

Showers Break Heat Wave In Midwest; 69 Die In Record Hot Weather

By the Associated Press
Thunderstorms and cooling breezes cut further into the Midwest's worst heat wave of the year today after deaths from the four days of 100-degree temperatures had risen to at least 69.

Butchers Back Rail Rate Cut

SEATTLE, Aug. 7 (AP)—The Washington State Federation of Butchers (AFL) added its 6000-member strength today to support a complaint filed Monday with the interstate commerce commission demanding a 30 per cent slash in western rail freight rates.

Charles J. Mentrin, business agent of the AFL packinghouse workers union, local 186, said a call would be issued for the 30,000 members of the Oregon and California butchers' federations to take a similar stand.

A study by Washington butchers, Mentrin said, showed that Midwest packers can ship dressed meats west 30 to 40 per cent cheaper than western packers can send the same meats east.

"Unless this situation is corrected soon western packers will be in a position where they can be squeezed out of business," Mentrin declared. The complaint, filed Monday against 900 railroads, asks equalization of an asserted 66 per cent differential by raising rates in the East and lowering them in the West.

Purchases of new life insurance in Great Britain last year were nearly double the previous year's total and nearly three times the 1940 figure.

today tumbled the mercury from 81 to 72 within a few minutes. Elsewhere, though, the forecast said continued high temperatures could be expected today, particularly from southeastern Michigan southward through Indiana, across southern Illinois and throughout the Southern plains states.

At Joliet, Ill., about 40 miles south of Chicago, a brief but heavy downpour was accompanied by strong winds which blew down many trees and disabled the city's power service. Some houses and automobiles were damaged by the falling trees.

Fatalities as a result of the heat, including some drownings, included: Chicago 25, St. Louis 11, Wisconsin 11; Ohio 8; Iowa, Alabama and Arkansas three each; Louisville, Ky., two; Indiana, Pennsylvania and Tennessee one each.

A high reading of 101 degrees yesterday gave Chicago its hottest three-day period since July, 1911. On each of the three days, the mercury climbed to 100 or more.

Yuma, Ariz., reported the nation's highest temperatures yesterday, 113 degrees. Phoenix in the same state had 112.

Other points reporting 100 or more included: Fresno, Calif., and Advance, Mo. 106; Batesville, Ark., and Paris, Tenn., 105; St. Louis, Mo., Shreveport, La., and Effingham, Ill. 104; Little Rock, Ark., and Pelletier, Mich., 103; Nashville, Tenn., 101; Grand Rapids and Traverse City, Mich., 100.

Posse Looking For Bride, Groom

REEDSPORT, Aug. 7 (AP)—The Reedsport posse is looking for a bride and groom.

As part of a parade and rodeo Saturday and Sunday, the posse wants to feature a public wedding—but it hasn't yet found anyone willing to take part for the \$100 and other prizes offered.

Highway Crash Takes 19 Lives



White-hot flames and smoke shoot upward from a burning gasoline truck near Waxahachie, Tex., after it had been involved in a collision with a truck. At least 19 persons, most of them negro construction workers en route to Dallas, were killed. At right is wreckage of second truck and between the two is the body of one of the victims.

Train Wreck Injures 25

LITCHFIELD, Ill., Aug. 7 (AP)—The "Green Diamond" passenger train of the Illinois Central railroad and a freight train collided near here Wednesday, injuring at least 25 persons, none of them seriously. No fatalities were reported.

Dr. G. A. Sibley, Litchfield physician, said he had examined all 25 of the injured at St. Francis hospital and that none was in serious condition. The Green Diamond, bound from

St. Louis to Chicago, and a Burlington railroad freight train collided at Winston tower, two miles south of here, where tracks of the two lines cross diagonally.

The diesel locomotive of the Green Diamond was derailed and damaged, and five coaches were damaged badly. At least six cars of the freight train were overturned.

Car Shortage Easing Seen Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7 (AP)—An eventual easing of the freight car shortage was indicated today following interstate commerce commission action in ordering per diem

rentals increased to \$2 effective October 1.

The "per diem" is paid between railroads and does not affect charges paid by the public for freight services. The increase was ordered on the theory that it will promote faster circulation of cars.

Blast Death Trial On

SANTA ANA, Calif., Aug. 7 (AP)—George Gollum had the keys to Mrs. Beulah Overell's bedroom and searched the room the second day after the yacht deaths of Mrs. Overell and her financier-husband, a neighbor testified Wednesday.

The same witness declared, over strong defense objections, that Gollum and his girl friend, Louise Overell, were laughing in the living room the same day.

Prosecution efforts to get into evidence the observations of Mrs. Herbert Van Zwoil, socialite neighbor of Walter Overell and his wife for six years, met almost constant opposition from attorneys defending Gollum, 21, and the 18-year-old heiress on murder charges.

Mrs. Van Zwoil testified that Louise asked her to spend the night in the Overell home March 16. The Overells died at midnight March 15. She testified that she awoke about 6 a. m. to see Gollum unlocking the door and entering Mrs. Overell's modernistic bedroom.

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Ex-GI's Planning Horseback Trip

CLEVELAND, Aug. 7 (AP)—Three former soldiers from nearby Bedford were embarked on a 3,000-mile horseback trek today that they hoped would lead them to Miles City, Mont., and back.

The trio, Glenn Selby, 30; William Wares, 23; and Austin Lemon, 26, set out from nearby Berea yesterday. They hoped to average 30 miles a day and reach Miles City in two and a half months.

In addition to sightseeing, they declared they intended to test the performance of their Western saddle horses.

The mounts were weighed before they left and will be weighed again on their return.

Superforts Make Training Flight

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 7 (AP)—Seventeen B-29 Superfortresses set down on Elmendorf field yesterday some 15 hours after taking off from

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Fort Worth, Tex., on a non-stop flight to Anchorage.

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