

The Weather

Forecast: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably with light local showers; no change in temperature. Highest today 84. Lowest this morning 55.

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AAA MEASURE PASSED BY SENATE



By PAUL MALLON (Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, July 23.—The man behind the Tydings-McCormack red bill is Navy Secretary Swanson. He got steamed up recently about the reds circulating propaganda among his sailors. The stoker who brought him to the boiling point was Commander V. L. Kirkman, who is head of a new red-chasing squad in the navy.

You may hate PAUL MALLON noticed that the army does not appear to be equally excited about reds in its branch of the service. War Secretary Dern wrote a letter approving the bill, but this was done at the instance of Mr. Swanson. The real army slant on the move was given privately by chief of staff, MacArthur to congressmen. He is supposed to have told them he considered the bill unnecessary, if not silly. It is understood MacArthur, "the best soldier in the army," has a way of handling reds which does not require a law.

If people knew more about the way laws are made, the statute books would not be as thick as they are. Most laws originate just where the section bill did, in the mind of a person of influence, who has an idea to meet a specific situation. Such a person, even congressmen, usually cannot write law themselves. That job is turned over to experts in legal verbiage.

When the draftsmen get through with it, the congressmen do not always know what the law means. In fact, no one knows exactly until the supreme court starts interpreting it, and sometimes the members of the court itself disagree.

In this case, the draftsmen did not say simply that anyone who circulates communist propaganda in the navy should go to jail. They tried to write a legal definition of subversive influence. The result may apply equally to any sweatshirt who writes a letter to a sailor urging him to skip out for a dance. Also it may apply to any newspaper editor publishing interviews with a war department critic like Billy Mitchell.

A fine of \$1,000 and two years in jail is provided for anyone thus attempting to influence the apparently uncertain minds of the lads before the mast.

None of the government publicity men has been issuing any statements about the crowd of boatmen who came here the other day from a Great Lakes port. The boatmen told a strange tale, created a bohemian life.

For years, about 200 of them have been working for contractors on barges, dredges and heavy machinery clearing river channels and improving harbors. The other day, some of them were called in by a contractor who said:

"Boys, I am sorry, but on August 1, I've got to lay you all off. I've got a government dredging contract and I have to take my workmen from the relief rolls, so I can't use you fellows any more."

The bargemen took up a collection to send the delegation to Washington to ask what sense there was in a relief law which deprives them of their jobs. As this was written, relief boss Hopkins was still trying to find the answer.

Never again can they call Uncle Sam, the commerce man, a political sportsman. This other day, he announced:

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Verne Van Dyke refusing to sell his spinner, on which he has caught ever so many fish, to Clarence Shley for any consideration, for fear it would change his phenomenally fine fishing luck.

Small boys pouncing gleefully onto a can full of what they considered good stuff to eat in an ash barrel near Raleigh's only to be disappointed in finding it was dog food!

EXISTING CONTROL CONTRACTS WOULD BE KEPT IN FORCE

Limited Ban Against Suits to Recover Processing Taxes Also Provided — Hot Debate Precedes Vote

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Carrying a limited ban against suits to recover processing taxes and a provision intended to validate existing crop control contracts, the administration's AAA bill was passed by the senate today after two weeks of furious debate.

Introduced to broaden the powers of the farm administration and protect it against mounting court attacks, the legislation was changed in many respects before it reached passage.

Its original provision barring processors of farm products from suing to recover any of the \$900,000,000 of AAA taxes already paid was replaced with a compromise. This provided that processors who had not passed the taxes on to consumers or producers could file recovery suits but those who had could not. Government agents would be permitted to examine the books of any processor instituting recovery proceedings.

Quota Restriction In its final form the bill carried an amendment by Senator LaFollette (Prog.-Wis.), permitting the president to impose quota restrictions on agricultural imports; an amendment by Senator Wheeler (D.-Mont.), authorizing use of \$50,000,000 of farm relief money to purchase submarginal lands already under option, and provision for an adjustment program for the potato crop.

Proposed potato-filing provisions were eliminated. Critics of the administration's foreign trade policy tried vainly to curbing President Roosevelt's tariff bargaining powers by a rider to the bill. The vote on final approval was 85 to 15.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Oregon generally was cooler today, following violent thunderstorms in widely-scattered portions of the state last night.

