

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 33%
Highest temperature yesterday 97
Lowest temperature last night 56
Precipitation last 24 hours..... 0
Precip. since first of month..... 0
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939..... 32.18
Efficiency since Sept. 1, 1939..... 56

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CONSCRIPTION
Extension of the age limit to 46 is now proposed in the U. S. senate, making the program applicable to 24 million men. And the senate is apparently conscription-minded. THE NEWS-REVIEW will keep you informed.

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BRITISH AIR TRIUMPH IN AFRICA CLAIMED

WIDER CONSCRIPTION REGISTRATION URGED

Senator Burke Would Boost Age Top to 44

Drafted Amendment Inspired By Approval of National Guard Bill; Volunteer System Held Inadequate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Overwhelming senate passage of the bill authorizing the president to invest national guard and army reserves emboldened conscription advocates to propose a broader registration program under the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory service measure.

Just before the senate began debate on the conscription issue, Senator Burke (D., Neb.) disclosed that he had drafted an amendment calling for registration of all men from 21 through 44. The bill approved by the military committee fixed the ages at 21 to 30, inclusive.

Burke said the senate's 71-to-7 vote yesterday in favor of legislation which could put the guard and reserves into active service was encouraging to those who want to increase the number of men subject to possible conscription.

His proposed change, he explained, would make 24,000,000 men subject to registration, instead of the 12,000,000 contemplated in the committee-approved measure.

Conscription "Tragic Need"
Senator Sheppard (D., Tex.) opening argument for the compulsory military service bill, told the senate that conscription had become "a tragic necessity" because emergency defense preparations could not be accomplished speedily enough by voluntary enlistments.

"The doctrines and aggressions of certain dictator-controlled nations become every day more menacing toward the free and independent democratic countries," Sheppard asserted.

"The time element is a tragic necessity, because the voluntary system cannot accomplish the emergency work absolutely needed," he said.

Hazards Pointed Out
Sheppard contended that a larger army was needed immediately to protect American interests in the western hemisphere, warning that if the Panama canal were put out of commission, "our navy would be helpless."

"There can be no withdrawal from Panama, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska without vital disaster," he warned.

"To permit these strategic areas to fall into the hands of any enemy would jeopardize the security of the continental United States itself."

"Home Guard" Considered
Previously, Sheppard had announced that the military affairs committee would invite Gov. Herbert Lehman of New York and

U. S. Plane Buying Slowed By Taxation Uncertainty; Revenue Increase Advised

Industry Reluctant to Expand Facilities at Own Expense, Stimson Says; Morgenthau Urges Excess Profits Levy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson reported today that the army had been able to sign contracts for only 33 of 4,000 planes approximated for during June, "chiefly" because of uncertainties over tax legislation.

The war department chief told a congressional tax hearing that the fault for such a limited number of plane contracts was not with the army and that "so far as I am aware" there had been no undue delay in the preparation of the army's specifications and designs.

The fault has not been with the defense advisory commission, he said, and "the representatives of industry have been earnest" in a desire to cooperate with defense agencies.

"The fact is," Stimson said, "we have all been facing a difficult problem with an earnest effort to cooperate."

"That problem arises in a large part from the fact that the entire program of airplane construction is so large that it necessarily involves a great expansion of existing plant facilities and the construction of new ones to meet the requirements of our army in the present emergency."

Industry Balke at Risk
He went on to say that risks were "inherent" in any business enterprise and that industry might be expected to undertake "normal risks."

"But the risk to industry of undertaking, at the request of the government, to expand at its own

expense, is a risk which is not normal. It is a risk which is not to be undertaken by industry at its own expense."

Foot Ticking Results In 3-Month Sentence
ROCHESTER, N. H., Aug. 9.—(AP)—Ralph Willard, 20, began serving a three-month sentence in the house of correction today because he "tickled the feet of a minor without her consent."

An old New Hampshire statute banning such a practice was invoked after a 15-year-old girl claimed Willard entered her bedroom and worked her up by tickling her feet.

Arraigned before Judge Gardner S. Hall in municipal court, Willard pleaded guilty to this charge and to one of breaking and entering and was given a six-months sentence, but three months of it was suspended.

Odds Favor Guard Not Leaving U. S., Says F. R.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said at a press conference today the betting odds were 100 to 1 that the national guard never would have to go outside the limits of the United States or its possessions in peace time.

