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 Forecast: Cloudy today, preceded by scattered showers. Monday fair with rising temperature.  
 Highest today 44.5  
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## FUNERAL PLANE SPEEDING SOUTH



**News Behind The News**  
 By PAUL MALLON  
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 WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The adventures of Secretary Morgenthau and the silver speculators have lately become so mystifying that the treasury secretary himself is supposed to be perplexed.  
 His agents have noticed that every month or so a wild story is started mysteriously that he is going to let the speculators down and not pay them good profits on their holdings. These stories are usually followed immediately by confidential news from the "four honest men" in London that they have a lot of selling orders on hand. The honest men meet at a certain time each day and fix the price of silver for that day. They are known to be brokers, but their honesty is a matter of assumption.  
 Mr. Morgenthau has tried to be a good fellow with them. As all the world knows, he is the world's biggest sucker buyer for them. He always buys but never sells and has promised not to let the price go down, even though the British quartet makes the market for him.

But his agents are supposed to have discovered that the recent depressing excitement in the market was preceded by a yarn, apparently planted in a financial journal, predicting again that he would abandon the silver policy. Shortly thereafter came news from London that a large number of Indian selling orders were on hand.

It is understood that Mr. Morgenthau's men are trying to find out whether these monkeyshines really originate in London or in the United States, and who is the monkey.

Note—No one here believes the administration can or will drop the silver policy until after the election next year, no matter how much some of its economists would like to.

President Roosevelt's breakfast appetite is reported to have been scanty lately. What generally ruins his morning meal is a newspaper headline recounting the antics of Congressman O'Connor, who turned the Hopson utilities case into an opera bouffe.

Circle House attaches as the president does not particularly mind having his leaders, like Rules Chairman O'Connor, fighting against him on principle. But what ails his composure in this case is a recollection of some aggravating personal relations.

What they know is that Mr. Roosevelt once wrote a letter to Basil O'Connor's brother, Basil, recited a \$25,000 attorney fee from utility people, who now agree it was the best money they ever spent. Also, readers must know that this same Basil O'Connor was formerly the law partner of the president himself.

This may explain why Congressman O'Connor has dared to go beyond the usual bounds of political respect for a party leader in the utility fight. Also, it is what makes the wildest wild.

The unadmitted highlight of the Hopson search occurred when the senate's pursuit of him was interrupted by a hotel room of B. B. Robinson, utility lobbyist. There in the lobby later he failed to find the object of his search, but encountered more surprising game in the persons of Mr. Roosevelt's own secretary, Mrs. McIntire, and Assistant Treasury Secretary Roberts. The president's two allies were apparently recreating and relaxing of all places, in the camp of the enemy.

The official explanation for this pseudo-treason apparently is that McIntire's duties are broader than have been publicly defined. He has often in the past been in the company of strange people. Once he was detected dining with a banker, and, as everyone knows, bankers are worse than utility people.

Apparently he is the presidential agent and liaison man with whatever enemies happen to be current with the administration.

A man of the hour two years ago was Prof. Rogers, the altruist. At least he was the man of the half hour. Prof. Warren, the commodity dolebrite, being the other half.

