

HIGHWAYS CLOSED BY HEAVY RAINS

Western North Carolina Roads Hard Hit; Nine Routes Blocked

RALEIGH, Aug. 13.—(AP)—High water in western North Carolina streams today cut off Asheville from the rest of the state except for one route—U. S. 19 and 23—leading from the west.

Highway officials here said travelers from the east desiring to reach the Buncombe county capital must take state route 104 near Marion and the federal highway near Mcaville.

Vance Baise, chief highway engineer, left here shortly after noon for the western part of the state to inspect the damage.

High water closed U. S. 74 at Exit Cave, near Asheville, and near Old Fort, it was reported, six feet of water swept through a railway tunnel and washed out 70 in two places. A bridge on the same route was said to be under two feet of water near Black Mountain.

Also in the Black Mountain region a steel bridge on an "important" county road was said to have been out. U. S. 25 near Hendersonville was under water, and nearby, U. S. 64 was washed out. The Canton-Waynesville road was under water.

At noon Baise was notified that at least one bridge had washed out on Route 64 in the Toxaway area.

Route 70 at Old Fort was under water at noon and near Ridgecrest a heavy slide also blocked that route.

The flood gates at Lake Lure were opened during the morning and the swirling waters were causing heavy erosion on Route 74 but it was still open to traffic at midday.

Baise listed the following routes as closed to traffic before noon: 194 at Newland; 110 near Woodrow; 191 at Mills River, with detour; 192 at Spruce Pine; 193 at Elk Shoals near Spruce Pine; 194 and 23 east of Canton; 276 at Casar's Head; 64 between Brevard and Hendersonville; 64 between Toxaway and Cashiers; and 24 at Biltmore.

Baise said worst conditions were reported in Henderson, Transylvania, Avery and Buncombe counties.

The Raleigh weather bureau had no reports of any floods and said scattered showers were forecast for the state generally.

New French Tribunal Receives War Charges

RIOM, France, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The new supreme court of France received today the Pétain government's general indictment of those persons whom it accuses of leading France, unprepared, into war.

These were secret preliminary proceedings, but the charges were reported to cover both civil and military responsibilities. There are clear indications that two principal figures will be Edouard Daladier, the premier who declared war on Germany, and Maurice Gustave Gamelin, the former generalissimo.

Flying time for a bomber between LeHavre, French channel port, and England is 21 minutes. Time from Calais to England is six minutes.

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In Hollywood

BY PAUL HARRISON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD — Behind the screen: Authentic news is lacking about that long conference between Edsel Ford and Louis B. Mayer. I know that Metro has been figuring on a film biography of Henry Ford. Hollywood prefers to believe, though, that Mayer was asking whether the Dearborn manufacturer could turn out a thousand Mickey Roonneys.

A suburban theater, long closed for remodeling, has resumed operations with a particularly unfortunate billing on its marquee. The picture is "Opened by Mistake," a warning to the Warners: You'd better begin taking precautions now against the double-billing of "Opened by Mistake" with Betty Davis' new picture, "The Letter."

Maurice Chevalier seems to have lost every franc from his long and thrifty saving, and Italians now are enjoying his Hollywoodish villa at Nice. But he'll find plenty of new chances in American pictures. Herbert Wilcox wants him to co-star with Anna Neagle in "No, No, Nanette."

Most of the finest players, directors and musicians of France will be refusing in this country. Some are coming here on money and low-pay contracts cabled by shrewd talent agents.

The Marx Brothers' picture, "Go West," has been hitting production snags, especially in the budget region. The comedians are so worried about these money troubles that when Harpo took his reg wig out of storage the other day he found a lot of gray hairs in it. . . . Now that Paul Muni has been dismissed by Warners, his beard are being cut down to fit John Garfield.