He made that statement in discussing an amendment, defeated before the senate passed, a bill to permit him to call out the guard and organized reserves for federal training, which would have limited their service to the continental United States and American possessions.

U. S. Ambassador Cudahy Rebuked

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—John Cudahy, American ambassador to Belgium, was reprimanded publicly by the state department today for his press interview in London on Belgian food conditions and other aspects of the German occupation of that country.

Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, reading a formal statement at his press conference, said that Cudahy, by direction of President Roosevelt had been requested to return to the United States immediately for consultation.

Cudahy, the statement said, had given the interview "in violation of standing instructions of the department of state and certain of the views expressed by the ambassador are not to be construed as representing the views of this government."

The incident, the statement continued, "illustrates once again the importance which must be attributed by American representatives abroad to the department's instructions to refrain at this critical time from making public statements other than those made in accordance with instructions of the department of state."

Son of Ex-Prosecutor Pays Murder Penalty

FLORENCE, Ariz., Aug. 9.—(AP)—Nonchalant Robert Burgunder, 23, went to his death in the lethal gas chamber today with a confession on his lips.

As he was being strapped to the seat in the execution chamber of the Arizona penitentiary, Burgunder, son of a former county prosecutor in Seattle, chewing gum all the while, said: "I admit the killings. I never tried to defend myself."

The youth was convicted of killing E. B. Peterson, who with Ellis M. Koury, was shot to death in the desert near here April 29, 1939.

Bull Tosses Farmer Over Barnyard Fence

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 9.—(AP)—Becoming so interested in driving a cow into a barn that he completely forgot the bull that also was in the barnyard, Harry Clafin, 51, a farmer residing near Snohomish, was tossed over a fence and severely injured by the animal early today. He suffered a fractured pelvis and internal injuries. It was reported at a hospital here where he was admitted for treatment.

Nazi Control Patents Vital to U. S. War Industries, Jury Probe Shows, Impeding Nation's Defense Program.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Thurman Arnold, assistant U. S. attorney general, today declared a special federal grand jury had uncovered considerable evidence tending to show that patents vital to the United States war industries are German-controlled.

Arnold made this statement in discussing the grand jury's investigation of charges that production is restricted and prices fixed in some of the country's war industries.

Government investigators are seeking to determine whether a production "bottle neck" is threatening to retard the defense program. At least ten major industries, some reported to have binding patent agreements with German firms including the large Krupp steel works, have been under examination for nearly a month, Samuel Isaacs, special assistant attorney general, disclosed yesterday.

Involved are patent arrangements said to bind American material producers that a "bottle-neck has resulted in the nation's armament program."

Isaacs declined to name the industries under investigation but a letter on file in federal court listed producers of machine tools, glasses, chemicals, foundry supplies, textiles and fabrics, metal and metal alloy fabrication and road building supplies, plastics and petrolium.

"The United States," Arnold said, "is facing the same situation England faced—a startling inadequacy of production."

One of the most important phases of the inquiry is the production of magnesium, a metal one third lighter than aluminum and which in alloys is understood to have enabled the Germans to reduce plane weights 20 per cent.

The investigators are seeking to learn why American production of magnesium, comprising 2 to 3 per cent of the earth's surface, was only 2,186 tons in 1938.

Arnold attributed German control of vital war industry patents to normal business trends and said: "It is an economic 'fifth column' and not a malicious 'fifth column,' and must not be attributed to espionage."

Legion Executive Raps Refugee Children Plan

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Homer Chailaux, director of Americanism of the American Legion, disapproves of proposals to provide asylum for refugee children from England in the United States.

Youngest U. S. Mayor Only 27



Hawthorne, Cal., residents claim the country's youngest mayor in Glenn M. Anderson, 27, above. He was elected while a student at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Heavy Prunes Shipments From Milton Area Begun

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 9.—(AP)—Sixty-four carloads per day of 11, 50, No. 1 fresh prunes are being shipped from the Milton-Freewater district during the marketing agreement shipping period which began August 5 and which will end August 28, the state department of agriculture said today.

About 1,000 tons have been contracted for canning, some to be canned in the Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla districts, and some in western Oregon canneries.

Wallace, Ex-Utilities Head of Oregon, Dies

BEND, Aug. 9.—(AP)—N. G. Wallace, 65, state public utilities commissioner who resigned June 1, 1939, succumbed here yesterday to a two-year illness.

