

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 25%
Highest temperature yesterday, 99
Lowest temperature last night, 52
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0
Precip. since first of month, .39
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939, 32.95
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939, .31
Partly Cloudy.

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Can she hold out against Germany and Italy combined? If she is conquered what will become of her navy? These are the big questions in the current war situation. The answers will be supplied in NEWS-REVIEW news from the front. Read it daily for fresh information.

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ITALY PLUNGES INTO WAR

D. A. V. Chief Advises U. S. Aid to Allies

Commander Murphy, at State Reunion Here, Also Says Defense Changes Needed; Ceremonies Open Meet.

Expressing the opinion that the United States should lend every possible support to the allies, short of the actual sending of American troops to foreign soil, Louis J. Murphy of South Bend, Indiana, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, arrived in Roseburg today as principal guest of the Oregon department of the D. A. V. at the 16th annual state convention opening here today.

The type of warfare being waged in Europe today demands "immediate and radical changes" in the defense program of the United States, Commander Murphy declared. He expressed personal satisfaction over the rapid change of national sentiment in favor of defensive preparedness. "I do not believe," he declared, "that the United States should wait until an enemy lands upon our own shores before we prepare to protect ourselves."

Benefit Needs Stressed
His address this morning, opening the state convention, was devoted largely to a discussion of the problem of compensation and benefits for the disabled veterans, and the efforts being made by the national department in the liberalization of regulations.

The average age of the world war veterans, he said, is 47 years, and the average age of the commissioned officer is 58 years. "The members of the D. A. V.," he declared, "are all suffering from disability of some sort and are almost altogether unemployed. Our program, therefore, must be principally devoted to the problem of benefits and compensation."

The convention session at the Roseburg armory this morning was given over principally to the usual opening ceremonies. Reports of officers and appointment of committees marked the afternoon session. Principal events for tonight include the convention parade and the auxiliary's "Gay 50's Review."

A memorial service, conducted last night by the Rev. Perry Smith at St. George's Episcopal church, was the opening feature of the state meeting.

Delegates started arriving early Sunday to attend the various executive and committee meetings held in advance of the convention sessions.

The address by the national

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Germans say the Weygand line (north of Paris) proved on the first day it can't hold out, adding that it appears to be of a more or less "improvised" character. Allied reports hint that it may have been craftily improvised a trap blitzkrieg—letting tanks through and then blasting them from ambush with 75's firing pointblank.

ABOUT all we can be certain of is that another great battle is on and in the course of time we shall know its outcome.

MEANWHILE—
A. L. Schater of the San Francisco regional office of the Red Cross reports that war-stricken Europe has received \$4,000,000 from the United States in the past month. This money has been provided by voluntary contributions to the Red Cross relief fund.

If we could know ALL the good

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NAZIS STILL HAMMER AT FRENCH DEFENSES

Grange Leader Cites Peril Of Fifth Column

SALEM, Ore., June 10.—(AP)—Master Ray W. Gill of the Oregon state grange said today "it is the duty of every patriotic citizen to supply any information that will lead to the protection of our country from fifth column activities."

In an address prepared for the opening session of the five-day 67th annual grange convention, Gill warned that fifth column activities "are seeking to handicap our defense program," and that "zealous patriots must try to take the law into their own hands."

Other Arms Listed.
The master said the grange would fight renewed vigor for people's utility districts, asserting "our slow progress toward public ownership is retarding the development of the state and we are losing opportunity after opportunity to advance our agricultural and industrial progress."

The national grange, he said, would continue to seek repeal of the reciprocal trade agreements program, under which "our country has entered into a lopsided bargaining program. He said the program has handicapped American farmers."

Gill proposed that corporation farming be restricted by taxation and by denial of agricultural subsidies, and he promised the grange would continue to support legislation to tax chain stores.

The grange, he said, will support legislation requiring lobbyists at the state legislature to register, and it will advocate that old age pensions be financed by taxes on incomes, inheritances, luxuries, gifts and corporations, instead of by taxes on sales and property.

The grange will, Gill said, seek passage of a law to prohibit sale of liquor near dance halls, schools and gasoline stations.

Gill recommended a tax program which includes higher federal taxes on high and medium incomes, higher state income taxes and higher taxes on large farming operations. He recommended that the grange oppose sales taxes, tax exempt securities, home exemptions, and a tax millage limitation.

Lawyer Hired to Probe Death of Bus Driver

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—(AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which is on strike against the Pacific Greyhound lines, designated an attorney today to investigate the fatal beating in Los Angeles of a non-striking bus driver, who was a rival union member.

Plans to extend picketing operations to towns in northern California also were announced by the brotherhood, whose drivers walked out 26 days ago.

The dead driver, Ray Pilcher, 29, of Flagstaff, Ariz., succumbed Saturday to injuries he said were inflicted by a band of men who attacked him when he refused to join the brotherhood.