Brilliant electrical displays which started scores of forest fires in central Oregon were reported from Grants Pass, The Dalles and Bend. One person was injured by lightning in Grants Pass and several homes were damaged at Bend.

Power and telephone service was temporarily disrupted at several points. High temperatures were continuing at La Grande but cooler weather prevailed at Roseburg, following showers, and at Salem.

Temperatures also were moderating in Portland, following yesterday's high of 88.

Rainfall at Klamath Falls totaled nearly a quarter of an inch, adding to an already heavy seasonal precipitation.

Cloudy or partly cloudy skies were general today throughout the state. All forest fires were reported under control.

Unsettled weather was forecast for tonight and Wednesday.

PORTLAND SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 9TH

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Sept. 9 was set by the city school board last night as the opening date of the educational institutions here this fall. Length of the school year has not been determined.

Widow of Houdini Waits Signal From Across Styx

LOS ANGELES, July 23.—(UP)—Before a polished mahogany box, with flap doors opening upon a lighted photograph, a graceful, white haired woman and a score of the most accomplished table tappers in the business will cluster Wednesday night, awaiting word from the ghost of a man who did not believe in ghosts.

The photograph is of Harry Houdini, born Harry Weiss, who died nine years ago—one of the world's foremost magicians and life long toe of phony spiritualistic phenomena.

The woman awaiting his message is Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, his widow. For nine years she has kept a ghostly waiting at the little black shrine, awaiting a "signal" from dead Houdini.

The vigil is the result of a "compact" Houdini made with his wife before he died. Since his death she has tried, awakes, seers, super-spirits, and so far, no authentic message has "come through."

Emeritus



DR. W. J. KERR

Dr. William J. Kerr, named chancellor emeritus of Oregon higher education, effective upon his retirement as chancellor August 31.

KERR APPOINTED EMERITUS STATE HIGHER EDUCATION

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Appointment of Dr. William J. Kerr as chancellor emeritus of Oregon higher education and the re-election of Willard Marks as president of the state board had been announced today following a meeting of Oregon educational group here yesterday.

Dr. Kerr, former president of Oregon State college, who is to be succeeded to the chancellorship September 1 by Dr. Frederick M. Hunter of Denver university, was extended a lengthy resolution of appreciation for "26 years of distinguished service in higher education in Oregon." His base pay was announced at \$6,000—half of that which theoretically he is now receiving. Actual pay, until further notice, will be \$3,000.

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FARM PROSPERITY STRIKES MIDWEST

OMAHA, Neb., July 23.—(AP)—"back to the farm" movement which has brought increases in farm land prices of from 15 to 30 percent over a year ago, today gave indication that prosperity is finding its way back to the middlewest.

Real estate prices, always one of the first signs of recovery, are booming throughout Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, officials of the federal land bank here reported today.

The land market is best, they said, in northern Iowa, southeastern South Dakota and eastern Nebraska. Northern Iowa land is up from 25 percent to 35 percent over a year ago.

More than 50 percent of the land buyers, the bank's real estate agents reported, are farmers desiring homes. Cattle prices are up in the area, grazing land in Wyoming, western South Dakota and Nebraska is coming into its own again.

Hog prices also are up in the middlewest.

Spiritual Healing To Be Considered

BRISTOL, Eng., July 23.—(AP)—The annual conference of the Methodist church today directed appointment of a committee of doctors, ministers and laymen to consider the whole question of spiritual healing.

The Rev. Leslie Weatherhead of Leeds, mover of the resolution, said a large number of people suffered from illness which was not physical but the result of disharmony between soul and God.

It had been reported from Marshfield that initiative petitions would be filed by a group of commercial fishermen and some independent fishermen, asking that the river be opened to commercial fishing between March and June each year.

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KANSAS CITY, July 23.—(AP)—The L. C. Worth Gain company this afternoon received word from the Blue Rapids, Kan., Milling and Elevator company that W. E. Groggman, salesman for the Worth company, kidnaped this morning, was safe near Blue Rapids.

The gunmen, believed by officers to be headed by Alvin Karpis, the nation's "Public Enemy No. 1," stole the salesman's car.