Born in a Grant county, Ark., log cabin, Wallace moved to central Oregon in 1913. He was a 17th district state senator and Crook county judge from 1917 to 1925.

Surviving are his widow and three children.

Outnumbered Force Downs 15 Italian Planes, Report

Sixty Planes Said Lost By Nazis in Raid

British Also Declare Only 16 Of Own Craft Destroyed, Dispute Berlin Claim Of Merchant Vessels' Toll.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Germany paid with loss of at least 60 planes for yesterday's wholesale aerial assaults on British shores and shipping, the air ministry reported today, as Nazi air attacks continued.

In all, the ministry said, 60 German planes were destroyed "and many others damaged"—a toll of about one in seven of "some 400" Nazi raiders it counted in the raids—the greatest attack in British history.

A loss of 16 British planes was acknowledged, but the air ministry said three pilots previously counted as missing now are reported safe, two of them wounded.

An authoritative source said the German communiqué reporting 12 merchant ships totalling 55,000 tons sunk in the forays, "multiplied by three" the British losses.

Contrary to the German report, this source said, the attacked convoy "contained no tanker nor, indeed, any ship approaching the tonnage figures for single ships given in the German claim," mentioned (Continued on page 6)

Fires Peril U. S. Embassy As Japs Raid Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Large fires were started near the United States embassy on the south bank of the Yangtze river today when 64 Japanese warplanes, coming in two waves, gave Chungking its worst bombing in several weeks.

Authorities expressed fears that casualties would prove heavy, as many people were outside the air raid shelters when the Japanese planes came.

The area around the American embassy hitherto has suffered little from air raids.

(In Shanghai Japanese pilots were quoted as saying that the residence of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had been wrecked and burned in this raid.)

Mayor Interned For Opposing Conscription



Camilien Houde, above, four-time mayor of Montreal, Canada, and 51 years old on August 13, was arrested eight days prior to that date for outspoken opposition to conscription under the emergency war measures act. He will be interned presumably for the duration of the war. He was taken into custody after asking the population not to comply with compulsory national registration scheduled to start Aug. 13. Houde's statement expressed his belief that the dominion parliament "has no mandate to vote conscription."

British Soldiers Quitting Shanghai

Command of Defense Forces, Including U. S. Marines, Falls to Japanese Officer.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The war office announced today that "British troops at present stationed in Shanghai and in North China are being withdrawn for service elsewhere."

These sources said the total number of troops affected was about 1,500, and that protection of British interests would be left to the international police force, commanded by the municipal council which governs the Shanghai international settlement.

No replacements for the British troops was planned, it was reported.

While the destination of the men was not given it was considered unlikely they would be taken from the far east. (Shanghai reports suggested Hongkong or Singapore as the destination.)

The United States has about 7,650 marines in China in addition to naval units of the Asiatic fleet in Chinese waters. The marines are centered in Shanghai, with small detachments in Peiping and Tientsin.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The withdrawal of British army forces from Shanghai will make a Japanese admiral the commanding officer of the Shanghai defense forces, which include the fourth regiment of United States marines.

Command of these forces, representing the chief foreign powers interested in the complex Shanghai community, goes to the ranking officer present. Britain has consistently kept a major-general in Shanghai at the head of her small force to ensure her command.

Announcement by British military authorities of the withdrawal means 10,000 British subjects and \$200,000,000 (approximately \$800,000,000) will be left with British naval units as their only direct protection in event of an emergency.

British Lose Two Craft In Staging Raid

Italians Make Counter Claim of Victory, Pushing Land Forces Toward Berbera, Main Port of Somaliland.

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Italians in British Somaliland pressed an advance toward Berbera, capital and principal port, the British admitted today, as they claimed a smashing victory in the biggest air battle of the African war in Libya.

An army communiqué said the Italian columns of motorized troops which seized Hargeisa and Oadweina early this week were continuing a northward march through the barren rocky hills toward the coast which they aim to seize for an Ethiopian outlet on the Gulf of Aden and the Indian ocean.

Hargeisa is about 100 miles from Berbera, Oadweina about 80. The air battle was fought yesterday when the British attacked an Italian force apparently conveying caravans of supplies to desert forces concentrating on the Egyptian border.