Four men are in custody.

Roosevelt Talk Expected to Bear on Italy's Act

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—Italy's entry into the war was expected to bring from President Roosevelt in an address at Charlottesville, Va., tonight a new appraisal of the place of "democracy" in a growing world conflict.

Major broadcasting companies were invited to carry the address throughout the United States from 3:15 to 3:30 p. m. PST, and it will be rebroadcast internationally in seven languages.

Secretary Hull said today that Italy's entry into the war would "prove a great disappointment to peoples everywhere and a great human tragedy."

Crash of Airplane Kills Canadian Defense Chief

NEWTONVILLE, Ont., June 10.—(AP)—Norman McLeod Rogers, Canada's minister of national defense, was killed this afternoon in the crash near here of a Royal Canadian air force plane which was speeding him from Ottawa to Toronto to speak on the Canadian war effort in the air. Three other men were also killed.

Army Boost Given O. K. Of Committee

Bill Approved by House Group Also Permits President to Call National Guard but for Restricted Service.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(AP)—The house military committee approved legislation today increasing the authorized strength of the regular army from 250,000 to 400,000.

The measure also would permit the national guard, during the recess of congress, for use or training within the United States or its possessions.

Before voting, 16 to 8, to approve the national guard permit, the committee voted, 14 to 10, an amendment which would have permitted use of the guard anywhere within the western hemisphere. The vote on increasing the strength of the regular army was said to have been unanimous.

As now drafted, the guard measure would provide that the troops "shall not be ordered beyond the continental United States, its island possessions and the Panama canal zone."

The presidential authority is limited to the period between the adjournment of the present congress and the convening of the next congress in January.

Adjournment Planned.
A conference between Mr. Roosevelt and legislative leaders, Senator Barkley (D., Ky.) told reporters "we are going to try to work out an adjournment by June 22." The republican national conven-

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Wedge in Weygand Line Brings Nazis Within 35 Miles of Paris; Defenders Destroy All Places They Relinquish

PARIS, June 10.—(AP)—A war ministry communique today announced that 75 tons of bombs were launched on German formations yesterday and last night, and added that more than 30 German planes had been brought down in the battle north of Paris.

German troops and armored columns on the march were especially harassed, the war ministry said.

There were "very important breaks in the communication lines," the ministry said, adding that several bridges over the Oise river were reported wrecked.

One French pursuit squadron alone brought down 12 German planes in the Oise sector without suffering a single loss itself, the communique said.

Premier Paul Reynaud in a radio address to the French nation earlier today said "our armies have retreated slowly, and only after destroying all points they have relinquished."

"And this is the moment that Mussolini chooses to declare war on France," he said.

"Posterity will be able to judge," the premier proclaimed France's strength in the Mediterranean as her answer to Italy's entry into the war as Germany's ally.

"The allies are stronger in the Mediterranean than anywhere else," he said.

France Not Downed.
Speaking from the already hard-treasured French capital, Reynaud declared the French ambassador at Rome had been told by Foreign Minister Count Ciano that Italy was fulfilling "her axis obligations."

"France may be ailing but she is not downed," Reynaud said. "There has never been any time during the past when France has not been ready to negotiate peace fully to settle all differences in question."

He said "Italy has not seen fit to negotiate" despite overtures by

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Speed Italy's Main Need For War Triumph

By the Associated Press
Italy, by the nature of her geographical position and resources for war, is more eligible for a victorious sprint than a marathon.

Her greatest value as a blitzkrieg partner of Germany is bound up with the blitzkrieg idea itself—the idea of the swift, paralyzing blow rather than the battle of endurance.

Unless Italy could smash her way into France or create sufficient diversion elsewhere and provide the French were not too distracted by Germany, French mountain troops and border forces in the Nice region might amputate the Italian boot while the allied Mediterranean fleets cut the tenuous lifelines from the Italian African empire.

The Mediterranean may be a "mare nostrum" to the Italians but the French and British battle fleets have a pretty secure lease on it, confronted only by Italy's power in the air. Italy's relatively small fleet and the inept threat of an assault on the Suez canal and Gibraltar to bottle up the allies' navy.

Italy has nine million soldiers, by Premier Mussolini's claim. He said on March 30, 1938, he could muster that number of men between the ages of 18 and 55, of whom 5,000,000 would be first line combatants. Many of these would be deployed through the empire, however, not all on the European front.

Italy has 8,000 warplanes, by authoritative estimate, of which 2,100 are of first line caliber.

Shortly before the war Italy's naval strength was estimated at 717,920 tons, as compared with 2,679,863 for Great Britain and 755,579 for France. Italy has concentrated on submarines and motor torpedo boats.

