rockies have been so closely grazed by sheep that there is no grass left to retain moisture. Hence this moisture flows off to the sea instead of being absorbed by clouds, which would ordinarily deposit it in the drought region.

If there is anything in this theory, it is certainly not more than a buck-etcher. The best scientists here say the drought region would never miss the rain it loses from this source, if it loses any.

The rain for the drought area normally comes from three sources—the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico and (during the summer) reprecipitation in nearby areas. The failure of reprecipitation is what caused the drought several years ago and was a contributing factor this spring. That is, the clouds failed to suck up moisture from the ground and deposit it elsewhere in its usual rotating system.

Don't ask a scientist why. That is one of the things he has not found out yet.

However, as long as there is any water left in the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico, the middle west and north-west can expect the rainfall which has made it the food-giving center of the world.

The bald truth is the drought story has not been told, and cannot be told. A different local situation exists on every farm. The rain may not be evident for weeks or months.

There is no way to reduce such a condition to headlines which would convey a striking idea to the public mind. For one thing, you cannot tell accurately how many people are affected or how much relief money is needed. Neither can you take a news picture of a drought.

One thing is certain. The administration is thoroughly aroused, inside and out. It has enough money and enough power to handle a dozen droughts.

This will unquestionably minimize the full effect of conditions on business.

The inside excuse for the existing stalemate in war debts is that President Roosevelt planned it all out with a purpose.

Those nearest the big swivel chair in the White House explain we had to get into the situation we are in now before we could collect more than mere token payments. Also, that Mr. Roosevelt had to let congress force a default so it could get the "hate" out of its system. That is why he approved the Johnson amendment. Now, when the fact sinks in that we are not going to get a dime, he can get somewhere with negotiations for readjustment of the debts so that we can get as much money as possible.

You may have to stretch your imagination to believe it was all planned out that way in advance, but you can be reasonably sure it will end in accordance with this explanation.

Negotiations will be resumed sometime in the future and we will get as much out of the debts as we can. However, ultimate settlement is a long way off, probably years off.

The British ambassador's most embarrassing moment lately was when his majesty's government discovered that he let out the war debt note here too soon.

His majesty's government is holding the state department responsible, but the department credits the error to

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FIFTEEN PLANES FROM 'FRISCO TO ATTEND JUBILEE

Aerial Visitors Due About Noon—Final Pageant Is Tonight—Roundup Continues to Saturday Night

Arrival of a caravan of 15 airplanes, representing the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, about noon tomorrow is the feature event of the final day of the Oregon Jubilee program. The caravan will include the largest privately owned ship in existence. It can be viewed by jubilee visitors at the airport and is being flown here by the Standard Oil Company of California. Several company executives will be on board as passengers.

The air caravan will land and assemble at Montague, Cal. They will be met there by the aviation committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, consisting of W. H. Fluhrer, W. H. Murrhead and H. S. Deuel, who will fly to Montague in their own ship and the Skyways, arriving over the city in full flight formation, the planes will circle the city before landing at the airport in order to give notice to visitors who may wish to be at the airport to witness their arrival.

Hop for Home Sunday
The return trip will be made Sunday forenoon, giving passengers and pilots an opportunity to participate in jubilee events. A busy program of entertainment has been mapped out by the aviation committee, which will entertain the caravan while they are in the city. They will also be featured guests at the grand ball at the armory tomorrow night which promises to be one of the gala social events of the Jubilee.

The caravan is representing the aeronautics committee of the chamber, handling all things aeronautical for both junior and senior chambers. With most members of the committee, under the chairmanship of W. G. Ryber, identified with the aviation industry, 12 members being pilots and owning their own ships, the committee is regarded as one of the best aeronautical groups in the west. The caravan is being headed on its trip to Medford by W. S. Fuller Jr., of the Fuller Paint company, who will pilot his own plane.

Roundup Continues
Other events tomorrow will include Norman Cowan's famous roundup at the fair grounds, where capacity crowds have been entertained since it opened. A big show is promised for this part of the day's program, presenting a large number of riders, bronco busters, bucking horses, steers, trick and fancy roping and riding, and "Bobby" the world's champion high jumping steer.

The final performance will be presented tomorrow night when the 12

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YOUTH ACQUITTED SLAYING FATHER

ST. HELENS, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—A circuit court jury here today acquitted Edward Wagner, 24, who was tried for first degree murder for the slaying of his father, Carl Wagner. The trial started Monday.

Young Wagner, who was 17 years old when the family came here from Russia, declared he shot his father in self defense, when the elder man, reputedly drunk and abusive, first threatened Mrs. Wagner and then threatened the young man.

