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 Temperature  
 Highest yesterday 91  
 Lowest yesterday 61

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# RECORD RAIN SWEEPS EAST COAST

## The Capital Parade

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**POLITICAL BLUNDER IN NEW YORK LAID TO F. R.**  
**LABOR PARTY LOSES BARGAINING POWER**  
**LABORITES, NOT DEMOS HELD ROOSEVELT FRIENDS**  
**FARLEY SEEN VICTOR WITH PICKED TICKET**

NEW YORK, July 24.—Franklin Delano Roosevelt's quaking enemies usually describe him as a political magician, but, unless he has been intentionally dealing the cards from the bottom of the deck, he has made a strangely amateurish blunder in New York.

Some time ago, Sidney Hillman, shrewd, daring leader of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and chief-tan of the American labor party, visited the president to discuss running for the senate against Governor Herbert H. Lehman. For Lehman's letter attacking the court plan and other reasons, the president has a grudge against the governor he will not soon forget. And although Hillman is not a Democrat, the president personally encouraged him to seek the senate job.

There followed the odd meetings of the American labor party's administrative committee, at which a tentative slate was picked, with Hillman in the senate spot. The work was done in a slovenly fashion—so slovenly that New York City Comptroller Joe McGoldrick, the choice for governor, was not even notified of his good fortune. The slate was announced, the reports hurried to McGoldrick, and he dashed reply to a request for comment was, "Who? Me?"

First result was that David Dubinsky, second man in the labor party, repudiated Hillman and backed Lehman. Dubinsky had had a personal representative at every administrative committee meeting, but he hates Hillman, and seized the chance to plunge a knife in his rival's ribs.

The second result was infinitely worse. About forty-eight hours after he had announced their slate, the labor party leaders suddenly woke up to the fact that they had lost their power to bargain with the Democrats. Although the president has repeated his encouragement of Hillman, there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, these days, among the labor party people here and the C.I.O. leaders in Washington.

You may well ask why destroying the labor party's bargaining power was a blunder on the president's part. The answer is simply that the labor party leaders, and not the Democrats, are the president's real friends in New York.

The New York Democratic organizations are lined up behind Big Jim Farley, and the genial postmaster general has ideas about running the party very different from the president's. Until now, the president and his new advisers have relied on the labor party, with its big independent vote, to club the Democrats into line. But now, with a slate already announced, the labor party has no real threat left to do the clubbing with. The labor party people are angry, because they see their hopes of reward, in congressional and judicial places, all gone glimmering.

Everything may change before the state conventions, but it looks now as though the president, in a moment of unthinking optimism, had given New York to Jim Farley for his very own.

Big Jim had his plans. The real blue chip in New York is the state delegation to the 1940 convention. And if the most authoritative information is to be credited, Big Jim has that sewed up already. Indeed, he has told more than one friend that they couldn't take the delegates away from him if they ran the Angel Gabriel for governor. All that remains for Big Jim to do is sweep up the pieces.

His plan for doing that is neat. Lehman will have the senate post he wants, leaving the governorship open. When Big Jim returns from Alaska, he will call on Senator Robert F. Wagner.

He will tell Wagner that the governorship of New York is the second biggest job in the country, and that it's good for eight years. He will point out that, by running for governor, Wagner can save his party from possible defeat and provide a fitting climax to his career. In fact, he will

## CROP LOSS HIGH OVER WIDE AREA, FLOOD IN SOUTH

Week's Downpour Causes Heavy Damage, Maine To Florida—Midwest Weather Normal.

(By The Associated Press)  
 Rain that continued pouring after as many as seven successive days in some sections had caused at least eight deaths by last night (Saturday) and done damage totaling millions to crops, homes, shops, roads, railroads and communication lines from Maine to Florida and westward to Texas.

(By The Associated Press)  
 Damage and discomfort spread last night along the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida, through part of the Gulf states and in Southwest Texas, as rain which has fallen intermittently through most of the week showed little sign of diminishing.

While the cumulative losses to crops, highways, bridges and private property was extensive in the eastern states, the greatest losses probably were suffered in Texas where the Colorado, the San Saba, Leon, Lampasas and other rivers were fed by torrential rains and overflowed their banks.

Two persons were reported drowned near the town of San Saba between 400 and 500 persons were homeless in the lowland-river country as numerous houses were washed away. Damage in the towns ran upwards from \$300,000 with no estimate made of losses in the purely rural areas.

