

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 32%
Highest temperature yesterday 83
Lowest temperature last night 53
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Precip. since first of month .06
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 .32.11
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 .61
Clear.

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AIR FLEETS CLASH OVER THAMES ESTUARY



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(THIS column today will begin nowhere and get nowhere. It will have no definite purpose. It will be a jumble of rambling jottings. For it is the personal diary of a yearly journey to Hart Mountain to attend the ninth annual gathering of the Order of the Antelope.)

FIRST entry: a week before the date: Not going this year. Hart Mountain jaunt lot of hokey anyway. Hunt, Diet, Ticks, Whiskers. Air mattress probably has hole in it, and ground hard.

Talked to lot of other guys and all feel same way. Life real. Life earnest. No time for sap begins into desert.

Bosom swells with virtue following above decision.

SECOND entry: Just jumped by another member of the sap clan. "Going to Hart Mountain day after tomorrow?" he wants to know. Answer: "Sure, coming along."

(Now where the dickens did that decision come from? Had it all fixed nice and sensible. Isn't life a mess?)

Other guy's face lights up. "Be right with you" he chortles. We both prance off, tails in air, to get ready.

Odd how much brighter the sun shines than a few minutes ago. Air kind of tawny, too. Feeling like million all of a sudden.

Queer world.

IN camp, halfway to the mountain. Fire going. Coffee pot boiling. Potatoes frying. Grease snapping in other pan; about right to sizzle steak. Onions all peeled and smelling to high heaven. World rosy.

Partner in crime produces package. Looks at other partner in crime. Both look at me and another grin.

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Conscription Task to Begin About Sept. 1

Men Between 21 and 31 Will be First Group Selected for Training Under Defense Plans of United States.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—Registration under the pending conscription program has been set tentatively for about Sept. 1. It was learned today, with the first 400,000 conscripts expected to start training a month later.

Although congress has yet to act on the necessary legislation, a war department official disclosed that agencies in the 48 states already have begun preparations for the selective service plan. The initial trainees probably will be chosen from men between 21 and 31 years old.

The senate military committee started the compulsory training issue toward a congressional decision by voting yesterday to recommend enactment of the Burke-Wadsworth bill. Committee members thought it would be ready for senate debate next week. Vigorous opposition has been forecast.

Goal is 42 Million

The committee, meanwhile, worked to perfect details of the measure, which provides for registration of all males between 18 and 64 years—a total of 42,000,000. Only those between 21 and 45—some 24,000,000—would be liable for active service. Those of other ages could be used for home defense purposes.

"One of the purposes of this wide registration is to make every home conscious of the national defense program," said Chairman Sheppard (D-Tex.).

The war department official who disclosed Sept. 1 as the tentative registration date said the joint army and navy selective service committee had notified existing state agencies that congress soon may pass a training bill. The agencies were instructed to overhaul

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Plotter, Envoy's Killer Fall Into Nazi Hands

BERLIN, July 24.—(AP)—Oskar Strasser, exiled foe of nazism who is charged by the Gestapo with organizing the Munich bomb plot on the life of Adolf Hitler, and Herschel Grynszpan, a young Polish Jew who killed a German diplomat in Paris, were reported today to have fallen into German hands during the conquest of France.

A well-informed German source said Grynszpan was found in a prison in Paris, where he had been held pending trial for the 1935 slaying of Ernst vom Rath, secretary of the German embassy there.

Bill to Deport Harry Bridges Rapped By Wayne L. Morse, Labor Arbiter

EUGENE, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Wayne L. Morse, Pacific coast waterfront labor arbiter, disclosed his opposition last night to the congressional bill to deport Harry Bridges, longshore leader and California CIO director.

Morse explained his opposition in a letter to Senator William H. King of Utah, copies of which he sent to Bridges and Miss Eleanor Fowler of Washington, D. C., chairman of the "Bridges defense committee." The committee asked for his views.

The arbiter said "I do not know of a more fair-minded, competent judicial officer than Dean (James) Landis of Harvard," who exonerated Bridges at a special deportation hearing of charges of communism and opposition to the American system of government.

"In the second place," he continued, "the movement to deport Mr. Bridges is charged with emotionalism, hysteria and much misinformation. Personally I do not think Mr. Bridges is entitled to the great amount of attention which he is receiving as a result of the attack which is being made upon him. It is only going to make a martyr and mythical character and the reverberations will be costly to labor, employers and public."