In the Atlantic struggle to save

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Declaration Against France, England Made by Mussolini To Wildly Cheering Throng

Italian Premier, in Bombastic Speech, Promises to Respect Neutrality of Neighbors; Asserts Aim "to Break Mediterranean Chains Suffocating Italy," After Vainly Striving for Peace.

ROME, June 10.—(AP via radio).—Italy tonight took the plunge into war at the side of Germany.

Premier Mussolini made the announcement in a bombastic speech before a wildly-cheering crowd of fascists.

Italy's declaration of war, Mussolini said, had been handed to the ambassadors of France and England.

The fateful step was made after weeks—even months—of hesitation to weld into actual hostilities the ends of the long-existent axis between Berlin and Rome.

It came as Adolf Hitler's nazi forces were closing in on France and gravely imperiling Paris itself.

Italian Troops Surge Into France

BERLIN, June 10.—(AP)—Italian forces marched into French territory through the Riviera at approximately 6:30 p. m. tonight (8:30 a. m., PST).

This information was given reporters by authorized sources at a conference at the Berlin foreign office called by Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop.

The foreign minister declared all Germany was "filled with jubilation" over Italy's intervention and said nazi and fascist forces would fight shoulder-to-shoulder until "the rulers of England and France are ready to respect the vital rights of both our nations."

LONDON, June 10.—(AP)—A round-up of Italians in London began tonight less than one hour after Premier Mussolini had put the Italian nation into war with Britain and France.

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Officers Attending D. A. V. Convention in Roseburg



Upper—Left to right, Mrs. Ann E. Weber of Colorado Springs, Colo., national adjutant of the women's auxiliary to the D. A. V., and Mrs. Lily Ginsberg of Philadelphia, national commander. (Photos by courtesy of the Portland Oregonian.)

At right—Lewis J. Murphy of South Bend, Ind., national commander of the D. A. V., and Mary O. Higgins of Bend, Oregon, state commander of the women's auxiliary to the Oregon department.

All four officers are in attendance at the state convention which opened in Roseburg Sunday and will continue through Wednesday.

Wool Pool Sale Nets 35 Cents Lb.

For the fourth successive year the southern Oregon wool pool has been sold to the firm of Adams and Leland, Boston, Mass., according to the announcement made here by John Rohr, one of the pool's agents. The price received will net the growers 35 cents a pound, the highest in recent years. The deal involves approximately 250,000 pounds of wool. Participating in the pool are about 400 growers, most of them in Douglas county, the remainder in Jackson county. The pool's sales committee consisted of W. L. Dixon, Ervin Rice, Charles Huxton, J. M. Ledgerwood and V. L. Philipp. Leading places and votes are published in the form of an advertisement elsewhere in today's issue of the News-Review.

Engineer, Fireman Die in Train Wreck; 25 Injured

FARMINGDALE, N. J., June 10.—(AP)—The engineer and fireman of a Pennsylvania railroad train were killed and at least 25 passengers injured last night when a westbound train derailed toward Long Branch in a driving thunderstorm.

Portland Dentist Ends Life by Gas Inhalation

PORTLAND, June 10.—(AP)—Dr. Walter R. Blyden, 44, Portland dentist, committed suicide in his office Sunday night by inhaling gas, Coroner R. M. Erwin reported.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. SUSAN ROOT, 508 N. Pine street, on the occasion of her ninety-fourth birthday last Friday, as she sat on the porch of her home reading her newspaper.

She is an avid reader, spending most of her time with her newspaper, magazines and an occasional book. Not many people of such advanced years are able to do this.

Mrs. Root was born in Petersburg, Illinois, in 1864, crossing the plains to the west in a covered wagon in 1879. About twenty years ago, with her husband and two children, she settled in Cottage Grove, Oregon, coming to Roseburg about ten years ago. She lives at the home of her son, Charley White.

"My newspaper is upside down," she exclaimed as her son handed it to her, demonstrating that her eyes indeed were sharp. However, it was pointed out to her that the world nowadays is very much the same way, to which she agreed. Another proof of her ability to

quickly grasp the story, the print told her, was her somewhat lugubrious expression as she glanced at the news, nearly all of which concerned the war, and its carnage and horror.

During her lifetime she has read of many wars, and her sensibilities should be hardened to their sorrows; but that is one of the amazing characteristics of her sex—the keenness of sympathy for the unfortunate does not readily become dulled.

On the afternoon of her birthday many friends called upon Mrs. Root, bearing gifts and offering congratulations upon the achievement of her somewhat unusual age. Among these were Mrs. Ted Althaus, Mrs. Fred Fisher, Mrs. G. A. Patchett, Mrs. H. C. Lissner, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bush, Mrs. Georgia Crenshaw, Mrs. L. J. Crafton, Francis White and S. K. Sykes.

I wonder what the world will be like ninety-four years hence. Don't tell me, please, I want to wait and find out for myself. Or, do I