**Texas Streams Rage**  
 The San Saba river, normally two or three feet deep, rose to 44 feet, two feet above its previous record. The brown flood swept through the town's residential district, flooding cellars, and drew ever nearer the business area. Water systems were disabled, communication lines crippled.

In the East the rain, varying from drizzle showers to blinding downpours, disrupted highway traffic, caused some minor delays to railroad traffic, flooded cellars and streets, swept away numerous small bridges, but an effective damper on outdoor sports and amusements and sank thousands of summer vacationists at seaside and mountain resorts into her deepening gloom.

**Legend Soured**  
 The Weather bureau scoffed lightly at the readiness of some laymen to attribute the continuing cloudiness and rain to the fact that the rain fell in part to the east on St. Switelin's Day, July 15. Not given to superstition, the weather bureau said there was a high pressure area off the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida. This area was an effective barrier against the natural eastward movement of the low pressure area. The result: Rain.

At least another day of rain could be expected, the forecasters said. Weather in the middle and far west was normal, however. Chicago's baseball fans gleefully watched the New York Giants and the Cubs play a doubleheader under a blazing sun. The horses ran at Arlington, golfers thronged the private and public courses, yachtsmen smiled at the blue skies and picknickers had nothing but ants and the usual picnic woes to worry about, but no rain.

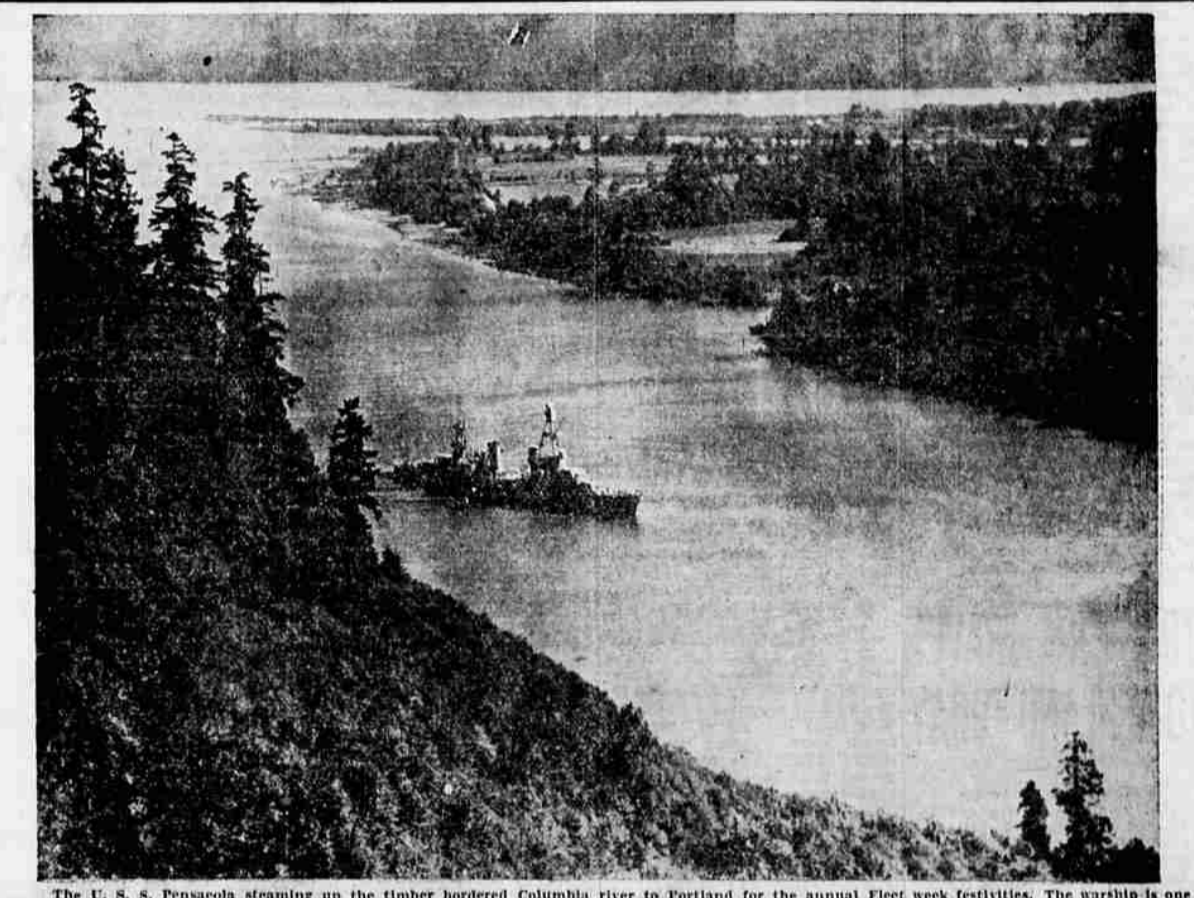
The Connecticut state highway department estimated about \$10,000 damage caused by washouts but added that state highways generally were in good condition. In the Connecticut valley the damage to the tobacco crop was estimated at about \$1,000,000, due chiefly to excessive moisture which reduces the value. The river, which has a flood level of 16 feet, rose to 7.3.