The slaying occurred January 14 at the family home near Fernhill, west of Rainier.

UMATILLA PIONEERS HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

UMATILLA, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Excellent weather greeted the forty-second annual Umatilla county pioneer reunion and picnic, which opened today at Weston. The gathering will last two days.

William Steen, of Milton, son of the first president of the organization, is president this year.

WOMAN MISSING AFTER CRACKUP OF AIR LINER

SEATTLE, June 8.—(AP)—A rescue party which reached the scene of a Spokane-Seattle United Air Lines plane wreck six miles east of Belleek in the Cascades reported today that one woman passenger was missing and a man and woman passenger and the pilot injured.

One passenger was reported already in Belleek. Names of the injured passengers and missing woman were not immediately ascertained.

Co-pilot Dwight Hansen, reached a logging camp telephone, after fight-

ing his way through the brush, to notify Belleek of the accident.

Experienced woodsmen were reported seeking the missing passenger. The reports were relayed here from newspapermen accompanying a United Air Lines crew which left at daylight for the scene of the wreck.

The plane carried nine persons. Ben Redfield was pilot.

The plane, battling fog in the high Cascades, plunged into a steep hillside about 5 p. m. yesterday, 20 minutes before it was due here.

Ten Are Injured in Ashland Underpass Smashups

Named Admiral



On the thirty-sixth anniversary of the sinking of the Merrimac by Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson in Cuban waters to block the Spanish fleet's escape, congress voted him recognition by elevating him to the rank of rear admiral with retired pay of \$4,500 annually. (Associated Press Photo)

FARM, INDUSTRIAL PARADE ACCENTS RESOURCES HERE

Granges Co-operate to Make Hour Long Pageant Feature of Jubilee Celebration—Many Bands Play

The products of Southern Oregon's fields and factories passed in review this morning before 10,000 people in the Agricultural and Industrial parade of Oregon Diamond Jubilee, commemorating 75 years of statehood. There were 107 entries. There were youth and flowers, ancient autos and horseflesh, head high wheat and floats with humorous reference to the "New Deal," and singing farmers. Ideal weather prevailed, the sun shining warmly from a cloud streaked sky.

Bands played throughout the procession, including the Roseburg high school band, the Klamath high school band, the Weed, Calif., high school band, the Medford high school band, the Kitties band of the Ashland Legion post, the Medford Legion drum corps, Grants Pass municipal band, and the Medford Elks band. There was plenty of music during the hour required for the parade to pass a given point.

Chiefs, Carmen Present, The Umpqua Chiefs, of Roseburg, and the Grants Pass Cavalrymen.

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ROSEBURG SCHOOL BAND JUDGED BEST IN TODAY'S PARADE

The well-trained Roseburg High school band was awarded first place in the high school band contest, an event of this forenoon. The contest was carried on while the different participants marched in the agricultural parade. Second place was taken by Klamath Falls. The Weed High school, a large organization, made a good showing but failed to place in the money.

The contest was judged by H. S. (Hob) Deuel and Ed M. White, well-known in the art of band judging. Special mention was given to the Grants Pass municipal band, which marched in the parade, but which could not take part in the contest due to the maturity of its members. The Medford High school also took part but failed to place.

The numerous bands added color to the already colorful parade and did much to enliven the day's activities. The participation of these bands and their presence in Medford are greatly appreciated by the Jubilee committee.

A large number of residents from each of the towns, represented by the bands, followed the musical organizations to Medford.

EX-MAYOR BAKER SUFFERS COLLAPSE

PORTLAND, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—George L. Baker, manager of the Oregon Manufacturers' association, and for many years mayor of Portland, collapsed at a committee meeting here today and after emergency treatment was taken in an ambulance to his home.

Dr. Homer Rush described the attack as a vascular spasm, "not necessarily serious."

Baker had previously suffered fainting attacks.

Solon Hit By Car At Death's Door

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Representative Coffin of Idaho, injured when struck by an automobile in the capitol grounds several days ago, was reported in "an extremely critical condition" by his office this afternoon.

A bulletin said he had a "sudden change for the worse."

Lightning Bolt Destroys Home As Owner Looks

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—To see the house from which he had departed but a few moments before hit and destroyed by a bolt of lightning was the experience Tuesday night of Jesse Neval, homesteader residing in the Mt. Scott region, north of Glide, according to word reaching here today. During a severe electric storm Tuesday night, Neval went to his barn.

As he reached the barn there was a terrific crash and he turned about to see his house a mass of blue flame. The lightning ignited the entire structure and it was impossible to save any of the contents.