More Sincere Than Critics

"In the light of his (Bridges) long residence in this country he is entitled to remain here until it can be definitely shown on record that he is an enemy of our form of government," Morse continued. "My impression of him is that he is more sincere in his convictions concerning democratic government."

(Mrs.) B. M. Bower, Noted Western Writer, Dies

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—(AP)—One of the pioneer popularizers of romantic western fiction, B. M. Bower, is dead after a protracted illness. She was 68 years old.

Mrs. Bower, 68, was at work on another thriller at the time of her death yesterday at the home of a daughter, Dele Frances Newman.

Her first notable success—and a long-enduring one—was "Chip of the Flying U," published in 1906.

Swastikas Chiseled Out Of Business Building

WINTTIER, Calif., July 24.—(AP)—At a cost of \$2,500 a Whittier business establishment has chiseled out from the front and side of its building 15 large brick swastikas. The crosses were regarded as Indian good-luck symbols when the building was constructed 24 years ago.



Wayne L. Morse

processes than many of his critics seek to depict him. Morse said he held no brief for Bridges—"In fact a large majority of my decisions have been against the longshore union—but that he did 'hold a brief for the basic tenets of the American democratic form of government and I cannot reconcile this move to deport Mr. Bridges with ... constitutional government."

'Dope' Ring Smash Helped by Woman

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—(AP)—The full extent of the aid which an attractive, middle-aged American woman gave to narcotics officers came to light today with an announcement that a breakup appeared imminent in an international smuggling ring dumping \$6,000,000 in illegal drugs into the United States annually.

In making known the scope of the ring's operations, which were disclosed with the arrest of a Japanese here last Saturday, Paul Madden, chief of the California division of narcotics enforcement, estimated narcotics seized in the last four months as a result of the woman's "tips" would have sold illicitly in excess of \$600,000.

Enlarging on his previous disclosures, Madden said he and the cooperating federal narcotics and customs divisions, with the aid of Japanese authorities, had high hopes of apprehending "six major shippers in Japan who have been dumping an estimated 20 pounds (\$500,000 worth) on the Pacific coast each month."

Madden said the woman came to him last Feb. 1 with the information that has led to the arrests and seizures in New York, Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco.

Convict Quits Tower After 19-Hour Perch

ATLANTA, Ga., July 24.—(AP)—Hungry and gaunt, an argument prevailed after 19 hours and brought a 20-year-old convict to earth today from the top of a 100-foot water tower at the federal penitentiary, where he had taken refuge to avoid return to a Georgia prison camp.

Sanford said the prisoner's climb apparently was prompted by the fact that his two-year federal auto theft sentence was ending today and he was to be returned to the Chatham county work camp to complete a four-to-five year burglary sentence interrupted by an escape in 1937.

Fliers in Crash Reach Safety After 2-Day Trek

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 24.—(AP)—After wandering for two days in the wilderness when their plane was forced down, John Hood of Elgin, Ill., and Clyde Stevens of Los Angeles were rescued yesterday by fellow pilots. They were hungry and in tatters when found. The pair, both airplane mechanics, were flying a private plane from Fairbanks to McKinley when they were forced to land 35 miles south of here by engine trouble. They abandoned the plane, constructed a crude raft and started down the treacherous Wood river. They abandoned their raft when it struck a bar and broke up.

Brain Trust Removal One Willkie Aim

Nominee Promises "Return Of Government To People"; Wants No Paid Speakers To Aid In His Campaign.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 24.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie last night told a gathering of Wyoming republicans, "I insist that the throttle hold of 'big government' be removed from our legislatures, our courts and our business."

The republican nominee declared he was determined the leadership of the country "shall not be resolved by corporate wealth or political wealth in the form of political machines."

The nominee said that if he were elected there would be "no brain trusters in back rooms" writing "melodious speeches." He said he was proud his republican nomination had come from "the new leadership in the party."

"The lights of liberty are going out one by one in Europe, and the only way to keep them burning brightly here in America is under a leadership that believes in America," Willkie said.

"We must build an economic system subject to reasonable social control but build one that will function."

"This government belongs to the people and we are going to return it to them. If you elect me president I pledge you this great democracy never will be destroyed by insidious attacks from within or above."

