

WEATHER.

(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Local showers probable tonight and tomorrow, not quite so warm tomorrow afternoon, cooler Sunday; gentle winds. Temperatures today—Highest, 94, at 2 p.m.; lowest, 74, at 5 a.m.
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FRIENDS PUSH COURT BILL, BUT ROOSEVELT NOTE STIRS FRICTION

Senators Rally President Leads Officialdom to Barkley Appeal.

WHITE HOUSE INFLUENCE HIT

Harrison Backers See Effort to Name Leader.

BACKGROUND—
Presidential proposal to reorganize Federal judiciary has provided bitterest controversy within Democratic party since it took over administration, in 1933.
In face of open hostility, leadership submitted compromise proposal recently, and debate was under way when Senator Robinson died this week. Speculation on chances of abandoning plan, for present session at least, arose immediately, but was dispelled by President's letter yesterday.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN.

Administration forces in the Senate, rallying in response to President Roosevelt's letter to Senator Barkley of Kentucky, today planned to drive ahead with the compromise court bill when the Senate meets next Tuesday.

Among the opposition Senators, the Barkley letter aroused great resentment. Indications were the contest over the bill will increase the bitterness rather than diminish it.

Emmeshed in the fight is the contest for a Democratic leader to succeed the late Senator Robinson of Arkansas. The President's letter, written to Barkley as acting leader, was interpreted by those supporting Senator Harrison of Mississippi for leader, as an attempt to throw the influence of the White House back of the Barkley candidacy.

Prospects are for an early showdown in the Democratic leadership situation. It is expected that Senator Barkley will call a meeting of the Democratic caucus of the Senate next Wednesday, the day after the Senate reconvenes.

While the administration forces plan to go ahead with consideration of the court bill—which is still the unfinished business of the Senate—there is a possibility that the Senate will consider Mr. Roosevelt's veto of the farm loan interest rate bill. The House passed this measure over his veto Tuesday.

The President's demand that court reform legislation be enacted at the present session of Congress has stirred up a hornet's nest in Capitol Hill.

Bitterly Assailed.

"The President's letter was altogether out of place," declared Senator Burke, Democrat, of Nebraska, a leader of the court bill opposition. The President's suggestion in the Barkley letter that "I find that advantage is being taken of what, in all decency, should be a period of mourning," particularly was resented by the opposition. They charged that the

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U. S. SHIPS AWAITED BY STRIKE-BOUND

Coast Guard Vessels Asked to Transport Residents From Massachusetts Islands.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BOSTON, July 16.—Gov. Charles F. Hurley awaited action today on his request for Coast Guard vessels to supply transportation between Massachusetts and the island resorts of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, where an estimated 45,000 persons are strike-bound.

The Governor sent telegraphic appeals to President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, in charge of the Coast Guard, when a 10-hour conference between officials of the New England Steamship Co. and representatives of striking crews ended in a deadlock.

Further attempts toward settlement of the strike, now entering its fourth day, will be made today in the State House office of James T. Moriarty, State Commissioner of Labor and Industries. Demands for wage increases are the chief obstacle to settlement.

Hurley said he was unable to comply with an appeal by Nantucket seamen that he order the State to take over operation of the steamship line because the property is under Federal Court control.

State Representative Joseph A. Sylvia, Republican, of Martha's Vineyard, estimated Nantucket's present population at about 10,000 and Martha's Vineyard at 35,000.

Judge Mack Denies Roosevelt to Run For a Third Term

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Judge John E. Mack of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who twice nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for President, said today the Chief Executive would not run for a third term.

"The next Democratic presidential nominee," Mack told reporters, "will not be Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Mack is a lifelong friend and neighbor of the President. He was here today for a National Labor Relations Board hearing.

President Leads Officialdom In Paying Robinson Tribute

Representatives of Other Nations Join in Rites in Senate—73 Congressmen to Go to Little Rock.

In the presence of President Roosevelt and high officials of this and other governments the Senate today paid a last impressive tribute to Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, majority leader, whose death interrupted one of the hardest fought parliamentary battles of recent years, over the Supreme Court bill.

The simplicity of the services, which lasted less than an hour, added to the solemnity of the scene. There was no eulogy of glowing tributes, but an earnest offering of prayer, while the distinguished assemblage of lawmakers and dignitaries bowed their heads.

In the same chamber where but a few days ago Senator Robinson's voice was raised in vigorous defense of the administration's court plan, there was gathered today all of the leading figures in that legislative battle. But today they were united in their sorrow and regret at the passing of a man they respected and liked, regardless of party lines or legislative viewpoints.

The dead leader's massive silver casket, almost hidden by wreaths, occupied the center of the hall. An arm's length away stood the empty chair Robinson had used during the last of his 24 years in the Senate.

