

The Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Sat. but with some cloudiness; not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday 82. Lowest this morning 51.

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Close At 8 P. M. It is time to begin thinking about writing that classified ad for the Sunday morning edition. Ads in by 3:30 Saturday afternoon will be properly classified. Later ads run too late to classify. Closing time 8 p. m.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN FIREWORKS BLAST



By H. R. BAUKHAGE (Copyright, 1937, by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.) WASHINGTON, July 2.—When a lady correspondent who knows how to put a double meaning into her voice asked the president if they "caught any fish" on Jefferson island, nobody missed the point, and nobody got the answer.

Whether the above is fish, flesh, fowl and not just another good, red-hot herring, time will tell. But the intricate adventures of the farm bill and the reorganization bill may as well be told now.

Why did the administration, after backing the farm (ever-normal granary) at all, stop it now? Then, with apparently no reason, suddenly attempt to bring it back to life?

Then old Dame Nature took a hand, recorded by a department of agriculture release of June 29: "A 4-point drop in the index of prices received by farmers."

The price situation was a wonderful break because it meant more kindly consideration of any stabilization scheme. But Secretary Wallace didn't depend on that alone — he

CCC FINANCE BILL SIGNED BY F. D. R. WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today two major appropriations bills — army and navy — and one for special purposes, permitting the spending of \$864,930,000 during the fiscal year that started yesterday.

Chinese Biker PORTLAND, July 2.—(AP)—Detectives said that a Chinese biker bought a new motorcycle, but he was caught before he had ridden it. He was charged with possession of a motorcycle without a license.

25 Miners Killed LONDON, July 2.—(AP)—Twenty-five persons were reported killed today in two explosions and a fire at the Brymbo coal mine at Chester-on-Stoke-on-Kent. Five bodies were recovered. Seventeen men still entombed were feared dead.

Jim Collins being wary of this pill of playfulness when he was caught trying a cool milkshake in his shirt-sleeves, he feared his flouting of dress conventions would be cited herein.

Harvey Cassman complaining about yesterday's drafts that blew sky letters out of shape as soon as Bernardine King had made them in mid-air.

CROWDED STORE AT NAMPA, IDAHO INFERNO SCENE

More Than 15 Injured — Children Playing With Drug Store Fireworks Display Blamed for Tragedy

NAMPA, Idaho, July 2.—(AP)—A pre-holiday fireworks explosion that turned a combination drug store and beauty parlor into an inferno of pyrotechnics claimed two more lives today, bringing the toll to five. More than 15 were injured, one of whom may die.

Fire Chief L. T. Lessinger said children playing with fireworks in the shop touched off the spark that caused the tragedy. Mrs. George LaBelle, 38, died this morning. Mrs. T. C. Daniels, 29, her dress aflame, succumbed yesterday afternoon and a few hours later Katherine Miller, 3, daughter of Mrs. Miller, and Adryce Paver, 12, died of burns.

Children Blamed Said Fire Chief Lessinger: "What happened was this: There was a very considerable display of fireworks in the drugstore window and apparently some of the children playing around there inadvertently or accidentally set off something which quickly ignited the entire display. It exploded and set fire to the store."

Jack Jenness, managing editor of the Nampa Leader-Herald and one of the first on the scene, said "it was the wildest panic I ever saw."

Collier Accused in Indian Hearing WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Senator Burton C. Wheeler of Montana accused Indian Commissioner John Collier today of "playing with the lumber companies of the northwest and approving fraudulent contracts" in connection with timber sales on Indian lands.

Wade Crawford, former superintendent of the Klamath reservation in Oregon, who was dismissed by the Indian commissioner recently, Crawford appeared before the committee and presented charges against Collier and sought vindication for his removal.

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Aid for Tenant Farmers Has Approval of Senate WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The senate approved today the Bankhead bill authorizing \$85,000,000 in federal expenditures during the next three years to help tenants and share croppers become farm owners.

The bill went through after adoption of several amendments dealing with appointments to the proposed new administrative agency and with its powers. The senate rejected a proposal by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) to put officials and employees under the civil service. It had voted down yesterday an amendment by Senator Connally (D., Tex.) to authorize three annual \$5,000,000 appropriations.

Ashland Youth Suicides in Hayfield Near Home

Russia to Recall Amur Force

MOTION PICTURES SHOW BEATING OF STRIKERS BY COPS ACTION EXPECTED TO END FRICTION SAYS JAP ENVOY MOSCOW, July 2.—(AP)—The Japanese ambassador to Moscow, Mamoru Shigemitsu, announced tonight that the Russian government had agreed to withdraw its troops and gunboats from the disputed Amur river islands.

