

The Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Friday, rising temperature. Temperature Highest yesterday 80 Lowest this morning 55

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BRITISH AND FRENCH MEETS BATTLE



Washington, D. C., July 4.—There are a considerable number of men and women and "cannon fodder" who are not satisfied with the Republican platform and expect no better from the New Dealers, who want a party where the leaders are peace minded, not war minded. To bring this about some moves are being quietly made to create a third party with Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana, and John L. Lewis, CIO boss, heading the ticket. No definite steps will be taken, however, until after the new dealers have met in Chicago, July 15.

While a third party has never been successful, it has always had an influence of vast importance to the American scene. The populists did not elect candidates, but the principles they advocated bobbed up later in platforms of the Democratic party and one or two of their ideas have been adopted by the Roosevelt administration.

COAST MARINE STRIKE CANCELLED BY UNION

San Francisco, July 4.—(AP)—The long-feared west coast marine strike was cancelled today, minutes after the midnight deadline which was to have sent CIO marine cooks and stewards to the picket lines to blockade 175 American flag ships.

The union, in full membership meeting, at 2:33 a. m., voted with a unanimous uproar of approval to ratify the memorandum peace formula adopted after midnight by their negotiators. They won a 10 per cent wage adjustment.

Paralysis Claims Two More Lives

Tacoma, July 4.—(AP)—Infantile paralysis claimed two more lives in Pierce county last night when Raymond Sundell, 18, and Judd Morrison, 13 months old, died at the county hospital here.

MISS PERKINS PICKS N.L.R.B. FOE AS AIDE

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins last night picked Daniel W. Tracy, a foe of the New Deal's national labor relations board, to be second assistant secretary of labor.

ITALIAN WARFLEET SPEEDS TO AID OF FRENCH VESSELS

Terrific Engagements Reported in Mediterranean, Atlantic; French Worst

Berlin, July 4.—(AP)—The officially inspired commentary, Dienst Aus Deutschland, suggested today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill might be hanged by the British.

It branded his action against the French fleet as that of a man "whom history will stamp as the greatest scoundrel of all times."

By The Associated Press

Terrific sea battles between British and French fleets, with the Italian warfleet rushing to aid the French, were reported raging in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic today as Britain fought to keep her surrendered ally's navy from falling into axis hands.

DNB, the official German news agency, gave an account of the apparently major fight at the Mediterranean port of Oran, 275 miles east of Gibraltar, on the North African coast, which indicated that the British had all but smashed the backbone of France's navy—fourth largest in the world.

Dispatches from Geneva said a fierce battle was also in progress between the British and French as Casablanca, French Morocco.

Italians to Aid

The Geneva dispatch said Italian battleships were speeding under forced draft to help the reportedly badly-crippled French ships under attack at Oran.

Casablanca, on the Atlantic coast southwest of Gibraltar, is about 400 miles west of Oran. In the Mediterranean clash, precipitated yesterday evening when the French commander refused to submit to a 6-hour British ultimatum, two French battleships were reported set afire, a third was blown up and a fourth, with smaller warships, escaped under fire.

London reports said British boarding parties had rounded up all French ships in an English port and that "many" other French ships were taken over by the British Navy yesterday without incident.

Portion Surrenders

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons that part of the French fleet, unable to reach African ports, came into English ports 10 days ago—including two battleships, two light cruisers, eight destroyers, numerous submarines and 200 small mine-sweepers.

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War Bulletins

London, July 4.—(AP)—Two German planes were reported shot down in attempting attacks on England this afternoon. Residents on the southeast coast said they believed they saw one German plane crash in the sea after being attacked by British planes.

London, July 4.—(AP)—A naval auxiliary vessel was set on fire and one small tug and a lighter were sunk by enemy aircraft attacking the channel coast today, a joint admiralty, air ministry and ministry of home security statement said.

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 4.—(AP)—Official circles reported today Bulgaria has received assurances from Germany and Italy that her claims for annexing Dobruja from Rumania would be supported in a future peace settlement.

NOVEMBER ELECTION FIRST IN SIX YEARS SANS PENSION PLAN

Salem, July 4.—(AP)—The November general election ballot in Oregon will be the first in six years without a pension measure.

Yesterday was the last day for filing initiative petitions and the records showed that voters will cast ballots on only three petitions—legalization of pinball machines, private sale of liquor and repeal of the state milk control law.

Four constitutional amendments will be up for vote. They propose removal of bank stockholders' double liability, a boost in legislators' pay from \$3 a day for 40 days to \$8 for 50 days, a tax base for newly created taxing districts and removal of restrictions prohibiting the secretaries of state and treasurer from serving more than eight of any 12 years.

Regulation of liquor sales in hotels and night clubs and changing the primary election from May to September are opposed in referendum petitions. The laws were passed by the 1939 legislature.