**Maine Soggy**  
 Maine's weather was soggy and the weather bureau reported an inch and a half rainfall above normal for July. Boston's rainfall for July to date is 7.48 inches, of which nearly 6 inches fell this week. At Worcester, Mass., the July rainfall was 9.45 inches, up to yesterday, compared with 9.35 in 1915 when a record was made. The army worm was causing heavy damage to crops, farmers reported, and in Clinton, Mass. the Wachusett Dam, holding 67 billion gallons of water, was spilling the overflow for the first time in 10 years.

**Astoria Feels Quake**  
 ASTORIA, July 23.—(AP)—Windows rattled and tables skidded during a mild earth shock felt here at 8:49 p. m. yesterday. Residents, who rushed into the streets, said there were five distinct shocks in the space of about 10 seconds.

## Fighters Gain On Forest Fires In State and County

### Mighty Ship In Mighty River



The U. S. S. Pensacola steaming up the timber bordered Columbia river to Portland for the annual Fleet week festivities. The warship is one of several bringing 10,000 jobs to a port 90 miles from the Pacific.—(AP photo.)

### DAUGHTER F. D. R. HELD REASON FOR SHOWER OF GOLD

Washington Solon Blurps At Democrat Lunch—President Near Equatorial Crossing.

TACOMA, July 23.—(AP)—Congressman John M. Coffey, addressing a Democratic luncheon here today, credited large federal grants for public works in Washington to "the state congressional delegation's friendliness with the administration," and "because the president's daughter lives in Seattle."

His references to the reasons why "Washington has been given more federal money per capita than any other state in the union" were used in illustrating the value of keeping a full slate of office holders "favorable to President Roosevelt's program."

Coffey urged for a united Democratic front in order to gain a complete victory for the party in the fall elections.

Aboard Cruiser Houston, En Route to Galapagos Island, July 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today exchanged wireless felicitations with Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden when the Houston approached the equator on its move to a new fishing area for the chief executive.

Gustaf Adolf, homeward bound aboard a ship in the Atlantic after concluding a visit to the United States, sent a message of thanks to the president, and Mr. Roosevelt answered it immediately.

Holiday routine for all hands aboard the Houston and the accompanying destroyer McDougal was declared at 1 p. m. ship's time when the cruiser was only a few miles north of the equator, and the crossing-line watch was set for Davy Jones and Neptune.

### MOSCOW REPORTS DANGER OF CLASH WITH JAPAN EBBS

MOSCOW, July 23.—(AP)—Soviet Russia through her newspapers pictured Japan today as so entangled in trying to conquer China that her "diplomatic forces had to be called in to rescue the militarists" from trying to touch off a conflict with Russia.

A navy bombing plane flying blind in a driving rainstorm crashed near Woodbridge, Conn., killing the pilot and two passengers.

Another person was killed and five persons injured in the crash of a bus which skidded down a hill in the rain and hit a concrete abutment at Hackensack, N. J.

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### FARM TENANT AID PROJECT FAVORED FOR THIS COUNTY

Lane Also Recommended—Final Word Rests With Secretary Wallace.

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—The Oregon farm security administration advisory committee recommended today to Secretary Wallace that Jackson and Lane counties be designated for initiation of the 1938-39 farm tenant program, for which \$2,915 has been allotted in this state.

The program is intended to give about 14 farmers loans upon which they may make purchases of farms costing on an average between \$5,000 and \$7,000. The plan was launched in this state last year with Linn county being chosen for start of the experiment in reestablishing worthy farmers on suitable lands.

The committee recommendation for Jackson and Lane counties was based on the percentage of farm tenancy, farm population and availability of farm units and opportunities for diversified farming. Final approval rests with Secretary Wallace, who, if he accepts the recommendation, will appoint county tenant committees to select the farmers.

