

The Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy to night and Wednesday, scattered afternoon thunderstorms in mountains; normal temperature. Highest yesterday 91. Lowest this morning 62.

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Washington, D. C., July 16.—By vote of Senator Holman a senate subcommittee has approved an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for TVA, and as half of this sum is to be used to construct steam plants to generate power Oregon's senior senator, is busying himself to throw a monkey wrench in the machinery.

This TVA measure was "sold" to E. R. Stettinius, Jr., in charge of raw materials for the National Defense Advisory Commission. It was explained to him that there will be a shortage of aluminum unless TVA can provide more power for the Aluminum Company of America.

The bill was popped into the hopper, immediately referred to committee and acted on by the committee all in the space of a few hours. No one, apparently, studied the measure until the senate committee's favorable report, then the steamplant joker was discovered and McNary began asking his question.

ACCORDING to two or three Republicans who played important parts in the Philadelphia convention, Herbert Hoover was so upset following his long speech that his intimates insisted on giving him medical attention.

WILLKIE TO DISCUSS FARM PROGRAM WITH IOWA'S GOV. WILSON

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 16.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie said today he probably would discuss this week the farm section of his forthcoming campaign program with Governor George Wilson of Iowa.

HOEHNE ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

Los Angeles, July 16.—(P)—Dr. Herbert Hoehne, 29-year-old German, today pleaded not guilty in federal court to an indictment charging him with failure to register as an agent for a foreign government.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mike Melchior and Howard Brice both finding Medford's delightful climate just a trifle warm after coming here from chill communities.

Gordon Claycombe giving an impressive sales talk, he having turned from music to publicity. Doc Oscar Halboth whipping the light fantastic in bedroom slippers on account of falling into a creek on a picnic and soaking his shoes.



Smiling Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, shown in his headquarters in Chicago, said he still was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and would remain one unless President Roosevelt announces his candidacy.



Three members of the resolutions committee which began the task of drafting a Democratic platform in Chicago are shown before getting to work in the committee room. Left to right: Senator Robert A. Wagner of New York, chairman; Senator Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico, and Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana.

Strong Anti-War Plank Coming Wheeler Assures Isolationists

Chicago, July 16.—(P)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Mont., leader of isolationist senators, said today that he believed the democratic platform committee will write a strong anti-war plank satisfactory to him.

Wheeler's statement came after indications that new dealers may be willing to forego any declaration of endorsement of President Roosevelt's policy of supplying full material aid short of war to Great Britain.

The new dealers want to placate the isolationists to avert a threatened floor fight which might cause disharmony in the Roosevelt third term campaign.

But the isolationists, some of whom also are anti-third termers, were talking about another floor fight—over an anti-third term plank—which may be embarrassing to Roosevelt supporters, since it would come just 24 hours before the convention begins nomination speeches.

Wheeler said he would support such a plank if it were presented.

A pro-new deal subcommittee began putting the platform in final shape at a meeting which began at 10 a.m. and continued through the day. Luncheon was served the committee members in their hotel conference room and they hoped to complete their work early tomorrow morning.

WOULD GIVE U.S. ISLAND TO SATISFY WAR DEBT

London, July 16.—(P)—Oswald Lewis, conservative member of parliament, suggested today that a British island in or near the West Indies be sold to the United States for an air and naval base "in full satisfaction of the balance of our debt outstanding to the United States in respect of the last war."

Jap Fliers Bomb China's Capital Again

Chungking, July 16.—(P)—Japanese airmen unloaded between 300 and 400 bombs this afternoon in the 21st raid on this capital of the central Chinese government. Most of the bombs struck areas already bomb-ravaged.

FARLEY RUMORED BACKING JONES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

APPEASEMENT OF BUSINESS HOPED IF TEXAN NAMED

Prospects Increase for Hot Convention Fight Over Running Mate for F.D.R.

3rd Term Statement

Washington, July 16.—(P)—President Roosevelt announced today that Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley will make a statement in his behalf on the third term issue to the democratic national convention tonight.

Without revealing the exact scope of the pronouncement, Mr. Roosevelt said that Barkley's statement should answer pertinent questions as to whether or not he will seek re-election.

He refused to say whether he will have a personal statement to supplement that of the Kentucky senator. It was Mr. Roosevelt's first modification of the silence which he has maintained on the possibility that he will break precedent and campaign for another term as president.

By Lyle C. Wilson (UP Staff Correspondent)

Stadium, Chicago, July 16.—(P)—Chairman James A. Farley of the Democratic national committee was reliably reported today to have taken command of a movement to nominate Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones for vice president as running mate for President Roosevelt.

As the convention held another mid-day session for a round of oratory and routine business, one report was that Farley himself might take the floor late in the week to put Jones' name in nomination.

This might bring on a showdown floor fight between Farley, the strict party man, and Roosevelt third-term leaders here.