Special seats flanking the bier were occupied by his immediate relatives. The widow wept as Rev. Zebarney T. Phillips, Senate chaplain, intoned the century-old Episcopal service. "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

The gray-haired minister intoned a few verses from the Gospel of St. John—"In My Father's house are many mansions."

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N. L. R. B. ACCUSES REPUBLIC STEEL

Unfair Labor Practices in Recent Strikes Are Charged.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The Labor Relations Board charged the Republic Steel Corp. today with a long list of "unfair labor practices" before and during the recent steel strike.

The board ordered a hearing here Wednesday on its complaint, which covered only the company's Ohio plants.

First item of the board's complaint was its allegation that the company discharged 75 employees for joining the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, subsidiary of the John L. Lewis Company, for Industrial Organization. Other workers were threatened with discharge, the board said.

"Lockout" Charged.
It added that Massillon and Canton employees were "locked out" as a result of union activity.

The company also was charged with "maintenance of extensive arsenals" at the Youngstown, Niles, Warren, Canton and Cleveland plants "for the purpose of interfering with, restraining and coercing its employees at said plants in the exercise of their right to self-organization."

Police Force Increased.
The steel firm had increased its police forces at the time of the strike, the board said, "for the purpose of interfering with the rights of its employees peacefully to picket the plants."

The board's complaint, presenting the charges of Wagner act violations, was issued after an investigation which resulted from the filing of complaints against Republic Steel by the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee.

Financial Aid Charged.
The board charged the company with contributing financial support to and dominating labor organizations at five of its plants.

It named these as the Employees' Representation Plan and Employees' Independent Association at Warren, the Plan of Employees' Representation (Central Alloy District, Canton Works), Employees' Representative Association and Plan of Representation of Employees at Canton, the Employees' Representative Plan and Employees' Representative Association at Massillon, the Employees' Independent Plan at Cleveland and the Employees' Representative Plan and the Independent Federation of Republic Employees at Youngstown.

The board listed the discharges as 43 in Youngstown, 18 in Cleveland, four in Massillon, nine in Canton and one in Warren.

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FATALLY WOUNDED PHYSICIAN DIES WITH LIPS SEALED

Dr. G. W. Webster of Providence Promised to Tell About Shooting.

HIT BY TWO BULLETS AT DOOR OF HOME

Crawls to Phone to Call Aid. Finding of Cash Discredits Robbery Motive.

By the Associated Press.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 16.—A fashionable homeopathic obstetrician, Dr. George W. Webster, died today on the operating table of a hospital here, his lips sealed on the mysterious circumstances surrounding his shooting in the early hours of the morning.

As police hurried to his home, summoned by the doctor who crawled mortally wounded through two rooms to a telephone, Patrolman Charles H. McNamara reported the physician told him:

"Don't look for clues now. Get me to a hospital. I'll tell you about the shooting later."

Questioned shortly after by Detective Raymond Fenner, who asked who shot him, the doctor again replied: "I don't know. Get me to a hospital."

Dies Without Talking.
But at the hospital he died without opening his lips.

He was struck down by two pistol bullets, one in the stomach, the other in the shoulder. A third shot went wide.

Fenner, examining the abdominal wound in the doctor's own house, said Dr. Webster could tell him:

"That one has gone through the liver."

Police officials said they were without a single tangible clue to the mysterious shooting.

Dr. Ralph Purvine of Rhode Island Hospital, ambulance surgeon, said Dr. Webster told him that it was an attempted robbery.

The police found \$300, however, in the physician's clothing.

Deputy Supt. James Cusick of the detective division theorized that the man who shot Dr. Webster followed him into the front vestibule after the physician had unlocked the door and that when he heard a noise, the physician turned around.

There were no signs of struggle, Cusick said, and apparently the assailant fled at once.

Although he said Dr. Webster said the man then ran through the house and escaped, there was no sign of disorder in the house, and a back door was shut when police arrived.

Fingerprint experts sought clues this morning, but were forced to discard as worthless two empty glasses and a whisky bottle on a kitchen shelf. Neither had been used for some time.

Visited Store Near Home.
Cusick said it had been learned Dr. Webster had been at a consultation in Jamestown, R. I., last night, and before going home, visited a drug store near his office.

Two persons with him during the evening were taken into custody for questioning, but Cusick said they were to be questioned about the doctor's movements and were not connected with the actual shooting.

Dr. Webster's wife and children were at Watch Hill, R. I., at his Summer home. The physician was a son of Dr. Samuel Webster, health superintendent at Westerly and was past president of the Rhode Island Medical Society. He was 39 years old.

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