ROOSEVELT PLANS SOCIAL INSURANCE FOR U. S. CITIZENS

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told congress today that he is preparing a vast plan of social insurance for the security of the citizen and his family.

This, with another national plan for land and water resources, will be laid before congress next winter.

In his longest message to the national legislature, the chief executive said:

"Among our objectives I place the security of the men, women and children of the nation first."

He said, "I want decent homes to live in; they want to locate them where they can engage in productive work, and they want some safeguard against misfortunes which cannot be wholly eliminated in the man-made world of ours."

Regarding homes, he said the government already has appropriated millions for housing, and a housing bill now before the legislators can

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STRIKE SLOWS LUMBER MOVING

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Lumber movements during the week ending June 2 as reported to the National Lumber Manufacturers' association today by 1,425 mills were lower than for any week since the first of the year. Production and orders also were reported at mid-winter levels.

Shipments totaled 149,751,000 feet, compared with 171,499,000 feet for the previous week. Production dropped to 153,262,000 feet from 187,988,000 feet, while orders declined to 153,254,000 feet from 201,627,000 feet.

The association's report said the decline in activities was partly due to the Memorial day holiday during the week and also the longshoremen's strike on the Pacific coast, which is tying up water shipments.

New business amounted to 40,895,000 feet, about 13 per cent under the three-year weekly average for May, and 18 per cent less than for the previous week, was reported by the Western Pine association today for the week ending June 2.

Shipments totaled 48,457,000 feet, and production amounted to 55,668,000 feet. Orders for the week were 40,785,000 feet, compared with 50,928,000 feet for the corresponding week a year ago.

For the year to date orders have increased 24 per cent over the 1933 total for the corresponding period.

HURRICANE SWEEPS OVER SAN SALVADOR

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—Eight lives were lost, 500 persons were made homeless and damage estimated at \$1,500,000 done by a hurricane that swept San Salvador yesterday and last night, Pan-American Airways reported today.

Marital law was declared today as a result of the complete collapse of communication facilities, light and power lines and railroad travel.

The review said the country was confronted with a new problem of rising living costs, with food prices likely to be higher in the fall as a result of drought damage.

Jubilee Program

Tonight
8:00 p. m. Final presentation of historical pageant, "Oyer-On-Gon" (Land of Plenty) at fairgrounds.
9:00 p. m. Official Jubilee dance at Medford armory with Archie Legg's Royal Serenades. Admission prices cut.
9:00 p. m. Old Time Dance at Knights' of Pythias hall. Mineral exhibit in Hunt building. Industrial exhibit in Natatorium building, with gifts to visitors. Browning Brothers' carnival, Indian village and other concessions in operation.

Saturday
11:30 a. m. Arrival of air caravan representing San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce. Caravan will be met in Montague by local planes.
1:30 p. m. Lectures by mining men in mineral exhibit. Gold panning demonstration, with nuggets given away.
2:30 p. m. Norman Cowan's famous roundup. New horses, new riders.
8:00 p. m. Norman Cowan's night roundup. Grand prizes for 12 best performances. Twelve men in each division.
9:00 p. m. Grand Ball at Medford armory, closing Oregon's Diamond Jubilee celebration. Archie Legg's orchestra.

Sunday
9:00 p. m. Old Time Dance in Knights' of Pythias hall. Rabbit show at carnival.

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PREMATURE SALUTE FOR DERN USES UP ALL ARMY'S POWDER

SALT LAKE CITY, June 7.—(AP)—Secretary of War George H. Dern went without the customary salute of 19 guns when he inspected his home army post at Fort Douglas, but no disrespect on the part of commanding officers was involved. The firing squad just got a little premature.

All was in readiness for the salute, at the cost of some \$37 to Uncle Sam, when a limousine with a liveried chauffeur rolled up. The guns cut loose, until all 19 shots were fired.

Then up rolled another limousine, in it was the secretary, but the army was out of powder. The first car carried Mayor Louis Marcus, who doesn't rate a salute at all.

WIND AND FLOOD FOLLOW DROUGHT TO ADD TROUBLE

(By the Associated Press)
Windstorm and flood brought new afflictions today to drought sick northwestern prairies that were vicing thanks for freshening scattered rains.

In some parts of South Dakota and Iowa torrential rains and winds did almost as much damage to crops as the withering sun.

Near Tripp, S. D., a man was killed, a boy probably fatally injured, several others inflicted with minor injuries, and considerable property damaged when wind and rain descended with pent up violence.

In some sections trees were uprooted, windmills and buildings toppled, and a deluge of rain washed away top soil and left water standing in fields.

