

The Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday 86. Lowest this morning 53.

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DILLINGER SHOT DOWN BY POLICE

Mrs. Fehl and Pamphlet Aides Plead Guilty; Defer Sentence



(Paul Mallon, whose signature usually appears over this dispatch, is on a brief vacation. During his absence the column will be composed of contributions from leading Washington correspondents.) (Copyright, 1934, by Paul Mallon.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—Reports from Berlin, regarding the feelings of the German government when it received Secretary of State Hull's aide memoire about preferential treatment of creditors by Germany and her attempt to bargain over payment to Americans, said that the communication was something of a shock. It was so disagreeable that it was not permitted to be published in Germany. But, if the paper as delivered, caused the German officials so much pain, those on the inside in the state department are wondering what kind of colic would have seized them if it had been sent in the form in which it was first drafted.

According to credible information, Secretary Hull himself was very much in favor of using much stronger language and even wished to depart somewhat from the point at issue to reflect on policies of the Nazi regime in general. In this, of course, he ran up against diplomacy of the traditional sort, which influences permanent officials trained on conventional lines. These advised against putting the case in such blunt terms as the secretary desired, and, after much discussion, they finally won out.

This secretary may have a chance later to use vigorous language, since the Germans are now negotiating with France as to Dawes and Young loan payments with the possibility of results like those in the case of Great Britain, which caused the United States to protest in the first place. This would also be disadvantageous to American bondholders and be ample ground for further representations. Nevertheless, nearly everyone in the department concerned with the matter sees little good in calling names without having any stones to throw, which seems to be the situation of the United States. Germany buys about \$62,000,000 more from us annually than she sells to us, hence, the weapon which Great Britain wielded is not available to the vital necessity to her, of the commodities Germany buys from us, this country, by shutting them off, might wreck Germany economically, but Germany could immediately cut off all buying from us and inflict a \$62,000,000 injury. However, even if the \$62,000,000 balance was unimportant, it is contended that to ditch Germany solely as a punishment doesn't make economic sense. It looks, therefore, as if the German government had the whip hand.

Dr. Herbert Feis, chief economic adviser of the state department, is off to Europe for a stay of five weeks. The object of his trip, as officially described, is to exchange economic information with American diplomatic missions abroad. But it is known that the real purpose of his visit is to instruct the missions regarding the kind of economic reports wanted out of the various countries.

At the same time, Dr. Feis will collect information of a confidential nature that the department does not wish to trust to its ordinary means of diplomatic transfer. Dr. Feis will go first to London, and visit the Netherlands first of the countries on the continent. Richard Washburn Child has just left the service after a very brief mission of a similar sort, and it is not unlikely that a part of Dr. Feis' errand is to clean up on what Mr. Child left undone.

With an NRA code, like an automobile, it is not the first cost but the upkeep that counts, as a certain code authority not long ago found out. Up to that time, the authority in this industry had accumulated a cash surplus of \$80,000. Then it was decided it would be a bright idea to add to its code a provision requiring the authority to pass on all transactions involving returned goods.

Hunt Spurred For Gangmen Of Ace Bandit

CHICAGO, July 23.—(AP)—John Dillinger lay on a cold slab in the Cook county morgue today. He was slain by three bullets fired by unnamed federal operatives last night after they had been tipped off by a woman. Two women were held incommunicado as having been Dillinger's companions at the show.

Mevin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago staff of the federal department of investigation, who arranged the ambush that resulted in the phantom fugitive's death as he left a motion picture house on the north-west side, announced that a wide search for Homer Van Meter, gunner-in-chief for the Dillinger mob, George (Bobbyface) Nelson, John Hamilton, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and other raiders was only intensified. "Bring them in," was his terse order to his forces. Captain John Stege, head of the Chicago police department's Dillinger detail, echoed the command to his charges. The pace of the hunt for the gangsters, never relaxed during long months of futile effort, was stepped up to a new high speed and placed on a "dead or alive" basis. "Anyone who ever gave any of the Dillinger men any aid, comfort or assistance will be vigorously prosecuted," J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice investigations branch, declared at Washington.

