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Forecast: Fair tonight and Friday.  
Not much change in temperature.  
Temperature:  
Highest yesterday— 82  
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## MINISTER IN KIDNAPERS' CLUTCH



**News Behind The News**  
By PAUL MALLON.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—If you do not understand what the government has been doing to silver you need not feel that you are thickheaded. The government itself has had some trouble finding out what it was doing.

It took three treasury announcements over a period of a week to get the thing all straightened out. However, it is thoroughly explained, and it can be fairly said that the announcement means no more than it did in the first place.

The trouble seems to have started on the inside when one treasury under-official got the idea that it would not be wise to disclose that President Roosevelt had authorized a minor inflationary step in silver two months ago. He thought it might create a bad impression to let out that fact at this late date. So, the insiders say, he blue-penciled it from the original nationalization announcement.

As there was no detailed official explanation of how the treasury was handling its silver, rumors started to flow immediately. Most of them were wrong.

When these rumors began to affect the government bond market, action was taken swiftly. Mr. Roosevelt's old silver order was given out. Later an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Rorngenthaus and Mr. Roosevelt was made public. All the silver cards were then presumably placed face up on the table.

They showed that the only inflationary step Mr. Roosevelt has taken on silver was in the June 16 order. It concerned only old silver held in the vaults then and not the new silver acquired since. He authorized the issuance of currency at \$1.29 an ounce against that silver, and valued the reserve at \$1.29 an ounce, whereas he had paid much less for it.

The inflation thus involved is exactly \$33,100,000, which is merely a silver shred among the gold. It means nothing.

From the face-up cards you can ascertain, however, that Mr. Roosevelt has not done the same thing with the newly acquired silver. He is leasing money against that only to the extent of the purchase price, and not on the basis of the inflated price of \$1.29 an ounce.

Everyone within a mile of the inside believes the president will some day use his newly acquired silver in the same way he did the old silver. But do not be misled into deducing inflation is coming from that.

The truth is that the amount of silver involved is so small it just cannot affect the credit of the treasury nor appreciably affect the amount of money in circulation. The maximum amount of inflation Mr. Roosevelt could get that way from silver stocks seized and the purchase of the domestic output during the first year is about \$225,000,000.

He can use this silver device for real inflation only if he goes into the world market and buys all the silver in sight.

Some who know silver cannot see enough of that metal in the world to permit a major inflation even then. There are estimates that no more than 100,000,000 ounces are available for purchase by us now in India and China. Some estimates run as low as 9,000,000 ounces.

Professor Rogers now is in China looking into the situation for the administration.

The recent experience of the government bond market may put a damper on the whole silver program. That market is most sensitive in times like these.

The government has a lot of financing to do and can easily maintain the market for its financing unless the inflation talk gets out of hand.

Some shrewd observers believe that the recent brief decline was meant as a word of warning against inflation on the part of large holders of government bonds. At any rate, it is true that some large holders desired to "test" the market by selling, and now have repurchased.

The withdrawal of Bernard Baruch, once a democratic angel, from the stock market is being widely advertised in the inner circle there. They say he has "moved up town," which means that he has become, you might say, a retired capitalist. (The Tammany boys spoke in the same derogatory way about Al Smith when he "moved up town.")

After Baruch returns from Europe, his pals avoid he will devote more time to the public baths in New York and Mrs. Roosevelt's home-staying than to reading the ticker tape.

There is a strong movement among

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### \$25,000 RANSOM IS DEMANDED IN LETTER TO WIFE

**Rev. Askew Disappears On Auto Trip in North Carolina—Death Threatened if Money Not Forthcoming**

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Rev. R. H. Askew, Goldsboro evangelist, disappeared late yesterday while on an automobile trip to Smithfield and today his wife received a letter demanding \$25,000 ransom for his return.

The note, received by Mrs. Askew through the mails this morning, said: "Have \$25,000 in cash at once or you will never see your husband alive again. Instructions will follow."

