

DEATH TOLL OF JULY 4TH 159

List is 46 Under That of Last Fourth Celebration.

CHICAGO, July 5. (AP)—America surrendered 159 lives to the observance of its 153rd birthday anniversary yesterday. The fourth of July death list this year was 46 under that of 1928, the reduction being attributable chiefly to the decrease in the number of deaths from drowning and from the heat. In only one division did the 1929 fatalities exceed last year's, and that was in automobile accidents with 70 this year as compared with 54 last.

Fireworks in themselves continued to play a smaller part in the nation's Independence day death toll. Only seven fatalities from this cause were reported this year as compared with 11 in 1928; and two of them resulted from a fireworks factory explosion and fire July 3.

Drownings were responsible for the largest toll of life, as they were last year; but even so, there were 35 fewer deaths from this cause than a year ago.

Nearly one-third of the country's total toll was taken by the middlewest. The middle Atlantic states which last year led the country in deaths with 68, had 39 less yesterday although more than half the deaths from fireworks in the country occurred in that section. The northwest and the mountain states had the smallest death lists, each section reporting three.

Temperatures generally were lower throughout the country yesterday than was the case July 4, 1928 when 12 deaths resulted from heat alone. So far as reports to the Associated Press showed, there was only one death yesterday from heat, and that was in Chicago.

Last year airplane accidents took four lives, whereas yesterday only two deaths occurred from this cause.

Stricter laws regulating the sale and use of fireworks was credited with keeping down the number of deaths and injuries from this cause. In Michigan, particularly, enforcement of a new state fireworks law was reported as most effective.

Chicago ordinances prevented the sale of fireworks, but convenient suburbs provided all the types of cannon crackers without the result that the Fourth here was unusually noisy. Hundreds of persons were injured, but no deaths occurred.

In New York, 500 children were treated at city hospitals for fireworks injuries.

Contrasting with the 1928 heat was a 10-minute snowstorm yesterday at Speculator, N. Y., the snow falling so fast that holiday motorists, blinded, stopped their cars to avoid collisions.

LAKE MICHIGAN CLAIMS LIVES OF 10 PERSONS

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., July 5. (AP)—The vicious surf and undertow of wind-swept Lake Michigan took the lives of 10 persons here yesterday, all drowning virtually simultaneously and within a radius of but a few hundred yards.

Nine of the dead were bathers at a municipal park beach; the other was a girl who, with three companions, was swept from a pier at the beach by a giant breaker which bowled the four into the water.

The average speed at which air-mail and express tracks along the airways of the United States is about 110 miles an hour.

ORANGE APPLE SLIPS ON BANANA PEEL

CHICAGO, July 5. (AP)—Orange Apple "law's down" and went crash yesterday and wound up in the hospital.

Orange is only seven. They asked him his name and he said "Orange", so the obliging nurse brought him one. They asked him again and he said "Apple," and the nurse got suspicious. She peeked into a phone book and found Orange Apple listed. She called him up, and sure enough he was little Orange's daddy. They asked Orange, Jr., how he happened to fall down. He said he slipped on a banana peel. Altogether, everything considered, it was quite a fruitful event.

BALLOT TITLE REFUSED FOR PROHI REPEAL

SALEM, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—A proposed constitutional amendment for repeal of Oregon laws and constitutional amendments prohibiting manufacture, sale and importation of intoxication liquors, which H. H. Stallard of Portland is attempting to initiate, has been returned by attorney Van Winkle to the secretary of state without a ballot title. The attorney general says the proposed amendment, as prepared by Stallard, does not constitute an initiative petition according to law, and for that reason he declines to prepare the ballot title.

IMPROVEMENTS ON S. P. LINE CONTEMPLATED

EUGENE, Ore., July 5. (AP)—E. L. King, division superintendent of the Southern Pacific railroad company, announced last night that the company would spend \$750,000 in improvements in Eugene and Springfield during the next few years. The largest single item is \$350,000 for double tracking the Eugene terminal from the northern yard limit to the Springfield junction.

PARACHUTE JUMPER LEAPS TO HIS DEATH STOCKTON, Cal., July 5. (AP)—Theodore Renny, 34, of Oakland, aerial acrobat, died last night from injuries received in a 5,000-foot parachute jump over the municipal airport yesterday. Renny's parachute caught on the wing of an airplane and the top of the silk bag was torn when he fell.



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