

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 54%
Highest temperature yesterday 71
Lowest temperature last night 55
Precipitation for last 24 hours .30
Precip. since first of month .30
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 .31.56
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 .35
Partly Cloudy and Cooler.

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WE ARE IN

This may be the war announcement from Italy any day next week. If and when it comes, you'll see it promptly chronicled in your home-city daily, the NEWS-REVIEW, in conformity with its accurate service on war developments.

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BRITISH FLAGSHIP NELSON SUNK, NAZIS SAY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
If you've had the not uncommon idea that all the great battles are in the history books, forget it. You're watching one of the world's great battles now—perhaps the greatest of all.

PICKETT'S charge at Gettysburg, the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava—these and other heroic episodes of the past may be re-enacted at any moment by the French in a determined effort to relieve their harried comrades in arms in Belgium.

The stand of the Old Guard at Waterloo is being re-enacted before our eyes in Belgium today. (Wednesday.)

HISTORY doesn't stand still. It is a moving story. Only human nature, unbelievably heroic in some of its aspects and unbelievably narrow and selfish and cruel in some of its others, remains relatively unchanged.

TODAY the world seems centered in Belgium and northern France. It comes as an actual shock to most of us to learn that Narvik, up in the Arctic circle tip of Norway, has been captured by the British.

We had almost forgotten that Narvik existed. Thus, in these days, do great events crowd upon each other's heels.

ANOTHER shock of surprise is contained in this dispatch from Hankow (China):

"The Japanese air force is planning to bombard Chungking, provisional capital of the central Chinese government, until its spirit of resistance is broken. Ninety-nine Japanese planes attacked the city Sunday in waves for four hours."

There is a war in China, isn't there?

ALMOST unnoticed dispatches have been intimating for days (Continued on page 4.)

Plane Crash In Navy Test Ends 4 Lives

Douglas Craft, After Leaving Airport at Los Angeles, Falls 300 Feet to Ground, Explodes and Burns.

LOS ANGELES, June 1.—(AP)—A giant Douglas DC-5 crashed and burned in a field today shortly after taking off from Los Angeles airport, killing four occupants.

An El Segundo police sergeant said he counted four bodies and that all died instantly. Two were thrown from the plane, he said.

Douglas Aircraft Co., in Santa Monica said the pilot was Bud Bogen, a company employee. It said the plane, one of the newest and fastest of its products, was undergoing navy tests.

Airport officials said the plane, which had left the airport but a short time previously, plunged to the ground from an altitude of 300 feet, exploded and burst immediately into flames.

Eyewitnesses said the plane was flying low, with the right engine of its twin motors sputtering. They reported it made a right bank toward the Palos Verdes hills to the northwest, then leveled off and had headed back toward the airport when it crashed.

Ousted U. S. Embassy Clerk Under Detention

LONDON, June 1.—(AP)—Tyler G. Kent, a clerk dismissed by the United States embassy, has been detained by order of the home secretary.

The detention was declared to have been ordered in "consequence of action" taken by U. S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy "in co-operation with British authorities."

Kent was appointed clerk in the embassy at London last September 21. He formerly had served as clerk at the American embassy at Moscow.

Roseburg-Lower Umpqua Caravan Expected to List Forty Cars, 200 Persons

Approximately 150 to 200 persons are expected to take part Tuesday in the good will caravan from Roseburg to the coast section of Douglas county. It was announced today by H. O. Pargeter, general chairman. From 35 to 40 cars are already listed at Roseburg, while delegations from Myrtle Creek and Oakland plan to join the party, Mr. Pargeter reported.

Participation in the caravan is open to all residents of Douglas county. It is requested, however, that all persons planning to make the trip notify Mr. Pargeter or the Roseburg chamber of commerce prior to 10 a. m. Monday in order that the Reedsport chamber of commerce may know the approximate number to be served at the banquet Tuesday evening.

Instructions issued

The caravan, Mr. Pargeter states, will leave Roseburg at 1:30 p. m. Drivers are requested to have their parties complete and their cars in the starting line not later than 1:15 p. m. The cars will be formed on Main street, south from Wharton Bros. store. Each car will be numbered and will be expected to maintain its position in line, and each driver will be given a printed slip carrying all the rules for distances to be covered, speed, parking in towns, etc. The rules are being prepared by Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police, who will lead the party.

Band Music En Route

Twenty-two members of the Roseburg Municipal band will accompany the caravan. Fifteen-minute stops will be made at

G. O. P. Ticket In Uncertainty Haze

Clouded Situation Looms for Convention; F. R. Will be Demo Choice if Willing.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The last month of delegate choosing for the presidential nominating convention opened today with the republican ticket, in the minds of most politicians, much more uncertain than that of the party in power.