### FLYING CRONIES BORNE ON THEIR LAST AIR JAUNT

**Bodies Of Rogers And Post Reach Fairbanks—Medical Report Shows Faces Not Marred—All Alaska Mourns.**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Will Rogers and Wiley Post were ready to leave Alaska, by air, as they probably would have wished—companions in death and mourned by a legion of friends over the nation.  
 A big Pan-American Airways airplane stood at the airport here, scheduled to leave at 8 a. m. tomorrow, and Pilot Joe Grossman, not weired in his last act of devotion to his friends, was to fly.  
 Moderate rain and a very low ceiling caused what was described by the weather bureau as "naughty flying weather."  
 A report from the mortuary to which the broken bodies of the two men had been taken after arriving here at 7:35 a. m. (9:35 a. m. P.S.T.) this morning cheered Alaskans, mourning their passing. It was that despite their injuries, the faces had not been marred.  
 Sorrowing Fairbanks residents, a majority of whom, it seemed, were on the banks of the Chena river this morning when Grossman returned from Barrow, were also anxious in every way to pay honor and respect to the two men.  
 Rex Beach, the author, here on an Alaskan trip, expressed their sentiment, after watching the arrival of Grossman's plane.  
 "There are no smiles here today, and only yesterday everyone was smiling at Will's jokes."  
 (At New York, Pan-American officials said the plane's route south of Fairbanks called for stops at White Horse, Telegraph Creek, Richmond and Prince George, in the Canadian province, and that it would probably reach Seattle by Monday.)  
 Grossman, hero of many daring exploits and companion of Post and Rogers at Juneau, Fairbanks, Anchorage and the Matanuska valley in the past ten days, was waiting today. Within 20 hours he made the round trip to Barrow, a distance of 1,900 miles or so with Robert Gleason, reporter, before returning here this morning.  
 Physicians viewed the bodies this morning and reported further on their injuries: Rogers had a severe cut on his forehead and his chest was crushed, while Post's legs, his right wrist and upper left arm were broken. Abrasions were also found.  
 Their crash Thursday evening from a height of 30 or 40 feet above a small Arctic stream, 15 miles south of Barrow, was more definitely described to engine trouble today, as had been reported by a native who saw their scarlet monoplane fall.  
 The weather at Barrow at the time was overcast, but there was a 1,000-foot ceiling and 10 miles of visibility, the government weather bureau here had learned.  
 From New York, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh came into the plane to take the bodies south last night.  
 Acting for the grief-stricken widows of the two men, Mrs. Rogers, in Maine with her daughter, and Mrs. Post, in Oklahoma, in a message he authorized Dr. Henry W. Greiss, Presbyterian medical missionary at Barrow, to turn their bodies over to Grossman.  
 The "inland route," east and south toward Telegraph Creek and Prince George, was fairly clear today after getting out of the Fairbanks area, the weather observer said, and should such conditions continue, no delay should prevent a take-off tomorrow.

**MEMORIAL STAMP FOR PAIR URGED**  
 DENVER, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Postmaster General James A. Farley was requested tonight through the Denver Rocky Mountain News to issue a special airmail stamp in tribute to Will Rogers and Wiley Post.  
 The proposal was made by Glenn T. Neville, who styled the men "two great pioneers."

**NO HEADWAY IN TAX CONFERENCE**  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Congressional conferees on the \$200,000,000 wealth tax bill concluded a 10-hour initial session tonight without reaching a decision on any of the major points in controversy between the two houses. Another meeting was called for Monday.

### FAMED ACTOR AND PILOT KILLED



Will Rogers (left), actor and humorist, and his close friend, Wiley Post (right), around-the-world flier, were killed when Post's plane crashed 15 miles south of Point Barrow, Alaska. Reports said the ship fell 50 feet head-on into water. This is a recent picture of the two widely known men. (Associated Press Photo)

### FINAL RITES FOR FAMED HUMORIST THURSDAY AT 2

**Services Will Be Held In Los Angeles, Family Decides—Last Sleep In Native State.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Funeral services for Will Rogers, world-famous humorist who died in an Alaskan airplane crash with Wiley Post, were set tonight for 2 p. m. next Thursday in Los Angeles.  
 The widow, Mrs. Rogers, announced through Jesse Jones, chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation in Washington, a family friend, that his body would be placed temporarily in a vault in Forest Lawn cemetery.  
 Later the body probably will be taken back to Oklahoma for its final resting place in Rogers' native soil, after the death of the star. But Dave Butler, Rogers' director, said the comedian opposed this convention.  
 Butler said Rogers expressed his view when the late Marie Dressler died, with one finished picture uncompleted.  
 "She was a great woman, and I don't see why the fact of her death should keep a lot of people from getting what she had to give, in her pictures. Death comes to everybody. I'd sure want to go on, in that way, if it were me instead of Marie," Butler said Rogers stated.

**GREEN AND BLUE SILKS FOR FALL**  
 NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Fashion designers have decreed silks, with plenty of color—including new slate green, copper and ultra-marine blues—for both evening and street wear this fall.  
 Greek influences in the so-called "antiquarian" clothes, which reveal a strip of flesh between braisier and skirt, will continue in value, while less stress will be placed on the Ithras and Saris of the Hindu mode.

