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WEATHER

High 90; Low 58
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m.00
Season to date17.02
Normal precipitation12.07
Last year to date8.37
Tuesday's high, 94



BIG AFRICAN CAMPAIGN READY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war scene, at least momentarily, shifts to Africa. There are hints in the news today (Wednesday) that the highly advertised blitz against Britain may be merely a smoke screen to cover a mighty effort to conquer Africa, seize Suez and the Mediterranean and cut the British lifeline to India.

WAR guessing is a hazardous business, because surprise is elemental in warfare. The fighter who telegraphs his punches seldom wins.

A TROPICAL storm moves along the Louisiana coast, piling up water in the bayous, bays and inlets, driving people from their homes to the higher ground (which is hard to find in that region) and taking a toll of lives.

Among other economic calamities of the storm is the expected drowning of most of this season's crop of muskrats, whose fur is one of the principal sources of income in the swamps of Louisiana.

On Wednesday, the storm is passing into eastern Texas, where it is expected to turn inland. People in its anticipated path are jittery.

HOW insignificant seem nature's destructive moods in these days when MAN'S instinct to kill and destroy is on the loose throughout the world!

PAUL SATKO, arrived safely at last in Alaska, files on a 122-acre river bottom homestead 27 miles north of Juneau, buys a \$50 automobile and will commute back and forth while he clears his land and makes it habitable.

His family of eight will continue to live in their "ark" in Juneau, where his children will attend school.

IF all the publicity he has received doesn't turn his head, he may make a go of it. Don't, however, jump to the obvious conclusion that hacking a homestead out of the Alaskan wilderness will be a picnic.

It WON'T be.

For that matter, hacking a homestead out of the Oregon wilderness was no picnic.

PASTE this in your hat: Nothing that is really worth while is EVER a picnic—except for those fortunate souls who love to work hard for the pure FUN of working hard and getting somewhere.

Willkie Plans to Give Stand on All Major Issues

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 7 (AP)—Conscription and agriculture claimed the attention of Wendell L. Willkie today as he worked to complete his address formally accepting the republican nomination for the presidency.

Willkie reiterated that he would make clear his general position on all major issues when he speaks in his home town, Elwood, Ind., Aug. 17.

Details of his stand on foreign policy, agricultural problems, national defense and other campaign controversies will be given in later addresses, he said.

Hurricane Strikes

THREE KILLED AS HIGH WIND CROSSES GULF

Texas, Louisiana Rocked By 90-Mile Tropical Storm; People Flee

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Aug. 7 (AP)—A tropical hurricane roared inland today, leaving three known dead in Louisiana, 25 marooned and six injured.

Hundreds fled the 75 mile-an-hour wind which swept over the Sabine areas of Texas and Louisiana.

The dead: James Gordon, 60, fisherman, drowned near Alluvial, La. An unidentified refugee fleeing high tides.

A Chinese youth drowned in Barataria Bayou, La.

The wind reached a peak of approximately 90 miles an hour in gusts, and blew steadily at times more than 80 miles an hour, lifting roofs and filling the air with flying debris. One house was blown down.

Center Passes

The wind shifted from the northwest to the east at 1:30 p. m. and dropped to 65 miles an hour, indicating to weather observers that the center of the hurricane had passed, probably between here and Sabine, a village of 350 persons on the Gulf of Mexico, 14 miles to the south.

Hundreds of residents fled this city and additional hundreds sought haven in public buildings as the weather bureau warned that hurricane winds approached the Texas coast between here and Sabine, 14 miles south on the Gulf of Mexico.

State highway police cleared beach settlements near Port Arthur. School buildings were jammed with residents who feared their homes might be torn away by the howling tropical hurricane. One house was demolished.