FRANCE IN FAVOR ITALIAN ECONOMIC REIGN IN ETHIOPIA

Paris Sees Step As Only Preventive for War — Italian Minister Slights Haile Selassie on Birthday

(By the Associated Press) Authoritative French quarters disclosed that France seeks a treaty giving Italy economic domination over Ethiopia in return for a promise by Italy that Ethiopia can have nominal independence.

Parisian circles said they visualized this step as the only preventive for war between Italy and Ethiopia. A royal birthday celebration threatened a further disruption of the already strained relations between Italy and Ethiopia.

The Italian minister to Addis Ababa refused to attend Emperor Haile Selassie's reception marking his 44th anniversary and the Ethiopians interpreted this as a slight.

Among the congratulatory birthday messages was one from Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

At the same time, the public in the Ethiopian capital waved American flags and cheered the United States diplomat who attended the reception. From Rome came the report that several thousand former Ethiopian slaves would fight for Italy in case of war.

Government bonds fell sharply in the Rome stock exchange following its former gold coverage requirements to meet the "necessity and urgency" of procuring means for payment ahead of an exceptional nature.

France and Great Britain looked to the League of Nations for a solution of the Italo-Ethiopian problem. Diplomats of both nations conferred as to a course of action at Geneva.

Great Britain massed a strong, fast naval fleet in the Mediterranean, and called in British women and children with the missionaries in Ethiopia. The missionaries themselves were ordered to concentrate at the Ethiopian capital.

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NEW COINS NEEDED TO PAY SALES TAX

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(UP)—Congress will be asked for legislation authorizing the United States to issue two new coins—half-cent and mill pieces.

Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., said today that state sales taxes had made it necessary to devise some smaller coin than a penny.

Colorado, Washington, Illinois and Missouri either have issued or are considering issuing tokens to aid in exact payment of the sales tax. It frequently figures out that the purchaser has to pay an odd sum such as 2 1/2 cents.

ROGUE CLOSURE PETITION UNFILED

SALEM, July 23.—(AP)—Preliminary petitions for an initiative to open the Rogue river to commercial fishing during certain seasons of the year, had not been filed to date, the secretary of state's office reported today.

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BASEBALL

American R H E Detroit 4 1 0 New York 7 0 0 Rowe, Hogsett and Cochran; Allen, Deahong and Jorgens. Second game—

R H E Detroit 3 7 0 New York 1 8 0 Sorrell and Hayworth; Goumen, Murphy and Dickey.

R H E Chicago 0 8 1 Philadelphia 2 8 1 Kennedy and Sewell; Marcum and Richards.

R H E St. Louis 7 14 0 Boston 2 7 3 Andrews and Hemaley; Ostermuller, Casareto, Wilson, Hockey and R. Ferrell.

R H E Cleveland 0 2 1 Washington 0 1 0 Lee and Phillips; Hayes and Holbrook.

Called on account of rain at end of third.

National (First game) New York 1 4 3 St. Louis 6 7 3 Parmelee, Stout and Dunning; P. Dean and Delaney.

(First game) Brooklyn 0 6 1 Philadelphia 8 13 1 Babich and Lopez; Henshaw and O-Dea.

Philadelphia at Pittsburg postponed, rain.

LEGION, AUXILIARY VOICE PROTEST ON BANKS CLEMENCY

The Medford post of the American Legion and the ladies' auxiliary of the same organization last night directed the sending of protest to Governor Martin against the granting of clemency to L. A. Banks, former local agitator, serving life in state prison for murder of a peace officer.

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SLAYER TO PLEAD 'INSANITY ON SEX'

COURTROOM, Peoria, Ill., July 23.—(UP)—Gerald Thompson's defense against the charge of murdering pretty Mildred Hallmark, 19-year-old cafe hostess, largely will be an attempt to prove that he is a monomaniac, driven to crimes of assault by an untrammeled sex urge.

This was indicated at the start of the young tool maker's trial today when Ben Thurman, his state-appointed counsel, urged motions for a delay of the trial on the ground that Thompson's mother, Mrs. Florence Whiteside, will be unable to testify for at least a month.