**HAYS, KAs, Aug. 17.—(AP)—**Wayne Wagener, 34, Kansas City professional parachute jumper, was killed today a 3,000-foot jump. His wife and a 3,000-foot jump. His wife and two children were here.

**CLOUDY, SHOWERY IN STATE TODAY**  
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### DEATH PLUNGE OF ROGERS AND POST TOLD BY ESKIMO

**Native Raced To Pt. Barrow With Tragic News—War Department Gets Wireless Report.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A graphic description of how Will Rogers and Wiley Post met their death in an airplane accident near Point Barrow, Alaska, was wireless to the war department today by Staff Sergeant Stanley Morgan, in charge of the army's radio station at that outpost of civilization.  
 The story, obtained from awe-struck eskimos who saw the accident follows:  
 "At 10 p. m., last night (Thursday) attracted by groups of excited natives on beach. Walking down, discovered one native all out of breath gasping out in pidgin English a strange tale of 'airplane she blew up.'  
 "After repeated questioning learned this native witnessed crash of an airplane at his sealing camp some 15 miles south of Barrow and had run the entire distance to summon aid.  
 "Native claimed plane flying very low suddenly appeared from the south, apparently sighting tent. Plane then circled several times and finally settled down on small river near camp, two men climbed out, one wearing 'tag on sore eye' and other 'big man with boots.'  
 "The big man then called native to water's edge and asked direction and distance to Point Barrow. Directions given, then the climber back into plane and 'taxied' off to land side of river for take-off into wind.  
 "After a short run plane slowly lifted from water to height about 30 feet banking slightly to right then evidently motor stalled, plane slipped off on right wing and nosed down into water, turning completely over and native claimed dull explosion occurred and most of right wing dropped off and a film of gasoline and oil soon covered the water."

**PUBLIC MAY NOT SEE LAST MOVIES OF WILL ROGERS**  
 Two Finished Pictures Of Comedian Await Release, But May Be Junked—Cite His Views.

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 17.—(AP)—If Will Rogers were alive, he would want his two finished, but uncompleted, motion pictures to be screened, close friends of the comedian said today.  
 Executives at Twentieth Century-Fox studios remained undecided whether to junk "Steamboat Round the Bend" and "In Old Kentucky," or to put them in circulation, in the normal manner.  
 Hollywood has an "unwritten law" forbidding the release of a picture after the death of the star. But Dave Butler, Rogers' director, said the comedian opposed this convention.  
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**DISGUSTED TAX DRIVER ENDS ALL**  
 CLEVELAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A taxicab driver who left a note expressing his desire to join in death "our dear friend, Mr. Rogers," shot and killed himself as he sat in his cab in front of a downtown theater today.  
 Bailey Oster, a pedestrian, said he heard the shot, ran to the cab and asked the driver, Jack Berman, 24, "Why did you do that?"  
 He said Berman said "I'm disgusted" and waved to the newsboys and slumped into the seat, muttering "Goodbye, kids."

**NEW DEAL PLAYED IN MILLS SPEECH**  
 CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Party lines in the United States "are no longer invisible," Ogdin Mills, former secretary of the treasury and a leading eastern Republican, said here today.  
 In the first of two speeches in both of which he attacked the new deal as a danger to individual liberty, Mr. Mills said "party lines in America are no longer invisible," and predicted "few Democrats will still associate themselves with the new dealers after they acquiesce themselves with planned economy in which free government and private enterprise are sacrificed."

**COPCO LOSES IN TAX CUT APPEAL**  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The California Oregon Power company was assessed income tax claims of \$30,154 and \$47,996 respectively for 1928 and 1929. In stipulation judgments approved today by the board of tax appeals.  
 The settlement settling the company's liability at the amount originally appealed, amounted to a virtual withdrawal of the appeal. The petitioner originally charged that the internal revenue bureau erroneously disallowed deductions from taxable income for bond expenses.

**CLONDBURST HITS KENTUCKY CROPS**  
 AUGUSTA, Ky., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A cloudburst near Germantown and Milverna, nine miles from here, today inundated crops, carried away livestock and did uncounted damage to farms and homes. The bridge over the Big Branch here was swept away late today.  
 The Big Branch was said by old settlers to be at its highest stage in 60 years.