The high wind wrecked signs and uprooted trees, but Port Arthur city officials believed the sea wall on Lake Sabine and levee protection elsewhere about the city would keep water from the lake out of the city itself. The wind, blowing 75 miles an hour at noon and was pushing the tide away from the city.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7 (AP)—Thousands of persons were marooned by tidal waters today as a titanic tropical disturbance moved westward along the Louisiana coastline toward Texas.

Nineteen persons, at first reported missing, were later found safe. Near noon weather ob-

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British Liner Torpedoed Off Ireland Coast

LONDON, Aug. 7 (AP)—The 9337-ton British passenger liner Accra has been torpedoed and sunk off the west coast of Ireland with 25 persons missing, it was announced tonight.

The steamer was in a convoy and sank within half an hour after being struck, and it was believed the attacking submarine also was sunk by escorting warships.

Some of those missing were lost when a motor lifeboat overturned in a choppy sea, but other ships rescued 450 persons, who were landed at a northwest British port.

The Elder and Dempster lines, operators of the Accra which is well-known in English-Africa trade, denied reports current in New York that English refugee children were aboard.

New York sources said the Accra sank in two minutes, preventing rescue of most of her passengers and crew. They said only 30 persons were saved.

One source said an eyewitness told him the vessel was loaded with children. He said the British government was reluctant to discuss the children because of a desire to prevent alarm among British parents with children on board ships on the high seas.

KLAMATH FOREST FIRES CONTROLLED

First Major Blaze Eats Over 1200 Acres on Reservation

Crews of firefighters held the Klamath basin's first major forest fire of the season virtually under control Wednesday at the southwest corner of the Klamath Indian reservation, after flames roared across cutover land and ate into virgin timber in a swath that covered 1200 acres.

Reinforcements brought the force to a strength of 250 men Wednesday morning and Agency officials said effective fire lines had been established around the blaze except in the extreme southeast corner, where firefighters were still having trouble with spot fires in tinder-dry brush.

All other fires in the basin were reported under control Wednesday afternoon, coinciding with reports from Modoc county, California that a huge fire covering 35,000 acres was being controlled by 1300 firefighters after

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LAKEVIEW ROAD CRACKUP KILLS RANCH WORKER

Roy Fleming, 30, Crushed as Car Rolls; Four Passengers Shaken

Roy William Fleming, 30-year-old ranchhand from Beatty, was crushed to death under a rolling automobile on the Lakeview highway a mile east of El Nido last night. Four passengers in the car received minor injuries.

According to the state police report on the accident, Fleming was driving a heavy sedan toward Klamath Falls about 7:30 p. m. and was passing another car when a truck came around the curve ahead.

Fleming swung the car back sharply and lost control of the machine when the wheels bit into the gravel shoulder of the highway.

Driver Thrown

The car hurtled across the road, swung sideways and turned over, throwing Fleming out of the driver's seat so that he was crushed as the car rolled. The other occupants were also sprayed out of the churning vehicle but were thrown clear.

Riding with Fleming in the party headed for Klamath Falls to attend the wrestling matches were Henry Brown, Beatty Indian and owner of the ranch on which Fleming had been working; Adeline Brown, Royce Brown, 13 and 14 respectively, and Albert Richards, 20. They received slight cuts and bruises.

Rolls Over Four Times

The car, which was registered to Minerva Brown of Beatty, reportedly rolled over four times, coming to rest on its wheels in the left lane of traffic. It was badly damaged.

Witnesses to the accident were P. E. Newnham, James Newnham and Marjorie Hubbell, all of route 2, Klamath Falls, occupants of the car Fleming had just passed. The driver of the truck, apparently unaware of the accident, was not identified.

Fleming was a former resident of Olene. The body was taken to Whitlock's.

Woman Slays Son To Free Him From 'Terrifying Fears'

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 7 (AP)—Mrs. Estelle Silverstein, wife of a prominent Oakland attorney, shot and killed her 31-year-old son today to free him from the "terrifying fears" suffered nightly and then killed herself, Police Lieutenant Leon Carroll reported.