Sonia Will Marry Rich Dan Topping

Chicago, July 4.—(AP)—Friends of Sonia Henie, the blonde actress and ice skater, and Dan Topping, a wealthy sportsman, said today the couple would be married here at 2 p. m., PST.

Miss Henie's name has been linked romantically with Topping's for some time. He is the owner of the Brooklyn team in the national professional football league.

ROOSEVELT-HULL TICKET FORECAST IN DEMO CIRCLES

Leaders Become Convinced That President Will Accept 3rd Term Nomination

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—A Roosevelt-Hull ticket was forecast today in high Democratic circles which have become convinced that the president will accept a third term nomination.

Although Mr. Roosevelt has given no public hint of his intentions, usually authoritative sources declared that he has made up his mind to run and that he wants Secretary of State Hull for the vice-presidential nominee.

Hull has been spoken of frequently for first place on the Democratic slate if the chief executive should not run, but only recently has his name come to the fore in vice presidential talk. He personally has held aloof from political discussion, and may even be en route to the Pan-American conference in Havana while the Democratic convention is meeting.

Those who believe Mr. Roosevelt will break precedent and agree to carry his party's standard once more contend that he will be impelled by the European crisis and American defense needs. For that reason, they picture Secretary Hull as a logical running mate, since he is the cabinet member handling foreign relations.

Seattle, July 4.—(AP)—Fireworks added to the fire jitters today of the worried guardians of Pacific northwest "powder barrel" forests.

Scores of fires throughout Oregon, Washington and British Columbia made a smoky Independence day for three thousand or more fire fighters in timberlands which have been dried like a chip by nearly a month of unbroken hot, dry weather.

Major C. S. Cowan, chief warden of the Washington Forest Fire association, reported last night that more than 70 fires had been started in western Washington by fireworks within a week.

"Weather predictions of warmer weather and low humidity were the worst of all possible news," he declared.

"We are sitting astride a powder barrel, and conditions are just right for a disastrous fire like the one which destroyed the town of Bandon, Ore., in 1936."

Chicago, July 4.—(AP)—The first comprehensive analysis of the nation's 1940 corn crop released at the board of trade today indicated a harvest of 2,440,000,000 bushels was in prospect based on present acreage and condition figures.

The crop experts estimated total United States harvest of principal grains, wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley, at 4,545,000,000 bushels compared with 4,625,000,000 produced last season. Principal reductions will be in wheat and corn while oats and barley crops will be larger.

Radium Stock Saved. London, July 4.—(AP)—The great Belgian Congo Mining company, Union Miniere, has saved its entire stock of radium, it was reported today, by sending it to Great Britain from Belgium and France.

Tokyo, July 4.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito called an Independence Day greeting to President Roosevelt today.

Stimson Faces Senate Committee Quiz



Henry L. Stimson, a Republican and President Roosevelt's choice for secretary of war, won the approval of the senate military committee by a vote of 14 to 3, after he had appeared before the group. Stimson is shown with Chairman Morris Sheppard (right) (D-Tex.), and Senator Warren R. Austin (left) (R-Vt.).

ICKES SAYS WILLKIE IN HOLDING COMPANY FOR MORIBUND G.O.P.

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes told press conference today that "Wendell Willkie and his friends" had become a "holding company" for the Republican party.

"The GOP," Ickes said, "was liquidated at the Philadelphia convention—bought in for whatever may be left of its good will assets, and made the first unit of a political holding company formed by Wendell Willkie and his friends."

Ickes said, in answer to a question, that the presence of Senator McNary of Oregon "on the other end of the Republican ticket" did not alter the fact that old line Republicans "had been done in the eye."

Ickes quoted McNary as having said that if Willkie were nominated the Republicans would lose the west in November.

YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM LOOMS

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—Billions more for defense was the word today as the United States observed the 164th anniversary of the declaration of independence, and there were indications that the immense new preparedness request would be followed by recommendations for a youth training program.

Notice that a new \$5,000,000 defense program was in the making came from the White House yesterday after President Roosevelt and his chief defense advisers gave their approval.

With this new defense message from the president in prospect, well-informed legislators said that within 10 days Mr. Roosevelt was likely to send congress another communication—on the subject of compulsory national service for the country's youth.

Air Bomb Falls on Farouk's Estate

Cairo, Egypt, July 4.—(AP)—A naval communique said one of 32 bombs dropped on Alexandria today fell on the estate of King Farouk.

No mention was made in the communique of any damage on the estate.

What a Party!

Omaha, Neb., July 4.—(AP)—From the available evidence, it must have been quite a party. A man cutting weeds near Mrs. Grace Butts' tourist home found an empty whiskey bottle and nearby a set of false upper teeth. Mrs. Butts is holding the dentures for the owner.

