

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 83% Highest temperature yesterday 53 Lowest temperature last night 42 Precipitation for 24 hours .34 Precip. since first of month .644 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 .10.36 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 1.57 Fair.

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FINNS DESTROY TWO RUSSIAN BATTALIONS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
If you are among those who have appeared to be somewhat disappointed by the lack of bloody fighting (except in Poland and Finland), give heed to Winston Churchill's warning to the British people that "rough and violent times lie ahead."

WARs are like their kittens. They have their mild moments, but no one can be sure when they will go on a rampage.
IMPORTANT decision today (Tuesday): The allied supreme war council, meeting in Paris, prepares to give "all moral and MATERIAL aid possible to Finland without weakening their own war with Germany."

THAT is important because giving MATERIAL aid to Finland amounts in substance to GOING TO WAR WITH RUSSIA. Up to now, Britain and France have been ostentatiously polite to Stalin. They have apparently made up their minds that they must fight Russia as well as Germany. If that is true, WATCH ITALY.

THE Graf Spee battle was fought in the western hemisphere. (Continued on page 4)

Messenger Boys' Strike Nears End
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Decision of 300 Western Union workers, on strike here since last Sept. 7, to return to work under a plan proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, was announced today by officials of the CIO American Communications association.

Morgenthau Hits Certificate Plan To Increase Farm Parity Benefits
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau, saying he was opposed to further taxes on consumers, indicated today he was opposed to the proposed "certificate plan" to raise farm parity benefits.

Liberals May Unite in 1940, Ickes Opines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today liberals among the democrats and republicans might call a national convention some time before the 1940 presidential campaign to organize support for whichever party named a liberal to head its ticket.

The decision to call the conference might or might not depend upon whether President Roosevelt decided to try for a third term, Ickes said.

No 3rd Party Planned
The convention, he said, would not be aimed at setting up a third party.

Under questioning, Ickes expressed the belief that it was possible that the democratic party would name a conservative in 1940. Politicians, he said, control the party nominating conventions. His idea, he added, is that there should be a nationwide primary for the selection of president.

War Bulletins
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Italian steamer Comita, 3,685 tons, sank today off Flushing on the southwestern coast of the Netherlands after striking a mine. The Netherlands navy sent vessels to pick up the crew, who took to life boats.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(AP)—D.N.B., the official news agency, announced tonight a German submarine commanded by Lieut. Commander Schultze, which has just returned from its third trip into enemy waters, has sunk a total of 80,380 tons of enemy ships.

Grover B. Hill Named Aide to Secy. Wallace
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Grover B. Hill of Calvesville, Tex., was appointed by President Roosevelt today to be assistant secretary of agriculture in place of Harry L. Brown, who recently resigned to take a position with the TVA.

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Rose Queen



Winner among 300 co-ed contestants for the coveted honor of reigning as queen of the annual tournament of roses at Pasadena, Calif., is Margaret Huntley, 18, above.

Change Made In County Auditing

The Douglas county financial records for 1939 will be checked by a state auditor from the office of the secretary of state, the county court announced today.

F. R. Would Serve Free Soup in Ohio
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—John Owens, head of the Ohio CIO council, said President Roosevelt told him today he was prepared to send army soup kitchens to the state if it becomes necessary to prevent starvation among relief clients.

Garden Valley-to-Umpqua Road Oiling Requested
A petition signed by a large number of residents in the Garden Valley-to-Umpqua district, asking that the Garden Valley road be oiled as a part of the 1940 road program, has been submitted to the county court.

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Drug Racket's Leader Facing Still Penalty

U. S. Jury Convicts Buchalter, Top Man of International Narcotics Ring; Pleas in Other Cases Awaited.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, 42, who will be sentenced January 2 for conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws, still faced today narcotic and bribery charges under which he could be sentenced to a maximum of 164 years in prison and \$180,000 in fines.

Offers No Defense.
Buchalter, once described by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey as "public enemy No. 1" and "the nation's No. 1 industrial racketeer" did not take the stand to defend himself.

Women Used in Traffic.
Kardonek and Schmuckler denied participating in the syndicate's operations. The government maintained that attractive women, in the syndicate's pay, had brought forbidden narcotics into this country in trunks, in several instances. Codebook cablesgrams were used to direct the wide-spread activities.

