

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy Sunday and Monday; moderate temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 49
Lowest yesterday 30

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News Behind The News
By PAUL MALLON.
WASHINGTON, March 16.—The AAA would like to start a campaign to plow under every third rumor. The latest one which has sprung up to annoy the officials is the erroneous story that cotton loans might be stopped. This yarn is supposed to have been largely responsible for the recent break in the cotton market. The administration has investigated to learn who started it and has a fair idea of the identity of the culprit, but no proof.

As a result, the AAA-ers are prodding Chairman Jones of the house agriculture committee to hurry along his bill requiring a reporting system for the cotton markets, similar to the one now in force on the grain exchange. This would enable the government to know which operators are short or long and likely to profit by fanning bad rumors. They say this reporting system has virtually stopped rumor-fanning on the grain exchange.

Another sour one now in circulation is that the AAA has insufficient money to meet the third payment on the corn-hog contracts. Whoever started this one failed to read the AAA law. It is so worded that such a situation never can arise.

The treasury may advance AAA funds for payments on contracts and then reimburse itself later from processing tax receipts. Therefore the AAA can pay until the treasury itself runs dry.

The business of rumor-spreading is not confined to marketeers. Whenever any particular group cannot find out what the new deal is going to do on an issue, it usually starts a rumor that the administration will do such-and-such. This fictitious story arouses administration officials, who then announce what their real course will be. The fictitious story merely acts as a bonfire to smoke the government out.

As a result, there are generally more rumors in Washington than in any other city.

The system is not particularly new, but brisk activity has given it increased prominence lately. (You may recall that President Roosevelt's holding company message was inspired by planted rumors that he would withdraw the legislation.)

No nearer plumbing job was ever done in congress than the one the plumbers did in the senate appropriations committee.

When the relief bill came out of that committee, it contained a strange provision permitting Mr. Roosevelt to put the government into any business except the plumbing business. It specifically required him to let all relief works plumbing out to private firms. All lobbyists gasped at the provision with envy and wondered how it got into the bill.

The truth seems to be that the labor group fixed that congressional pipe line for the plumbers. The industry is highly organized. The labor boys knew the provision would guarantee them a union wage scale for plumbers, even if they failed to get the prevailing wage for carpenters, plasterers, etc.

HITLER DISCARDS VERSAILLES PACT; PLANS BIG ARMY

War Excitement Grips European Capitols, and France Sees Pre-World War — Germany Seeks Air Force

CLEVELAND, March 16.—(AP)—The Foreign Affairs Institute heard the news of Hitler's latest order in its closing session today, and expressed belief "the United States cannot stay out of a European war."

The institute's closing announcement was that it agreed "the United States should adopt a more aggressive program in world affairs."

Dr. James T. Shotwell of Columbia university, chairman of the American committee of intellectual co-operation of the League of Nations, said Hitler's action is "shocking."

(By the Associated Press.)
War weary nations 16 years ago adopted the world's most far-reaching treaty, designed to crush forever Germany's military power, only to have that pact scrapped yesterday.

Modifications and revisions have marked the instrument since. Grounds of Germany charge the opponents of the Versailles treaty, the advent of Adolf Hitler to power.

The cry of violation arose months ago from Paris as France viewed with fear Hitler's enormous semi-military group of storm troops.

Geneva circles considered the first official step to break the treaty was the disclosure six days ago that Germany, forbidden to have a military air force, would transfer its large civilian corps to the direction of the Reichwehr (regular army).

This followed the British move for an increase in defense appropriations, the government pointing to Germany as the reason. Because of this Hitler cancelled the prospective visit to Berlin of Sir John Simon, British foreign secretary, but Simon is now scheduled to make the trip within three weeks. Hitler gave a cold as the reason.

Berlin's announcement yesterday followed within 12 hours the vote of confidence given Premier Blum by the French chamber of deputies for his demands of a doubled military conscript service in view of Germany's "vast rearmament."

Robot Flying Nears Perfection



These men make up the possible crew of the department of commerce test plane which was in Oakland, Calif., for a series of flights with the ultimate goal being a jump to Hawaii. The plane is robot-controlled. Left to right: Capt. Clayton Bissell, U. S. A., pilot; Chester Snow, department of commerce expert; Lieut. A. R. Johns, U. S. A., radio operator, and Capt. Albert F. Heppenberger, U. S. A., navigator.

OAKLAND, Calif., Mar. 16.—(AP)—The department of commerce experimental precision flight plane soared through blinding fog over the Pacific today and its crew was able to determine its exact position merely by looking at a quivering needle on an instrument board.

Returning here from a test flight of more than four hours, members of its crew said they were "relaxed" at the performance of the new type radio compass they were testing with view to making ocean aerial navigation a more or less automatic proceeding.

