

The Weather
Forecast: Fair tonight and
Thursday; warmer Thursday.
Temperature:
Highest yesterday 87
Lowest this morning 49

Time Well Spent
How often do you read the Classified page of this newspaper? The people who profit most are the ad readers. You will find one of them. You will find your time will be well spent.

REACH AGREEMENT ON WAGE MINIMUM

The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

ADMINISTRATION POWER GROWS IN DEPRESSION
ANCIENT AXIOM REVERSED AS INFLUENCE EXPANDS
GOVERNMENT RAILROAD OWNERSHIP INEVITABLE
AGRICULTURE AND RELIEF RULE EXPANSION IMPEDS

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The most ancient of American political axioms is that, in bad times, the power of the administration diminishes as the business index drops. The people lose confidence in their rulers; the feelings of the voters are reflected in Congress, and, before long, the administration is rendered impotent. It has always worked that way.

Under the New Deal, however, all things are different. Vast depression-born increases in the power of the president and his subordinates are already in prospect in three important fields—railroads, agriculture and relief. In the first, congress has shamefully abdicated its responsibility. In the second, a previous grant of power will soon become applicable. And in the third, the opposition to the White House in the senate played scuttle and run on the spending bill.

It is not too much to say that, if things go on as they are going, government ownership of the nation's railroad system will soon be inevitable. It was disclosed in this space yesterday that authoritative government economists now estimate that only eight railroads in America will meet their 1938 fixed charges. The implications of that are perfectly obvious.

Either of two things can happen. Some way can be found to permit the RFC to advance funds to the shaky roads. Then the government will hold a first mortgage on the estimated 94 per cent of the national railroad mileage which cannot earn its keep. Or the railroads can be allowed to go to the wall, with accompanying fearful shocks to the economy.

One of the most fantastic things in the whole fantastic railroad situation is the dumb expectancy of government ownership. In the ranks of railroad management and railroad labor, in the offices of the insurance companies and savings banks where railroad bonds are held, in

COMPROMISE ON 40 CENTS HOUR IN SEVEN YEARS

Joint Congressional Committee Approves Plan for 25 Cents in First Year—Thirty Cents Second Year

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—A joint congressional committee compromised wage-hour legislation today by agreeing to imposition of a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour in all interstate industries at the end of seven years, except where such a wage would cause unemployment.

The compromise, adopted with the approval of 12 of the 14 conferees, would provide for a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour, with no exceptions, for the first year. This would be advanced to 30 cents the following year.

Boards To Set Wage
After this board approved by a central administrator would be empowered to examine conditions in individual industries to determine the minimum wage to be paid by these industries. The boards, made up of representatives of the employers, employes and public, would be charged with the duty of increasing the minimum to 40 cents an hour as rapidly as possible.

At the end of seven years, all wages in interstate industry would go to the 40 cents an hour level, except where these boards found that such action would substantially curtail employment in the industry.

How To Southerners
This latter concession was made to southerners who have been fighting for a wage differential. Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) announced that with this proviso he would support the compromise.

Senator Ellender (D-La.) told Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) angrily he would not support it. Ellender was the sole senate conferee voting against the compromise.

Canton Prey for Japanese War Birds



This is the teeming river front of Canton where Japanese war planes spread death and destruction in a series of day-after-day raids. Between 40 and 30 planes took part in the attacks, which were directed chiefly at government buildings, railway stations and electric power plants. Casualties mounted into the thousands.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Ten Democratic senators proposed today that a three-man senatorial committee be appointed to investigate any charges of politics in relief which might arise during the 1938 election campaign.

Their resolution was introduced by Senator Tydings (D, Md.) just about the time Harry L. Hopkins was telling reporters that Senator Gillette's renomination in the Iowa Democratic primary showed the WPA was not playing politics.

Some of the resolution's signers had criticized the WPA administrator in the senate last week for endorsing Representative Wearin, Gillette's principal opponent.

The resolution, which made no specific reference to the Iowa situation, was offered by administration supporters, as well as Roosevelt critics.