By WILLIAM CONWAY. (Copyright, 1934, by The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 23.—(AP)—Dillinger's death! He swaggered from a neighborhood theater last night into the raking fire of government guns. Too late he saw the gleaming steel of the trap set for him. His hand went for his gun. Too late. Three bullets tore into his body. He staggered, fell. It was the end of John Dillinger. The hour was 10:40 p. m., Chicago daylight saving time. The place was just outside the Biograph theatre, a neighborhood movie at Fullerton and Lincoln avenues, on the northwest side, in territory where the blood of many a Chicago gangster has flowed before.

Sensational Climax. Had the climax of this bank robber-desperado-killer's career been prearranged it could have been no more sensational. There was even an audience, loitering about the vicinity of the theater, drawn by the presence of so many department of justice agents.

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OREGON TRAFFIC SHOWS INCREASE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—A substantial increase in traffic by both Oregon and out-state cars occurred in July as compared to June, despite the strike and gasoline shortages, according to figures released here Sunday by Ray Conway of the Oregon State Motor association. The figures were gathered at 27 traffic stations by the Oregon state highway department in its monthly check. The total for June and July was also considerably higher than for the same period in 1933. In the two months this year, 45,005 automobiles passed the checking stations, as compared to 42,891 for the same period in 1933. July of 1934 showed an increase of 10.8 per cent over June, while July of 1933 showed only a 2.4 gain over June of that year. Foreign cars in this month's check showed a 21.1 per cent increase over June this year.

NELSON REPEATS SWIM TRIUMPH

CHICAGO, July 23.—(AP)—Merrin Nelson of Port Dodge, Ia., and Toronto, was \$5,000 richer today and had a 1,000 average in the William Randolph Hearst-Herald and Examiner 15-mile swim. The 23-year-old husky won his second straight victory in the long haul through Lake Michigan and World Fair Lagoon waters yesterday, finishing nearly 15 minutes ahead of Frank Fitzhugh of Buffalo, N. Y., who got \$1,500 for landing second. An Italian, Gianni Gambi, was third, winning \$700, and Cy Nelson of Chicago, fourth, for the \$500 prize. Nelson's time was 1 hour, 34 minutes, five seconds, more than a half hour slower than his record set last year.

COAST DOCKERS VOTING ON ARBITRATION

Trapped on Woman's Tip



JOHN DILLINGER Trapped while attending a motion picture theater in Chicago last evening, John Dillinger, notorious outlaw, sought for months throughout the country, was shot and killed by federal officers. The ace bandit had two weaknesses—women and a desire for the spectacular in crime. Officers say it was on a woman's tip they were enabled to spring the Chicago coup.

FATHER TO CLAIM BODY OF SLAIN GANG LEADER

MOORESVILLE, Ind., July 23.—(AP)—John Dillinger, Sr., 70, left today for Chicago to claim the body of his slain son. Before departing the father made tentative arrangements for holding funeral services Wednesday at the Maywood home of Mrs. Audrey Hancock, John's sister, who cared for him many years after his mother's death. The Reverend Charles M. Fillmore, a retired minister of the Disciples of Christ church, was requested to conduct the funeral. The father planned to bury his son's body in Crown Hill cemetery in Indianapolis by the side of the mother who died when Dillinger was a child. The father believes that his son died the way he wanted to die. "I suspect John would rather it had been that way," he said. "He never told me so, but they laid so many things on him that I guess he rather would have been shot down than arrested again. The last time I saw Johnnie was on April 8. I haven't heard from him for weeks, but I have been worrying about him a good deal lately. I thought this had to come and I have been expecting it any time. You know, I can't think John was had all the way through. There were lots of things he said he did that I don't think he could have done. John was here and I talked to him two days after that East Chicago robbery. He came here in the night and we talked for about twenty minutes or a half hour. John said he had just got back from Florida then, and I believed him. It's strange isn't it, but I can't believe that he was in that robbery and you know the killing of that policeman was the only charge of murder anyone ever made against John. I hope that John had enough money on him to pay his funeral expenses and that it can be used for that purpose. If he didn't it will be an awful burden, but I'll do the best I can for him."