The son by a former marriage, Phillip Loney, had been mentally sick. Mrs. Silverstein wrote her husband, Bernard, that:

"This is in the name of mercy. Every night Phillip gets on his knees and begs me not to leave him alone. He is so terrified it is horrible. I, his mother, cannot permit it.

"The law should relieve such helpless sufferers. The burden should not be on me."

The note was signed "Mommy," on the back of the note she wrote:

"Sorry to spoil the vacation of Edith and Sydney but time and tide wait for no man."

Seaside Men Learn Flag Etiquette
SEASIDE, Aug. 7 (AP)—It cost two Seaside men \$25 each yesterday to learn that the American flag cannot be used as a "danger" signal on the rear of a truck.

British Troops, Refugees Lost on Transport



This picture, released by British censors and transmitted by radio from London to New York, shows, according to censor-approved caption, the sinking of the 18,243-ton Cunarder Lancastria in French harbor of St. Nazaire when it was torpedoed and bombed while evacuating the last of the BEF and refugees. Of the 5300 aboard, 2823 perished, making this the greatest known sea disaster of the war. Black dots on water astern of the propeller are heads of those fighting for their lives. Man in right foreground is aboard unidentified ship.

Two Big Construction Jobs Ready in South Sixth Area

Two important South Sixth street development enterprises were launched Wednesday. They were:

1. Ground was broken for the new "Lake Theatre," second of the two theatres being put up here by Redwood Theatres of San Francisco. The new theatre site is at Washburn way and South Sixth street.

2. Beck's bakery announced early construction of a new building to house the company's enlarged plant, at South Sixth street, Shasta way and Martin street. This will represent a total cost of about \$50,000, according to Glenn Jones, Beck's manager here.

Increased Business

Jones said that the company had purchased a site for the new plant from Johnny Ferrari through E. Gray. Due to increased operations of the business, he said, it is necessary to move into the new and larger quarters, which will be constructed and equipped in the most modern fashion. Jones is going to San Francisco shortly to obtain new equipment for the bakery.

He said the firm will occupy the new building this fall. Michael Beck, proprietor of Beck's bakeries, entered business here in 1932.

The theatre plans were outlined by E. H. Moore of the San Francisco contracting firm of Moore and Roberts.

Moore arrived by plane Tuesday with William B. David, construction manager for the two Klamath projects, and the two returned south Tuesday evening after completing arrangements for the start of the second project.

To Seat 1000

Lumber was being moved Tuesday to the site of the second theatre, Washburn way and South Sixth street, and ground was scheduled to be broken Wednesday. The site is approximately 800 by 175 feet, and the theatre itself is to be about the same size as the "Tower," now under construction at Seventh and Pine. The new theatre will seat approximately 1000 persons.

Date for completion of the second structure has been set December 1, two months after the tentative opening date, October 1, for the "Tower."

Work on the first structure is progressing on schedule, David said, with concrete pouring completed and roof trusses installed. Inside framing is the next step.

Much of the lumber used for forms on the first structure is being moved to the South Sixth street site to construct forms for the second building.

Boivin Roasts Demo Convention For Mishandling

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—Representative Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls, a delegate to the national democratic convention, said yesterday the convention was "badly mishandled" and the "delegates were not fooled at all."

The former speaker of the state's lower house believed Roosevelt would have preferred to return to private life and become candidate only after the republicans nominated a strong opponent.

The "lack of enthusiasm" among delegates on the vice presidential nomination almost developed into an "open revolt," Boivin told the Kiwanis club.

"The high command forgot that sportsmanship is an attribute Americans like," he added. "Jim Farley, I think, was the real victor of the convention. Everyone knows he had literally been kicked downstairs."

BRITISH INCREASE ORDERS IN AMERICA

Tanks, Artillery Sought in Addition to Goods Previously Bought

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (AP)—The British government started negotiations today for "hundreds of millions of dollars" of tanks, artillery, and other war supplies in addition to all previous allied orders.

