

The Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, scattered afternoon thunderstorms in mountains; little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 93. Lowest this morning 67.

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F. R. BANDWAGON GETS EARLY START



Washington, D. C., July 15.—Navy department is expected to announce that contracts will be awarded for the construction of three vessels in the Portland area. These are boats 175 feet long, steel construction, and are known as "net boats".

Investigation was made by the navy and this developed that a plant in the Portland district can handle the ship building. The situation with respect to national defense orders is this: There are no gifts or grants, and a concern must prove that it can handle the order before it is considered.

ARMY air corps is listening to arguments for plywood or plastic fuselage for planes. Two plywood experts have been sent from Oregon to discuss the technical features.

Stimson Aide Named. Washington, July 15.—(P)—Appointment of Major Eugene A. Regnier as aide-de-camp to Secretary of War Stimson was announced by the war department today.

SIDE GLANCES

Gordon Roosevelt Green forming a perfect picture of the deep south as he fried gobs of chicken while chanting mammy songs and wearing a bright-colored calico apron.

Bob Crutchfield averring that the west as compared with his native east land is sure close to being "God's country," what with the pretty mountains, the beautiful orchards and the real hospitality.

Gain Robinson teaching a bunch of amateurs the ropes regarding roulette. Anne Carley recalling good old days when certain boisterous kids threw cake at her child's birthday party and the affair concluded in a near riot.

CHICAGO MAYOR SETS OFF FIRST DEMONSTRATION

Convention Opens Without Word From Roosevelt On 3rd Term; Phones Farley

Chicago, July 15.—(U.P.)—Former Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring, who recently was displaced in President Roosevelt's cabinet to make way for Republican Henry L. Stimson, today asked the Democratic platform committee to adopt a strict non-intervention policy in European political and military affairs.

By Lyle C. Wilson. (U.P.) Staff Correspondent. Stadium, Chicago, July 15.—(U.P.)—The Roosevelt third term bandwagon got off to a rolling start today within 20 minutes after the opening of the 1940 Democratic national convention.

Some delegates crowded out of their seats and the New York state banner was hoisted into the aisle but there was no parade.

Fireworks Sure Tonight. A few minutes later there were more cheers when Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois mentioned the president's name. The first full-fledged demonstration of the convention may come tonight when House Speaker William B. Bankhead of Alabama makes the keynote address of the convention.

The first convention session was whacked off to a brisk start by National Chairman James A. Farley. His gavel cracked the table at 11:04 A.M. CST. By 11:50 a.m. the opening preliminaries were out of the way and the convention quit until tonight.

The convention opened with still no public word from Mr. Roosevelt on the third term. But a private telephone wire was in operation from the White House to the convention and Farley and Roosevelt conferred by this means before the first session convened.

Nothing Important. Both the White House and the Farley versions of the conversation.

CANADIAN MOVIE NIGHT WILL SWELL WAR FUND. Toronto, July 15.—(P)—A half million Canadians are expected to go to the movies tonight to boost the Dominion's "Buy a Stamp and Lick Hitler" campaign. Each must buy two 25-cent war savings stamps to gain admission, but will retain them.

Ultimatum From Axis Forecast for England

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National, American League, and National. Rows include Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Boston, St. Louis, and Detroit.

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CCC ENROLLEE SHOT ON MERRILL STREET; ASSAILANT ESCAPES. Klamath Falls, July 15.—(P)—Lowell McFadden, 19-year-old CCC enrollee who was shot and wounded by an unidentified assailant Saturday night at Merrill, was given a chance to recover by hospital attendants here today.

Willkie Laughs At Byrnes' Claim of Unbossed Conclave. Colorado Springs, Colo., July 15.—(U.P.)—Wendell L. Willkie, republican presidential nominee, grinningly predicted today that the Democratic convention in Chicago will nominate its candidate for president "on the first ballot."

War Bulletins. La Linea, Spain, July 15.—(P)—Columns of smoke were seen ascending from the British battle cruiser Hood and aircraft carrier Ark Royal today as bombs from raiding planes fell near their anchorage at Gibraltar.

China protested to Great Britain today that the proposed closing of the Burma road is a "most unfriendly act."

