

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

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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 193 more, while the secret service arrested 26 on counterfeiting charges.

The alcohol tax unit reported that its 15 districts had established 922 cases, and had seized 771 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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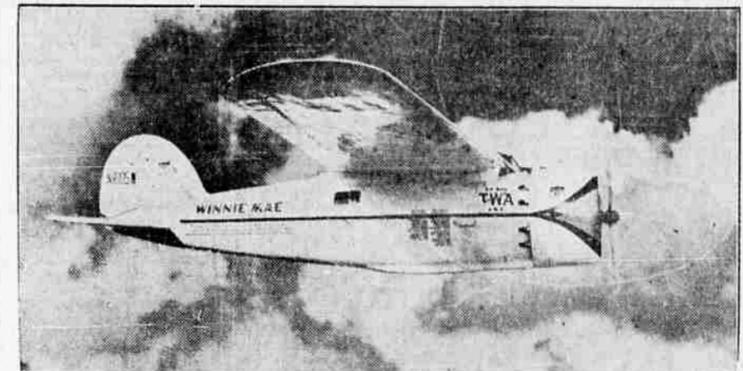
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Second "Belly Skid" Landing Made



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.

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MIDNIGHT DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS ON TAX TO UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Midnight tonight is the deadline for paying first installments of the federal tax against 1934 incomes.

The internal revenue bureau warned that forgetfulness or willful delay beyond that hour would be costly. Persons who fail to make the initial quarterly payment on time will have to pay 25 per cent additional tax, it was said, and the penalties for willful failure to keep the date with Uncle Sam's tax collectors may range as high as \$10,000 and one year's imprisonment.

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.

The Rogue River district comprises 47.6 miles, lying north of this city. Its officers are Victor Bursell, chair.

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"Who are these senators?" asked Senator Bone (D., Wash.) leaning over the desk. "I'd like to know who some of my companions are."

Shearer, who prior to that time had business himself at the witness desk.

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEASURE VETOED WITH 3 OTHERS

SALEM, Ore., March 15.—(UP)—Employe cost of the 1935 legislature totaled \$39,809.50, 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.

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JUSTICES UNMOVED DURING EXCITEMENT OF APARTMENT FIRE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—(AP)—Two justices of the supreme court handed down no opinions today on a fire which caused a furor of excitement and destroyed much shrubbery on the roof of a fashionable Connecticut avenue apartment house in which they live.

Justice Willis Van Devanter "didn't know there was a fire" and Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo was quietly reading law books. Senator Norman at 14th and 15th a resident, "wasn't disturbed."

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LACK OF OXYGEN HALTS ATTEMPT REACH NEW YORK

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 trembled ship down on the Mojave desert less than an hour away from Los Angeles.

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

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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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 later.

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.

COMPROMISE ON PREVAILING WAGE HELD CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—As the debate-stirred senate neared a vote on the prevailing wage amendment to the \$4,890,000,000 relief bill late today, Senator La Follette (R., Wis.), went over to the administration compromise forces, along with Wagner (D., N. Y.), and O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), making defeat of the McCarrin plan virtually certain.

La Follette, who voted with the other two senators for the prevailing wage amendment on Feb. 19, described the Russell compromise as an "honorable one" and one which would provide "substantial protection" to the wage earners.

Prior to that Senator Couzens (R., Mich.), and Neely (D., W. Va.), assailed the compromise and said they would stand by their former positions for the McCarrin amendment.

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.

The most significant indication of how the fight will work out lies in the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is beginning to take hold of it. He let it drift until recently. He will have to make some compromise with the labor viewpoint, but he stands a good chance of preserving the general NRA framework. There have been hints lately that he may buy labor off by championing the Wagner bill.

The January 31st of inner government disputes now is the one about Mr. Roosevelt's diet.

It seems that Agriculture Secretary Wallace's bureau of home economics has devised four model diets. Mrs. Roosevelt served a sample at the White House months ago, and the war started when grain interests found it recommended consumption of 200 pounds of grain a year, whereas Americans now are consuming an average of 240 pounds. The grain boys have been pulling Wallace's coat-tails ever since.

