

Col. Roosevelt.

July 25th
1939.

WEATHER

Oyster Bay, Col. Roosevelt, Sunoco. Tuesday, July 25, 1939.
(Col. Roosevelt.)

yes. The weather report is still news - ^{it is bad} ~~and not good~~ news
either. ~~Throughout~~ Throughout the east, heat ~~and~~ drought prevail,
although a few showers are reported here and there - ~~more brief~~
thundershowers ^{what we need is a soaking rain} that do little good. The story is graphically told
by the rivers, the streams on which people depend for moisture
and watersupply.

In New England, rivers, lakes and brooks are at their
lowest levels in years. The Connecticut River is so low that
oil tankers ^{are} ~~were~~ able to navigate only at high tide. At
Philadelphia, the Schuylkill River is two feet below normal.
The Susquehanna is ^{at} ~~near~~ an eight year low. The Delaware River
has dwindled to a trickle along its upper reaches - ~~where it~~
^{any of you who like me are trout fishermen}
~~flows through coal mining communities.~~
^{know what that means to the trout}
The stories of the rivers is a clue to widespread crop
destruction. In the Connecticut Valley the drought has ^{cut} ~~reduced~~
crops by more than fifty per cent, and a fifty per cent damage to
corn and oats is reported in northwestern Pennsylvania. ^{Right at home} Long
Island potatoes are so hard hit by the dryness, that many farmers
have plowed up their fields - not even attempting to harvest a

crop. Up-state New York reports that pastures are being burned brown to such an extent that the milk supply is rapidly declining - ~~for~~ cows to give milk need green pastures.

The ~~farm~~ farmers have suffered desperately

In New York the report is that the great system of parks has been damaged to the extent of two hundred thousand dollars.

This afternoon ^{as} I sat ~~looking over the news, it was so~~ ~~warm and sweltering that~~ I started thinking of people whose jobs

must be the worst in hot weather. I thought for example of chefs and cooks working in the heat of kitchens in big hotels and

restaurants. How warm they must be! . No, not always. *A friend* I happened

of mine since was day to be told this by a number one hotel man, General Leslie Kincaid

of the American Hotels Corporation. *told me* ~~he~~ said they've installed air

cooling in hotel kitchens, as in New York's Hotel Bryant. Air

cooling and a system of blowing out the heat from the stoves.

So the chefs work in coolness and comfort - the kitchen quite a

comfortable place.

*But how about the poor house
wives. They're suffering*

~~So I couldn't think - pity the poor chef. But I could~~

~~think - pity the poor pretty fashion model.~~ A friend of mine tells

me that he was talking to one of New York's smartest fashion models,

named Victoria Grey. And she said that this afternoon she was modeling fur coats, would spend hours posing in great coats of heavy expensive fur. This - in a badly ventilated showroom in a loft building. And ~~the~~ fashion model Victoria Grey tells how the girls' feet grow heavy and their heads grow light - wearing coats of fox fur during the dog days.

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BOMBER

I remember the days when the Wright brothers took their first flight at Fort Myer near Washington.

The flying fortresses are the pride of the United States Air Corps, and today one of those giant bombers achieved a proud performance. It established a speed record over a triangular course which the army has established as a standard test. The points of the ~~triangular~~ triangle are Langley Field, Virginia, Bolling Field, Washington, and Floyd Bennett Field, New York. The flying fortress went winging over that course twice, without stopping. It flew with full military load. The purpose of the test was to see how fast the flying fortresses can make the trip under wartime conditions.

Today's record-breaking speed was two hundred and nine-tenths miles an hour. The first trip around the triangle was faster than that - two hundred and four miles an hour. But the second time Floyd Bennett Field was shrouded in fog, and in order to identify it the flying fortress had to circle it five times and descend nine hundred feet. That slowed down the average time for both trips to two hundred and nine-tenths miles an hour.

A record - the previous mark was a hundred and ninety-one and seven-tenths miles an hour. They're big, those giants of the bombing class - and they're fast.