WESTERN BLOC TO DELAY ACTION ON VICE PRESIDENT

Delegates Have Open Mind; Prefer to Avoid Entanglements; Adopt Resolutions

By Frank G. Gorrie. Chicago, July 15.—(P)—The "western bloc" at the Democratic national convention, consisting of delegates from 11 western states, had an open mind, collectively speaking, on the vice presidential question today.

They did endorse resolutions favoring continuation of reclamation, the advancement of mining and the development of western resources.

The bloc has already approved the leadership of President Roosevelt "the past seven years" and "feels that America should be proud to have him as its leader at this time when the whole world is on the brink of disaster."

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MUST SURRENDER OR BE DESTROYED SAYS MOUTHPIECE

Preparations Will Be Complete in Few Days for Full-Blown Assault, Word

By the Associated Press. A virtual ultimatum to Britain to surrender or be destroyed by the Rome-Berlin axis power was forecast today by Virginia Gayda, Italian editor, sometimes known as Mussolini's mouthpiece.

Gayda said "preparations" would be completed in a few days—presumably meaning both the ultimatum and the strategy for a full-blown assault on the British islands.

The Fascist editor said if Britain refused, the axis proposes to unleash "extremely grim, violent war in which inexorable destruction, a fateful, precipitous step toward final overthrow, will be measured . . . by days or hours."

This apparently indicates a huge-scale aerial bombing of Britain preceding an attempt at invasion.

Churchill Adamant. Gayda's assertions followed closely on Prime Minister Winston Churchill's ringing declaration in a broadcast last night that Britain would scorn any peace parleys and that the empire was girding for a long war.

Britain's plan of campaign, Churchill disclosed, calls for a two-year defensive war to guard the British Isles against Nazi conquest, and then, in 1942, a counter-offensive.

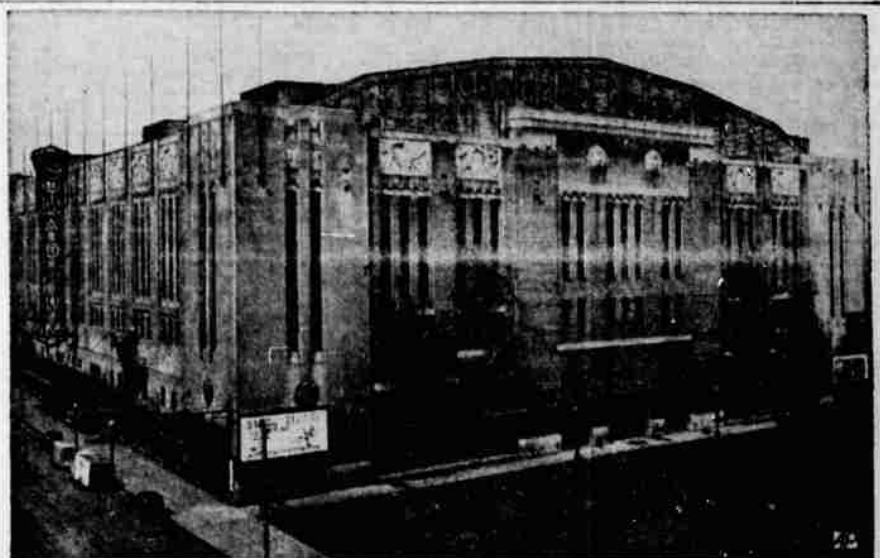
"We would rather see London laid in ruins and ashes than enslaved," he declared.

Nazi raiders, keeping up the relentless schedule of bombing attacks that have peppered the island kingdom almost daily since June 18, dropped high explosives on a south coast English town this morning.

"Some houses were damaged" (Continued on Page Eight)

Kennedy Aids Red Cross. London, July 15.—(P)—United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy bought Queen Elizabeth gift, a silver and gilt tea service, for 300 pounds (about \$1,200) at a Red Cross benefit sale today.

Portland, July 15.—(P)—Thirty-six Libby, McNeill & Libby packing plant machinists struck here Saturday because they said the company refused them a contract.



The Chicago stadium looked peaceful when this picture was taken shortly before the Democratic convention, but stormy sessions are expected when the delegates get down to nominating candidates.