Trust Charges Hit Tobacco Concerns

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—The justice department announced today that it had filed criminal charges under the Sherman anti-trust act, at Lexington, Ky., against eight major tobacco companies, 26 other corporations and 33 individuals.

The department said that the charges, outgrowth of a two-year investigation directed by Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, were based on allegations that the major companies had built up marketing systems for leaf tobacco and tobacco products which have been deliberately designed to dominate and dictate terms to growers of leaf tobacco and to wholesalers and retailers of tobacco products.

Further, the department said in a statement, the government charges that the defendants employed price-fixing devices to eliminate competition and "abused their position of dominance by exacting harsh and oppressive terms from those with whom they dealt."

The eight major companies named are the American Tobacco company, Liggett & Myers Tobacco company, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company and P. Lorillard company, which are known as the "big four" in the industry; Philip Morris & Company, Ltd., Inc., the Imperial Tobacco company (of Great Britain and Ireland) Ltd., and British-American Tobacco company Limited, the latter two being large British companies which buy leaf tobacco in the United States, and Universal Leaf Tobacco company, Inc., described as the largest leaf tobacco dealer in the United States.

Work Law Changes Made For Cannery Employees

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—The wage-hour administration announced changes yesterday in exemptions to fruit and vegetable canners making more workers eligible for the 39-cent hourly minimum pay but reducing the amount of overtime others receive.

The number of plants under the fair labor standards act was increased by an exemption change which will bring under the act all plants in towns of 2500 or less population getting the produce from within a 10-mile radius.

The number of employees in an exempt plant was increased from seven to 16. Fruit and vegetable storage warehouses received a 14-week partial exemption from the hours provision. They previously had none.

The administration estimated about 70,000 workers would be affected by the changes which become effective Oct. 1.

Payroll Padding Indictment Accuses Ex-Gov. Long, 4 Others in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, July 24.—(AP)—Louisiana's "reform" movement centered today upon former Gov. Earl K. Long, brother of the late Sen. Huey P. Long who founded a now-shattered political empire.

The 43-year-old Earl Long, along with four others, was charged by the Parish grand jury last night with embezzlement and extortion. The indictment involved alleged padding of a dock board payroll during the week preceding the February 20 run-off primary in which Long was defeated for the governorship by Sam Houston Jones.

Sixteen men were listed in the indictment as payroll "dead heads." Long was the second former governor to be indicted since the Louisiana political scandals broke 13 months ago and brought tumbling down the political regime established by his brother, the late Louisiana "kingfish," the other, Richard W. Leche, is under a 10-year federal sentence on mail fraud charges.

Last night's indictment was the first charge against Long, successor of Leche when the latter stepped down from the governor's chair June 26, 1939.

Three former members of the dock board were named in the indictment with Long: J. B. Remington, real estate broker; L. J. Vaccaro, vice president of the Standard Fruit and Steamship company, and Herbert J. Schwartz, president of the Malson Blanche company. The other indicted was John M. Pugh, former assistant to the board's general manager.

Caravan Dated For Glendale Trip

Roseburg Residents Plan Good Will Visit July 30; Stops En Route Scheduled.

A good-will caravan, expected to include a very large number of Roseburg residents, will go to Glendale Tuesday, July 30, leaving Roseburg at 1:30 p. m. The caravan will stop en route at Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville, where a 24-piece band, which will be included in the party, will present 15-minute concerts.

The caravan is to form in front of Wharton Bros. on Main street at 1:30 p. m. Banners and written instructions will be furnished each car.

It is planned to arrive in Glendale at 4 p. m. The party will be divided into groups for inspection trips through the Ingham Lumber company mill.

All cars upon arrival at Glendale are to be driven directly to the high school grounds, where parking space will be reserved.

Arrangements at Glendale will be in charge of a committee composed of Ben Huntington, C. W. Ingham, R. B. Gardner, Al Henginger and L. C. Normoyle.

A short program will be held during a 6:30 o'clock banquet and the return is expected at about 9 p. m.

The caravan will be provided with a state police escort.

Committees in charge of local arrangements include: band, F. L. Crittenden; band transportation, H. C. Berg; contact business men, H. D. Quine, Fred Lockwood, Oscar Enger; contact service clubs, V. J. Miesell; caravan formation, G. M. Krell; banners, Louis Josse. These committees are headed by H. O. Targeter, general chairman.