LOST BOY

I'm a keen boy Scout. I've been on the nat. Com. for nearly 20 years. An Arthur Thomas is a ~~keen~~ strong believer in Scouts and always helps. Today high on a mountain in Maine a boy was found, a

twelve year old lad who had been missing for nine days. It was on July Seventeenth that Donn Fendler, a Boy Scout, went out on a hiking party and became separated from his fellow hikers, away up on Mount Katahdin, which is a mile high. And then began a hunt for the missing boy - the greatest manhunt Maine has ever known. Day after day five hundred woodsmen, National Guardsmen, forest rangers and game wardens searched the wooded slopes of the mountain. They searched in vain. They had just about lost hope. They thought the lad must surely have perished from hunger, from the cold high up on the mountain and from the peril of treacherous cliffs and chasms.

Today Nelson McMorris, a guide who operates nearby camps, heard some distant shouting - "a boy hollering across the East Branch River", as he puts it. "I crossed the stream in a canoe," he tells the story, "and came upon the lad on the opposite bank. He was pretty badly scratched and didn't have on a stitch of clothing. "e had a sore on one side," the guide continues, "and : I guess that was caused by his ~~slippi~~ sleeping out on the

ground so much. He was pretty weak. He said he had kept going by eating berries."

The good news was quickly relayed to the Boy Scout's father. The father is in a hospital. He was injured in the frantic search for his son.

*We'll he may have got lost but
he was a scout enough*

SPENDING

The Senate was informed today that it would have to do something about the spending and lending bill before adjourning. This notice was served by Administration leader Senator Barclay. The new two billion, four-hundred-and-ninety million-dollar bill is tangled in a legislative snarl that threatens to postpone it. And this moves Senator Barclay to declare that there must be Senate action before adjournment.

If it's as hot as I've known it to be in Washington it will etc

HITLER

There's a story from Warsaw that Hitler is suffering a nervous breakdown. This is promptly denied in Berlin. The Warsaw report declares that a prominent refugee doctor from Vienna, a famous neurologist, was offered a huge fee to go to Berchtesgaten and treat Hitler. The refugee neurologist is said to have refused.

The account relates that strain and overwork during April and May have caused the Hitler breakdown. He is said to have accused his closest co-workers of misdoing, and got so excited about it that he fell ^{down} ~~on his nose~~. Hitler suffering from severe nervous shock - that's the Warsaw story which Berlin calls "malicious nonsense!"

RUSSIA

There's word from London that Great Britain intends to send high ranking army and navy officers to Moscow - these military and naval big-wigs ^{will confer} ~~to confer~~ with the chiefs of the Red army and Soviet fleet. They will negotiate a military convention between Great Britain, Soviet Russia, and France - draft formal plans for a possible war with Germany.

This military visit, they say, is likely to speed up the negotiations for a British-French-Soviet anti-aggression treaty - though you'd think they would have the treaty first and then make the military arrangements.

SPAIN

Spanish rumors continue to buzz - rumors of dissension in the Franco regime, quarrels between ^{the} Fascist Falange on one side and the army chiefs and the royalists on the other.

The Falange is under Fascist Italian hands, and the purpose is to establish a rigid Fascist regime in Franco's Spain. The army chiefs and royalists don't want anything so drastic.

Prominent army commanders, Franco heroes of the Civil War, have been removed from their posts in Franco disfavor, even under arrest. One of them - Queipo De Llano, the radio general of Civil War fame.

Such are the rumors which today were denied by Radio General Queipo De Llano. He made a public statement today, declaring that he had left his army post to take a high diplomatic position - an ambassadorship. He didn't say to what country, but the report is - Argentina.

FAR EAST

In the Far East, we hear that the Japanese are going to extend their blockade tactics to British concessions on the South China coast. This - following the Japanese-British agreement concerning the Japanese blockade of the British concession at Tientsin, an agreement described as a British back-down.

An extension of Japanese blockade tactics towards the south will closely involve ^{our} American interests, which have not been directly affected by Tientsin.

POPE

In Rome Pope Pius continues to throw the moral force of the Catholic Church against the makers of war, against aggression, against the use of force. His latest declaration was made to a significant personality - the new Polish Ambassador to the Vatican. With the Catholic Polish nation threatened by German Nazi ambition, the relations of Warsaw and the Vatican are most significant. And here's a telling phrase that the Roman Pontiff spoke as the new Polish Ambassador presented his credentials. Pope Pius denounced the militaristic tendency, which he described in these words - "to attribute to physical force an undeserving and destructive priority over the sacred ideas of right."

~~That he spoke with precision and solemnity.~~