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FORECAST: Local thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight; partly cloudy tomorrow; much cooler.

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GRIM EVEREST ASCENT BEGUN BY BRITISHERS

Daring Pair Launches Final
Assault on Peak Never
Reached by Man.

FIGHT GALES AND SNOW

Start Slow, Painful Climb
in Race Against Time
and Death.

By United Press
LONDON, June 2.—A tiny group of men struggled upward today in Arctic cold, through howling winds and driving snow in a race to reach the top of the world—Mt. Everest, the majestic peak that dominates the Himalayas on the Tibetan-Indian frontier.

It was a race against time and death, against the demons who, the natives believe, are waiting on the summit to destroy any man who dares to violate this last sanctuary of nature.

Dispatches from India reported in fragmentary form the final assault for this year of the Sixth British Everest Expedition, led by the veteran Hugh Rutledge—who, because of his age, 51, must step aside at the last moment to let two younger men try to climb the final slopes.

Months of Preparation

For months the expedition has been preparing for the final assault, and for weeks the members have been establishing camp after camp on the steep, dangerous wind-swept sides of the mountain.

It is humanly possible to climb Everest only for a period of a few weeks at this time of year. It is a delicate matter of choice of the right day, between the subsidence of the northwest gales and the arrival of the southwest monsoon winds from the sea which will melt the snow and start avalanches of terrific size.

The monsoon arrived dishearteningly this year. But dispatches today said there had been a lull and that a strong northwest wind was blowing the snow from the upper levels in great sheets, to provide a surface sufficiently good for climbing.

Monsoon Lull Is Signal

As soon as the monsoon lull was noted, leaders ordered an immediate advance up the East Rongbuk Valley glacier for the final assault on the peak.

It is a matter of six days or so of getting from the lowest camp, established at 18,000 feet, to the highest at about 27,000 feet.

Only two men are expected to go to the highest camp—No. 7. From there they will try to work their way up the remaining heights to the summit, now calculated by some trigonometrical calculations at 28,141 feet as against the old figure of 29,001—which, however, remains the official one.

Carry Oxygen Equipment

They will have oxygen equipment to permit them to breathe, but the experience of past expeditions left no doubt that, though all their clothing and equipment is the best obtainable, the will face a test of courage and fortitude such as is provided by no other formal adventure in the world.

Latest reports from India are that Eric Shipton, 28, and F. S. Smythe, 35, will make the attempt this year. This is their fourth Everest expedition. They reached 28,000 feet in 1933 and could go no higher.

If they reach the summit they can stay no longer than 20 minutes or so if they hope to get down again.

Whoever makes the attempt will have to crawl painfully up the last 100 feet, the wind seeking to blow them aside, the temperature dropping to minus degrees, the cold biting at their vitals, the dryness of the air parching their throats, the altitude, as previous climbers have reported, lessening their resolution and almost their sanity with every exhaustive step; and they may reach the summit and find they can not force themselves to try to get down again.

MAYOR REQUESTS NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Present Gamewell Set up Obsolete
He Tells Safety Board.

Mayor Kern today called attention to the city's need for a new fire alarm system and asked the Safety Board to study methods of financing its installation.

The mayor and representatives of the Electric Control Corp., Chicago, met with the board in a closed session today. It was explained that a new system would cost more than \$90,000.

The present fire alarm equipment is obsolete, Mayor Kern said.

COURT RELEASES FUNDS

Authorizes \$5582.73 Payment to Savings and Loan Creditors.

Superior Court Judge Herbert E. Wilson today authorized payment of a 30 per cent dividend to creditors of the Russell Avenue Savings and Loan Association No. 4. Total payment is \$5582.73.

The State Department of Financial Institutions took over the association April 13, 1935.

Peats, Williams Trial Continued

Trial date for Harry Peats and Emmet Joseph Williams, indicted on first degree murder charges in connection with the death of John M. Penny, grocery truck driver, today was continued from June 8 until some time in July.

Screaming Whistles Greet Queen Mary



DAIRYMEN SEE BRIGHT FUTURE

Cattle Industry Outlook
Also Is Optimistic,
Convention Told.

Sounding an optimistic note for the cattle and dairy business as a whole and for Holstein breeders in particular, A. J. Glover, Holstein-Friesian Association of America president, opened the second session of a three-day convention in the Claypool today.

Replying to the welcome delivered by Gov. McNutt, Mr. Glover said:

"This year we find ourselves in better circumstances than at any time in the last four years. Business conditions have improved and there is a splendid demand for cattle. The demand for good stock to supply the market is due in part to breeders having become discouraged during the depression.

"We now have under way a program of testing and herd analysis which never will allow breeders to become discouraged and neglect the best methods of the industry. No (Turn to Page Three)

SENATE VOTES FUND FOR WORK RELIEF

\$1,425,000,000 Provided
for New Deal Program.

By United Press

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Major differences must be settled if it is sent to President Roosevelt for signature.

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As it left the Senate the bill gives Mr. Roosevelt instead of WPA Administrator Hopkins control over distribution of the relief fund.

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