

The Weather
 Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday, with occasional cloudiness; normal temperature.
 Temperature:
 Highest yesterday 85
 Lowest this morning 53

To Investigate
 Had you noticed the many fine bargains in city and suburban homes advertised in this newspaper lately? Some can be purchased like rent after down payment. Pays to investigate.

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RUSSIANS LAND NEAR SAN JACINTO



News Behind The News
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 WASHINGTON, July 14.—You can put that American Legion button back in your lapel, said the old gray squirrel on the White House lawn, another ex-soldier has made good. What he means, it seems, among other things, was that the new assistant secretary of war, Louis Johnson, one of the most efficient commanders the Legion ever elected, is going to be promoted to the secretaryship.
 He will pull his chair up to the cabinet table about the time school starts out in Indiana.
 Another ex-commander, Paul V. McNutt, will soon be ex-high commissioner of the Philippines and his well known presidential aspirations will be modified. At least president will be his title, if he accepts an offer from the University of Indiana.
 The other ex-commander, and present war secretary, Harry Woodring, would not be stepping down ward if he stepped into Mr. McNutt's Filipino boots, even if they're pinching the incumbent at present.
 The Legion boys have never felt they needed to hide their insignia. But the old squirrel's sly dig referred to a minor scandal in which Secretary Woodring became innocently involved when assistant secretary of war in charge of procurement. It concerned the sale of certain army supplies, later to be bought back at higher prices.
 But the president is loyal to his official family and would not toss Mr. Woodring into the discard just because he may be the greatest secretary of war since Henry Knox.
 The unwise cracks of Mr. McNutt, including the latest which the Philippines choose to interpret as an aspersion on their brand of democracy, have impaired his usefulness in the islands.
 Louis Johnson's case is quite a different one. While he has no record as a government official, he is an exceedingly successful lawyer in Clarkburg, West Virginia. His friends had some difficulty to get him to step into second place in the war department even temporarily. When he was named assistant secretary on June 14, he knew exactly
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LEAKY GAS TANK FORCES LANDING IN COW PASTURE

Record Breaking Flight Is Concluded at 6:27 A. M.—Fog Over San Diego Blocks Landing There

New Flight Record
 SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—(AP)—The direct air distance from Moscow to San Jacinto, Calif., was figured at 6,262 land miles by officers of the coast and geodetic survey here today.
 The three Russian fliers flew a greater distance in avoiding polar storms, however.
 Aviation authorities here pointed out that the Russians added another 250 miles by making a roundtrip to San Diego, where they were unable to land because of fog.
 It was likely the aviators had flown the remarkable distance of nearly 7,000 miles.
 But even the direct airline distance of 6,262 miles greatly exceeded the non-stop held by the Frenchmen, Maurice Rossi and Paul Goda, who flew 5,657 miles from New York to Syria in 1933.

SAN JACINTO, Cal., July 14.—(AP)—The record-shattering transpolar Soviet plane landed in a pasture three miles west of here at 6:27 o'clock this morning, Pacific standard time. The fliers had been lost in the fog and were forced down by a leaky gasoline tank.
 They told army officers from March field that they had flown down to San Jacinto, but were unable to land because of the fog. They retraced their course northward searching for March field.
 They had no maps. The mountain range between San Jacinto and March field was confusing to them.
 They did not know just where they were when the gasoline tank began to leak.
 Pasture Welcome.
 A welcome pasture was seen near here and the big Soviet plane's nose was pointed down and a safe landing was made.
 They were unable to communicate with the ranchers who came to the pasture.
 Later when Major Victor H. Strahm flew a single-seater to the pasture from March field, 25 miles to the northeast, they were formally greeted.
 He took them into March field, their first land since leaving Moscow 52 hours before.
 By signs and clippings in English they made known their wants—bath, eat and sleep.
 The plane was not damaged in the landing.
 They managed by signs to indicate that they did not have maps of the March field location and they failed to see it from the air.
 Leak in Gas Tank.
 The gasoline tank was leaking a stream of fuel when the big monoplane was brought down at a point 90 miles east of Los Angeles.
 The landing marked the longest air flight on record, a distance of
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Senator Joe Robinson, Democratic Leader, Dies

Complete Long Flight



Pilot Mikhail Gromov (right) and co-pilot Andrei Yumshoff (left) who landed this morning at San Jacinto, Calif., after a flight from Moscow by way of the North Pole. A third member of the crew was Sergei Danilin, navigator.—(A. F. Photos.)