Her testimony, the motion showed, would be a scolding recital of young Thompson's family history, in which at least three members, including himself, would be proved insane on matters of sex, while normal in other respects.

Mrs. Whiteside, at present confined to Proctor hospital with a "nervous breakdown" would be able to testify within a month, Thurman informed the court, Circuit Judge Joseph E. Daily denied the motion.

WALLACE SEES PERILS PROCESS TAX ERASURE

WALLA WALLA, July 23.—(AP)—Secretary Henry Wallace traveled into the wheat and copper country of Montana today, leaving a warning echoing behind him that the nation's export cities face "almost utter destruction" if processing taxes are eliminated.

Elimination of the tax will mean not only 20-cent wheat, the agricultural secretary warned, "but corresponding loss for cotton, pork" and other agricultural commodities.

NO WORK, NO FOOD IS SOUTH DAKOTA EDICT ON RELIEF

25,000 Men On Rolls Told They Must Go Into Harvest Fields Where Farmers Pleading for Help

PIERRE, S. D., July 23.—(UP)—Every state relief office in South Dakota closed its doors last night as Governor Tom Berry enforced a stern edict of "No work—no food."

Thus 25,000 men on relief rolls were told that if they want money and food, they must go out into the harvest fields where farmers are crying for help and where grain is rotting in the fields because there is no one to cut, shock and thresh it.

Berry took the drastic step after he received complaints from hundreds of farmers that they couldn't find enough hands to harvest their wheat crop—the most bountiful in many years.

A week ago Berry, himself a farmer and rancher, warned that any man who refused work would be dropped from the relief rolls. Today he suddenly announced that relief was barred to every able bodied man in the state.

"We're not going to feed these people while farmers are crying for hands and can't get them," the cowboy executive decreed.

"If these men won't work, then we won't feed them."

ZIMMERMAN CLAIM BRANDED AS FALSE

SALEM, July 23.—(Sp)—The recent statement by Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county that he had not signed a petition asking for a pardon for Llewellyn A. Banks, Medford publisher, now serving a life term in the state penitentiary for murder, today was branded as untrue by Ralph E. Moody, assistant attorney-general.

Moody prosecuted Banks and other defendants charged with Jackson county ballot thefts. Banks was charged with slaying George A. Prescott, Medford police officer.

Moody quoted from the petition signed by Zimmerman, as follows: "We respectfully petition that you conduct or authorize a sincere and exhaustive investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the trial and conviction of Llewellyn A. Banks, which we trust, will result in the extension of executive power and issue a pardon to Banks."

The petition was addressed to Governor Martin.

A southern Oregon Grange recently condemned Zimmerman because of his interest in the Banks case.

GAS ROUTS CROWD IN TERRE HAUTE

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 23.—(AP)—National guardsmen used tear gas for a second time shortly before noon today to disperse a crowd assembled at a stamping mill whose labor troubles fomented the general strike called in this city.

Guard officers reported that a crowd of several hundred men surged up to the patrol surrounding the plant and ignored orders to disperse.

Earlier there had been a similar occurrence and tear gas was used. Several men in the crowd were taken into custody.

The plant was the scene of a riot several weeks ago in which considerable damage was done to the property.

Farm Debt Relief Waits 'Go' Signal From Capitol

PORTLAND Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Rex Willard, newly-named regional director for the rural rehabilitation and resettlement program in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, today declared that work for the relief of debt-ridden farmers "is primed and ready to go" as soon as officials in Washington, D. C., give the signal.

Willard arrived here early today and immediately started work in temporary headquarters at a hotel with his crew of assistants.

Fists Fly When Anti-Nazi, Soviet Forces Gather

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—Anti-Nazi and anti-soviet sentiments failed to mix at a meeting called to protest the treatment of Jews in Germany. Fists nearly broke up the assembly.

Abraham Cahan, editor of the Jewish daily Forward, precipitated the near riot last night when he arose to address a joint meeting of the Jewish Labor committee and the American Jewish congress.

Cahan, whose paper has been printing anti-soviet articles, waited five minutes through hisses and boos. Finally, he leaped on a chair, shook his fist and cried: "You bunch of communist gangsters."

Immediately fists began to fly over the hotel Pennsylvania ballroom. Police restored order.