The state committee, after a tour of the six farms established last year in Linn county with an appropriation of \$37,166, complimented the Linn county committee on the high type of tenants selected, the excellence of soil types on farm lands chosen and the comparatively low prices paid for the properties. The farmers have 40 years in which to pay for the property with an interest rate of three per cent.

### BETTER BUSINESS ON WAY VIEW OF BEST ECONOMISTS

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—Better business, improved economic well being, seems on the way in remaining months of 1938, in the majority opinion of more than a score of leading economists.

Of 23 who answered an inquiry as to their opinion on the prospect of business recovery, all but three predicted improvement by the end of the year, some with reservations.

Such near unanimity was regarded in economic circles as unusual, if not unprecedented. It was thought particularly significant, in that opinions were sought from a broad cross-section of men holding varied and conflicting economic and social philosophies, from the extreme right to the far left, and scattered geographically across the continent.

But several of the optimists carefully qualified their opinions as to the nearness of arrival, degree of rise, and length of the recovery movement.

If the majority are correct, it will not be a "boom." Only one used the term "boom."

While nearly all predicted a brisk pick-up in the consumer goods fields, wholesale and retail, many qualified their optimism as to heavy industries.

### SEN. BORAH OVER CONGRESS ORDEAL

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Senator Borah (R., Idaho) walked a few steps today for the first time in nearly three weeks.

The 73-year-old "lion of Idaho" has been caged in his apartment here since doctors ordered him to bed for a long rest from overexertion during the recent session of congress.

An office assistant disclosed that Borah had been "a very sick man" and that doctors were pleased by his recuperative powers.

They said the senator had no idea of giving up his place on the congressional-administrative committee undertaking a study of monopoly.

Mrs. Borah told reporters she and the senator would "go some place where it's cool" as soon as he can travel.

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### GENERALLY FAIR, WARM, THIS WEEK

Weather forecast for Sunday, July 24:  
 Northern California: Fair Sunday but fog on coast; little change in temperature; variable wind, mostly northeast, off coast.  
 Oregon: Fair Sunday with local fogs on coast; slightly cooler in eastern Oregon; moderate to fresh northerly wind off coast.  
 Outlook for western states July 25-30, inclusive: Generally fair but occasional thunderstorms over mountains; temperatures somewhat above normal in interior.

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### HILLBILLY MUSIC CANDIDATE AHEAD IN TEXAS VOTING

New Deal Congressmen Have Hard Contests In Early Count—Unknown Ahead For Governor.

DALLAS, July 23.—(AP)—Returns to the Texas election bureau from 167 of 254 counties, with five complete, and representing 323,188 votes, showed the following totals for leaders in the governor's race in the Democratic primary:  
 O'Daniel, 160,768.  
 Thompson, 99,378.  
 McGraw, 47,333.  
 Hunter, 33,320.

DALLAS, July 23.—(AP)—W. Lee O'Daniel, devotee of hillbilly music who was unheralded in the governor's race six weeks ago, had nearly 50 percent of the votes reported tonight in the state Democratic primary.

With 107,719 votes accounted for from 99 of 254 counties, O'Daniel received 41,030.

In a close race for the runner-up post—unless a candidate gains a clear majority, there will be a run-off next month between the top two men—Ernest O. Thompson forged ahead of Atty. Gen. William McGraw.

Thompson, red-haired chairman of the Interstate oil compact commission, had 23,477 votes to McGraw's 18,372.

Other candidates were far behind in returns to the Texas election bureau.

Rep. Maury Maverick San Antonio's militant New Dealer was having the fight of his life with Paul Kilday, lawyer backed by the powerful city machine. They were only 13 votes apart, with Kilday ahead.

Maverick had 9,580 to Kilday's 9,373. In returns from 153 precincts, four complete.

In two other races incumbent congressmen were trailing.

Rep. W. D. McFarlane had 430 votes to 754 for the man he narrowly defeated two years ago, Ed Coasett.

Grady Gentry, Smith county judge, was ahead of Rep. Morgan Sanders, 841 to 515, in the Tyler district.

The total number of votes expected to be cast in state contests was between 750,000 and 1,000,000.

### REESE CRK. BLAZE CHECKED, AGNESS AREA IN FLAMES

Situation Jackson County Improves But Still Acute—Death Toll Past Week Fifteen.

While four new fires occurred yesterday on the Rogue River national forest, the general situation in this locality was much improved. The four new blazes were all reported as small.