BATH, EAT, SLEEP FIRST DESIRE OF SOVIET BIRDMEN

MARCH FIELD, Calif., July 14.—(AP)—Three men hopped over the North Pole for a world record of 6262 miles non-stop flying in 62 hours and 17 minutes.
 The trio of smiling Soviet birdmen, flying from Moscow to a San Jacinto, Calif., cow pasture, returned handshakes and greetings here with three notes in English, one word each, and they couldn't pronounce the words.
 They were—"bath," "eat," and "sleep."
 Their first wish was gratified first. The trio went into the officers' club and plunged vigorously into the luxury of a bath. They did stop before the bath to telephone to the Soviet embassy at Washington.
 While they were in the bath the Soviet consul-general from San Francisco, Grigori Gokhman, flew in. He had been flying most of the night in a chartered plane, seeking to locate the Soviet polar plane.
 He rushed right into the bathroom with them. He was the first to speak their language and from the closed doors in addition to the splashing of water vigorous and hearty conversation in the Russian tongue was heard.
 The three fliers were in high spirits.
 Through the consul general as interpreter, Pilot Mikhail Gromov said:
 "The hardest part of the flight was the takeoff. We had to taxi 1900 meters to get into the air."
 "The second hardest part of the flight was an hour and a half later. We passed through two cyclones. The first was between Rudolph island and the North Pole. The wings started icing. But we had a de-icer and got through all right."
 His eyes and those of his companions started drooping as they faced the questioners in the sun. This recalled the method they first used, before presenting the card with the word "sleep" to convey their wish. They put their heads against their heads and leaned over and shut their eyes.
 He was asked why they did not give their position when they were in southern California.
 "It was of no interest to us to tell where we were. We knew where we were going."
 He explained how they approached San Jacinto and circled around, unable to find a hole through the fog. Then turned back.

SINO-JAP CRISIS MAY BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION

PEIPING, July 14.—(AP)—Peace negotiations are under way at Peiping, a high Japanese source said today, to settle the north China crisis without consulting the national government at Nanking.
 The conferees were Chinese Hopen-Chahar political council officials and Japanese military authorities.
 No more demands will be made upon the Chinese over the past week's fighting in the Peiping area, the Japanese informant said.
 He indicated that Japan now asks only an agreement for withdrawal of Chinese troops from the Wanping-Hsien area, retribution for damages to Japanese forces, suppression of so-called anti-Japanese activities, and a campaign against communism in China.
 The negotiations "capable of settlement of the whole north China situation," the Japanese informant said, are going ahead despite the Nanking government's announced determination to recognize no agreement effected locally.
 PEIPING, July 14.—(AP)—Fighting between Japanese and Chinese troops was halted this morning after a battle near Nanyuan airdrome, eight miles south of Peiping, had lasted until almost dawn. Shortly after the engagement ended, the gates of the airdrome were opened and rail service to Tientsin was resumed.
 American travelers, including 150 army and navy officers and their families stationed in China, were on the first train to leave the city.
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SAMUEL L. HANSON NEW STATE CHIEF SPANISH WAR VETS

Joint Installation This Afternoon to Close Convention—Subordinate Chapters Also Name Officers
 Samuel L. Hanson of Portland Camp Scott Young number two was this morning elected department commander of the Oregon United Spanish War Veterans at the official business session in the Medford armory. Retiring department commander was Hugh S. Rogers of Hillsboro.
 Joint installation of officers of the U. S. W. V. and the auxiliary, was to be held at the armory this afternoon. The installation will bring to a close the 25th annual state encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, the 21st annual convention of the department of Oregon auxiliary, and the 18th annual convocation of the Military Order of Serpents. The encampment convened last Sunday morning.
 Ernest R. Leedy of McMinnville was elected senior department vice-commander to succeed Samuel L. Hanson. S. B. Vessey of Portland was elected junior department vice-commander to succeed Ernest R. Leedy. The Rev. I. G. Shaw of Cottage Grove was elected department inspector to succeed S. B. Vessey. Seneca Fouts of Portland was re-elected liaison officer.
 Announcement of the election of auxiliary officers of the U. S. W. V. was delayed as ballots were still being counted at press time. Nineteen state officers were to be elected.
 Beach Delegate
 L. E. Beach of Portland was elected a delegate to the national U. S. W. V. encampment at Columbus, O., August 22-26, inclusive. Three other
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Exertion Fatal



Senator Joe T. Robinson (above), President Roosevelt's chief senate adviser, who was found dead of heart disease in his capital apartment home this morning. Over-exertion in the controversy over the proposed supreme court change was believed to have hastened the Democratic leader's death.—(A. F. Photo.)