Even opponents of a third term for President Roosevelt are beginning to announce openly their conviction that the chief executive's renomination is inevitable unless he steps it.

With more than a majority of the democratic delegates already in the president's column, congressional democrats are talking when not about defenses of who might get the vice-presidential nomination, assuming Mr. Roosevelt agrees to run.

In republican ranks, however, the consensus is that anything may happen at the party's convention, particularly in view of the large block of delegates already chosen who have announced allegiance to no candidate.

Thomas E. Dewey, New York district attorney, leads in pledged and semi-pledged delegates with 150, excluding upwards of 70 his managers have claimed for him in the disputed New York delegation of 92.

Noted Negro Educator, One-Time Slave, Passes

GLOUCESTER, C. H., Va., June 1.—(AP)—Death wrote finish last night to the remarkable career of a Virginia negro boy, Robert R. Moton, 72, the son of a slave, who grew up to become one of the most noted negro educators in America.

Dr. Moton, who succeeded Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee institute, died at his home at Capitashoe on the fifth anniversary of his retirement.

Italian Executive Quits Over Il-Duce-Nazi Link

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—Protesting the "close cooperation between Hitler and Mussolini," Alfredo Pantalone, has resigned as head of the Italian tourist information office.

He described the Hitler-Mussolini association as "a 'one-man' ride which will end in disaster for Italy if she enters the conflict as an ally of Germany." He announced his resignation yesterday.

Fifth Column Due For Federal Probe

FBI Creates Investigation Unit After Senate Votes Necessary Authority.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Creation of a "national defense investigation" unit was announced today by the federal bureau of investigation.

Hugh H. Clegg, veteran G-man and at present an assistant director of the FBI in charge of training and inspection, was appointed to head the new group, which will have among its duties investigation of "fifth column" and similar activities considered prejudicial to national safety.

It was disclosed that the Dies committee would hear testimony, beginning Monday, on reports that communists were employed in the Tennessee valley authority and the Birmingham, Ala., steel industry.

Dies proposed that President Roosevelt create a council of home defense to coordinate the nation's anti-fifth column campaign under "constructive, sane leadership."

His suggestion followed the senate's action yesterday in voting 54 to 4 to approve a presidential reorganization plan to shift the immigration service from the labor department to the justice department to "deal quickly" with "Trojan horse threats."

Casting two of the dissenting votes, Senators Norris (Ind., Rep.) and Wheeler (D-Mont.) investigated for five hours against "war hysteria" and the alleged methods of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the justice department's bureau of investigation.

Dies called for "men who are level-headed and would not become hysterical," he placed on the proposed home defense council. At the same time, the congressman said he would submit to the president a list of unions and other organizations "under communist control" for possible use in case of an emergency.

Good Progress Made on New Mill at Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN, June 1.—Excellent progress has been made during the past ten days by an increased crew of workmen engaged in construction of the Mt. Scott Lumber company mill being erected at Sutherlin.

The cement foundation for the 400-h.p. Corliss engine has been completed. The base is 24 by 26 feet in size. The engine is to be mounted next week, when installing of boilers also will start. The two boilers, which will be installed in fireproof brick and cement, will have a capacity of 300 h. p. each.

S. A. Schiemann, owner, who is giving personal attention to the construction work, states that he expects to have the mill in operation early in July. It will have a capacity of 125,000 board feet daily.

Support For Defense Bill Unstinted

Congress Rallies to Program of President but Splits on Request for Power to Summon National Guard.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Congress rallied unstintingly today behind President Roosevelt's call for another billion to fortify the ramparts of national defense, but there was sharp dissension in the ranks over his request for power to call out the national guard if needed.

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) told reporters the request for power to call out the national guard if necessary to maintain neutrality was a "shocking" proposal which sounded as if the president wanted to be able to order a partial mobilization by executive authority alone. Senators Wheeler (D., Mont.), Nye (R., N. D.) and Bridges (R., N. H.), seconded this view.

Senator Austin (R., Vt.), a consistent supporter of the Roosevelt foreign policy, said the proposal was "unfortunate" and would "have an adverse effect on harmony between the president and congress."

"What does he know that we don't know that would justify him in implying that it would be necessary to call out the national guard to enforce neutrality?" he inquired.

Request Explained

Secretary Woodring sought to clarify the situation with a statement explaining that the war department had asked that the authority be sought but had no present intention of using it.

It should later become necessary to call out the national guard, Woodring said, the initial purpose would be to give the men field training and seasoning such as is given the regular army.

General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, it was recalled recently told a congressional committee he opposed guard mobilization as long as it could be avoided. He pointed out that it would draw men away from jobs connected with the defense program.

Supporting the presidential request for national guard power, Senator Sheppard (D., Tex.) said he approved because "we must be prepared for any emergency."