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STRIKE OF STEEL LABOR AVERTED

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Hugh B. Johnson announced late today that the American Iron and Steel Institute had accepted the administration plan for settling the threatened strike and that this represented a "very forward step on the part of the institute."

Spokesmen for the union which is threatening the strike had taken the proposal under advisement, but said they would have to put it up to their membership.

The settlement proposal centers around formation of a mediation board to compose labor difficulties.

STEVEDORES' STRIKE CLOSES PAPER MILL

NEWBERG, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Due to inability to get sulphur for bleaching, and absence of facilities for shipping the product the Spaulding Pulp & Paper mill here has closed indefinitely because of the coast longshoremen's strike. About 80 men are out of employment, as a result.

FILM BEAUTY IS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE SMASHUP

PASADENA, Calif., June 8.—(AP)—The curtain was rung down here today on one of Hollywood's briefest though most spectacular careers. Dorothy Dell Goff, 19-year-old beauty contest winner, former Zig-feld Follies girl, New York state actress and radio artist, was killed shortly after 2 a. m. in an automobile accident.

Her companion, Dr. Carl Wagner, prominent young Pasadena surgeon and socialite who figured in the police probe several months ago into the mysterious, still unsolved murder of Dr. Leonard Stayer, a leading dentist and also active socially here, was fatally injured in the mishap. He died six hours later.

Miss Dell's death was as spectacular as her swift climb to Hollywood fame.

DANGER SPOT ON HIGHWAY CLAIMS ADDITIONAL TOLL

7 Grants Pass Men Miss Death When Auto Hits Underpass Wall—Two Women Hurt in 2nd Crash

Within a few hours after bids were opened Thursday in Portland by the state highway commission for rebuilding the Pacific highway underpass north of Ashland, two serious accidents occurred there, sending 10 people to the Ashland hospital.

In the second accident, about 11 p. m., seven men were injured, four of them seriously, when the light sedan in which they were riding sideswiped the underpass concrete retaining wall. In the first accident, about 7:30 p. m., two cars sideswiped each other, injuring three, none dangerously.

Logjammers in smashup. The seven men, members of the Grants Pass Eagle drill team, were returning from an installation ceremony at Ashland. The hospital gives their names and injuries as follows: Loris Evertson, knee injury and lacerations; Elwyn Abel, broken wrist, cuts; F. R. Farthing, broken collar bone, scalp wounds; Ben Graybill, driver, cuts; H. W. Rimer, broken ribs; H. E. Hullingsworth, broken collarbone, and Charles Cook, bruises.

Three men were reported riding in the front seat and four in the rear. Force of the impact is said to have thrown two of the rear seat passengers over the heads of those in front and out through the windshield.

The men were dressed in white uniforms and the blood streaming from their cuts and wounds made the sight a ghastly spectacle for those first arriving.

Volunteers Police Road. Occupants of cars which drove up just after the mishap hurriedly organized a relief fund.

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DROUGHT REDUCES WHEAT PROSPECTS

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Winter wheat production this year was forecast today by the department of agriculture at 400,000,000 bushels. A month ago 481,471,000 bushels were forecast, but drought ravages have cut deeply since.

Last year 351,030,000 bushels were produced.

BUSINESS SHOWS UPWARD TENDENCY

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—Despite drought damage to crops and tension arising from labor unrest, business still shows on the whole an inclination to move forward on the recovery trend in evidence for more than a year. Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. reported today in its weekly trade review.

"The average of industrial operations has been well maintained," it continued, "as a slight expansion in capital goods has offset the slackening reported by manufacturers of consumers' products."

"Despite the slight recession in factory activities, employment is being well maintained, and payrolls generally are at the highest level since 1927."

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CIGARETTES HAULED OFF IN TRUCK BY BURGLARS

THE DALLES, Ore., June 8.—(AP)—Cigarettes valued at \$1400 were stolen from Cramer Bros. wholesale and retail store here last night. Two men, equipped with a light truck were believed to have committed the robbery. A hole was chipped through a brick wall in the rear of the store through which the cigarettes were removed.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 7.—Glad to see the Republican party honor Henry Fletcher, ex-ambassador to Italy. He is a very able man. They made him chairman of the Republican national committee.

Course, you got to use a little humor when you say it's an honor to hand a man the Republican party to run at this time. It's sorter like giving you an empty gun to protect yourself.

Henry will do 'em as good a job as anybody could, if he confines 'em to constructive criticism.

Mr. Roosevelt has a unique position in the feelings of the people. They will let you throw a brick at him but it's got to be loaded with something besides political mud.

Yours,
W. L. Rogers

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