HEART GIVES OUT IN WEEK'S BATTLE FOR COURT PLAN

64-Year-Old Arkansan Found Dead in Bathroom—Senate, House Adjourn—To Hold Funeral Friday
 WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—Senator Joe T. Robinson, the Democratic leader, died early today with—in President Roosevelt's words—"his face to the battle."
 The 64-year old Arkansan, his party's leader in the senate since 1922, died alone in his apartment home. He was found face downward on his bathroom floor, after a weary week of fighting for the administration's court reform bill.
 Plans were made for a state funeral service in the senate chamber Friday at noon with Mr. Roosevelt as chief mourner. Funeral services and burial will be at Little Rock, Ark., the senator's home, Sunday.
 Congress Adjourns
 Both senate and house adjourned until tomorrow out of respect. Leaders of the nation over, expressed sorrow.
 Robinson's death, in midst of the bitter debate on the court measure, made a question of the whole legislative situation. The legislative day which Robinson began July 8 in a parliamentary move to curtail debate over the court bill was ended.
 When the senate resumes work on legislation, probably next week, all the debate delivered so far could be repeated if senators desired to filibuster.
 The court bill, however, continued to be the business officially pending before the senate.
 Funeral arrangements were made
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EUGENE RECEIVING SECURITY BLANKS

Under a new official procedure adopted some time ago, all employers and employees in this district seeking registrations under the social security act must send their applications to the Social Security Board, Eugene. It was stated today by Postmaster Frank DeSouza.
 Under the new arrangement, the Medford postoffice does not accept applications for registration. Mr. DeSouza emphasized, he said that application blanks continue to come to the postoffice here, but in all instances they have to be returned for mailing directly to Eugene. This is causing unnecessary work for the postal employees and delay for the applicants, he explained. Sometimes, he added, it is difficult to find the applicant for the return of his application.
 Application blanks may still be procured at the postoffice but after they have been filled out they must be sent to Eugene, Mr. DeSouza stressed.

TOLEDO WATERFRONT DESTROYED BY BLAZE

TOLEDO, July 14.—(AP)—Toledo's old waterfront lay in ashes today after a fire of unknown origin swept through the section last night and spread to the main business section where two other buildings were damaged.
 Breaking out at 7 p. m. in the vacant Adams restaurant building, the blaze spread for two blocks along the waterfront within 15 minutes after it was discovered by Fire Chief Owen Hart.
 The Pacific hotel was totally destroyed. L. M. Adams and 15 guests escaped injury. Adams estimated his loss at \$4,000, with no insurance.

F. D. R. CONGRATULATES RUSSIAN AIR HEROES

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt telegraphed his "enthusiastic congratulations" today to the Russian fliers who flew from Moscow to San Jacinto, Cal.
 The president's message, addressed to Michael Gromov, in care of the commanding officer at March field, California, said:
 "I have been greatly pleased to learn that you and your companions have successfully completed your flight from Moscow to California, thus, I understand, establishing a new world's record. Your achievement has aroused great admiration and I wish to express to you my enthusiastic congratulations."

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS
 Ed Simmons being drawn into a spirited argument as to the respective merits of certain automobiles but he declining to become greatly interested in the matter.
 Fred Heath, Jr., bending every effort to display the city's celebrated airport to the Soviet aviators, but they flying so far overhead they could not even see the city.
 And Moore Hamilton attributing the fliers' lack of interest to an anti-Communist speech.

CHINESE IN TOKYO HIT TRAIL FOR HOMETOWN

TOKYO, July 14.—(AP)—Chinese residents here, apparently fearful that the Sino-Japanese conflict may become war, are returning to the homeland. Eighty sailed from Kobe today for Shanghai.
 Judge Assigned
 SALEM, July 14.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Sweek of Umatilla county was assigned by Chief Justice Bean today to substitute for Judge Carl Hendricks of Sherman county. Judge Sweek will preside during cases in which Judge Hendricks is disqualified.

Justice Campbell Ill After So. Oregon Trip

SALEM, July 14.—(AP)—Taken seriously ill following a trip to southern Oregon last week, Justice James U. Campbell of the Oregon supreme court was undergoing treatment in a hospital here today.
 To Survey Port Orford
 PORT ORFORD, July 14.—(AP)—The U. S. coast and geodetic survey cutter Guide is expected to arrive here within several days to begin a wire-drag survey of the Port Orford waters. The survey is intended to determine whether glacial rocks which might wreck vessels exist.

CAPITAL MOURNS PASSING OF MEIER

SALEM, July 14.—(AP)—Flags on state buildings were lowered to half-mast today in memory of ex-Governor Julius L. Meier, who died at his home near Portland this morning.
 Governor Martin, shocked when newspapermen told him of his predecessor's death, said Meier was "a man who has been an active contributor in the economic and cultural development of our people."
 The governor sent a telegram of sympathy to Mrs. Meier and said he would attend the funeral.