Chairman May (D., Ky.) of the house military committee announced that the necessary legislation would be introduced Monday and

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County Takes Over Four Streets, Private Road

Three streets in West Roseburg, one in Sutherlin, and a private road in lower Garden valley have been taken over as county roads as a result of action by the county court today. County Judge Morris Bowker reported. Involved in the transaction are Wharton avenue, Half street and a part of Brown avenue in West Roseburg. An extension of Hastings avenue in Plat M, Sutherlin, and the dedicated road leading from the main Garden valley road to the Umpqua river in the lower Garden valley section. The roads leads to Cleveland rapids, one of the popular fishing and picnic spots in that area.

British Howitzers Ready for Hitler's Blitzkrieg



Concentrated along England's southern shore, facing France, potent coastal guns like these 9.2 howitzers, stand ready to pour salvos of tons of projectiles onto any German attempt to cross the channel and blitzkrieg the British isles.

Britain Lauds Rescue From German Trap

Commander Gort Acclaimed by Nation and King; All But 45,000 Men Saved So Far, With Battle Continuing.

LONDON, June 1.—(AP)—General Lord Gort, commander of the British expeditionary force which is fighting its way out of Flanders, came home today to the acclaim of his king while his soldiers estimated that all but one war-battered division of the original 175,000 men in his army have been removed from the Nazi pocket.

Britain's divisions normally number about 15,000 men each, but the claim that one division still was in Flanders recognized that it likely is not intact.

A war office announcement declared that Lord Gort returned to England on orders of the government as a result of the "good progress in the evacuation of the B. E. F. and consequent reductions" of the forces in northern France.

A junior officer carried on the command of the greatest rescue in military history, which continued steadily.

King George received Lord Gort and conferred on him the insignia of the knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Bath.

Meanwhile, Minister of Health Malcolm MacDonald announced that the government regarded the danger of a direct German attack on England soon as so real that plans for dispersal of school children should be ready by the beginning of next week.

45,000 Come Retreat

The home-coming Tommy, saved from annihilation by their comrades' brilliant rear guard action, said the single British division and two divisions of General Prioleau's French army were the only allied troops still covering the Dunkerque retreat.

This would mean that only some 45,000 men were left in Flanders of the 270,000 allied troops which originally were trapped.

General Lord Gort was likened by the British press to Sir John Moore, hero of the peninsula war who saved his army from annihilation by Napoleon's troops. Retreating soldiers said Gort had taken personal command of the rear-guard fighting.

Air Fleets Battle

Boatloads of soldiers moved steadily across the channel. The movement was screened by the royal air force, which shot down 56 German planes yesterday, with a loss of 16 British ships, and shot

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Communist Convention Raps U. S. Defense Plans

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—The communist party of the United States today adopted a 1940 campaign platform containing attacks opposing President Roosevelt's national defense program and calling for support of "the peace policy of the soviet union."

Two thousand delegates to the party's nominating convention adopted the anti-defense plan after brief discussion. They are expected to again nominate Earl Browder, national secretary, for the presidency, and James W. Ford, negro, for the vice-presidency tomorrow. They were the 1936 nominees.

War Bulletins

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—A British broadcast picked up here by the Columbia broadcasting system today said that Paris had reported several persons killed and injured in a German air raid on the Lyons region of France this afternoon. The broadcast added that a number of buildings were set on fire.

BIEL, Switzerland, June 1.—(AP)—A Swiss fighting plane shot down a German bomber over Swiss territory today less than 20 miles from Bern. The four Germans in the crew were killed.

BERLIN, June 1.—(AP via radio)—Adolf Hitler has ordered the German commander in the Netherlands to release Dutch war prisoners because they fought as "honest soldiers," it was officially announced tonight.

PARIS, June 1.—(AP)—Thirteen-year-old Guy Bocher, of Massy, in the Seine et Oise, district near Paris, received a 2,000 franc (currently about \$35) saving account and a congratulatory letter from Interior Minister Mandel today for taking part in the capture of three German parachutists.

While playing in a garden at his home May 23, the youth saw an airplane maneuvering overhead and then spotted three parachutes fluttering down.

He ran to the town hall to summon police, who rounded up the sky troopers in a running gunfight.

LONDON, June 1.—(AP)—The round of anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns was heard off the southeast coast of England today. German planes were believed to have been driven off.

VIGO, Spain, June 1.—(AP)—Four Spanish seamen died and eight were gravely burned today in extinguishing a fire in the old of the British tanker Telena, which was towed into port yesterday after having been torpedoed.

PARIS, June 1.—(AP)—Eighteen Czechoslovak fliers with the French air force have shot down 41 German planes in the past few days, Czechoslovak authorities said today.