The middle eastern command here said 15 Italian planes were destroyed when the British forces, outnumbered more than two to one, fought over Italian Libya.

The British said the battle took place "some distance west of Sidf Omar." The British admitted the loss of two planes.

Sidf Omar is a small Libyan town about eight miles from the Egyptian frontier and lies southwest of Salum, Egypt.

The Italians, attempting to blaze a path for their motorized and artillery-equipped troops who are seeking to open a "window" on the Gulf of Aden and the Indian ocean in British Somaliland, also twice raided Berbera.

Hargeisa yesterday, hitting barracks and bulletwounds in which troops were believed quartered.

All Egypt was on the alert for the main offensive from Libya," which the British said several days ago is about ready and may not be delayed much beyond August 15.

Leaves of all officers and men were cancelled by the police commandant "as a precautionary measure against emergencies."

The government of Egypt, determined to keep out of the war if possible, remained outwardly confident that the British could handle the situation.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE war scene, at least momentarily, shifts to Africa. There are hints in the news today (Wednesday) that the highly advertised blitz against Britain may be merely a smoke screen to cover a mighty effort to conquer Africa, seize Suez and the Mediterranean and cut the British lifeline to India.

WAR guessing is a hazardous business, because surprise is elemental in warfare. The fighter who telegraphs his punches seldom wins.

A TROPICAL storm moves along the Louisiana coast, piling up water in the bayous, bays and inlets, driving people from their homes to the higher ground (which is hard to find in that region) and taking a toll, as these words are written, of 19 lives.

Among other economic calamities of the storm is the expected drowning of most of this season's crop of muskrats, whose fur is one of the principal sources of income in the swamps of Louisiana.

On Wednesday, the storm is passing into eastern Texas, where it is expected to turn inland. People in its anticipated path are jittery.

Editorial on Bull Tossing

HOW insignificant seem nature's destructive moods in these days when MAN'S instinct to kill and destroy is on the loose throughout the world!

PAUL SATKO, arrived safely at last in Alaska, files on a 122-acre river bottom homestead 27 miles north of Juneau, buys a \$50 automobile and will commute back and forth while he clears his land and makes it habitable.

His family of eight will continue to live in their "ark" in Juneau, where his children will attend school.

If all the publicity he has received doesn't turn his head, he may make a go of it. Don't, however, jump to the obvious conclusion that hacking a homestead out of the Alaskan wilderness will be a picnic.

IT WON'T be. For that matter, hacking a homestead out of the Oregon wilderness will be no picnic.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



PERRY, young son of Rev. and Mrs. Perry Smith, 228 East Cass street, as he took the deep breath necessary for a prolonged dive into the waters of the North Umpqua river. He's a regular fish in the water, and has just as good a time there as I assume a fish does.

I'm optimistic enough to believe that one of these days the city of Roseburg will provide a swimming pool for the benefit of the innumerable young people (and their elders) in this community who love to swim. Swimming is one of the most healthful exercises known to man, but if anyone indulges in it here he has a long way to go. He's tired before he gets there, and exhausted before he gets back.

As I returned to town yesterday evening I SAW a mother pheasant which had been struck by a car, lying in the middle of the pave-

Widow of Ex-Senator Dies in 16-Story Fall

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Ione Page Nicoll, 55, socially prominent widow of Courtland Nicoll, former state senator, was killed today in a fall from her 16th-floor room in New York hospital. She had been left momentarily alone in the room.

Receiver Appointed in Tahkenitch Resort Suit

Difficulties between Mike and Ross Dean, owners of the Dean Brothers resort at Lake Tahkenitch, were aired in circuit court today, following the recent filing of a suit for accounting and appointment of a receiver. Failing to agree on matters of management, the brothers have gone to court, where Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly has appointed Wm. Moar of Roseburg as temporary receiver.

A hearing was held today regarding the appointment of a temporary receiver and various anticipated problems in arriving at a settlement and a possible sale of the property.

Nazi Airdromes, Docks Depots Bombed by Britons

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Docks at Hamburg, supply depots at Hamm, Suedst and Coln, and several German airdromes were bombed in the British air force's nightly visitations to Germany, the air ministry announced tonight.

Mine laying by airplanes is a regular feature of the British air force's night operations and "continues to cause serious damage to enemy shipping and dislocate his coastal shipping," the air ministry said in its regular communiqué.