

Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday with frost or freezing temperature tonight. Highest yesterday 41. Lowest this morning 35.

1,219 NABBED IN DRIVE ON CRIME



News Behind The News. By PAUL MALLON. Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon. WASHINGTON, March 15.—President Roosevelt has quietly abandoned his hope of not commenting on legislation pending in congress. His message on the holding company bill was as strong as any congress ever has received.

The touch of white protruding from Senator Pat Harrison's coat sleeve is not his cuff, but a skeleton of the administration's NRA reorganization bill. You may recall that the new dealers have more or less seriously maintained the illusion that they would not offer a new NRA bill. They may continue to maintain it for diplomatic reasons, but the Harrison draft already has been in circulation privately among senators and labor leaders.

It was prepared under direction of Coordinator Richberg by Blackwell Smith, the big inside man at NRA. Those who saw it a few days ago noticed it contained only one important change from the existing NRA setup. That change would make explicit the president's right to impose a code.

There is another NRA bill in private circulation. It is a hot one, prepared by leftist new dealers. They submitted it to the A. F. of L. crowd the other day, and thought they obtained a promise by labor to come out in favor of it.

This bill would shorten hours and increase pay, adopting the thirty-hour week basically, but allowing broad exemptions. Also, it would adopt a strict majority rule on section 7-A. Give labor equal representation on the code authority and continue the present five-man administrative board.

The hottest feature is a provision authorizing the president to appoint public trustees to take over and operate any business not joining NRA. This would mean that the government would, for instance, seize the Ford plant and operate it.

This bill does not have the approval of the White House, but the scheme behind it is to stir up the progressives in the senate and have them gang the administration.

These two bills do not tell what is going to happen to NRA in the end. They merely represent the two conflicting viewpoints around which the congressional clash is being organized.

COAST-TO-COAST CLEANUP OPENED BY GOVERNMENT

741 Arrested by Alcohol Tax Division—257 by Narcotic Agents—26 Held On Counterfeit Charges

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—A total of 1,219 arrests by noon today was reported by treasury law enforcement agencies as a result of a coast-to-coast drive against law violators.

The alcohol tax unit reported it had made 741 arrests. The narcotic division returned 257. The customs bureau was responsible for 195 more, while the secret service arrested 26 on counterfeiting charges.

The alcohol tax unit reported that its 15 divisions had established 922 cases, and had seized 774 stills in addition to 3,311 gallons of illicit spirits. It also seized property valued at \$125,397 including 94 automobiles.

The 257 persons arrested by the narcotic bureau included six women. The treasury said, all of whom were seized in Washington.

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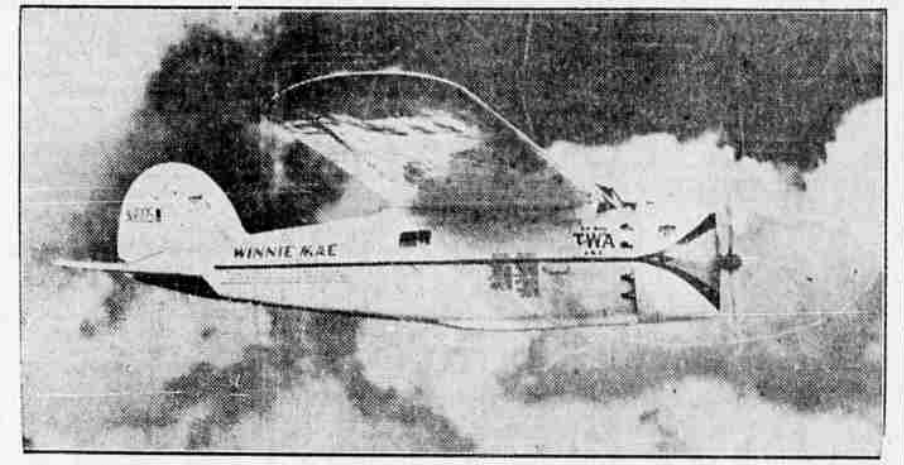
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Post Makes Cleveland In Stratosphere Flight

Second "Belly Skid" Landing Made



This is how the veteran airplane of Wiley Post appeared at an altitude of more than 20,000 feet as it streaked from Los Angeles toward New York in an attempt to break all existing time records between the two points.—Associated Press Photo

STERILIZATION OF WOMEN ON RELIEF FORCED IS CLAIM

MARTINEZ, Cal., March 15.—(AP)—Charges by one member of the grand jury that women on relief here had been coerced into sterilization operations by threats to remove them from relief rolls have been placed before the social service committee of that body, it was reported here today.

The name of the juror was not revealed, but a usually reliable source said the charges were a sequel to the recent indictment of Mrs. Ruth McCord, former head of the county welfare board. Mrs. McCord, charged with falsification of records and misappropriation of funds, is a fugitive, officials say.

Dr. E. W. Merrithew, county surgeon in charge of the county hospital and the largest stockholder in other hospitals here, said today he doubted the charges.

"I don't believe anyone was forced to undergo such an operation," he said. "I think it is a lot of baloney." Records show 112 operations for sterilization in the Contra Costa County hospital since 1929. 85 of them in the last two years.

"Such operations have been performed," Dr. Merrithew agreed. "I don't know how many, but in every one there was consent."

PORTLAND YOUTH SHOT AS PROWLER. PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—The sheriff's office today undertook further investigation of the death last night of Vernon Harry Weaver, 17, shot to death last night on the outskirts of the city after having been challenged as a prowler.

