

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 28% Highest temperature yesterday 87 Lowest temperature last night 54 Precipitation last 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 0 Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 22.18 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 73 Clear; Little Change in Temp.

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WHAT'S THE PRICE?

That's the question raised as the U. S. dicker with England for naval and air bases in the western hemisphere. And will the deal lead to a military alliance, as predicted? You'll keep abreast of developments through the NEWS-REVIEW.

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BRITISH CONVOY ELUDES GERMAN BARRAGE

In The Day's News

Guard Mobilization Wins House Approval

Revised Bill Now Awaits Senate O. K.

Efforts to Effect Compromise in Conscription Proposal Continue; Drafting of Industries is Advocated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Legislation for mobilization of 400,000 national guardsmen and army reserves was approved finally by the house today and sent to the senate for expected prompt acceptance.

The house accepted a report of a joint committee named to resolve differences between senate and house versions of the legislation which President Roosevelt had requested.

The legislation would involve about 242,000 guardsmen, 116,000 reserve officers and 50,000 enlisted men. It would permit them to be sent any place in the western hemisphere and possessions and territories of the United States, including the Philippine Islands.

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PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The organization claimed Hague violated state liquor laws by speaking against its proposed repeal of the statute to permit sale of hard liquor by the drink.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Leon Trotsky, world-famed leader of the Russian revolution, died last night, the victim of a pick-ax assassin whom the revolutionary accused of being a tool of the "Ogpu" or a fascist—most likely the Ogpu.

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Army Enlistment Call Brings All 24 Able-Bodied Men of Dixie Town

MORLEY, Tenn., Aug. 22.—(AP)—By the eternal, old Andy Jackson would have been proud of the men of Morley!

They are the same breed of lean, tough mountaineers who followed him at New Orleans against the British, into Florida against the Spaniards, and against the Indians more than a century ago.

Conscription? Not for them. They just up and joined the army when the word got around that soldiers were needed to pack a rifle.

And maybe someday the war department will put a bronze tablet in this mountain hamlet with raised letters reading: "This is the town of Morley, Tenn., where every able-bodied, eligible man volunteered his services to his country in the year 1940."

There are about two-score families in this village in the shadow of the Cumberland mountains and all their sons who are eligible are

Excess Profits Rulings Appealed

U. S. Solicitor Raises Issue of How Far Government Must Yield to Contractors.

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The cases, involving the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, were filed in 1925 and 1926. In one, the company sued the government for \$7,500,000 profits not paid to it, while in the other the government sued the corporation for recovery of allegedly excessive profits already paid.

The government lost both in district court and is appealing from a decision of the third circuit court of appeals which upheld the lower court.

Solicitor General Francis Biddle, in a petition filed with the supreme court, contended that the government had no choice but to deal with Bethlehem at its terms, and added:

"In times of national emergency the men charged with preparing the nation's defenses have no time for haggling with a contractor who refuses to perform his indispensable function unless he be assured an exorbitant profit."

"The government is now engaged in a program of military and naval armament comparable to or greater than that undertaken in 1917 and 1918. It is, therefore, of immediately national concern that there should be an authoritative determination of the extent to which the country's need should place the government at the mercy of its contractors."

All unnaturalized aliens are compelled to register under the law. Decision as to whether or not a foreign born person is required to register does not rest with the local office department but with the department of justice, which will enforce the law.

Application and information blanks are now on hand at the Roseburg office and probably the other offices of the county as well as can be had on request at the general delivery windows.

Out-of-town persons who wish to register should write for information as to when they may register in order to be sure that time will be available to take care of them when they arrive.

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Wilkie Will Bid For Demo Votes In Dixie

Plans Discussed With Former Roosevelt Aides, Now In Bolters' Ranks; Salem Prepares For McNary Day.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Coordination of a anti-Roosevelt campaign activities among southern democrats was a major object today of a swift series of conferences called by Wendell L. Wilkie.

A plane brought the republican presidential nominee here from Rushville, Ind., last midnight. He will return next week to set up personal headquarters in that midwestern farm community.

Wilkie arranged a talk tonight with John W. Hanes, former under-secretary of the treasury in the Roosevelt cabinet, and Lewis W. Douglas, the president's first budget director.

There has been talk among the Wilkie forces of creating a "national unity" party in the south, designed to attract democrats wishing to vote against the president, but not wanting to place an "X" in the republican column.

The mechanics of such an arrangement—nomination of a separate set of electors and cumulative voting on different tickets—was described by Wilkie as one of the topics for the conference.

He has said that he would speak in the south, but has not announced detailed plans. His formal speaking campaign will be opened in Coffeyville, Kans., about Sept. 14, and the only other engagement he has accepted publicly is an address to a republican women's

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Base Leasing Plans of U. S. Rouse Italy

Scheme to Obtain Territory in "Break-Up" of Great Britain Charged; Nations Opposed To Deal Given Applause.

