

# SEA REPORTS ON WEATHER OFFERED FOR AIRLINE USE

### Key Maps Created From 50-Year Mariner Recordings Are Proposed As Index to Worldwide Conditions

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—Use of weather observations made by ship captains during the past half century to determine the safest air routes for regular trans-oceanic flights is foreseen by W. P. McDonald, chief U. S. weather bureau here.

Composite maps showing the weather tendencies at any point in the seven seas would be used by pilots to chart their routes, McDonald said. "These maps, or pictures, would inform the pilot what sort of weather he most likely would encounter during a flight across the waters," he explained. "The value of such information would be enhanced by the fact that it would be based on data furnished by mariners during the past 50 years. If anyone is interested in weather, the sailor certainly is."

Already such a system is being worked out by the New Orleans meteorologist. From 6,000,000 separate observations turned into the weather bureau at Washington, he has worked out charts, maps, and other data to show the general weather tendencies all over the world.

Detailed Survey Made Through a WPA appropriation, McDonald was furnished a corps of clerks who have spent the last 15 months sorting and filing these millions of reports under their respective subjects. With trained meteorologists he now is able to interpret the various reports in terms of wind direction and velocity, temperature, rainfall and even visibility.

These interpretations have taken concrete form in maps which show the averages of different weather phases at any given part of the seas in any month or season. McDonald cautioned, however, that the value of the reports and maps lay not so much in their use for a specific flight as for establishment of permanent routes or series of routes.

"For instance, companies already are preparing for regular trans-Atlantic service to Europe," he said. "Through such a set of maps as we have, these companies who are planning the oceanic flights for a permanent thing can check over past histories of weather conditions and the general averages on the routes they are considering. Then they will know when and where to shift the routes according to seasonal changes."

Cover 50 Years McDonald first conceived the project of exploring the marine data several years ago when he was chief of the marine division in the weather bureau at Washington. Carefully stacked away on shelves were records that for half a century had been sent to Washington—data relating to storms, calms, rains, visibility and wind.

"These reports were used only to consult when data was wanted relating to storms," he said. "What I wanted to know was not only that but what had happened on the days when there were no storms."

With the advent of the CWA, McDonald petitioned and was granted a corps of clerks to sort out the various observations. But with the demise of that New Deal agency, the project ended almost before it started. Shortly after he was transferred to New Orleans.

Correspondence with WPA headquarters at Washington brought results and the files of the old weather observations were shipped to New Orleans.

"For the first time in history we now have a composite picture of ocean weather, something the world has needed for a long time," he said. "Already our findings are revolutionary and where the whole thing will lead to is hard to say."

Drouth Information Sought As a by-product of his duties, McDonald is attempting to prove or disprove a theory he has conceived concerning the occurrence of drouth of the plains states.

"We realize that certain conditions are necessary to precipitate rainfall, such as winds, temperature, rain-bearing clouds, and so on," he explained. McDonald thought maybe something might have occurred over the oceans to disrupt or dislocate these conditions.

"Perhaps the trade winds blowing in from the sea were held up in some way," he said.

With his corps of meteorologists, McDonald struck an average of the dry years in a selected group of states, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, based on the dry years of 1911, 1916, 1925, 1926 and 1932. He compared these averages with the weather history of the oceans in the same months of the drouths.

"I thought perhaps somewhere I

might run across the key which would solve the mystery," he said. "Such as a dislocation of the rain-bearing winds, which naturally would result in a lack of precipitation."

So far his studies have "resulted more in disappointment."

"However, I'm keeping at it because after all science is a matter of trial and error," he asserted. "And after all there is still a large portion of the earth about which we have no weather data. For instance, the meteorological station recently established at the north pole by the Russians may furnish us information which together with our findings from studies of ocean weather conditions will result in solving the mystery. Who knows?"

# LOW-RENT HOMES, SLUM CLEARANCE AIM OF MEASURE

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bill a section which would have authorized the government to build and operate demonstration projects at the rate of \$25,000,000 a year. It added a requirement that each housing project be accompanied by proportionate slum clearance. It specified that not more than 20 per cent of all funds should be spent in any one state.

Bi-Partisan Ordered Membership of the proposed administrative board was reduced from five to three and made bi-partisan in character.

A provision requiring President Roosevelt's approval of loans and grants for housing construction or slum clearance was added at the request of Senator Barkley (D-Ky).

The interest rate on government loans for housing was increased one-half per cent over the going federal rate (or what the money cost the government).

A section authorizing loans to limited-profit organizations and consumers housing societies was eliminated.

Construction of playgrounds in connection with each project was made mandatory.

The senate also added an amendment by Senator King (D-Utah) to require senate confirmation of all officers of the housing organization making \$4,000 a year or more.

# Selassie Memoirs Not To Be Printed

LONDON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Halle Selassie will not publish his memoirs, it was disclosed today, perhaps because British officials feared they would darken the dawn of an apparent new era of Anglo-Italian amity.

Michael Joseph, the Ethiopian emperor's publisher, announced that Selassie had withdrawn his autobiography from planned publication "on the advice of his political advisers."

What the advice was or who gave it was not disclosed.