### MEDFORD LAUDED IN LAST LETTER OF WILL ROGERS

**Article Published Today Mentions Pear Incident And Former Visit—Twits A Scribe.**

Will Rogers, beloved and renowned humorist, who met death in a plane tragedy in Alaska last Friday, penned friendly and jovial words for Medford and the Rogue river valley, in his last writings—published today in the newspapers of the land.  
 Rogers flew over this city en route to Seattle, Wash., to embark on his final tragic flight, and remembered it from a short visit paid here, on November 19, 1931 when forced down by heavy weather.  
 In the syndicated article, Rogers writes of Medford and Rogue river pearls as follows:  
 "First stop out of Sacramento was Medford, Oregon, where a few days before some ambitious reporter had sent out a dispatch that he had seen Wiley Post and I flying over there, when we were at that time crossing Arizona. So this time he is able to report that I arrived there by horse and buggy."  
 "Say, there is some Mountains over that route. South of Medford, north of Medford, that's the town where they raise the fine pearls. I was forced down there on my previous flight to Vancouver and they kept telling me about the fine pearls and I afterward wrote about them, but said they never did offer me any, they just kept telling how great they were. Well, sir, when I returned from around the world, they sent me practically all they raised in the valley that year I think. Every time a box would come it would be full of pearls, and better pearls (if possible)."

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### Painted Toe-Nail Of Lady Swimmer Costs Her A Toe

**BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 17.—(AP)—**The large right toe of Miss Zena Brown, a vacationist, was bitten off while she was swimming.  
 Colonel Elmer E. Johnson, who rushed her 14 miles to medical aid, said he believed a bass, picked up an snapping turtle was attracted by red paint on the toe nail.

### GEORGE KOEHN OF PORTLAND NAMED LEGION CHIEFTAIN

**Rose City Woman Heads Auxiliary—Medford Post Wins Prize For Best Box Car.**

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—George Koehn of Portland, founder of Rose City post, was elected state commander of the American Legion today. He succeeds W. J. Chamberlain of Corvallis.  
 At the election held by the Oregon auxiliary, Mrs. J. H. Turnbull of Portland was chosen state president.  
 The elections climaxed the three-day annual session of the Legion and auxiliary's bid for the 1936 convention was approved by the general assembly.  
 The Hood River post was declared the most outstanding American Legion organization in Oregon for 1935, with the Rose City post second and Klamath Falls third.  
 Individual membership honors went to Robert McGehee of Klamath Falls, who was credited with signing up 220 persons.  
 Portland Voiture No. 25 won the grand prize in the 40 or 8 parade and Tillamook won the trophy for the largest 40 or 8 representation in the line of march. Other parade prizes included: Klamath Falls, best drum corps; Oswego, best stunt; Sherwood, best band; Medford, best box car. The official convention band, Rose City, did not compete in the parade competition.  
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Nine huge bombing planes will land at the Medford municipal airport around 11 o'clock this morning from Hamilton Field, Calif., initiating a week of tactical maneuvers ordered for the 31st bombing squadron of the United States army air force. Flights of at least four hours daily will be the routine for the squadron during the ensuing week.  
 Following arrival of 22 trucks and two motorbuses Wednesday and Saturday, a military camp has mushroomed at the airport, under command of Major Deveraux M. Myers, chief of ground forces for the squadron. Approximately fifty tents have been pitched at the port, housing sleeping quarters, hospital, orderly, radio, machine shops, supplies, headquarters and shower baths. City water, electricity and garbage disposal have been arranged for the tent city by municipal departments and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

**Tests Objective**  
 Presence of the bombing squadron here is in line with air force plans for practical tests in establishing bases and conducting flights from various points on the coast, simulating war conditions, as near as possible. According to Major Myers, the several thousand pounds of dummy bombs will be sent to Medford by rail and will be transported to the airport by trucks, the exact time of loading trucks, proceeding to the airport and loading on planes, being carefully timed in order to obtain data on what might be expected should an emergency arise for 220 persons.

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