\$2,700,000 BLAZE FOLLOWS BLAST IN GREAT DISTILLERY

PEORIA, Ill., July 23.—(AP)—Fire which swept the huge \$6,800,000 Hiram Walker distillery following a terrific explosion was brought under control today after causing damage estimated at \$2,700,000.

Twelve men were injured in the blaze and searches were seeking the body of John Barton, an employee missing since the blast in the rackhouse where he was working.

Another worker, William Blusebus, was found after being reported missing earlier. He reported that he had narrowly escaped being buried by falling debris and had crawled to safety through a hole in the fence.

Six million gallons of whiskey were set afire, sending greenish-yellow flames high into the sky. The flaming whiskey enveloped the plant in eerie light as firemen fought to stop the spreading blaze.

The rackhouse was the only building entirely destroyed, but other structures in the \$6,800,000 plant—said to be the largest distillery in the world—were seriously damaged.

Frank Dornberger, an employee, was blown 20 feet from the doorway of the rackhouse into an excavation 20 feet from the blazing building.

LIGHTNING PERILS GRANTS PASS GIRL

GRANTS PASS, July 23.—(AP)—A lightning bolt from a storm which left Grants Pass in darkness for two and one-half hours last night struck the G. R. Huston home in East Grants Pass and knocked Leona Huston, 11, to the ground. The bolt shattered part of the chimney and ran the several wires in the wall, Leona, outside pulling cover for her rabbits, was uninjured.

The bolt that stopped power service here struck a transmission line pole near Green creek, several miles south of the city on the Pacific highway, shattering insulators and grounding the high tension line to the pole.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund, bid \$15.26, asked \$17.81. Quarterly income shares, bid \$1.35, asked \$1.49.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 22.—The Mexican president stopped gambling in Tia Juana, and the whole town is left unemployed. It's just like if they stopped lobbying in Washington. Thousands would be thrown out of employment.

Mrs. Vice President Garner has gone home to Uvalde. That's the best tip that congress won't run much longer. She has gone home to clean the gun and feed the bird dog. Congress will blow up about the 10th of August.

You can all have your Einsteins, your Edisons and your Robert Fulton, but yesterday somebody invented a safety pin that flies shut instead of open and you can feed 'em to your babies with oatmeal. If that's not a contribution to the world there never was one.

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RELIGIOUS HATRED SPREADS STRIFE IN IRISH FREE STATE

Strikes, Street Fights, Fires and Demonstrations Mark Controversy Between Catholics and Protestants

By Stephen Williamson Associated Press Foreign Staff. BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 23.—(AP)—Fears of a widespread anti-Protestant attack in the Irish Free State received fresh impetus today as houses in County Meath and elsewhere were plastered with the slogan "Remember Belfast."

Religious strife, arising from Orangeism's celebration July 12 of the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, spread extensively. Anti-Catholic outbreaks occurred in Protestant Ulster and anti-Protestant demonstrations in the Catholic Free State to the south.

Girl Wounded This city, where the conflict originated, became quieter today, although a 19-year-old girl, Mary Cunningham, was wounded in the leg last night during an exchange of shots in the Brookfield street area.

After a special conference of nationalist members of parliament, a delegation departed for London, hoping to meet Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin immediately.

Strikes, street fights, fires and (Continued on Page Three)

PARK AND CAVES GET RADIO FUNDS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—(UP)—Crater Lake national park and Oregon caves monument will receive \$36,900 for radio, telephone and electric improvements, according to a Washington dispatch to the Journal. Division of funds between them in the national park services program was not indicated.

PEARSON SUPPLANTED AS ISLAND GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today suddenly announced the appointment of Lawrence W. Cramer of New York to be governor of the Virgin Islands.

The nomination was sent to the senate by the president without comment.

Dr. Paul M. Pearson, present governor of the islands, earlier today denied he had any intention of resigning. He is here for a senate investigation of his administration.

CADY FINED \$25 FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

O. W. Cady, 59-year-old Medford man, who lives on Stewart avenue, was arrested this afternoon by city police on a charge of reckless driving. He was taken direct to city court, where, upon his plea of guilty, he was given a fine of \$25 by city police judge, Allen D. Curry.

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