Paramount bosses are really mad at Don Ameche, who walked out on a picture after being loaned for it by his own studio, and that he'll be sued for about \$175,000 in damages. . . . The western star, Charles Starrett, hopes he has found a way to get out of horse-opera into heavier drama. He bought Rockland Stuart's novel, "Iron Men," about an immigrant who becomes a tycoon of Great Lakes commerce, and is peddling it with his own services as the lead.

I wish the Motion Picture Relief Fund would get that home for indigent movie veterans built and occupied. The old-timers of this business, especially the has-beens of the silent era, deserve not only security and comfort but also shelter for their self-respect. Not a week passes in Hollywood now without the engagement of a flock of old stars and featured players for some new movie. Their parts may be only one-day atmosphere bits, for \$8 or \$10, but there always are stories about how these oldsters, broke and discouraged, have been rescued from obscurity and a re-bein: given chances for a comeback. It's cruel exploitation.

Casting about: Bob Hope, back from that record-smashing personal appearance swing on which a million fans saw him, is Samuel Goldwyn's choice as the star in a re-take of "Whoopie," done in 1930 which also will make Jesse Lasky's reentry in production. . . . John Barrymore has pushed back his stage tour with Elaine and remains at 20th-Fox for "Falling Star." . . . "Nice Girl" is the title for Deanna Durbin's flicker in the autumn. Incidentally, her producer, Joe Pasternak, has been conferring with the George Temple and lurching with Shirley. . . . Betty Davis will be loaned to Goldwyn for Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," but not until next year.

Mike Curtiz recently got an impudent communication from a stranger, and by registered mail. It began with criticism of his direction and ended with a request for \$55. Curtiz was furious. He said, "Next time I read a letter like this, I won't even open it!"

18-YEAR-OLD GOLFER
READING, Pa.—(AP)—Maybe a golf champion is born—not made. Johnny Markel, Pennsylvania's interscholastic champion for two years didn't take any chances on mere natural ability. He's been practicing since he was 18 months old.

Markel, now 18 and a senior next year at Reading High School, ranks with the best of Pennsylvania's amateur players. Winner of numerous invitation tournaments, the youthful Reading shot-maker topped his achievements by winning the central Pennsylvania amateur championship, the youngest winner in the event's 21-year history.

Markel's father, Harry, is professional at the Berkshire country club. Johnny won his first title, the Berks county junior championship, two years ago.

Washout Causes Train Deraiment At Toccoa

TOCCOA, Ga., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A Pullman car and a baggage car of a Washington-to-Atlanta train were derailed early today on the city outskirts as a result of a washout.

Southern railway officials asserted no one was hurt. They said more than 7 inches of rain within the last twenty-four hours washed out a culvert.

The train was delayed about two hours.

Equipment for storing fresh-frosted foods in home basement lockers has been developed by the refrigeration industry.

More than 40 per cent of the workers in the women's and children's apparel industry are employed in New York state.

U. S. ADMIRAL IS SHANGHAI-BOUND

To Probe Reports Japs To Take Over British Defenses

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Admiral Thomas Charles Hart, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, was reported tonight to be making a hurried, unscheduled trip to Shanghai from Tsingtao in connection with conditions arising from Britain's decision to withdraw her troops from Shanghai.

It was understood he was to investigate reports that the Japanese are planning to take over the British defense sector in the most important sections of the International Settlement as soon as the British leave.

Admiral Hart will become the senior foreign officer present and such is expected to preside over a meeting of heads of the foreign Shanghai defense forces Thursday in which allotment of the British zone will be considered.

Hart has been at Tsingtao, North China port, regular summer station of the United States naval forces in the Orient.

The admiral will outrank Rear-Admiral Moriji Takeda, commander of the local Japanese naval garrison, who otherwise would have been senior officer as soon as the major general commanding British troops here had left.

'Archies' Flop

BY PAUL MANNING
NEA Service Staff Correspondent
LONDON—Anti-aircraft defense has been a big disappointment in this war.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities in September, 1939, many military experts and army officers predicted that the A gun, because it had made such remarkable strides in firing accuracy since 1917, would sweep the skies of many planes in any future war.