The signers, in addition to Tydings, were Senators Adams of Colorado, Bulkeley of Ohio, Burke of Nebraska, George of Georgia, Gerry of Rhode Island, Hatch of New Mexico, King of Utah, McAdoo of California, and Wagner of New York.

PITTSBURGH, June 8.—(AP)—Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted Arctic explorer, author and lecturer, told 1218 graduates of the University of Pittsburgh today "you are graduating into a dangerous period of the world's history."

BASEBALL

National.

Boston	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	1 5 1
Fette and Mueller; Kilger and Todd.	4 10 1

First game: R. H. E.
New York 4 11 1
Chicago 7 10 2
Gumbert and Danning; French and Oeda.

American.

Los game, 13 innings: R. H. E.	
Cleveland	5 8 1
Boston	7 10 1
F. Galbreath and Fytkin; Rogers, Dickman, McKain and Desautels.	7 10 1

R. H. E.
Detroit 5 10 2
Philadelphia 1 8 0
Bridges and York; Thomas, Ross and Hayes.

EXPLORER GLUM AT GRADUATION
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AMERICA LODGES NEW PROTEST ON NIPPON BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The American government protested to the Japanese consul general at Hong Kong today against the bombing by Japanese airplanes of the campus of the American-endowed Lingnan university at Canton.

The department said Southern California that three Japanese bombs fell on the western end of the campus at the edge of the athletic field 200 yards from houses occupied by Americans.

INSURGENT PLANE BOMBARDS GANDIA
GANDIA, Spain, June 8.—(AP)—A lone seaplane bombed and machine-gunned this British-operated port on government Spain's Mediterranean coast in a moonlight raid early today, damaging a British dredger so seriously that she sank a few hours later.

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BOY DROWNS WHEN SWEEPED OVER FALLS
EUGENE, June 8.—(AP)—Swept over the falls in Row river east of Cottage Grove, Leonard Mostachetti, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mostachetti of Cottage Grove, was drowned in the deep pool below the cataract Tuesday.

California Floods Hurry Up Harvest
FRESNO, Calif., June 8.—(AP)—Farmers in flood swept sections of California's central valleys reinforced levees and hurriedly harvested matured crops today as a precaution against further devastation from the melting Sierra snowpack.

FANATICAL MOTHER RELIES ON 'FAITH' SNAKE BITE CURE

HAMMOND, La., June 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Joe Rushing, 58-year-old mother of two children, insisted today that "faith" would overcome the poisonous effects of a snake bite received Sunday night at a religious sect meeting.

CHICAGO, June 8.—(AP)—Hundreds of these workers and pleasure seekers who thronged the Loop rivaled last night witnessed the slaying of a policeman's wife and a man with whom she had just taken a rendezvous.

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SIDE GLANCES

Francis Byrne fascinated by the landing of a big, modern transport plane, he being surprised to find himself one of a delegation out to welcome Zoe Dell Lantis.

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Admits Slaying Beauty Operator

PADUCAH, Ky., June 8.—(AP)—Police Chief W. E. Bryants announced today Lawrence A. Gough, 31, had confessed he slew Laura Krenrich, 32-year-old Syracuse, N. Y., beauty operator in their Syracuse apartment, ten days ago.

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Two Super-Colossal Planes Perform Satisfactorily In Simultaneous Test Flights

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—J. Monroe Johnson, assistant secretary of commerce, predicted today that transatlantic airplane service would begin about September 1.

State Grange Meet In Klamath Monday

KLAMATH FALLS, June 8.—(AP)—The first convention in the 55-year history of the Oregon State Grange ever to be held in southeastern Oregon will open here next Monday.

DREAD BLACK SMALLPOX TAKES LEBANON VICTIM

ALBANY, June 8.—(AP)—C. O. McPherson, 57, Lebanon, died of the dreaded black smallpox today, the first fatality from this disease in the county within the memory of local physicians. Doctors said death was caused by blood conditions attending the smallpox infection.