The note was not signed. It was typewritten on cheap paper and mailed in a plain envelope. The stamp was cancelled by the Goldsboro post office at 5:30 p. m. last night.

LONDON, Ont., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Police investigating the kidnaping of John S. LaBlatt were represented today as believing that he is being held at a place "not many miles" from his home on Central avenue.

A prominent resident of London made this statement just after he had been interviewed by a provincial police official, saying that he had been informed that the search for the kidnapers is centered in the London district.

The same informant said that a former employe of the LaBlatt brewing company, of which the kidnaped man is president, has been missing since Monday and is now being sought for questioning by provincial police.

### IMPRESSIVE RITE MARKS ENDING OF MARIAN CONGRESS

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(P)—As thousands of candles flickered before him and powerful floodlights outlined the huge altar from which he spoke, Alexis M. Cardinal Lepicier of Boston last night ended the first Marian congress ever held in the United States by bestowing the blessing of Pope Pius XI on the 80,000 persons attending the closing service.

Cardinal Lepicier consecrated all present to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and gave the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Prior to the cardinal's appearance at the altar, Catholic men had marched in a procession to the altar, and pilgrims present had joined them by lighting thousands of candles. With the floodlights, these candles illuminated most of the sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother on Rocky Butte here, scene of the congress held in commemoration of the 700th anniversary of the Order of the Servants of Mary (Servite Fathers).

Following the religious service, the wild expression of devotion which characterized the morning session Wednesday was repeated, with so many in the crowd pressing forward to receive the cardinal's blessing and kiss his ring that he was forced to retire to the sacristy until the enthusiasm quieted.

**TELEPHONE VALUATION ORDER COMING LATER**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—State Utilities Commissioner C. M. Thomas will issue a formal order of valuation of Oregon properties of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company after he holds over hearings and investigations which extended over three years.

### Radicals Can't Take It, Free Speech Backfires

By DALE HARRISON  
NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Union Square, rostrum of the red, took a sock on the chin from its own oratory last night, and there was much ado.

The reds are wont to mount the Union Square soapbox and hurl venomous words. Free speech is the cornerstone from which they love to leap at the throats of the capitalist class and the capitalist class.

Last night during a lull when none of the 500 communists gathered at the square seemed to have any immediate remarks to make concerning the government, Mr. Eugene Daniels took the platform. Mr. Daniels once tossed a smoke bomb into the stock

### He's Iowa Bound



**"BABY FACE" NELSON**  
DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Iowa authorities today were notified to be on the lookout for George ("Baby Face") Nelson, the diminutive public enemy.

Department of justice officials advised the state bureau of investigation that Nelson was identified toward Iowa and had been identified as the man who stole a car in Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 10.

O. C. Dewey, federal agent here, said he had received information that Nelson had been seen subsequently in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo., and apparently was headed east with a woman companion.

### 2000 WORKERS QUIT LOOMS IN TEXTILE STRIKE

(By the Associated Press)  
Approximately 2,000 textile workers stayed away from their machines at Columbus, Ga., today while the annual convention of the United Textile Workers' Union of America laid the foundation for a possible general strike.

The convention adopted a resolution directing all locals to respond to any national strike call.

The Georgia strikers asked the governor to use his influence to keep the mills from working until settlement was reached.

A strike of Chicago bus drivers began at dawn, but the buses continued to operate. Company officials said only 35 of 850 employes walked out.

### 170 Drown When Ferry Boat Upsets

PATNA, India, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The drowning of 170 men and women when a ferry boat overturned in midstream was reported today from Darbhanga.

There were about 200 persons on the boat.

The terror of a number of bullocks being carried on the boat was said to have been responsible for the disaster.

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exchange as an indication of his contempt for that institution, and the reds assumed he was about to loose some good old-fashioned opprobrium in the direction of something capitalistic.