Shigemitsu said the agreement for evacuation called for withdrawal of 20 gunboats assembled near the islands. The promise to immediately give the withdrawal order was given after Shigemitsu officially informed Soviet Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff that no Manchoukoo gunboats were concentrated there.

During this interval, he said, some missiles flew toward the police from the rear ranks of the crowd, and "20 or 30" demonstrators were pushed into the police line by persons burrying up from behind.

Miss Irene Simons, 25, sought for questioning in the Ashland Community hospital dead baby case, has returned from Richardson, N. D., and yesterday afternoon made a statement, according to Deputy District Attorney George W. Nelson, in which she clarified all circumstances in connection with the finding of the infant's body in a closet of a room formerly occupied by her as a nurse on June 14.

The statement, the deputy district attorney said, declared the infant was "still-born," that her actions were due to distraction and a desire to have it buried in accordance with the rites of her faith. She declined to give the name of the father, the authorities said.

The infant was found in a carton in the hospital where Miss Simons was employed as a nurse, and two weeks after she left on a month's vacation trip to visit relatives in North Dakota.

She returned this week to Ashland, and reported direct to the district attorney's office. Ashland city police sought her in Klamath Falls yesterday while she was reporting to the district attorney.

REELECT HEAD AS BOY SCOUT CHIEF WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The national council of the Boy Scouts of America re-elected Walter B. Head, of St. Louis, today as president for a three-year term.

The council also re-elected James E. West, chief scout executive, along with a dozen other national officers. Two new directors were chosen for three-year terms. They were former Senator W. W. Barbour of New Jersey, and Raymond F. Love of Omaha, Neb., executive director of the Scout Jamboree's 900-Boy Sea Scout contingent.

FIRECRACKERS CAUSE \$5000 BRIDGE LOSS SALEM, July 2.—(AP)—Careless use of fireworks was believed by County Engineer Hubbs to have caused fire that destroyed a bridge on Silverton highway early today. Hubbs said he found in the ruins the remains of a "flower pot," a device for spectacular fireworks.

24 NAVY PLANES REACH SEATTLE SEATTLE, July 2.—(UP)—Their silver hulls flashing in sunlight, 24 huge U. S. navy flying boats dropped lightly on calm Lake Washington at Sand Point naval air station late today, completing a 1,100-mile non-stop flight from San Diego, Cal.

3 Years In Prison For Divine's Aide LOS ANGELES, July 2.—(AP)—Three years in federal prison was the sentence meted out today to John West Hunt, associate of the Harlem cult leader Father Divine, on conviction of charges of bringing 17-year old Delight Jewett from Denver to Beverly Hills in violation of the Mann act.

U. S. District Judge Leon R. Yankwich denied the motion for a new trial by the portly self-styled "John the Revelator" from the verdict of the jury.

LIMA, Peru, July 2.—(AP)—Dispatches received from Arequipa today said 22 persons were killed when a steel-rope suspension bridge across the Inambari river in a remote section of Peru broke under excessive weight.

5000 SPECTATORS JAM AIRPORT FOR SKY SHOW THRILLS

Sky Writing and Parachute Jump by Women Fliers Starts Program — Torn 'Chute Brings Suspense

Finale of the aircraft exposition and sky show will be a dance in the spacious airport hangar tonight. Dancing will begin at 9 and continue until 2. Visiting pilots and airplane owners are expected to attend. Les Price's orchestra will provide music. The public is invited.

An estimated throng of at least 5,000 persons crammed into the Medford municipal airport this afternoon to witness the sky show of the Oregon air tour which opened its ten-day visit here this morning.

Early in the afternoon more than 1,000 cars were parked around the field. Well into mid-afternoon scores of machines crawled along the approach highways, traffic moving at a snail's pace as the cars were bunched at points where tickets had to be procured.

National guardsmen supervised parking of cars and city and state police circulated among the crowd to lend assistance and maintain order. A loud-speaker system kept the spectators informed of what was happening in the air and on the field.

At 2 o'clock Bernadine Lewis King, ace of women stunt pilots, took to the air to do some sky-writing. Parachute Tears. A few minutes later Dorothy Barden, famed jumper, was taken aloft by Pilot Ken Kleaver for her spectacular parachute leap at 6,000 feet.

When the plane was high over the field Miss Barden let go. She sailed majestically toward earth. Suddenly the crowd gasped. Miss Barden's parachute had ripped wide open. The slim figure hurtled toward earth. Quickly she ripped the cord of her emergency parachute. It untwined perfectly and the little miss glided safely to earth as a great ovation came from the throng.