SECRETARY HOWE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—Louis M. Howe, secretary to President Roosevelt, is seriously ill at the White House.

Howe, 69, was taken sick following his trip with the president on February 23 to Boston.

His condition, it was learned, was regarded as critical earlier this week, but the White House reported today that he was improved.

Dr. Ross T. McIntire, White House physician, has diagnosed the illness as a recurrence of an old bronchial trouble complicated by cardiac weakness.

Howe has been secretary to the president since 1914. He left newspaper work to join Mr. Roosevelt, who was then assistant secretary of the navy.

He was named by the president as the head of his secretarial staff immediately following the 1932 election.

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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.

Paul Vandenburg, householder, told police he fired at the youth after he discovered him in the back yard of the Vandenburg home. A charge of lynch-law struck the boy in the back. Vandenburg said he commanded the lad to halt but, instead, he started to run.

Four weeks residents of the district have complained of thefts by prowlers. Several articles were stolen from the Vandenburg home.

Police records disclosed that young Weaver was arrested last year on a charge of stealing automobile licenses.

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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, have broken up.

Hal Roach, producer of their pictures, announced today Stan Laurel, the bearded, sad-faced eldest of the combination, had not signed a new contract, "inability to agree on terms."

The producer said Oliver Hardy would remain at the studio, as the star of a series of domestic comedies. Laurel and Hardy have been together for seven years.

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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 Maslani, the landlady, Mrs. Nellie Maslani, into court today.

She refused to let him move in, he said, and then he found she had rented the apartment to eight other persons. She was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses.

NEW YORK, March 15.—(AP)—Dun & Bradstreet in its weekly trade review declared today the present business upturn represents the soundest revival since the depression low of 1932.

"Neither the vagaries of March weather in all of its previous manifestations nor the continued uncertainty of the course of national legislation have been sufficiently potent to avert the movement of general business, by any wide degree, from its definitely-charted course," declared the review.

"The recession which appeared in some divisions during the last three weeks seems to have been checked, as a fuller realization has been reached of the present upturn, represents the soundest revival that has occurred since the nadir was touched in 1932.

"With natural forces vigilantly directed by men whose experience has weathered stress and storm periods of many economic readjustments, the spread between buoyant sentiment and tangible results is being narrowed constantly, and proofs are multiplying that the gloomy views held in some quarters have not been wholly unwarranted, in the light of current reassuring developments.

"After a slow start, a less interrupted expansion during the next six months appears in prospect for the distributive branches."

BRUNO TO WATCH THREE MEN TAKE GALLOWS MARCH

By JOSEPH W. WASSNEY. United Press Staff Correspondent. TRENTON, N. J., March 15.—(UP)—The "most hated man in the state prison death house"—will be left in solitary possession of that grim cell block this week.

Bruno Richard Hauptmann will undergo the torture of seeing three men—one after another—trudge past his cell to the electric chair in the adjoining chamber.

These three, to die because they killed a man for his \$300 savings, detained the condemned slayer of Baby Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., with an intensity amazing to state prison guards. From the moment Hauptmann was brought into the death house to wait until Jersey justice has ground out its last formal recourse, the "old" of murderers has taunted him with screams of "Baby killer."

Each to Pass Cell. Hauptmann's cell is first of a row of nine and nearest the heavy door which leads to the death chamber. Each of the other men will go past his cell on his "last mile" to retribution.

Unless their spirit is quenched by nearness of death, they probably will hurl an epithet or two at the solid German ex-machine gunner as they pass.

The condemned men are Michael Mule, 24; Connie Scarpone, 26, and George De Stefanis, Jr., 25. They were convicted of killing John Sczyrkowicki, 37, at Trenton on the night of October 3, 1934.

The victim had just drawn \$500. The chief reason pointed out was that "it is a well known fact that most of the school districts in our cities have pushed the level of taxation."

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