Daniels fooled them.

"I'm out to destroy communism," he shouted. "Down with the reds!"

This was free speech with a bank. The reds always ready to rip the hide from privilege and plutocracy, rose in wrath. They pelted a plank from the platform, and Daniels, still denouncing communists, went down.

Someone called the police. Someone is always calling the police just when a riot is in prospect.

### PRIMARY RESULTS PLEASING TO BOTH OF MAJOR PARTIES

**Farley Says Vote Shows New Deal Increasingly Popular With People—G. O. P. Leader Gets Reverse View**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Recent primary results seemed today to please leaders of both parties.

Postmaster General Farley said they show "the new deal is increasingly popular with the people."

Senator Hastings, Republican campaign spokesman, contended "the new deal has not been faring so well."

Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Hastings, co-chairman of the Republican senatorial-congressional campaign committee, expressed their views in formal statements.

Trouble for New Deal Seen.

Hastings said the "new deal" had "taken a couple of hard knocks" in recent primaries, citing the victory of Vic Donahay, former governor, over Charles West, the administration candidate, for Ohio's Democratic senatorial nomination, and the defeat in West Virginia, of Clem Shaver, backed by Farley, at the hands of Hugh Hester for the senate nomination.

But Hester to Farley:

"With a total of 28 states having held their primaries accounting for 263 out of 435 members, or more than 60 per cent of the entire house membership, the results justify completely the feeling that the new deal is increasingly popular with the people of the country."

**BEMS SATISFIED.**  
"The Democratic national organization is more than satisfied with the results of yesterday's primaries in Ohio, Nebraska, Arkansas and Idaho."

He added the national committee was looking forward to "welcoming Senator Donahay" as the successor to Senator Fess (R., Ohio) and "will greet with cheers the advent of Edward R. Burke of Nebraska," who defeated Charles Bryan for the senatorial nomination in that state.

Hastings contended the administration was attempting to build a "Roosevelt party" in place of the Democratic party. He cited President Roosevelt's recent mention of Senator LaFollette (R., Wis.) in his Wisconsin speech, together with administration support previously bestowed on Senator Johnson (R., Cal.)

**AIR BASES EYED BY COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Fifteen cities and air bases are to be visited by the federal aviation commission on its return flight starting today from Los Angeles.

The commission is studying air transportation and defense.

Chairman Clark Howell is making a survey abroad. The other members under Vice Chairman Edward P. Warner, are conducting the 12,000-mile air tour at home.

The itinerary called for the commission to be in Sunnyvale and Oakland, Cal., today; Seattle Sunday and Monday and Cheyenne, Monday.

### Fifteenth Baby In Family Given Name 'Postscript'

ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 16.—(UP)—The newest baby at the Roy Bowen home has been christened Patricia Sue, and will be called by her initials, "P. S.," or "Postscript" for short.

Bowen, who last year named his 14th child "Flinta," and swore she was the last child in the family, agreed with his wife today on a name for the new arrival, after considering "Postscript," "Epilogue" and "Encore" as possible suitable appellations.

"If there's another baby," Bowen said, "we'll call it 'Annex.'"

### COUNTY'S FARMS TO BE SURVEYED FOR RELIEF DATA

Three enumerators from Medford and one from Ashland today started a survey of small farms and homesteads in Jackson county, under the SERRA project outlined here yesterday by G. W. Kuhlman, state supervisor.

Jackson county was one of 16 selected in this state for the survey.

Mr. Kuhlman said yesterday that governmental units, including federal, state and county, are considering as a permanent relief measure and for rehabilitation purposes the placing of workers and small business men in rural homes where much of the family subsistence may be produced by members of the household.

"Since many families have found their way into this type of place in recent years," Mr. Kuhlman said, "the experience and data which they have derived will be of value to the government."

