

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 46% Highest temperature yesterday 84 Lowest temperature last night 51 Precipitation last 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 0 Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 32 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 1 Clear; Little Change in Temp.

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BALKANS

Greece vs. Italy. That's the latest outlook for extension of the European war. And such a clash would probably involve the whole Balkan area, as well as Russia. Modern Europe is threatened with its greatest cataclysm of blood. Read NEWS-REVIEW news.

GREECE, ITALY DRAWING NEARER TO CLASH

Trotsky Near Death From Pickax Attack

Blows Dealt By Friend Of Noted Exile

Weapon Wielded in Mexican Home of Victim; Surgeons Give Him Few Chances to Survive Terrible Wounds.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Leon Trotsky, exiled "Napoleon of the Bolsheviks," who fled to a haven in Mexico, was near death today—victim of a pickax attack by a man who posed as his "great admirer."

Surgeons said Trotsky's condition was "very grave." The one-time Russian war minister had a wound in the skull which exposed his brain and a fracture at the base of the skull. Two other blows from the ax injured his right shoulder and his right hip.

Surgeons operated on Trotsky last night, a few hours after he was set upon in the office of his home in nearby Coyacan.

Gen. Jose Nunez, federal district police chief, said "there are hopes of saving his life." But the Russian, who escaped unharmed as a machine-gun hand invaded his residence May 21, was given few chances to live. Oxygen was administered.

Trotsky blamed the May attack "directly on Josef Stalin and his secret police, the OGPU," and predicted it would be repeated. Twenty Mexicans were arrested a few days later.

Russian "Friend" Accused Police said the "friend" who attacked Trotsky gave his name as Jacques Morlan Vandendrielsch, 36, native of Teheran, Persia. He studied in France and became a subject of Belgium. He said he was a newspaper writer, but so far as could be learned he had no journalistic connections in Mexico.

He had known Trotsky a year, frequently visited the walled-in, well-fortified Coyacan estate, and often dined privately with Trotsky while the two discussed political ideas.

Attacker Would Die Police said Vandendrielsch confessed, saying political opinions

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS newspaper regrets that rigid limitations of time and space forbade publishing Willie's acceptance speech in full.

It was a great speech. If you didn't hear it on the radio, or haven't yet read it IN FULL, do so. If you haven't a copy of it at hand, this newspaper will see that you get one.

It is the first political utterance this writer has ever heard that set his blood to pounding and gave him the urge to say with UTTER CONVICTION: "Come what may, I'm on your side."

WHAT made Willie's speech great, in this writer's opinion, was the note of SINCERE BELIEF that sounded through it from beginning to end.

He wasn't just spreading fly-paper to catch flies. He wasn't just beating the political toms. He was outlining WHAT HE HIMSELF BELIEVES must be done in an hour of national peril.

He was speaking as Lincoln must have spoken in the critical campaign of 1860.

It was no political hack who spoke these words on Saturday: "I accept the nomination in the spirit in which I know it was given at our convention in Philadelphia—the spirit of dedication. I herewith dedicate myself with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul to making this nation strong." (He meant economically and socially, as well as MILITARILY, strong.)

"But I say this too: In the pursuit of that goal, I shall not lead you down the easy road. If I am

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Facing Death as Attack Result



Attacked with a pickax by a "friend and admirer," Leon Trotsky, above, noted Russian exile in Mexico, is near death, while his jailed assailant, a Persian, explained that his deed was due to a political quarrel and expressed the hope that he would be executed.

Defense Program Scored by Wilkie

"Hopelessly Inadequate," Says G. O. P. Nominee, Renewing Challenge to Roosevelt.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Criticizing the administration defense program as "hopelessly inadequate, delayed, and improperly organized," Wendell L. Wilkie suggested today that he and President Roosevelt debate the issue during one of the chief executive's visits to preparedness projects.

"Mr. Roosevelt should tell us how much (military equipment) is on hand, and how much on order," the republican presidential nominee said in a statement.

Wilkie's proposal followed a renewal of his invitation that his democratic opponent meet him in "public discussion" on all campaign questions. The renewal was made yesterday after Mr. Roosevelt had turned down the original challenge by saying conditions made it obvious he could not campaign.

Then Wilkie issued the statement about defense as a supplement to his remarks to reporters.

Should Name Experts A debate during a preparedness inspection trip, the nominee declared, "won't waste" any of the president's time.

"He probably would be making a speech anyway," Wilkie added, "and it would just give me the privilege of making a speech at the same time, and then each could reply to the other."

Wilkie suggested that "the president name experts who understand the building of defense works to make inspection trips."

If that were done, he said, Mr. Roosevelt could "devote such time as he now uses for that purpose to making democracy work by discussing the issues in which the American people are very much interested."

Obligation Pointed Out Declaring the "democratic process" basically rests upon discussion, Wilkie said:

"The president is running for (Continued on page 5)

Bomb Blast Injures Two Postal Employees

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A bomb, described by police as small and poorly constructed, exploded today in a U street branch post office, injuring two postal employees.

The bomb, in a mail bag being unloaded from a truck to a platform, was in a package addressed to a woman whose name authorities withheld.