Convinced F. R. In Farley was understood to be convinced that there is no way to prevent the convention from voting overwhelmingly for Mr. Roosevelt.

ELKS LODGE ELECTS TRENTON N. J. MAN AS NATIONAL RULER

Houston, Texas, July 16.—(P)—Joseph G. Buch of Trenton, N. J., today was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Buch succeeds Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill.

The meeting, in national convention here, is expected to consider proposed resolutions favoring compulsory military conscription and the deportation of Fascists, Nazis and Communists.

Leaders predicted the grand lodge would adopt resolutions in line with suggestions made in an address by Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill., grand exalted ruler.

"I wish it were in the power of the Elks to deport to foreign shores every Fascist, Nazi and Communist, as well as all aliens who have been in this country five years and have not yet applied for American citizenship," Warner said.

Urge Cocktail Bars Spokane, July 16.—(P)—The directors and legislative committee of the Washington Restaurant Owners' association, meeting here jointly yesterday, adopted a resolution urging the state to permit cocktail bars and the sale of liquor by the drink in hotel dining rooms.

BASEBALL

Score: American R. H. E. Detroit 1 6 2 Philadelphia 3 6 2 Hutchinson and Tebbets; Carter and Wagner.

Score: R. H. E. Chicago 5 12 1 New York 1 6 0 Rigney and Tresh; Russo and Dickey.

Score: National R. H. E. Brooklyn 3 8 0 Pittsburgh 5 8 2 Carleton, Pressnell and Phelps; Lanning and Lopez.

Score: R. H. E. New York 0 6 1 Chicago 2 4 2 Gumbert and Danning; Olsen and Hartnett.

PAIR HELD HERE HAVE TOOLS FOR BURGLARY TRADE

Following their arrest by city police in a local hotel early last night, William Lawler, 43, and Amos Emery Jones, alias Fred Myer, 46, were being held in city jail today for the sheriff's office at Astoria on suspicion of house burglary and safe punching, and for questioning concerning a burglary in a local house.

Police said that an Illinois pocket watch, which Lawler sold Saturday to a Medford man, had been identified as part of the loot from a burglary and safe-punching job at Astoria on June 14.

In Jones' hotel room at the time of his arrest, police said, were a 21-jewel yellow gold watch, an Iver Johnson revolver and part of a box of shells, all stolen from the Clinton Spencer residence, Route 1, box 497, sometime Monday. Jones told police he knew nothing about the articles and couldn't understand how they got in his room.

Police said they found safe-punching equipment in Jones' room. Although neither man would admit involvement in the Astoria job or the local burglary, police stated that Jones told them he was a three-time loser, having served terms in the Oregon state penitentiary for larceny of livestock, assault with a dangerous weapon and forgery. Jones, police said, told them he was released from the prison last May after serving time on the forgery conviction.

Jones told police he and Lawler had been in Medford for about a week, and that they had been traveling together for a month or so.

MILL MAN'S HEAD CRACKED IN FIGHT

James A. Mero of 522 Haven street, employe of a local lumber concern, was confined in Sacred Heart hospital today with a critical skull fracture; the result of a fist fight with a CCC enrollee in Jacksonville Saturday night.

According to a report made to city police here by the injured man's physician, Mero was knocked down, and in falling he struck his head on the pavement. The doctor stated that Mero was conscious and resting fairly well, although his skull was very badly fractured. The physician said his condition was "critical," although he showed slight improvement over yesterday.

Authorities here and in Jacksonville have learned no details of the fight. No complaint has been filed, nor an arrest made, it was reported.

STRONGER STAND BY NIPPON SEEN AS CABINET QUILTS

Resignation of Premier Yonai Due to Pressure of Army Circles is Belief.

By the Associated Press.

Tokyo, July 16.—(P)—Premier Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai handed his whole cabinet's resignation to Emperor Hirohito tonight, apparently under army pressure for stronger enforcement of Japan's "new order in east Asia" policy.

Most Japanese newspapers expected that former Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye would be asked to form a new cabinet.

Either he or War Minister General Shunroku Hata, whose resignation hastened the end of the six-month-old Yonai cabinet, presumably would point a new government toward consolidation of Japan's gains in the Orient and take a strong stand against western powers, including the United States, in the East.

"Army circles" commented Domei, Japanese news agency, "have come to the conclusion that it is the urgent task of Japan to establish the so-called new national political structure which forms the only way for Japan, in view of the stress of the home and foreign situation, to carry out rearmament effectively, tighten state control of economy and renovate foreign policy with construction of a new order in East Asia as the ultimate object."

The "new national political structure" referred to by Domei is the plan for a one-party government favored by Prince Konoye, supposedly with palace approval.

The one-party form would bring Japan into greater totalitarian similarity to Germany and Italy. Konoye, however, has not elaborated his plan completely and may not be ready to launch it.