STATE LEGIONNAIRES TO GATHER AT BEND. BEND, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—Scores of members of the American Legion from interior counties of Oregon will be joined by state department officials here this weekend to discuss vital problems relating to the Legion and its members.

K. F. Athletic Field Has Sersa Approval. PORTLAND, March 15.—(AP)—The state relief administration today approved work relief projects running into thousands of dollars, 80 per cent of which will go for wages.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE MEASURE VETOED WITH 3 OTHERS

Tax Refund to Jefferson and Tillamook Counties and Sunday Closing Act Are Slaughtered by Governor

SALEM, Ore., March 15.—(UP)—Employe cost of the 1935 legislature totaled \$30,809.50, compared to \$46,990 paid out for clerks, stenographers, doorkeepers and other functionaries of the 1933 session.

The senate, which two years ago paid out \$19,297 for clerk hire, this year spent \$21,621.50. House of representatives spent \$38,278 for its employees compared to \$27,693 for the session two years ago.

This year's session ran 59 days, lacked on day of equalling the record 60-day session of 1933.

ROGUE IRRIGATION BONDHOLDERS GET RFC COIN AT BANK. The Rogue River Valley Irrigation district—the first in the state—yesterday closed a loan from the reconstruction finance corporation in the sum of \$84,427.20 for refunding of bonded indebtedness in the district.

The money is now being disbursed by the First National bank of this city, holder of the bonds in trust pending completion of the loan, and payment is made upon surrender by the bondholders of their respective certificates of deposit. Several payments were made today.

Legal matters in connection with the loan were conducted by Attorney Harry C. Skyrman of this city. Practically every district in the state has applied for a federal loan. Most of these applications are now in the process of closing. However, the Rogue River Valley district is the first in Oregon to actually procure the money.

The bonded indebtedness of the Rogue River Valley district totaled \$193,000, principal and interest. Under the refund a saving of approximately \$109,000 is made. The old bonds bore 6 per cent interest. The loan procured from the federal reconstruction finance corporation will be repaid over a period of 33 years, with interest at 4 per cent per annum, with the district having the option to take up the bonds at any time.

LAUREL AND HARDY PATHS SEPARATE. HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 15.—(AP)—Motion picture "team" of Laurel and Hardy, oldest and best-known comedy duo in the industry, has broken up.

LANDLADY JAILED FOR REPEATING ON RENTERS. CHICAGO, March 15.—(UP)—The apartment was beautifully furnished, including a \$1,900 grand piano, and the rent was \$30 a month. But Joseph Malinski, landlord, had a different idea.

BOY KEEPS APPOINTMENT WITH OLD KING NEPTUNE. NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., March 15.—(UP)—Jack Heather, 18, left a note for his friends telling them not to "take too seriously what I'm about to do—I have made arrangements with King Neptune."

LACK OF OXYGEN HALTS ATTEMPT REACH NEW YORK

Safe Landing Made With Winnie Mae Despite Absence of Wheels—Terrific Speed Made On Flight. CLEVELAND, March 15.—(AP)—Wiley Post, round-the-world flyer, seeking a new Los Angeles to New York airplane record by stratosphere, landed safely at Cleveland airport at 5:20 p. m. (E. S. T.) today.

Post was forced to abandon his flight when the supply of oxygen for him to breathe ran too low for him to continue. He made a good landing and a few minutes later was engaged in the task of getting out of the stratosphere suit.

Airport officials said he had made a speed of approximately 340 miles an hour between Los Angeles and Cleveland. He had hoped to make the 2447-mile distance from Los Angeles to New York in eight hours or less.

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—(AP)—Wiley Post, noted round the world flyer, took off from Union air terminal at Burbank today on his second attempt to span the continent in eight hours or less in a 2,477-mile flight through the stratosphere to New York City.

Maintaining his usual quiet manner, the Oklahoma pilot waved "so long" to a group of sleepy-eyed well wishers at the field and roared away in his globe-trotting plane, the "Winnie Mae."

Post's first "cross country stratosphere dash" several weeks ago ended abruptly when he set his motor tumbled down on the Mojave desert less than an hour away from Los Angeles.

Expecting High Speed. Post dropped the "Winnie Mae's" detachable landing gear as the ship left the ground, and will land on the plane's belly when he reaches Floyd Bennett field in New York.

Post's take-off today had previously been canceled because, he said, of (Continued on page nine)

PARKING ARRESTS TAKE BIG SLUMP

A tapering-off of arrests for illegal parking in the downtown area is reported by the city police, who have been tagging all autos parked over one hour in the restricted district. Since the start of the drive on Monday, February 25, 101 persons have been caught red-handed, and hailed into the city police station. About 90 of the offenders enriched the city coffers by about \$90, the remainder being shoppers living on farms a long way from town who had not heard of the ordinance.

These people were allowed to depart with their fine still in their pockets, but with the warning that the next offense would bring a heavy reckoning. The drive, city traffic officer Tom Robinson stated today, has been very effective in relieving the traffic congestion that was developing in the restricted zone.

WILL ROGERS says: BEVERLY HILLS, March 14.—Say, did you read about what Mr. Roosevelt said about those "holding" companies. I wouldn't want my worst enemy to call me names like that. Now Huey Long and Father Coughlin and General Hugh Johnson can call each other names. But theirs is all in good, clean fun. They don't really mean it any of 'em, but Mr. Roosevelt ain't kidding. And what makes it worse is that it's true. A holding company is a thing where you had an accomplice the goods while the policeman searches you. Yours, Will Rogers

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