### GIRL ATTEMPTS TO SWIM LAKE ERIE

SANDUSKY O., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Probably the first attempt to swim across Lake Erie was started at 10:55 a. m. (EST) today, when a smiling Sandusky high school girl slipped into the water at Point Pelee, Ont., for a 33-mile trip to Cedar Point, O.

The swimmer is Miss Florence Hunsaber, 18, whose only previous distance swimming was a seven-mile jaunt. She was clad only in a thick coat of black grease and a pair of goggles.

**ITALY WITHDRAWS TROOPS ON BORDER**  
ROME, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Italy today ordered the withdrawal of the 48,000 troops she concentrated on the Austrian border at the time of the Austrian Nazi push.

Several regiments started south from the frontier this morning immediately after their receipt of the order. They were bound for their regular camps, 25 to 50 miles away.

### LIQUOR CONTROL AGREES TO CHECK ON RELIEF ROLLS

**Neuner, Attorney for State Board, Holds Jackson County Has Right Scan List of Permit Holders**

George L. Sammis, administrator for the Oregon liquor control commission, this morning advised the Jackson county court and the district attorney, by letter, that if Jackson county submitted the names of persons receiving relief funds, they would be checked with the state liquor permits.

The county court announced Wednesday its intention to take action against recipients of county funds who made a practice of using such funds for purchase of malt and spirituous liquor. Complaints have been received from taxpayers that persons on indigent rolls have been doing a lot of looking upon the cup that cheers, and hold that that relief funds are intended for purchase of necessities, not the frivolities of life.

The order covers all branches of relief funds, including old age pensions.

**County Has Right.**  
George Neuner, attorney for the state liquor commission, in findings submitted to that body, holds that a county has the right to check its relief rolls with state liquor permits.

A copy of the Neuner findings was also filed with the county court. Attorney Neuner advises the county to submit its indigent list to the liquor commission for checking.

Attorney Neuner points out a conflict in the Oregon liquor control act. One section provides that the list of permits shall not be made public. Another section provides for revocation of the permit of "any permittees receiving relief or aid from any public agency, and same shall be unlawful."

"Use of fact" is advised by Attorney Neuner in his letter to the state liquor commission, to maintain the privacy of the liquor permit list.

The county court also announced yesterday that in the future it intended to have all persons securing relief sign pledges for reimbursement of the county, if and when able. No legal technicality clouds this move.

### ENRIGHT WAIVES INITIAL HEARING

T. J. Enright, attorney, arrested Stauday night by the state police for alleged drunk driving, yesterday waived a preliminary hearing, according to the district attorney.

The accused advised that office of his intentions by telephone, Deputy George W. Neilson said. The waiver means that the charge will be referred directly to the grand jury.

Following arrest Saturday night, Attorney Enright was released Sunday afternoon by Justice of the Peace H. D. Reed of Gold Hill on his own recognizance.

Another of the series of national postage stamps is now on sale at the Medford postoffice, Frank DeSouza, postmaster, announced today. It is the 3-cent denomination Rainer national park stamp, picturing Mt. Rainier.

### Queen Of Roundup



Shirley Thompson, 19, of Pendleton, who actually "rides fence" on her father's 5000-acre ranch, will preside as queen of this year's silver jubilee roundup in the eastern Oregon city. It will be held Sept. 13-15. (Associated Press Photo)

### SALE OF WIFE IS BARED BY THEFT OF RARE STAMPS

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Richard Root, 48-year-old professional stamp collector, his wife, Hildegarde, 30, mother of his six year old son, and Paul Herman, 41, Union City engineer, were taken before Recorder Thomas J. McAleer today to face charges on this effect:

That Root agreed to sell his wife for \$700 to Herman.

That Herman was to pay the sum in installments.

That Mrs. Root agreed to the sale, and finally,

That she went to live with Herman.

As Chief of Police Edward J. McFeely told the story, Mrs. Root met Herman last month in a restaurant. Soon the couple found they liked each other. Root learned this, and the subject of selling his wife suggested itself. The installments were paid regularly, according to McFeely, and last Thursday the sale was completed. There was even a bill of sale, the chief said.