Those injured were Harry B. Hess, 58, and Hyman Rittenberg, 32, both of whom suffered shoulder and leg lacerations.

Attempt to Defer Draft Voted Down

House Committee Spurns Idea of Waiting Until Advent of War; Senator Scores Profit Limit Opponents.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The house military committee rejected today a proposal to amend the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill to defer actual drafting of men for military service until the United States was at war.

Chairman May (D. Ky.) said the committee rejected the amendment by a vote of 13 to 3.

The proposal to make a draft operative only after a declaration of war first gained widespread attention yesterday when it was put forward in the senate by Senator Walsh (D. Mass.) who said he would offer it formally as an amendment later.

In the senate today Walsh joined in debate over the draft bill pending there with the charge that airplane manufacturers were delaying acceptance of government contracts for warplanes because they were receiving 18 per cent profit on foreign orders.

Plane Makers Rapped Supporting an amendment by Senator Lee (D. Okla.) to "draft" wealth as well as manpower, Walsh asserted that industrial

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H. C. Wells Successor to Ness as Copco Manager

H. C. Wells, formerly employed with The California Oregon Power company here but who for the past two years has been located at Medford, has been returned to Roseburg as superintendent of the Umpqua division. He is to fill the place made vacant by the recent death of T. H. Ness.

For the past two years Mr. Wells has been serving as production manager for the company with headquarters in Medford.

He has assumed his new duties here and is planning to move his household effects to this city as soon as a suitable residence can be obtained. Mrs. Wells came to Roseburg with her husband, but returned last night to Medford to prepare for permanent removal to Roseburg.

Roseburg C. of C. Seeks State Legion Convention

Directors of the Roseburg chamber of commerce at a meeting last night, proposed to Umpqua post of the American Legion that an invitation be extended by the Roseburg post to the state Legion convention, meeting this year at Seaside, to come to Roseburg in 1941.

The directors also agreed unanimously to support the actions of a special committee named to determine what solicitations should be permitted in the business district.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



TOM HATFIELD as he sat four-square in his chair on the cool porch of his home on Deer creek, talking the air. Well started in his eighties and always a man of action, Tom hasn't been up to his usual degree of health lately and presents it.

Sitting beside him in the picture above is Mrs. Hatfield; to her right is her daughter, Mrs. Warren Cloake, and opposite are the latter's husband and their daughter, Margaret Cloake Nasse.

Tom is an old settler in the Deer creek valley, having lived his life there. The fine four hundred-acre farm he now owns was grubbed out from the wilderness of trees and brush which originally it was by his own hands until today it is one of the best and most productive in the county.

Cows, hogs, grain and hay have occupied his interests on the farm. "Give me a herd of good dairy cows—a poor one should waste time with a poor cow—and I'll have no

News-Review Photo and Engraving trouble in keeping the wolf away from the door." I've often heard him state.

In recent years, during which time both his own and Mrs. Hatfield's health has failed, his herd has dwindled in numbers. However by this time it is evident that Tom has the wolf pretty well strangled.

Early each winter in past years Tom's friends would receive a fine and weighty offering of pork sausage, a product for which he was locally famous and for which there was vast demand. There was something about that sausage redolent to city folks of the atmosphere of farm and country, and perhaps it brought back memories of their childhood there. An old tune, a remembered fragrance—they will do that, you know.

Here's improved health to you, Tom, and a hearty continued enjoyment of the good things of life. You deserve them very one—you have worked hard to win them.

Dated at GOP Douglas Rally



Ralph C. C. of C. of Portland, pictured above, will be in Roseburg Thursday to address the county-wide republican rally, marking the kick-off of the general election campaign. Mr. C. C. will be the principal speaker at the banquet meeting to be held at the Umpqua hotel starting at 6:45 p. m. The county central committee, headed by H. O. Pargeter, chairman, has expressed great pleasure in being able to secure the services of Mr. C. C., who has consented to address the Roseburg meeting despite the fact he is extremely busy in preparing the McNary notification ceremony to be held at Salem Aug. 27.

Mr. C. C.'s address will be broadcast through the facilities of Radio Station KRNR, starting at 7:45 p. m., according to arrangements announced today by Chairman Pargeter.

Philippine President Assumes Dictator Role

MANILA, Aug. 21.—(AP)—President Manuel Quezon signed today a bill conferring upon himself sweeping emergency powers but vigorously denied it contained anything approaching dictatorial scope.

The president said the measure, passed 62 to 1 by the national assembly, was designed to enable the executive to act speedily when necessary to check suffering and want among the masses and prevent any stoppage of essential public services.

Designed to cope with derangement of exports and imports caused by war conditions, it empowers Quezon to suppress espionage, to prohibit strikes or lockouts, and to require citizens to turn to farming or other productive pursuits if necessary. It gives him control over wages, profits, hours of labor, transportation, rents and prices of prime necessities.

Salem Man Dies After Altercation Over Gun

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Joseph Williams, 52, Salem battery service man, died in a hospital last night, a few hours after an altercation with a Rieckreall gunsmith, Deputy Sheriff L. L. Pittenger said.