Legends were built up about the ability of the guns, firing automatically, to score direct hits on targets traveling more than 200 miles per hour.

Germany officers wrote articles for military journals in which they said in all sincerity that an airplane which attempted to pass the ring of AA guns surrounding Berlin, Hamburg, Essen and other points would be annihilated.

France circled Paris with anti-aircraft batteries, complete with searchlights and sound detectors, and felt secure against air attack. Britain scattered AA guns around the countryside in September and waited.

ONLY SEVEN NAZI PLANES DOWNED
Eventually German bombers roared over Paris and London, British planes clamly flew over Berlin. Anti-aircraft fire proved ineffectual.

And thus far in the defense of England, of the 200 bombers which have been brought down, anti-aircraft fire has accounted for only seven—all during the month of July.

Despite this record, AA guns will play an increasingly important part in Britain's defense. For German pilots, bombing during July with a greater intensity as the invasion of England entered its first stage, know that direct hits on docks, factories, and airfields can only be scored by low, diving attacks.

Planes, like AA guns, can hit what they can see. But both must have their target well spotted.

One big lesson British AA strategists have learned is that a defended zone must be literally ringed with guns. Surrounding a city or air field with a few is no good. A screen of shells, completely covering an area and exploding up to 15,000-foot altitudes, is the only real anti-aircraft defense. London probably the safest city in England from this viewpoint.

For every square yard of sky over the city is covered either with an anti-aircraft gun or a balloon.

The pom-pom, the Swedish Bofors, the machine gun, the three-inch, the 3.7 and the 4.5 are the guns of England's anti-aircraft defense.

Britain To Get 1,300 U. S. Planes Monthly By Late 1941

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Arthur B. Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, disclosed today that the United States had offered to supply the British with between 1,300 and 1,400 of the 3,000 planes monthly they had requested. Delivery of the planes, however, would not start before "late 1940," he added.

Purvis said this smaller program had been suggested by William S. Knudsen of the defense commission. The British wanted the larger number starting next January, but Knudsen suggested that they plan on a smaller number beginning "late in 1941."

Purvis said the proposals were still in the study stage. He could not predict what eventual arrangements might be made. He likewise declined to say how many planes would be delivered under existing contracts.

He said he was here to discuss the matter with officials and also to introduce Charles Richard Fairey, noted British yachtsman and airplane manufacturer, who has come here to assist in the purchasing program.

Medical Care

By LOGAN CLENDENING, M. D.
Food, clothing, bathing, exercise and recreation—these are the pillars of health for the youngster's second and third summers. Those were the traditionally dangerous summers, but improvements in our knowledge of hygiene, and in the preparation of food have changed that tradition.

Common sense has also come to the rescue, especially in the matter of clothing for summer. Indeed it applies to the older generation. I expect to see the time when it will be just as unusual during our American summers to see a man with a coat on as to see him with an overcoat. And shirts cut low and open at the neck instead of four folds of linen plus necktie! It is astonishing to remember that the sight of a little top with just a sarong or a pair of shorts as clothing would have been considered shocking not so long ago.

Aid To The Feet
Going bare footed makes for strong feet later on.

Screens, electric fans, refrigerators, air conditioning, shower baths, swimming pools, public parks, escape to the country in the automobile—all these are hot weather aids our grandfathers knew nothing about.

The "second summer" was considered dangerous because the wearing had been accomplished and the menace of contaminated milk and other foods was ever present. But now no longer, with proper milk inspection. And more often than before with this heat and here probably the greatest safeguard of modern life has been instituted in the Public Health inspection of clean milk. I will discuss milk as a summer beverage in another article this week. It should be emphasized, however, that one of the great advances in our experience of infant feeding is that milk alone is not a sufficient or ideal food. It lacks iron for one thing and it has been found that properly pureed vegetables in addition to milk make for better nutrition.