All persons planning to make the trip and who will have room in their automobiles for one or more band members are requested to notify H. C. Berg or the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Carmichael Youth Sent Back to Pen for 3 Years

Melvin C. Carmichael, 19, brought to this city Monday from Yreka, Calif., to answer a charge of automobile theft, pleaded guilty in circuit court today, and was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary. The youth, a former resident of Camas Valley, was released from the penitentiary in May of this year on parole after serving one year of a two-year term for automobile theft.

Previously he had served two sentences in the state training school for bicycle and automobile stealing, according to Sheriff Perry Webb.

Reinforcements Reach Fortress of Gibraltar

LA LINEA, Spain, July 24.—(AP)—Canadian and Australian reinforcements disembarked from military transports today to guard Gibraltar, Britain's key Mediterranean fortress.

Despite the governor's denials for civilians to evacuate the settlement to make room for fighting men, there are still some 9,000 civilians left.



Ex-Gov. Earl K. Long

son, real estate broker; L. J. Vaccaro, vice president of the Standard Fruit and Steamship company, and Herbert J. Schwartz, president of the Malson Blanche company. The other indicted was John M. Pugh, former assistant to the board's general manager.

Heat Wave Shows No Sign of Easing

National Death Toll Rises to 247 While Mercury Soars; Pierre, S. D., Has 115.

By the Associated Press

A wilted half of the nation averted "amelio" again today, but the blazing sun gave no sign of relenting.

From the eastern seaboard to the Great lakes, it was the same daily story it has been for a week, and in some sections longer—rising temperature, possibly scattered thunderstorms but no real relief in prospect. At least 247 deaths in the nation were attributed to heat and drownings.

The sun was on the job early as usual and gave indications of improving on yesterday's job of shooting the mercury up to as high as 115 in Pierre, S. D., and above the 100 mark in other places.

The national death toll due to the wave amounted to 72 deaths from the heat and 175 from drowning.

The mercury shot from 82 to 95 in 20 minutes at Pipestone, Minn., this morning. Other early morning readings included 78 and headed for the mid-100s in Detroit; 75 in Albany, N. Y., compared with 71 at the same hour yesterday when a maximum of 90 was reached; a range from 79 to 87 in Nebraska where the heat wave was in its eighth day; 73 in New York City, cloudy and humid; 89 in Terre Haute, Ind.; 87 in Richmond, Ind.; 88 in Indianapolis; the low 70's and 80's in Pennsylvania but "sticky" atmosphere increased discomfort; 95 in Chicago where the record eight-day heat wave of 1934 appeared likely to be broken.

Sheet Metal Training Director Appointed

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Oscar L. Garrison of Portland was appointed today statewide director of the state board for vocational education's coordinator of aircraft sheet metal instruction for defense training.

He will direct 40 instructors in Astoria, Eugene, Pendleton, Portland and Salem.

FLASHES of OREGON EVENTS

Drowns In Lake

CORVALLIS, July 24.—(AP)—William Elliott, 42, Corvallis, hotel employee, fell from a boat into Colquhoun lake near here yesterday and drowned.

Fire Hits Two Farms

OREGON CITY, July 24.—(AP)—A fire set accidentally by a tractor destroyed all buildings on the Albert Roberts farm near Wilsonville yesterday and all but one on the Frederick Roberts farm. The blaze also destroyed \$1000 worth of grain.

Rabies Threatens Four

PORTLAND, July 24.—(AP)—City health authorities advised two of the four persons bitten by a rabid Boston terrier to consult physicians today.

Two of the victims, Mrs. Lillian "Jackie" Bush, owner of the dog, and Perry Abbott, already have started the Pasteur treatment.

Nazis Lose 12 Warplanes In Day's Raiding

Combat Follows Attempt to Destroy Merchant Convoy; Germans Report British U-Boat, Other Craft Sunk.

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—The air ministry said tonight four German planes had been shot down by British fighters today in addition to the eight already announced officially.

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—A furious air battle involving 60 planes was fought over the Thames estuary today when Germans attacked a merchant convoy and were scattered by a swarm of British fighters.

British communiques said six of the German planes engaged in that attack were shot down and two others were shot down in raids over the northwest and southwest coast and southeast Scotland—eight in all. Two British planes were lost.

The air ministry said four were shot down in the southeastern raid by fighters and one by anti-aircraft while another report said a sixth plane was forced into the sea in a subsequent chase.