Declaration of Independence Grips Emotions of Beholder

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—For a piece of paper that's yellow, dog-eared, and almost illegible, the declaration of independence is a masterpiece of muted eloquence.

"Watch their faces," said the Library of Congress guard, nodding to the sightseers, "and see what it does to them."

Three girls of high school age came up the marble stairs with two older people—a man and a woman. One of the girls took out a lipstick. A companion frowned. She put it away.

"Two of the girls giggled. . . . Single file they walked into the section which modestly houses the declaration and the constitution. . . . They stopped giggling. The man who had been talking to the woman stopped and took off his hat. . . . All five of them peered at the historic papers—the declaration on the wall and the constitution in a marble desk. . . . They shuffled away, silently."

"Two or three thousand people look at them every day," the guard explained. "Ten thousand will see them on the fourth."

Many persons kneel before the two documents. No, the guard said he didn't know any of their stories.

"I figure," he said, "they must have a pretty good reason. I never ask them anything, and they never tell me."

NEW GYM VOTED FOR CENTRAL PT.

Central Point, July 4.—(Sp)—Plans were being carried forward today for the new school gymnasium following approval of the project by a 70-39 vote in Tuesday's election.

A bond issue of \$20,000 was approved and as soon as the procedure of disposing of the bonds is completed, construction of the gymnasium will begin. Pending outcome of the election, contract for the building had already been let. Low bid was somewhat under \$18,000.

BASEBALL

National. New York, July 4.—(AP)—Before a sellout crowd of approximately 60,000 at the Polo Grounds, the Brooklyn Dodgers routed the New York Giants 7 to 1 today in the first half of a holiday doubleheader. Curt Davis pitched seven-hit ball and had the help of two home runs by Babe Phelps and one by Joe Medwick.

Klamath Falls, July 4.—(AP)—Klamath county fire chasers were using smoke to fight fire today. They used smudge signal fires to signal their location to mountain-top lookouts when they went to isolated areas looking for fire blazes.

SHIFTING FLAMES PERIL COMMUNITY, WOLF CREEK AREA

1500-Acre Fire Threatens to Merge With West Timber Blaze—Patrol Flees

Forest Grove, Ore., July 4.—(AP)—Flames shifting crazily in the wind endangered timber, a Wolf Creek highway community today.

Variable breezes in the coastal mountains pushed two distinct fires toward the settlement, located only a few miles from West Timber, destroyed by flames yesterday.

A 1500-acre brush and forest fire in the Sunset Logging company operations threatened to merge with the West Timber grass fire and drive together toward timber. Fire protection association authorities said afternoon winds generally were unfavorable for control efforts.

Wind sent the Sunset fire dancing through the trees so rapidly late yesterday that patrol crews fled. It burned unchecked today, although much of it was confined to old burns and slashings. A limited amount of green timber and a barn were lost overnight.

Autolists in Smoke. About 450 men and two pumps were engaged in tralling the fire and protecting farms.

Hundreds of Portland automobiles bound for the beaches traveled through thick smoke and ash countryside along the Wolf Creek highway.

Beautiful weather for the Fourth of July holidays added to the fire danger. Fair weather tonight and rising temperatures tomorrow were forecast for Oregon, although overcast conditions along the coast may cool the forests.

FREIGHT TO EAST WILL BE SPEEDED

Chicago, July 4.—(AP)—Speedier movement eastward of perishable freight, with a 24-hour reduction possible in trips between the Pacific coast and New York sales centers, will be inaugurated by a majority of western railroads tomorrow.

The first shipments to leave the west under the new program will reach here and St. Louis on July 11, rail officials said.

Sent from concentration points in the North Pacific and California areas, shipments will arrive at St. Louis at 12:30 p. m. (CST) on the sixth day, a reduction of 12 hours from existing schedules and will arrive here at 4:30 p. m. (CST), a reduction of eight hours.

With prompt connections with eastern lines, the freight will reach the east coast 24 hours earlier than under present schedules for the transcontinental run.

ARGENTINA PRESIDENT IS FORCED TO RETIRE

Buenos Aires, July 4.—(AP)—President Roberto M. Ortiz of Argentina relinquished last night the duties of his office temporarily because of ill health.

Ortiz assumed office February 20, 1938. He long has been a sufferer of diabetes.

He issued a decree announcing he is leaving office for an indefinite period on the advice of three physicians.

LIFE IN PRISON FOR WEDDING NIGHT SLAYER

Tacoma, July 4.—(AP)—John Ord, 42, former Tacoma fireman, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the wedding night slaying of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Nosler more than four months ago.

CRACKER EXPLOSION COSTS BOY AN EYE

The Dalles, Ore., July 4.—(AP)—A firecracker exploded in six-year-old Bill Martin's hand and destroyed his right eye.