The state forest fire between Reese and Indian creeks in the Butte Falls area was brought under control for the second time last evening after wind in the late afternoon whipped the flames across the trail that had been built around it. Thirty men, using a pumper truck and a marine pump, were still fighting the blaze last night. There were positively no farms or homes in danger, the district fire warden's office said. Les Fort, Jr., assistant warden, was in charge of the fire-fighting crew.

Lines were being held last night on the state forest fire at Round Top in Evans valley and the Bull creek fire in Josephine county was under control, the warden's office stated.

The Huckleberry mountain fire on the Rogue River national forest was still under control last night. A crew of 110 men with three bulldozers and two pumps were on the blaze during the night. Headquarters here said H. C. Oby, assistant supervisor, W. L. Jones, construction superintendent, and Simeri Jarvi, fire chief all returned from the fire to Medford headquarters Friday evening.

The four new fires were situated in the Huckleberry district near the Grants-Lake national park boundary, at the head of Butte fork in the Applegate and near the Buck Rock lookout in the Trail area.

All forestry personnel was being held on emergency duty for its second successive week-end. With visibility remaining low, all emergency guards were also being kept on patrol.

While all Rogue River national forest recreational areas were being kept open to the public, visitors to some of the pleasure spots were being registered as a public service, headquarters announced. The registration, it was emphasized, was not to curtail recreational activities but to enlist the help of visitors in reporting any fires they might discover and to keep tabs on the people so that forest guards would know where they were in case of emergencies.

Rogue River national forest headquarters dispatched additional men, pack horses and heavy equipment Friday to Gesquet and Brookings to help fight Siskiyou national forest fires.

### COOLEST WEATHER TWO WEEKS NOTED

The temperature dropped to 97 degrees yesterday, lowest since July 11 when it was 87. Yesterday's maximum compared with 99 for Friday and the year's high of 108 set last Wednesday. Lowest yesterday was 61.

The weather bureau held out hope for at least a little additional relief when it forecast lower temperature for Monday. Fair weather was predicted for today.

Humidity yesterday dropped to 15 percent.

### SIT-DOWN RELIEF STRIKE QUASHED

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—Police made short work of a sit-down strike of 26 persons, including 12 women, at a Bronx home relief office last night.

They turned off the lights, closed the windows and barred the doors to sympathizers bearing food and blankets.

The strikers, sweltering in a room without fresh air, light or food, gave up in disgust and left the building.

### CIO FROWNS UPON STRIKE END PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—(AP)—A new "back-to-work" proposal by the American Can company was rejected late today by spokesmen for 1,350 CIO workers who have been on strike for a month at plants in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

(By Associated Press)  
 Fighters gained victory in their battle against 170 Oregon fires but the situation remained acute and several big conflagrations were still uncontrolled.

A new fire, 12 miles west of Agness, mid-Rogue River community, covered nearly 400 acres and was not controlled. The Chetco blaze that has scorched 10,000 acres of the Siskiyou national forest and moved northwest with 100 men fighting it.

The Nome creek blaze, covering 1500 in southern Oregon, was checked at least temporarily.

Near Jefferson, Ore., two Oregon electric railroad bridges were damaged by fire, one seriously, late Friday.

The Bland mountain firebug, who started more than 40 fires along Days creek near Roseburg Friday and set out from 10 to 15 fires. They were all brought under control.

The 20,000-acre Smith river blaze in Douglas county was held within its bounds by laboring crews.

The 5000-acre fire near the headwaters of Big creek in Clatsop county was controlled by 450 fighters, aided by rising humidity and cooling temperatures.

The fire which started Friday in slash of the Cobbs-Mitchell company near Vajets covered 2500 acres of brush and timber. Only a log pond, it was said, prevented it from sweeping through the town. Stryker, was burned to death in this blaze.

Stryker's death was the second among forest fire fighters and brought Oregon's fire, heat and droughting fatality total during the week to 15.

Temperatures generally were lower over the state although Baker, Bend, Burns and Lakeview got 98-degree heat. Pendleton 106 and Grants Pass 100.

### BULLETIN

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Los Angeles	0 4 1
Seattle	9 14 0
Lillard, Corvett and Suem, Collins, Pickrel and Spindel.	
Score:	R. H. E.
Oakland	12 13 0
Portland	4 14 0
Van Fleet and Raymond, Charby (4); Laska, Darrow (1) and Cronin, McMillan (8)	

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