The sheriff's deputy said the gunsmith, L. B. Robinson, was detained without charge pending investigation.

Pittenger quoted four witnesses as saying that Robinson struck Williams on the head with a gun. The altercation took place alongside a highway south of here, where the men were discussing details of a gun trade.

Refugee Children From England Reach America

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The British liner Samaria docked today bringing to safety from bomb-battered England the first group of children transported through the collective efforts of Americans.

The young war refugees crowded the Samaria's rails—210 of them of all sizes, dressed in all kinds of clothing—and cheered lustily when they saw the Statue of Liberty.

Italy Strikes At Gibraltar With Planes

Assertion of Heavy Damage by Fire Disputed by England; Hitler's Hit-Run Tactics On Great Britain Changed.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Britons raised unofficial estimates of German planes shot down in scattered but persistent raids to 15 late today after a battle over a southeast town in which one German crashed.

By the Associated Press Ammunition dumps fired at Britain's great Rock of Gibraltar reportedly turned the historic bastion into a flaming volcano today as riddling warplanes, apparently Italian, stormed the huge fortress.

(A British-censored dispatch from Gibraltar itself said only a small fire was started and quickly controlled.)

Observers in nearby La Linea, Spain, said flames were seen spreading down from the top of the rock.

"During the night enemy aircraft bombed Gibraltar twice," a British communique declared. "In the first raid, bombs dropped in the sea, but an aircraft was brought down in the sea off Europa point."

"In the second raid bombs dropped on the rock, causing a small fire which was quickly brought under control. There was slight damage and no casualties."

Bombs have been dropped on Gibraltar four times since the start of the war a year ago. The last raid was July 26. The plane shot down today by anti-aircraft was the first of the war in that locality.

Italy Extends Blockade Stefan, the official Italian news agency, reported a fierce naval and air battle was fought in the Mediterranean between Brit-

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Air Route Stations

Canton and Enderbury islands, mere dots on the map of the Pacific, came under the joint control of the United States and Great Britain April 6, 1939, by virtue of a 50-year agreement, reached after a year's negotiations as to their ownership.

The agreement provided that the islands, part of the Phoenix group, lying midway between Hawaii and Australia, should serve as way stations on the air route between the United States and Australia. It also provided that the islands be administered by a United States official and a British official.

At the time the agreement was reached it was announced in Washington that:

An American company or com-

Named as Chief Of Agriculture

Claude R. Wickard, above, Indiana farmer, and present undersecretary, nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Henry A. Wallace as secretary of agriculture.

War Presaged By Press Tone, Rome Report

ROME, Aug. 21.—(AP via radio)—The Italian wireless said today that it was "premeditated in political quarters" the sharp tone of the Italian press toward Greece presages a "clash" between the two countries in the near future.

Girl Flier Tries for 20,000-Ft. Height Mark

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Betty Ross, 20, who wants to establish the first altitude record for light planes at 20,000 feet, waited today for the official result of her first attempt and declared "if it isn't over 20,000, I'll try again."

The 99-pound aviator, who has been flying only since June, 1939, circled her two-place cabin plane for three hours and eight minutes over the Harrisburg airport yesterday.

It was the first time light planes officially have been recognized in an altitude flight by the National Aeronautics association, said Russ Brinkley, NAA contest chairman.

Brinkley estimated Miss Ross climbed to 20,000 feet or "within 500 feet of that anyway."

Oregon Auto Crashes Kill Woman and Child

SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 21.—(AP)—An automobile crashed into a utility pole on the Mount Agul highway last night, killing the driver, Mrs. E. C. Shibley, about 50, recently of Spokane.

Two daughters, Ellen and Aileen Shibley, and June Cook, all of Spokane, were seriously injured and brought to a hospital here.

U. S. Gets Two Pacific Bases For Air Route

Joint Control With England of Enderbury, Canton Isles Assumed Under Accord of 1938; No Price Involved.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(AP)—British foreign office sources cited the British-American agreement of 1938 for joint control of Canton and Enderbury islands in the South Pacific today as an illustration of Prime Minister Churchill's statement yesterday that the "association of interests for common purposes" between the two countries had developed before the war.

The officials offered the statement as a result of reported Japanese concern over rumors that Britain is offering to lease defense bases in the Pacific.

It was said authoritatively that the reports may have arisen from a misunderstanding of a portion of Churchill's speech yesterday.

The islands were placed under joint control for use of British and American civil aviation companies for common purposes between August 11, 1938, and on April 15 last year. Great Britain and the United States agreed to extend the arrangement for 50 years, with the possibility of continuing it indefinitely.

No Question of Price No new lease for defense purposes is involved, three sources said, adding that there was "no question of price or consideration" in the arrangement. Britain and the United States had decided on joint control before the war, following a dispute over ownership in 1938.

Foreign office sources said the subject was raised to illustrate the statement of Prime Minister Churchill yesterday that "the principle of association of interests for common purposes between Great Britain and the United States had developed even before the war. Various agreements had been reached about certain small islands in the Pacific ocean which had become important as air refueling points."

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Hands Off Ship American Legion," U. S. Warns Nazis

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