More than 100 bombs were dropped by six planes swooping down on shipping off the southeast coast.

The German high command, apparently retreating to the same assault, declared that Nazi fighting planes "annihilated" a convoy of five commercial vessels, totalling 17,000 tons and set another merchant vessel afire.

One of the fighters crashed in the middle of a road near some cottages. The other was forced to land in a cornfield.

Striking at shipping off the southeast coast, German bombers were engaged by British fighters and one of the bombers plunged into the sea. The other fled.

While they were bombing the merchant ships, squadrons of the Royal Air Force swooped and the raiders fled toward the coast where watchers saw the British dive on them.

The pilot of the plane which nosedived into the street was killed when his parachute broke in midair. The other pilot was seriously injured by machine gun bullets.

An air ministry communique announced.

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War Bulletins

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, July 24.—(AP)—Captain Umberto Navaro, commander of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleone, sunk last Friday off Crete, died of wounds today aboard a British hospital ship. He will be accorded full naval honors at a funeral today.

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—A German auxiliary vessel with a naval escort was attacked early today in the North sea by torpedo-carrying planes of the British fleet air arm, the admiralty announced tonight.

AMSTERDAM (via Berlin), July 24.—(AP)—Five persons were reported killed and many injured in a British air raid last night on Amersfoort, east of Amsterdam. At Bergen, 25 miles north of Amsterdam, two more persons were reported killed in an air raid.

Rock of Gibraltar Facing Sternest Test

British Fortress Controlling West Mediterranean Gate Due for Terrific Siege.

By NEA Service

German troops are reported filtering into Spain, Francisco Franco clamors for the return of the Rock of Gibraltar to Spanish rule.

British control of that forbidding western gateway to the Mediterranean is threatened as never before.

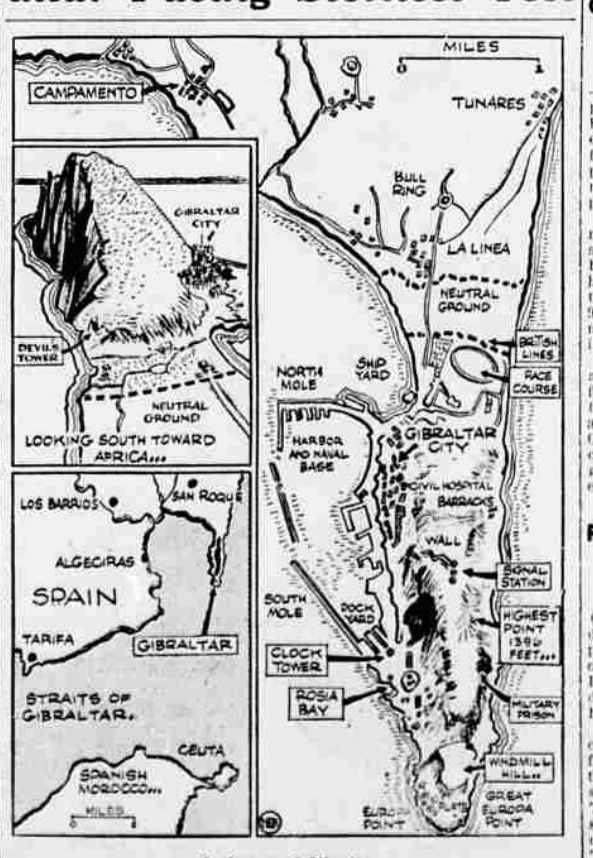
For more than two centuries the "Rock" has stood as a constant reminder to passing ships of the might of the British empire. Now it is slowly strangling Italy's sea commerce.

Gibraltar's two square miles have been much fought over. The Moors and the Spaniards battled back and forth for centuries until 1704, when it was captured by a combined force of Dutch and British, and the prince of Hesse-Darmstadt, fighting for the Archduke Charles of Austria. The Spaniards and French besieged Gibraltar without success, for three years and seven months—from 1779 to 1783.

In that time, the "Rock" has been impregnable. But now military experts wonder whether its bristling guns could stand effective guard in the face of a prolonged attack by long-range guns and airplanes.

Batteries near Ceuta, across the straits in Spanish Morocco, are trained on the "Rock," as are others on the Spanish mainland, near Algeiras.

Consensus of military men is that the guns of Gibraltar could still close the straits; whether they could keep them closed is more doubtful.



A closeup of Gibraltar.