Figuratively the plane was able to follow radio waves sent out by ordinary ship, shore and broadcasting stations. By watching the compass needle the crew was able to tell exactly when the plane passed over a ship 12,000 feet below, but the fliers saw neither the ship nor the surface of the water.

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GOVERNOR ORDERS DOLE FUND PROBE ON 5 CONDITIONS

Final Report in Month and No Publicity Till Completed — Federal Audit of Expenses Satisfactory

SALEM, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—A full and impartial investigation of the administration of unemployment relief in Oregon, with no attempt at whitewashing or the suppression of facts, will be undertaken immediately by a committee of three citizens appointed by Governor Charles H. Martin.

The investigators, whom Governor Martin said he had not yet selected, will be governed in their conduct of the inquiry by five conditions imposed by the executive:

1—The investigation is to be completed within 30 days and a report made directly to the governor in order that the uncertainty and unrest occasioned by the inquiry shall not unnecessarily be prolonged.

2—Affidavits of persons having complaints to make are to be taken by the committee and investigated.

3—There shall be no publicity given to the committee's operations until the final report is made public by the governor.

4—The committee shall have access to all the financial records of the relief administration, but the confidential nature of personal case records regarding clients will be maintained with the understanding that facts may be ascertained direct from clients in the form of affidavits. This is required by federal regulations.

5—Announcement of the investigation and the manner in which it is to be conducted followed a two-hour closed conference between Governor Martin, T. L. Edmunds, regional federal relief administrator for the ninth district, and members of the recently reorganized state relief committee.

A spot audit of the state relief activities was now virtually completed by the federal administration, T. L. Edmunds, regional federal relief administrator, stated today after he had been in attendance at the executive session still in progress in the governor's office between the executive and the relief committee.

He declared all vouchers were received in the audit and the federal records, and that everything had been in regular order and the administration satisfactory.

PEOPLE ASK JOBS TO AID FAITH IN ROOSEVELT PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—One of the country's foremost industrial leaders—Henry I. Harriman—believes President Roosevelt has lost some of his popularity during the last four months.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States expressed this view in an address last night to the Washington board of trade, in which he said that "the people still admire the president and want to have faith in his policies, but they also want jobs."

Speaking on "The First Two Years of the Roosevelt Administration," Harriman observed that, although the president maintained his "remarkable popularity" until recently, "the story has been different during the last four months."

"Some blame the last administration for the bitter days of '30, '31 and '32," he said. "Now they are beginning to wonder whether the new deal will give them work and the comforts of life. They see seven to ten million men still out of work, and they see a sixth of the population dependent upon the dole for support. They are asking whether this should be so after two years of almost absolute power."

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LINES RECOGNIZE SEAMEN; TENSION EASED ON DOCKS

STEVEDORES RESUME LOADING SHIPS AT PORTLAND—LABOR TROUBLES IN EAST VEX—NEW YORK MOVES TO BALK UTILITY STRIKE.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Partial settlement of the seamen's strike was announced here this afternoon with word that three steamship lines signed recognition agreements in New York with the International Seamen's union.

C. E. Carter, business agent of the Portland local of the seamen's union, announced that the Calmar, Ishman and Shepard lines agreed to recognize the union for collective bargaining purposes and to employ union members upon their ships.

Rejoicing over the agreement, the ship's crew returned to the steamer Steel Trader of the Ishman line and longshoremen began working cargo. The vessel had lain idle a week with union seamen and longshoremen refusing to board her.

Three oil tankers, the Tejon, Mericos H. Whittier and Mojave, remained crewless at their respective docks because oil companies and the seamen's union had not come to terms.

Under the new agreements operations also were resumed on the Calmar line freighter Portmar where a six-hour strike occurred today. Since the crew was union, it remained on board but refused to keep up a head of steam to operate loading winches.

The agreements eased tension here where the longshoremen's strike of last summer was particularly bitter. The Shepard line steamer Wind Rush, tied up at Seattle the past week, was expected to complete her work in Puget Sound and come to Portland next week.

(By the Associated Press.)
Labor troubles spotted the nation's industrial map Saturday. Anthracite, electric service, shipping, firearms and cigars were among the commodities affected.

Striking women employees of a San Antonio cigar factory clashed with police and eleven were arrested. Bricks were hurled, but there were no serious casualties.

Because they refused to call off a strike at the Glen Alden Coal company's operations, 29 officers of the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania were jailed for contempt of court.

'5 & 10C HEIRESS' TO DITCH PRINCE

LONDON, Eng., March 16.—(AP)—Barbara Hutton McLean, Woodworth heiress, tonight revealed she had instructed proceedings to divorce her husband Prince Alexis Milutin.

ALL PROSECUTION OF INSULTS ENDS

CHICAGO, March 16.—(AP)—The state gave up all effort today to send the insults to prison.