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Britain Acts To Shield Her Fishing Boats

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain assembled ships and fighting planes today to protect her unarmored North sea fishing fleet as a result of German aerial attacks in which 36 vessels have been bombed, torpedoed or machine-gunned in three days.

Ships, Planes Massed to Halt Nazi Aerial Raids After "Inhuman" Attacks on 35-Vessels in Three Days.
The crews of trawlers engaged in minesweeping and anti-submarine activities will be given a "hardy" bonus, retroactive to the outbreak of the war, it was disclosed by Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty.

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Tanks, Guns, Other Booty Captured; Soviet Replies With Series of Air Raids

Soviet Russia Pours Out Adulation To Stalin on His Sixtieth Birthday

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Soviet Russia celebrated on a scale today the sixtieth birthday of her leader, Joseph Stalin, who was eulogized by the press as "the pillar of hope to the workers of capitalist states."

As his red army legions fought in bitter cold in the invasion of Finland, a new biography of Stalin was published by President Khrushchev, describing him as "a happy man who led one-sixth of the globe to socialism." \* \* \* he now is ready to lead them to communism.

A flood of newspaper articles credited Stalin with many achievements of the soviet union, including the "liberation" of the Ukrainian and White Russian regions from Poland and parts with the Baltic states, but made no mention of Finland.

The radio and newspapers were devoted almost completely to the anniversary. Factories held parties in honor of the unostentatious Georgian, schools displayed exhibits of his life, and he was the subject of lectures at collective farms and other soviet units.

"Mere" Label Attached.
The presidium of the supreme soviet conferred on Comrade Stalin the title of "hero of socialist labor" for his "exceptional services in organizing the bolshevik party, creating the soviet state, building a socialist society in the U. S. S. R., and consolidating the friendship of peoples of the soviet union."

The council of people's commissars resolved to institute in the U. S. S. R. 16 annual prizes of 100,000 rubles each for outstanding work in medicine, law, the sciences, arts and theater, similar prizes for the best inventions and for achievements in military, sciences and scholarship for 4,000 science students.

The newspapers reported that more than 270,000,000 copies of books by Stalin had been printed in almost a score of languages. A considerable reader, he writes in Russian, which he speaks with a Georgian accent.

Soviet newsmen and the radio today ignored the news that American naval planes are being sold to Finland, and no official comment was available.

Aerial Bombs Hit Helsinki, Other Cities

HELSINKI, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The destruction of two Russian battalions and destruction or capture of large quantities of Russian tanks, machine-guns and other weapons in successes along the eastern front were reported today by the Finnish army communique.

A continuation of the Finnish advance in the direction of Salla, on the northeastern front, also was reported. It was in this sector, above the Arctic circle that the Russians previously had claimed their greatest gains.

Twenty tanks were listed as taken or destroyed. In one battle alone, the communique said, the enemy lost 600 killed on the battlefield.

Soviet Planes Retaliate.
HELSINKI, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Russian fliers today bombed a hospital area of Helsinki, attacked towns and villages for 25 miles around and machine-gunned two trains in a day in which Finnish land forces were officially reported to have wiped out two battalions of Russians.

In the land fighting, an army communique said, the Finns either threw back the invaders with heavy losses or continued their own advances and captured or destroyed 20 tanks and a wide variety of arms, ammunition and equipment. Two planes were downed.

Two Russian planes were reported in the day's aerial operations, shot down over Helsinki, where the invaders bombed a hospital dormitory, heavily damaged a school for the blind and struck seven out of 10 other hospital buildings.

Only two persons were injured and none was killed in the Helsinki hospital area, though more than 20 bombs rained upon it, but there were deaths in the attacks.

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Joseph Stalin

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The property was acquired by the county on tax foreclosure. A proposal that the old residence building on the lot be removed and that the land be improved to provide a rest park was proposed by the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The court has agreed to the plan and will specify in the deed, County Judge Morris Bowker reported, that the city may retain use of the land as long as it is devoted to park purposes.

The property was once the home of the late Dr. Ferdinand G. Oehme, a pioneer Roseburg physician and floriculturist.

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Brazil has proposed that warships fleeing to Pan-American ports be automatically interned.

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