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POSSES READY TO 'SHOOT IT OUT' IF CONVICTS LOCATED

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, July 23.—(AP)—Squads of heavily armed officers hunted through Texas today, ready to shoot it out with three condemned murderers who battled their way out of the state penitentiary here yesterday. The fugitives—Raymond Hamilton and Joe Palmer, former pals of the late Clyde Barrow, and "Blackie" Thompson, Oklahoma killer—were believed to have escaped towards haunts in north Texas by automobiles. In the gunfight with guards during which they scaled the prison wall and won freedom, three life term companions were shot down. Whitey Walker, involved with Thompson in several crimes, was shot and killed; Charlie Praxler, leader of a bloody Louisiana prison break, was wounded seriously, and Troy Johnson, Oklahoma bandit, was wounded slightly. Officers at Houston were informed that a car believed to contain the fleeing desperadoes was seen there yesterday. H. M. Dry told authorities the machine collided with his car. Dry said he didn't know of the prison break but when he saw pictures in a newspaper today, he recognized the driver of the car as Blackie Thompson and the man in the front seat with Thompson as Joe Palmer.

TABLE ROCK SLOPES SCORCHED BY FIRE

Starting on the west side of upper Table Rock yesterday, from the backfire of a tractor, a fire which burned over 150 acres on the slightly wooded slopes of the rock, was put under control today by the state fire patrol. The blaze spread rapidly during its height, fanned by a strong wind which swept it from the starting point along the south side of the hill, and up to the rock cliffs at the top.

SCATTERED RAINS LIGHTEN HAND OF DROUGHT IN EAST

PECOS, Tex., July 23.—(AP)—Heavy rains broke the drought yesterday and last night in parts of Reeves, Pecos, Jeff Davis, Ward, Brewster and Culberson counties. (By the Associated Press.) While the heat wave gripping the country brought the toll of the dead to higher levels today, the north-eastern states were given a welcome respite. The temperature in New York City was only 75 at noon, compared to 83 at the same time yesterday. Pennsylvania and the New England states reported generally more moderate temperatures. The death list now stands at approximately 275, with the heaviest casualties being reported from the center of the Mississippi valley. All sections have paid tribute to the sun—the cities with lives and the country with livestock, ravaged crops and falling water supplies. A survey of drought damage from the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains showed thousands of cattle lost, thousands more given up at forced sales, and crop losses placed at hundreds of millions of dollars. Millions of persons, who found relief at the lakes and seashores over the week-end, came back today to baked pavements and steaming sidewalks.

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BYRD'S TRAIL LOST TO RESCUE GROUP IN POLAR STORMS

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, July 23.—(AP)—Grave concern for the safety of Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd was felt today. The trail leading to his lonely weather observation outpost was lost. A tractor party which set out Friday to bring him back to the main base reported it could not pick up the trail. The group was 50 miles out on the 123-mile run. Orange flags with which the trail had been marked could not be found past that point, the relief party reported yesterday. Byrd followed the trail four months ago to take up his lonely sentinel duty. Dr. Thomas G. Poulter, in charge of the group, said it had battled in bitter weather to reach the 50-mile station. Temperatures ranged from 50 degrees below zero to 71 degrees below. The expedition traveled 130 nautical miles to attain the 50 nautical miles. Dr. Poulter reported, zig-zagging back and forth over the ice barriers. A neat of deep crevasses lies ahead. Members of the group had been sleeping since 5:30 a. m. Friday. The flags were completely snowed under in places and elsewhere were barely visible. A scouting crew on skis was endeavoring to pick up the trail, aided by a searchlight from the tractor. In the group, in addition to Dr. Poulter, are Bernard Skinner, Amory Waite, radio operator, and Carl Peterson.

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BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. National: Chicago 5 13 0, Brooklyn 3 10 2, Malone, Tinning and Hartnett; Muna, Leonard, Carroll and Lopez; Sikeforth. Pittsburgh 2 10 2, Philadelphia 3 11 4, Swift, Chagnon and Padden; E. Moore and Todd. Cincinnati 4 6 0, Boston 2 9 0, Derringer and O'Farrell; Brown, Betts and Spohrer. St. Louis 6 15 0, New York 5 10 3, J. Dean and Delancy; Schumacher, Salveon, Bell, Smith and Mancuso. American: Washington 11 15 1, Chicago 5 10 1, Whitehill and Sewell; Gaston, Hoving and Madjeski.