YAKIMA GROWERS SET BART PRICES

The Fruitgrowers League this afternoon received the following telegram from the Yakima Valley Bartlett Pear Growers Union:

"At a growers' meeting held last night (Monday) the Bartlett price was established at \$40 for number 1's, 2's and larger, \$25 for number 2 pears."

Bankhead Pleads for Unity In Convention Keynote Talk

Chicago, July 16.—(P)—Democratic convention delegates grew restive from lack of words from President Roosevelt today after Speaker William Bankhead had bidden them to go into the 1940 campaign on the record of the New Deal administration, using "truth, tolerance and reason."

The keynote speech of Bankhead and a "farewell" address by National Chairman James A. Farley highlighted the first major convention session last night at the big, flag-draped Chicago stadium.

In his keynote address, Speaker Bankhead said the major objectives "of both parties must be unity and solidarity of purpose in preserving inviolate the structure of our government and the perpetual freedom of its people."

"We recognize that ours is a government by political parties and that as instrumentalities of government they are entitled to the largest measure of freedom in carrying legitimately disputed issues to the people," he said.

"We do not propose," he added, "to appease those aggressors whose doctrines wage war upon every principle of liberty

War Bulletins

Madrid, July 16.—(P)—Spain announced severing of diplomatic relations with Chile tonight.

63 BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL MINE FOLLOWING BLAST

Portage, Pa., July 16.—(P)—The death toll in the explosion at the Souman coal mine rose to 63 today.

Gas-masked workers removed the bodies from the mine and the dead were taken to a temporary morgue at this little town's municipal building.

As rescue crews broke into heading No. 16, the death toll rose sharply this morning. In the 16th entry, the bodies of Section Foreman James Monteith and several members of his crew were found behind a barricade they had thrown up in a desperate attempt to save themselves from the deadly gas.

As the blast tore through the north dip section of the 50-year-old mine at 11:15 a. m. yesterday, a tongue of flame burned the bodies of some of the miners.

Wives, children and relatives of the entombed miners, standing at the shaft entrances and soaked to the skin by a heavy rain, silently watched the bodies being removed. They were not permitted to view the dead early today.

Twenty-one men escaped a few minutes after the explosion believed caused by gas or rock dust had rumbled through the north dip, trapping the men working almost 8,000 feet from the headings of entries 16, 17 and 18.

BURGUNDER BALKS CLEMENCY MOVE

Florence, Ariz., July 16.—(P)—Robert Burgunder, condemned killer of two Phoenix automobile salesmen, told the state board of pardons and paroles today he did not desire a clemency hearing. He is under sentence to die August 9.

The board, in an unprecedented procedure, visited Burgunder, 23-year-old former student at the Arizona State Teachers college at Tempe, in the death house of the state prison.

There the youth, who told his attorney, C. T. McKinney, last Saturday that he did not want to seek clemency, reiterated his stand.

COL. FLETCHER OF CCC IS ORDERED TO NEWARK DUTY

Washington, July 16.—(P)—Army orders today included: Colonel Harvey H. Fletcher, Inf., Medford, Ore., to Newark, N. J.

Colonel Fletcher, commander of the Medford CCC district, has been here since September 18, 1938. He has resided with Mrs. Fletcher at 1222 West Main street.

The colonel said he had not received orders yet and did not know precisely what his duties in Newark would be as there are many military activities in that large eastern city. He stated he did not believe an extension of his tour of duty here would be feasible because of the general chaos in world affairs.

FRISCO CENSUS SHOWS DECLINE

San Francisco, July 16.—(P)—Preliminary census figures released here today showed a drop in population for San Francisco of 4,841 to 629,533. The decline was .007 per cent from the 1930 figure of 634,374.

ATTACK ON BRITAIN MAY COME FRIDAY IS SWISS REPORT

Hundreds of Ships Assembled for Onslaught but High Command Disagrees

By the Associated Press

Grenoble, France, July 16.—Le Petit Dauphinois said today that foreign diplomatic quarters in Switzerland had heard that a projected attack on England by 600,000 Germans had been delayed because of differences in the high command, but that the attack may be launched Friday night.

The Germans have assembled hundreds of ships for the attack, the newspaper said in a dispatch from Bern.

According to Le Petit Dauphinois, the commander-in-chief of the German army and other generals opposed the plan of attack first set for July 9-10 because they thought it too dangerous to the attackers in its original form.

Many Types Ships The ships, according to the newspaper, range from German and captured French, Belgian and Dutch freighters and passenger ships to fishing smacks and barges to be towed by tugs.

They are lying along the coast from Brest, France, to Bergen, Norway, the paper added.

The fleet's escort of light gunboats, submarines and fighting planes, to be preceded by mine sweepers and waves of bombers were ready when one group of generals headed by General Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army, protested that it was too dangerous, the paper said.

London, July 16.—(P)—Three enemy bombers were shot down by British fighters during raids on the coast this afternoon, the air ministry announced tonight.

A communique said the royal air force made raids yesterday in Normandy, Holland, north-

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