# CRAWFORD WILL SEEK INDIAN MONEY RETURN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Wade Crawford, former superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, said on his departure for Oregon he would seek recovery of \$1,500,000 which he said the Klamath tribe had lost through methods of sale of reservation timber.

Crawford, who was recently dismissed by Indian Commissioner John Collier, said he would return to Washington next January and seek legislation giving the Indians the right to sue.

# Tram Cars Bungalows

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (UP)—This city boasts of a bungalow court made entirely of retired trolley cars. The cars, minus their running gear, are mounted in pairs on concrete foundations, surrounding a central court, while each pair contains two three-room apartments with bath.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP) The heavy cruiser Astoria will come here for the Astoria regatta if the fleet commander finds it practicable. Mayor John Ten Brook was informed by wire.

# RIVALRY GROWS OVER MEXICO'S EASY DIVORCES

### Tlaxcala Is New Center for Quick Cutting of Marriage Ties — Legality of Decrees Is Attacked.

MEXICO CITY.—(UP)—The hitherto obscure little Mexican state of Tlaxcala is rapidly attaining a marked reputation as a fast-growing divorce center.

Each letter of the name is pronounced, and the result is Tlax-kala. Although it is not as easy to pronounce and spell as Reno, marriages are just as easy to sever as they are in the famous United States resort.

The sovereign states of Chihuahua (just across the border from El Paso, Tex.) and Morelos (the capital of which is Cuernavaca) have received widespread notoriety for quick Mexican divorces. Now, however, the facility of getting a Tlaxalan divorce is becoming more and more evident.

Tlaxcala is located off the beaten path and is hedged between the states of Mexico, Puebla and Hidalgo. It is rich in historical background, for Conquistador Hernan Cortes arrived there from Vera Cruz and made an alliance with the Tlaxcalitans who were bitter enemies of the Aztecs. With their aid, Cortes conquered the Aztec empire.

Lifted From Obscurity. Until recently Tlaxcala's only claim for recognition was through its wool output. Suddenly the papers were filled with mysterious notices summoning someone (who probably would never have occasion to read that particular paper) to appear at some courtroom in Tlaxcala to answer divorce proceedings, or else be declared a "rebel."

The divorce center has critics as well as supporters. Victor Velasquez, a Mexico City lawyer, denounced the quick divorces as being not only illegal abroad but also in Mexico. Courts in the United States recently commented adversely on the Mexican divorces and Argentine judges considered them without force.

"These divorces are not even legal in our country," Velasquez declared. Court's Authority Disputed.

"The judges of the state which has easy divorce laws do not have, neither can they have, the authority to dissolve the matrimony of foreigners, celebrated in the country

of origin, and in which they still reside. Our tribunals have no right to invade the jurisdiction of the judges of the place of residence of the parties in question," he added. Velasquez reported that several countries have denied the legality of the Mexican divorces, among them Argentina. Referring to a Tlaxcalan divorce, an Argentine judge is quoted by the Mexican lawyer as saying: "It is not a legal decree, because the proceedings carried out to reach it, and the decision itself, is not a process of justice, but a mockery of justice."

Continuing, the Argentine judge in explaining how to get a divorce in Tlaxcala said that all that is necessary is to present a power of attorney, "the manifestation of a desire to get the divorce, and the summoning of the other party by means of edicts which are printed in the local paper, which the defendant never reads nor even learns about because he is in the Antipodes. This is not only illegal; it is absurd."

McMINNVILLE WILL BAN COWS, 'PHONE BOOTHS

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A health program approved by the city council classifies family cows and outdoor comfort stations as unwanted relics of rusticity having no place in the modern community.

Before banishing the cows, it authorized a survey to determine if the action would deprive children of needed milk supplies.

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# CHOICE MEDIUM HOGS HIGHEST SINCE 1926

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Choice medium weight hogs sold at \$13.65 per hundredweight on the Chicago livestock market Thursday, the highest figure since October, 1926.

Continued scant receipts were credited with the price upturn. The market opened active and with immediate gains of from 15 to 25 cents over Wednesday's figures on all grades.

Packing sows shared with top class hogs in the quarter price rise.

# BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward at their home at 725 North Central avenue this morning, a son weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Mother and child are reported doing nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGonagle at their home on Kenwood avenue this morning, a son weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces. Both are doing nicely.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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# PINCHOT AGAINST FORESTRY CHANGE

SPOKANE, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Gifford Pinchot, former governor of Pennsylvania and the first chief of the U. S. forest service, said in an interview here Secretary Ickes' plan to transfer the service to the interior department would endanger the whole benefits the west is deriving from forest resources.

"The national forests have been admirably handled by the agricultural department for thirty years," Pinchot said.

"Now Secretary Ickes proposes to transfer them to the interior department which has permitted the looting and devastation of almost every national resource of which it has had control."

"The interior department has done the west more harm than all the other departments of the government put together."

California Fears Trailers SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—California's latest bugaboo after indigent itinerants and parasitic plants is trailers. The city's health department has declared the state is threatened with such an influx of trailers that it constitutes both a traffic and a sanitation problem. A county committee will study the problem.

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