SPANISH WAR VETS OPEN CONVENTION

EUGENE, July 23.—(AP)—"Let's have a real American congress next time, one that will recognize and support legislation for the real American people," said William H. Armstrong, national commander of the Spanish-American war veterans, in his key-note address to the combined veterans and auxiliaries this morning at the Elks temple. It was the start of a three-day convention in Eugene and more than 100 delegates were present. Commander Armstrong was outspoken in his praise of Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon, telling of his leadership in the fight to restore pensions shorted away by the new deal administration in 1933. The commander commended the loyalty of Oregonians in the fight to have the pensions restored. "Of course a Spanish-American war veteran is the same wherever you find him, but Oregon as a state, has been especially warm to the cause of the veterans' need," he said.

ENDEAVOR SAILS FOR RACE WITH AMERICA

GOSSPORT, Eng., July 24.—(AP)—The yacht Endeavour, challenger for the America's cup, sailed today for the United States as thousands of spectators cheered from wharves and shores of vessels lying in the harbor cheered. Conveyed by the motorboat, Vita, the Endeavour motored majestically through waters alive with hundreds of yachts which had come to see Britain's hope off.

AUTO RACE DRIVER HIT FLOWING BOWL

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 23.—(AP)—Art Scoville, 23, who said he was a racing car driver from Everett, was fined \$100, sentenced to 30 days in jail and had his license suspended for one year when he pleaded guilty in police court today to a charge of drunken driving. Police Judge Shaw was told by arresting officers that they chased the driver for 20 blocks before overtaking him, and that he narrowly missed striking four automobiles.

AUTOIST KILLED IN CRASH WITH TRUCK

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Henry Edward Travis, 50, of Portland, was fatally injured Sunday when an automobile he was driving collided with a truck half a mile north of Canby, near here on the Pacific highway. Travis died shortly after being brought to an Oregon City hospital. A passenger, Jacob Hestek, Oregon City, was uninjured, as was the truck driver, Glen E. Kitchen, Wapato, Wash.

ATTEMPT TO FAN TURMOIL EMBERS FLAYED BY COURT

District Attorney Agrees to Suspend Sentence for Trio Accused of Criminal Libel in Primary Campaign

Mecia A. Fehl, wife of the penitentiary detainee E. H. Fehl, May Murray, and E. L. Pritch, indicted by the last grand jury, Floyd Ross, Central Point, foreman, for criminal libel, this morning entered pleas of guilty before Circuit Judge Harry D. Norton. Passing of sentence was deferred until September 4. The three defendants were scheduled to appear for jury trial tomorrow morning. Through Attorney E. E. Kelly, named as counsel by the court, they changed their pleas. The court instructed that "inasmuch as he has already served about the period of time I would give, Pritch be temporarily released from custody."

Fitch Left to Rot "I have more sympathy for him than the others," the court commented. "After inducing him to distribute the circulars they left him to rot in jail while they provided bonds for themselves. They made sure of that." Pritch has served two months and a half in the county jail. The court said a recurrence of the criminal mischief making during the period of adjournment would mean the limit provided by law would be imposed. The court said the same conditions would be imposed in the case the plea of Attorney Kelly for suspended sentences was granted. The trio were indicted for circulation of a pamphlet entitled, "Black Political Plot Exposed," which charged that "a master mind in the dis-

PEAR PACKING IS UNDER WAY

Packing houses in the valley opened today with full crews, and reported there was plenty of local help available at all of the houses. The Bear Creek orchards are to start operations tomorrow with about 150 workers in the packing house. The three Pinnacle houses opened today with about 400 employes, and Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., started this morning with 60 workers. Managers of the various companies refused to state what wages are being paid, saying "the wages are good, we are treating our employes right, and they are satisfied."

LEGIONNAIRES TO HEAR TALL STORIES OF NAVY

His experiences in the navy, will be the subject of the talk to be given this evening by Chief Machinist's Mate A. P. Walker, local recruiting officer for the United States navy, who will appear before the local American Legion post at its meeting in the armory. All Legionnaires have been requested to attend.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

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