Waiting their turn to thrill the great throng were pilots primed to demonstrate the maneuverability of modern aircraft. Also waiting their turn were such celebrated stunt pilots as Tex Rankin, world's champion; Bernadine Lewis King, woman champion upside-down flier; Al Lary, the arctic clown, and George Cooke, Hollywood parachute jumper who was to give the famous break-away leap.

WPA TO CUT 124,000 OFF PAYROLLS SOON WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, announced today WPA will cut off more than 124,000 workers on the rolls to \$65,477 by July 15.

The number of persons working on June 26 by states included: Idaho, 4,700; Oregon, 13,206. Reductions were shown for all states, except Delaware.

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho, July 2.—(AP)—Officers reported today the discovery of the body of Milo Hanson, 37, who disappeared a week ago, in Smith creek below the forest camp where he worked.

Roosevelt Has Day Free From Parade of Callers HYDE PARK, N. Y., July 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, who felicited Canada last night on the confederate's seventieth birthday, faced today one of those rare occasions in the life of a president—a day with not a single caller on his engagement calendar.

As members of the family who came east for the Roosevelt-DuPont wedding began to scatter, he planned to stay close to his mother's Dutchess county estate except for a possible motor ride around the countryside.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bottiger, son-in-law and daughter, left early to catch a plane for Seattle. The president capped the first of five days he intends to spend here with a radio address last night congratulating Canada on the 70th anniversary of her confederation.

Accused CIO Head



Gus Hall (above), CIO leader, was named in charges as the master mind in a campaign in the Warren, O., steel district concerning violence. A warrant backed by statements by fellow unionists charged him with having plotted the dynamiting of bridges, railway tracks and mills and destruction of homes of non-strikers.

Deputy Coroner Will M. Dodge, Sheriff Syd I. Brown and Deputy District Attorney George Nelson, who investigated the tragedy, stated there would be no inquest. It was an unquestioned case of suicide, they said.

There was apparently no reason for the suicide, it was said, although the youth had been drinking Thursday night and had had a slight altercation with his foster father, Paul, according to Mr. Low, had approached the house at about 9:30 p. m. Thursday with the rifle in his hand, and the two suffled momentarily before Paul dropped the gun and ran into a hayfield. Paul had also been in Ashland city jail Wednesday night on a disorderly conduct charge after he had shot off firecrackers in the business district. His foster father paid his fine at noon Thursday, and took him back to the ranch where Paul worked in the hayfield the rest of the day.

Woman Reports Threats At 9:45 p. m. Thursday, an unidentified Ashland woman reported to (Continued on Page Thirteen)

HARRY FRENCH GUILTY FIRST DEGREE MURDER ALTURAS JURY VERDICT ALTURAS, Calif., July 2.—(AP)—A jury today convicted Harry French of first degree murder for the slaying of Claude L. McCracken, 45, in a "newspaper feud." The jury made no recommendation and a death verdict will be mandatory unless it finds him insane.

The jury of ten men and two women, after deliberating five hours, returned its verdict as court convened this morning.

"We find the defendant guilty of first degree murder as charged," Foreman E. C. McConaughy told Superior Judge F. M. Jamison. Judge Jamison then instructed the jurors to report Wednesday to hear (Continued on Page Five)

TRANSAMERICA BOOSTS DIVIDEND TO 50 CENTS SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—(AP)—Transamerica corporation boosted its dividend rate to 50 cents a share annually today from 40 cents by declaration of a semi-annual dividend of 25 cents a share.

That dividend goes to about 206,000 stockholders, the majority of whom live in California. It amounts to \$5,795,392 on the 23,181,568 outstanding shares.

BASEBALL American. R. H. E. Philadelphia 4 11 2 Boston 8 10 0 Chester, Nelson and Brucker; Marcum, McKain, Gumpert and Berg. Detroit at Cleveland, postponed, cold. National. R. H. E. Brooklyn 3 11 1 Philadelphia 6 13 2 Hamlin and Phelps; Mulcahy, Jorgens and Grace. R. H. E. Boston 2 7 0 New York 6 13 2 MacFayden, Hutchinson and Lopez; Hubbell and Mancuso. R. H. E. Pittsburgh 7 13 1 Chicago 8 11 2 Lucas, Davis and Todd; French and Hartnett.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Claude Stevens being the center of attack of the numerous persons connected in search of first one and then another of the air criminal generalissimo who had a peculiar genius for disappearing when most urgently needed.