Feeding Adjustments
The individual infant or young child has individual feeding needs, especially in hot weather and it is necessary to make periodic adjustments to meet special conditions. A leaner mixture and less for the same performance is a good rule for the human organism well as the motor of your car when the air is hot.

Modern industry has solved the problem of food supply and made it simple to take the baby or youngster along on short summer outings. Evaporated milk and pureed vegetables can be carried in their original cans, and clean cool water in a vacuum bottle.

With correct supervision the summer more than any other season of the year offers opportunity for physical development through exercise. A wash tub full of water in the back yard is a private pool for practical purposes and just as good as the ocean.

In Washington

By BRUCE CATTON
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WASHINGTON.—Administration political leaders are casting an anxious eye at Chicago these days, trying to determine whether the big Keep America Out of War rally may not result in an organized effort to swing isolationist sentiment to support of Wendell Willkie.

The meeting, at which the names of Senator Bennett Clark and Charles A. Lindbergh were stellar drawing cards, germinated in a local council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was an effort to bring together all elements wanting to assure non-involvement in the European war. Included are such diverse supporters as the V.F.W., Disabled American Veterans, League of American Mothers, Daughters of 1812, Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, Catholic Daughters of America, United Spanish War Veterans, with distinct cordiality, if not official support, from Labor's Non-Partisan League, Father Coughlin, and the Communist Party, and various peace and church organizations.

Some 300 organizations have been listed as supporters of the Keep Out of War rally. These very diverse elements have in common only the feeling that America must not go to war. But if they could be persuaded that Willkie fills that bill better than Roosevelt, they might bear worthwhile weight on the political scene.

POLITICAL ANGLE IS DENIED
Capt. William Green Grace, 33d Division World War veteran, who introduced the original resolution for the rally in his V.F.W. post,

RALEIGH BRIEFS

STAR NEWS BUREAU
SIR WALTER HOTEL
BY HENRY AVERILL

RALEIGH, Aug. 13.—Vacation's over and it's back to the daily grind—which after all isn't as bad as it might be. The taking off is fine and the mulling around is all right, but after all the home bed and even the office typewriter looked mightily good when your reporter came back.

Despite repeated efforts to remain strictly aloof from "shop" during the two weeks off, your reporter weakened on numerous occasions and did a bit of political investigating in parts visited.

For instance, while in northern Virginia, there was a meeting of the Orange county Young Democratic club. Your Raleigh correspondent attended as the guest of his nephew, the YDC club president, Orange is a strictly rural county, in the district of Howard Smith, rabid anti-Labor Board and anti-New Deal congressman. There wasn't evident any rip, roaring enthusiasm for Roosevelt, but it was the consensus that the democratic national ticket will win in Virginia without much trouble.

Then there were several western North Carolina counties, in which the republicans are beginning to show more than ordinary pep but even in those parts there seemed no real idea that Wilkie can carry North Carolina.

In east Tennessee—Gatlingburg, to be specific—there was a restaurant keeper who answered your reporter's "What do you think of Roosevelt for a third term?" "Hell, I never thought anything of him for a first term."

This same hard-bitten Volunteer

ICC Grants Petition Of Norfolk-Southern

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission today authorized the Norfolk-Southern railroad to abandon about 68 miles of its Suffolk and Carolina division and to sell its Norfolk terminals to the Virginian railway.

The order authorized abandonment of 47.4 miles of line from near Suffolk, Va., to Edenton, N. C., and 20.25 miles from Beckford junction to Elizabeth City, N. C.

The Virginian railway has agreed to pay \$65,000 for the Suffolk terminals.

Cudahy Reaches N. Y. But Is Mum On War

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—John Cudahy, United States ambassador to Belgium, who was reprimanded by the State department last week for expressing his views on the Belgian situation, returned today on the Dixie Clipper, under instruction, he said, "not to talk at this time."

Asked if he had criticized the American army he replied, "I was a member of the American army myself, and when I criticize the American army I criticize my own army."

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