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Il Resto del Carlino, important Bologna paper, said the United States not only is trying to get control of Canada by offering to send an army to defend her but added that unless something happens in the Pacific America will try later to get Australia.

"Japan rightly is rather alarmed at this new development of American imperialism," Il Resto said.

"To gain possession" of the British West Indies, Il Resto said, Washington is ready to "cede" motors, guns and even some obsolete destroyers in payment for a 99-year lease on England's American islands."

Opposition Praised

Il Popolo di Roma, expressing the same view, applauded Mexico and Guatemala for reported opposition to the United States occupation of naval and air bases in British Honduras.

Stefani, official Italian news agency, said various South American republics consider the United States, on the excuse there is a threat from Europe, is seeking rather cleverly to establish hegemony over Central America and to

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Diplomats Of Japan Hit By Huge Shakeup

Ambassador to U. S. Among 35 Envoys Recalled; Likely Successor Aikawa, Noted Industrial Leader.

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The authoritative Japanese news agency, reported today.

Yoshishuke Aikawa, one of Japan's outstanding industrialists and head of the great Manchuria Industrial Development corporation, was said in informed quarters to be a likely choice as Horinouchi's successor.

Domei said 19 ministers and 16 holders of important consular posts, including those at New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Honolulu and Manila, also were being recalled in the shakeup, which affects the foreign service in the Americas more than any other part of the world.

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Matsukata has said he will make Japan diplomacy free from "loadium."

Besides Horinouchi the ambassadors named by Domei as recalled are those in Brazil, Turkey, France and China.

The ministers affected were said to be those to Canada, Spain, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Mexico, Afghanistan, Hungary, South Africa, Finland, Rumania, Latvia, Egypt,

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Guns Roar On Channel But Hit No Ships

Aerial Torpedo Deals Death in British Fight; U. S. Made Plane Turns Off 7 Nazis, Brings One of Them Down.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Heavy German artillery opened up from concealed positions on the French coast from Boulogne to Calais and German dive bombers went into action today against a long British convoy threading the English channel off Dover.

The convoy escaped without damage from the artillery fire through a smoke screen, despite churning of the waters by about 100 shells from the distant French shore. It was later attacked by the dive bombers, one of which was shot down.

The loss brought to an even 1,000 the number of Nazi planes which Britain counts as certainly destroyed since Adolf Hitler's intensive air war about the British Isles was launched June 18.

The roar of the German artillery from 20 miles distant, which could be heard in London over telephone connections from the southeast coast, followed a 3-day pause in the mass air attacks, but the government warned that even greater air attacks might be expected at any time.

The firing started when the military convoy entered the straits with protecting warships.

Earlier three German air machines had attacked a convoy off the northeast coast, dropping several bombs but without apparent damage as Spitfires gave chase.

These were the first attacks on convoys off the east coast in several days.

Apparently the British were resuming the use of the channel for shipping during the 3-day breathing spell this week in the intensive air war instituted August 8.

While some Britons exulted that the lull was a sign the royal air force had shot the "blitz out of blitzkrieg," others expressed doubt, and Air Secretary Sinclair was on record with a warning that the Germans have used up "only a small fraction" of their heavy bombers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Wood smoke feathered into Oregon skies again today and 500 men fought three stubborn timber blazes in widely separate locations.

More than 2000 acres were ablaze in the Black hills 20 miles southwest of Sumner lake in Klamath county. The fire threatened virgin stands of ponderosa pine of the Weyerhaeuser company.

Near Elgin in the northeast corner of the state 1200 acres of logged land burned. About 200 men fought the flames.

A third fire covered about 2000 acres southeast of Crescent in Klamath county. About 150 fighters equipped with bulldozers had it partially checked.

Fire destroyed 160,000 feet of stacked lumber in the O'Brien-Gram mill yard at Astoria.

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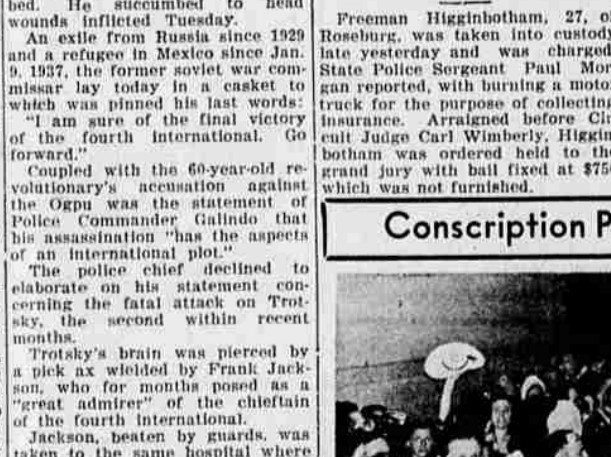
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Conscription Prospects Aids Dan Cupid's Business



It may be just coincidence, but prospective exemption of married men from proposed conscription has been paralleled by a record rush for marriage licenses in many a U. S. community.