And then came the shock. Root discovered that \$175 worth of stamps were missing, McFeely said. He accused his wife of taking them. He demanded that Herman pay him. Herman refused. Root tried to persuade his wife to return to his home. She declined.

Detectives learned of the alleged sale, investigated, and arrested the three last night.

### NEW JAILER FOR COUNTY BASTILE

Harry Ingling of Gold Hill was today appointed county jailer by Sheriff Walter J. Omscheid, effective at once.

Ingling will take the place of George Inlow, who has been acting jailer. Inlow was named a deputy sheriff, and will operate out of the sheriff's office.

Ingling is an experienced police officer and a fingerprint expert.

The appointment brings the sheriff's office back to its previous quota. For the past month the sheriff's office has endeavored to function on a reduced force, but found it was impractical. People with papers to serve do not care to wait. The sheriff's office is compelled by law to serve summonses, etc., on the day of issuance. To do this it was necessary to work nights.

### PRISONERS' STRIKE RESULTS IN SIEGE AT WELFARE ISLE

**1500 Convicts Herded Into Cells After Insubordination—Pandemonium Reigns Within Walls**

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(P)—Welfare Island penitentiary was in a state of siege today, with 1,500 prisoners locked in their cells, following a strike.

Last February the prison, which is located on an island in the East river between Manhattan and Queens, was in a continuous state of siege for more than a week following a sensational raid made by MacCormick, within a short time after he took office as commissioner of correction.

The deputy warden of the prison at the time, Daniel E. Sheehan, was placed under military arrest and the headkeeper was suspended on charges of incompetency, inefficiency and neglect of duty.

The trouble today was traced to rumors that spread over the prison's "grapevine" that convicts were entitled to 10 days remission of sentence per month for good behavior, MacCormick said.

The prisoners accepted the rumor as true and struck immediately after breakfast.

This afternoon the prison was in pandemonium as the prisoners banged buckets and utensils against their cell doors and shouted at the top of their voices.

MacCormick and Marcus reached the prison shortly after the strike and directed the efforts of the combined night and day staffs in returning the prisoners to their cells. This was accomplished without injury to any of the prisoners, it was said.

### BLAZE DAMAGES RIVERSIDE HOME

The large residence at 855 North Riverside avenue was damaged in the rear, and the upstairs badly burned, when fire broke out at 1:45 p. m. today, the city fire department reported. Neither origin of the blaze, or extent of the damage had been determined this afternoon.

Late yesterday afternoon the fire department was called to the E. W. Winkles residence, where a wooden box on top of the electric stove was ablaze. A box had been set on the stove and when one of the children turned on a plate to heat the tea kettle, he burned on the one beneath the box.

The fire department had been called to the Winkles home yesterday morning to extinguish a fire which badly damaged the attic.

**MARIAN NIXON WEDS RICH POLO PLAYER**  
YUMA, Ariz., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Pettie Marian Nixon, screen actress and divorced wife of Edward Hillman, Beverly Hills polo-playing millionaire, flew here from Hollywood today and was married to William Seiter, movie director.

The marriage was performed by Earl A. Freeman, Yuma's "marrying justice."

**BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 15.—(AP)—**The Louisiana house was thrown into an uproar of confusion this afternoon when anti-administrators sought to exclude Senator Huey P. Long not only from the floor but from the chamber itself, and administrators replied with a motion to exclude the press also.

**WILL ROGERS says:**  
TOKYO, Aug. 15.—Got my American swimmers turned over on their backs last night and they broke a world's record and won three out of six final events. We are coming back. In Swimming Olympic games in 1932 the Japanese could just throw a pair of trunks in the water and beat us. Awful hot here, plenty of mosquitoes and American tourists.

*Will Rogers*  
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