Equal Rights Amendment Plank Is Opposed by Mrs. Roosevelt

Chicago, July 15.—(P)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt entered one of the hottest controversies before the Democratic platform committee today with a statement against a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee women equal legal rights with men.

Several women's groups have urged the committee to adopt a platform plank endorsing the amendment, which would give women equally with men, legal rights to sue, manage their property and control their children. Other groups just as adamant have opposed adoption.

In a statement read to the committee by Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman of Oregon, the first lady said that approval of the equal rights amendment "would be a great mistake."

Until women are unionized to a far greater extent than at present, she said, such an amendment would work great hardships on those employed in industry, whom she described as composing "the largest group of wage earning women."

Opponents of the amendment claim it would wipe out protective legislation enacted for the benefit of women in industry.

5 MEET DEATH IN AIRPLANE CRASH. Markleeville, Cal., July 15.—(P)—Five persons were killed in the crash of an airplane against a rocky bluff near here. The bodies were brought to Markleeville today.

Sheriff Orrin P. Brown said the dead were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce Mills of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cummings of Los Angeles, and C. N. Hodges of Los Angeles.

Sheriff Brown said the plane in which the five were riding was built for only three passengers.

CITY OF FLINT DULL. CARGO CARRIER NOW. Portland, July 15.—(U.P.)—The City of Flint, now just an ordinary freighter hauling routine cargo, took on about 2,000 tons in port here today with no hint about her of past exciting experiences in Europe's war-swept waters.

Neither the captain nor any of the crew of the ship when she was seized last October in the north Atlantic by the German pocket battleship Deutschland are on the vessel today.

FEAR 50 MINERS CAUGHT BY BLAST IN COAL DIGGINGS

Johnstown, Pa., July 15.—(P)—Five grimy, slightly-burned miners who were brought out of the blast-shattered Sonnum mine of the Koppers company late today said they believed about 50 men still were in the pit, possibly entombed.

They said a gas blast had roared through slope 10, section of the mine, but that the condition of those still in the diggings was unknown. The five were at the entrance of the explosion sector.

Earlier, 13 others from slope 18 had emerged from the shaft. Edward Ben, one of those near the explosion center said: "I saw a loud flash and heard a loud noise and rumbling. Then things started to fall around and I yelled 'explosions!'"

"Every place we went it seemed too hot," Ben continued, adding: "It was difficult to breathe and we got down on our stomachs for a while. The air was better down there."

"Finally we made our way to the dip (near the entrance to the shaft) and were rescued." Those who emerged with Ben were Raymond MacIntosh, Edward Barbrowitz, Stanley Cyrward and a man named Haffard.

Fairground Eyed as Acceptance Place. Washington, July 15.—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader Charles L. McNary said today that he is considering accepting the G. O. P. vice-presidential nomination at the Oregon state fair grounds, three miles from his farm home near Salem.

Earlier McNary had indicated that he would deliver his acceptance speech at his filbert farm.

Uncertainty Rules as Entries Line Up at Post for Bourbon Nomination Race



ORATORY—Keynote for the Democrats' national convention opening July 15 in Chicago will be Alabama's William B. Bankhead, House speaker, who's considered a fine orator.



ENIGMA—Big Jim Farley, hand-shaking postmaster with countless friends, is known for his loyalty to F.D.R., some secret political ambitions, and for opposition to a third term.



VETERAN—Age of Secretary of State Cordell Hull—his 65—might cripple his chances. The Tennessee statesman has repeatedly expressed his disinterest in a political future.



EXPERIENCED—Sen. Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, who'll probably be permanent chairman of Democratic convention, gave keynote talks in 1932 and 1934.



JUSTICE—If Roosevelt decides against a third campaign, and the Democrats decide to put youth in the saddle, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas might be considered. He's 41.



MENTIONED—The name of Attorney General Robert Jackson (above) has figured in stories about Democratic nominations. He's been mentioned as a possible vice president.



HE'LL RUN—Whether F.D.R. runs or not, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (above) of Montana says he'll seek presidential nomination. He's advising Democrats to become a "peace party."



STRATEGIST—Although little came of an early boom for Vice President John Garner, he has influence in party councils and will probably wield power when nominating is named.