One sergeant alone accounted for 12 and one lieutenant seven, the announcement said.

Freight Train Wrecked Twice Within 24 Hours

SPOKANE, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—Seventeen cars of a Great Northern freight train went into the ditch 30 miles northeast of Spokane yesterday in the second wreck for the same train within 24 hours. There were no reports of injuries in either wreck.

The first occurred near Cutbank, Mont., Thursday night when a broken axle sent 12 cars off of track. In the second wreck, which the cause was not immediately determined—several oil-filled tank cars caught fire. A forest service pump added in extinguishing the blaze.

Solicitation Racket Charge Jails Man Here

J. W. Gearhart, 61, a transient, was in custody here today in lieu of \$500 bail, following his arrest on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. Gearhart was accused, Sheriff Percy Webb reported, of operating a solicitation racket. He waived preliminary examination upon appearance in the justice court today and was ordered held for the grand jury.

700 of Crew Lost, Report From Berlin

Comment on Claim Denied By London; Nazi Land Forces Checked at Somme; Bombs Damage Marseilles Area.

By the Associated Press

Sinking of the 33,950-ton battleship Nelson, flagship of the British home fleet, was reported in Berlin today as Nazi armies wheeled in an attack on the Somme river—the allies' line guarding Paris.

The announcement, by authorized German sources, said 700 of her crew of 1,320 were lost but how or where the Nelson was sunk was not reported immediately.

Loss of the dreadnaught, completed in 1927, would be the heaviest single blow the British navy has suffered since the war started.

A German torpedo sank the 29,150-ton battleship Royal Oak, a world war veteran, in Scapa Flow last October 14.

British authorities declined to comment tonight on the German claim to sinking the Nelson. It is the practice of the admiralty to refuse such comment, to avoid giving the enemy information of possible value.

The Nelson and her sistership, the Rodney, are the only British warships mounting 16-inch guns. Each carried nine of those huge guns and 12 six-inch guns.

France and the southeastern and central eastern regions of France were bombed this afternoon.

Four bombs were dropped in Marseilles and the harbor in an attack by several German planes.

Several persons were reported killed and wounded aboard an English boat loaded with cotton, which burned in the harbor.

Some 15 civilians were declared wounded in the town itself.

The British air ministry announced today that royal air force planes bombed oil tanks in Rotterdam yesterday. They also raided Nieupoort and Ostend.

The Nazis opened their Somme (Continued on page 6)

Diplomas Given 121 At Roseburg High

Roseburg senior high school last night graduated a class of 121 students at commencement exercises held at the school auditorium. The large crowd of parents and friends of the seniors filled the hall to overflowing for the impressive and beautiful ceremony. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of Willamette university, who presented an inspiring talk for both students and fathers. Philomena were presented to the graduates by J. E. Dent, chairman of the school board. The salutatory address was made by Miss Betty Mae Whipple and the valedictory address by Miss Faith Young.

A musical prologue was furnished by the high school orchestra, under the direction of J. D. (Shari) Gilmore. Following the professional, the invocation was given by the Rev. John Barney. Musical selections included a violin and flute duet by Mrs. Morris Roach and Miss Lois Brown, with Frances Linott as accompanist, and a vocal solo by Leroy Hunt. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Barney.

Douglas County Allotted \$1,293 for Fair Purposes

Apportionment of funds to Oregon counties for county fair purposes for 1940, announced by the state department at Salem today, lists the sum of \$1,293.13 for Douglas. The aggregate total for all allotments is \$44,954.60, raised by one-twentieth mill tax levy.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A STATE HIGHWAY CREW engaged in adding "shoulders" to the pavement of the Pacific highway between Roseburg and Sutherlin, one nearly completed and of a much needed improvement. The driving surface of the highway where this work has been done has been widened over two feet.

The highway grade first is bladed to a flat trench of required width, which is filled with a coarse crushed rock, this is then covered with a thick coating of road oil, which in turn is surfaced with a fine crushed rock and rolled.

It took a rear view to show the disposition of the rock from this truck and a close—even a casual—inspection of the resulting picture shown herewith convinces me I got it.

Perhaps you are familiar with the classic remark of Asher Earl Perkins of the comic strip, that

News-Review Photo and Engraving is wasn't so much his bad breath which caused his unpopularity as it was his punk personality; well, it's my conclusion that it is not so much the crookedness of our roads which distresses us so much as it is their extreme narrowness.

The highway department is doing a fine bit of safety work in this "shoulder" building program on the narrower portions of our state highways.

Speaking of highways, have you driven that mile stretch of pavement extending east of Sutherlin lately? Actually, it has high mounds in it which endanger a passing car, and this is going some for pavement, you'll admit.