OPERATIONS UPON POOR UNDER FIRE

MARTINEZ, Cal., March 16.—(AP)—A thorough investigation of reports that sterilization operations were performed to decrease the relief burden on destitute families was ordered today by District Attorney Francis Healey.

COAST AREA AUTO SALES TAKE JUMP

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—(AP)—General activity along the Pacific coast was reported even with recent weeks but showing a fair gain over last year. Automobile sales made a spectacular gain, but retail and wholesale trade was unchanged. Carloadings were lower, and most agricultural prices were steady.

ROOSEVELTS WED 30 YEARS TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—The Franklin Delano Roosevelts quietly observed the eve of their 30th wedding anniversary tonight, but preparations for a family reunion tomorrow showed many little signs of sentiment and remembrance.

Because of the illness of Louis Howe, chief of the president's secretariat, the only entry thus far on the Sunday schedule was a family dinner and on that dinner's menu was "scrambled eggs."

Almost invariably during these 30 years, the Roosevelts have served scrambled eggs Sunday night, and that custom goes back to the wedding day.

Among the gifts was a handsome silver chafing dish. Mrs. Roosevelt presided over it at their first Sunday night supper and she will preside again tomorrow night.

All the president's immediate family had planned to visit the house but various developments interferred.

Ickes stated further in reply, "it is impossible to answer question categorically. The tax burden on state-owned transmission lines might bear upon whether or not project was self liquidating. Estimated receipts and revenues of rural electric line might be decreased by reason of tax levies."

EX-DRY AIDE TO M'NEIL CELL FOR FALSE AFFIDAVIT

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Reasserting the axiom that law enforcement officers must be above suspicion, Federal Judge Fee today sentenced J. C. (Tony) Spear, former special investigator for the Oregon liquor control commission, to serve 15 months in McNeil Island federal prison for defrauding the government of \$27 in a false claim for fees.

Spear was operating in Portland when he was called as a witness in federal court here. He had previously been working in the Grants Pass area. The complaint said that notwithstanding the fact he was in Portland on business when the case was called he filed a claim with the government for transportation from Grants Pass and return.

Spear is a former federal prohibition officer. The court refused to entertain pleas for leniency. Spear knew, Judge Fee said, the penalties for filing such false affidavits. The government further charged that Spear received compensation from both the federal and state governments for trips he took from Roseburg, Astoria and Seaside.

At McNeil Island Spear will be a prison mate of many men he sent to the federal prison for liquor law violations.

SECURITIES GIVE PROSPERITY SIGN

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—A record total in new security issues during the life of the securities commission—\$120,500,000 since March 1—today caused Robert E. Healy of the SEC to predict that the long frozen capital market had begun to thaw out.

PLANE WITH SIX ABOARD LOST IN CANNIBAL WILDS

BRASSAVILLE, Middle Congo, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Six airplanes swept back and forth across the Congo's jungles today in search of Edouard Equator, governor-general of French Equatorial Africa, his wife and five companions, who crashed somewhere in the jungle district.

Grave fears were felt for the lives of the seven since the district is swampy and known to be infested with cannibals.

Four military and two commercial planes were ordered to keep up the hunt in the hope that the party may have landed in some clearing and still be alive.

A native Holland, Mme. Renard was the widow of Michel Winibar, wealthy American soap manufacturer and philanthropist and Paris society leader. He married Renard in Paris, Oct. 10, 1933.

The big plane in which the party set out on an aerial tour of inspection was last heard from at 10 a. m. Friday, when it reported by wireless that it was flying through thick fog, buffeted by storms.

MID-WEST SWEEP BY DUST STORM

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—(AP)—The begrimed and wind-buffed plains states were granted a partial letup today from the worst dust storm in years.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Mar. 15.—I was reading a rather surprising thing. Of course, you know that a whole lot of the states are bonding themselves very heavily to pay their proportionate share of their own relief. But did you know that some of 'em don't do anything—they just let the federal government pay the whole thing.

Now, that thing can't go on. You are going to hear a howl like a pet coon if they find the government is handing out a whole biscuit to one state and just a half to another state. They are going to testify at the ballot box in 1936.

Relief came to part of the area in the form of snow and rain, chiefly in Wyoming, Nebraska and central Kansas. Temperatures have dropped sharply.

The Kansas City weather bureau reported that the dust was being carried high in the air today over Missouri and Iowa into Illinois. Belief was expressed that the clouds would be noted far in the east.

Oratory for Indians
PENDLETON, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Judge Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton attorney, and P. A. Towner of Portland will address the Indians of the Umatilla reservation here next Thursday on the Wheeler-Howard measure to change the status of reservation tribesmen.

Admits Extortion
TACOMA, March 16.—(AP)—Arnold Bailey, 21, entered a plea of attempted extortion today in superior court. Sentence will be passed next Saturday. Bailey was accused of writing threatening letters to Frank S. Baker, Tacoma publisher, in which he demanded \$5000.

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