Arthur B. Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, who presented the program to Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, told reporters that his government was now seeking the purchase of many types of supplies not previously purchased in this country. He emphasized tanks and field artillery.

The British previously bought some old artillery that the United States army had left over from the world war, but the new program is for new weapons.

He declined to estimate to what figure the new program might expand total British purchases in this country, but previous purchases, mostly airplanes, amounted to well over \$1,000,000,000.

The British agent went on to explain that the new program was for material to be delivered a considerable time in the future.

He indicated that previous purchases had been made, to a large extent, on the basis of immediate needs, and that new programs were being shaped on anticipated future needs.

Blast in Powder Plant Kills Three

LEBANON, O., Aug. 7 (AP)—Three men were killed today in a terrific explosion that wrecked a powder-processing building of the King Powder company, at nearby King's Mills.

They were Charles Resibols, 25, Hobart Combs, 35, and William Reed, 45.

The powder plant, one of the oldest in the United States, occupies scores of small buildings along a one and one-half mile frontage.

C. G. King, chairman of the board, said the plant was not operating on government orders and that these, "if we have any," were being filled at the firm's Ashland, Ky., factory. There was no reason to suspect sabotage, he added.

Pendergast Man Leads in Missouri

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7 (AP)—Senator Harry S. Truman, who had been termed "the Pendergast senator" by his two opponents in Missouri's primary campaign, rode a swelling tide of city votes into the lead today in his bid for democratic nomination.

BRITISH DENY ITALIANS YET ACROSS BORDER

Blitzkrieg Threat Over Channel Seen "Smoke Screen" for Move

LONDON, Aug. 7 (AP)—A concentration of at least two Italian divisions was reported on the Libyan frontier near the Mediterranean coast today and British military circles declared "it looks as though the Italians are ready" to advance against Egypt in a large scale campaign for realization of one of Mussolini's dreams—possession of Suez.

Official circles at Cairo denied, however, that the Italians already had crossed the frontier.

Report Denied

"The only Italian officers presently on Egyptian soil are one general and 818 officers and other ranks—prisoners," said a semi-official statement at British headquarters in Egypt.

(Yesterday's Italian communiqué said the British were put to flight "during a clash of advanced troops beyond the Circenian-Libyan border.")

Military circles in London said the two Italian divisions were concentrated in the Bardia area, adjacent to the Egyptian frontier.

Small Force

This concentration is opposed by a small mobile British force of expert desert fighters who have been carrying out the first phase of the operations in Africa, a sort of guerrilla warfare of light raids, skirmishes and reconnaissance expeditions.

Britons were warned today by the Daily Express, which is owned by the minister for aircraft production, Lord Beaverbrook, that they may expect "some Italian successes" in the war in Africa.

These signs of an impending offensive against Egypt, which would have as its ultimate objective the severing of the British Empire's control of the eastern Mediterranean, coupled with a triple drive against British Somaliland, raised the belief in many quarters that the axis' next big objective is the continent of Africa.

Diversions

In the eyes of these observers the reported preparations for the attack on England is for the purpose of diversion.

A bitter struggle between the British and Italians in Somaliland was forecast by military circles, who said the main Italian column is striking at Berbera, on the coast of the gulf of Aden.

This column is between 6000 and 7000 strong, with some guns and tanks," it was reported by military sources here.

Brigadier A. R. Chater is the British commander in Somaliland. He leads forces including the famous Somaliland camel corps, which, contrary to its name, is partly mechanized, the kings African rifles and "some others."

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 7 (AP)—The African war, suddenly flaring into a more decisive phase of the axis-British conflict, may be decided as much by water as by bullets and bombs.

Britain's most powerful natural defenses against the troops assembled by Mussolini in the Libyan desert are thirst and heat.

There is a waterless stretch of blazing desert of almost 400 miles between the Italian post-

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25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Aug. 7, 1915—Austrians held Italian positions on Montafalco.