CLIPPER EN ROUTE ON FLIGHT FROM ENGLAND

FOYNES, Irish Free State, July 14.—(AP)—The flying boat, Pan-American Clipper III, landed here today shortly before 1 p. m. (7 a. m. EST) completing the first leg of her return flight from Southampton to the United States.
 The Clipper was expected to take off for Hotwood, Newfoundland, tomorrow.
 EUGENE, July 14.—(AP)—Fire, believed to have originated by a combination of the power plant and boiler room of the Lewis Lumber company at Pengra, 20 miles east of here, early this morning. Loss estimated at \$40,000 with no insurance.

BIDS OPENED ON CRATER RIM JOB

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Seven bids were received today by District Engineer W. H. Lynch, United States bureau of public roads, for surfacing 3.9 miles of the rim road, in Crater Lake national park, from Cloud Gap to Kerr Notch.
 The bids and amounts follow:
 Saxton, Looney and Halsey, Portland, \$62,804.80; A. Milne, Portland, \$64,627.10; Clifford A. Dunn, Klamath Falls, Ore., \$68,013.80; Homer G. Johnson, Portland, \$70,265.55; Babler Bros., Portland, \$71,499.16; A. C. Greenwood company Inc., Portland, \$81,126.70.
 Fair Date Unchanged
 SALEM, July 14.—(AP)—The Oregon state fair will begin September 6 and last for six days, Leo Spitz, fair manager, said today, scuttling rumors the fair would open October 1.

Former Governor Meier Dies of Heart Ailment After Extended Illness

PORTLAND, July 14.—(AP)—Julius L. Meier, 62-year old department store magnate and the only man in Oregon history to win the governorship as an independent candidate, died at 7:05 o'clock today at his Columbia river estate, Memucha, near Crown Point east of here.
 Long a sufferer from heart trouble, Meier, who was the senior member of the firm of Meier & Frank, operators of one of the country's largest department stores, lapsed into unconsciousness and died with members of his immediate family at his bedside.
 He included his widow, Grace, his son, Julius (Jack) L. Meier, Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Jean Ergan, Jr. and Mrs. Elsa Ganz, both of San Francisco.
 Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Friday at Temple Beth Israel with Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz officiating. The store will be closed in tribute to Meier.
 Took Office in 1931
 Meier took office as governor on January 12, 1931, victor in a bitter, three-cornered campaign which he had entered upon the death of his personal friend, George W. Joseph, noted lawyer, but a few days after Joseph had captured the Republican nomination.
 Joseph's death followed a dramatic fight against the state supreme court, which had disbarred him, and Meier leaped into the campaign to carry on the policies which the lawyer had enunciated and with which he had succeeded in capturing the Republican toga.
 Meier at first sought the party nomination as Joseph's successor but suddenly withdrew and became an independent candidate. When he won the election, he broke all precedent



JULIUS L. MEIER
 at his inauguration by refusing to permit any member of the supreme court to administer his oath of office, taking it from Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, of Salem.
 Born in Portland
 Second native son to become governor, Meier was born December 21, 1874, in Portland, the son of Aaron

ROBINSON, FRIEND AND PILLAR, SAYS F. D. R. ON PASSING

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt characterized Senator Joseph Robinson today "as a soldier who has fallen with face to the battle."
 Mourning the death this morning of a friend and "a pillar of strength" the chief executive said in a formal statement:
 "In the face of a dispensation so swift in its coming and so tragic in the loss it brings to the nation, we bow in sorrow. A pillar of strength is gone. A soldier has fallen with face to the battle."
 "I personally mourn the passing of a greatly beloved friend whose fidelity through the long years never wavered. Those who knew Joseph Taylor Robinson best recognized in him the qualities of true liberal thought. A sense of the needs of the underprivileged he was devoted always to improvement of the lot of the masses."
 "In his going, Joe Robinson has left a record as high in achievement as it was faithful in performance. He never temporized with principle nor bargained where the public interest was the issue. But, day by day, through long service in high office, he brought to the national councils the contribution of great learning and sound wisdom—a leadership inspired by courage and guided by consummate common sense and a devotion to duty given without selfish interest."
 "And so death found him at the last with hope unflinching, with vision undimmed, and with courage unshaken. Of him well may it be said: He has fought a good fight; he has finished his course; he has kept the faith."
 Miner Is Arrested On Forgery Charge
 State police and the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon arrested Lloyd Edmund Steeley, 40, of Yakima, Wn., on a superior court warrant from Yakima county charging first degree forgery.
 The arrest was made near Rich, where Steeley had been mining for the past several days, state police said. The alleged forger will be returned to Yakima tomorrow, having waived extradition, state police said. A man from the sheriff's office in the Washington county will arrive tomorrow to return Steeley to Yakima.
 The tea industry in India employs 900,000 persons.
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BASEBALL

National	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	6	0
Boston	3	5	1
Brooklyn	2	3	0
Cincinnati	5	10	1
Cleveland	4	7	2
Pittsburgh	2	4	0
New York	4	7	2