

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Increasing cloudiness tonight. Thursday rain. Rising temperature.

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SABOTAGE

Is it rampant in the U. S. to hinder the defense program? The FBI is seeking the answer to this question following a series of explosions, fires and other violence.

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BRITISH SHATTER ITALIAN NAVAL CRAFT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THESE words are written on Armistice day—the day set apart for celebration of the war to end wars.

HOW shall the world be kept out of war—if ever? This writer doesn't even claim to know. But the answer must be better, wiser, MORE TOLERANT leadership.

THE war to end wars was followed by an intolerant peace that sowed the seeds of this even more terrible war.

AT the end of our own bloody war between the states, Grant said to Lee: "Tell your men to take their horses and go home and go to plowing."

Unfortunately, the POLITICIANS took charge after Appomattox and the intolerant reconstruction period followed. As a result of that period of intolerance, the solid south still votes its inherited prejudices instead of its current convictions.

Before war can be ended INTOLERANCE must at least be greatly lessened.

RUMANIA has the most disastrous earthquake in the kingdom's history—1,000 to 2,000 persons killed and devastation spread across an area of 5,000 square miles.

In a few quivering seconds Sunday morning, more of Rumania was laid in waste than would be destroyed in months of war.

When man sets the example, nature can hardly be expected to refrain from emulation.

ON this Armistice day, the Greek radio says: "The Italian invaders of Greece have lost the battle in all sectors and are retreating in disorder toward Albania."

Assuming this to be true (one can't believe OFFICIAL radio reports, which are intended more as propaganda than as news), this question arises: "Did Italy hit as hard as she could?"

If the answer is yes, Hitler hasn't done so well in the way of allies. If it is no, the Greek en-

Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press)
War Is Heaven

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The draft process will be employed for the annual dazed ball, sponsored by the senior co-ed honorary society, Mortar Board, at the University of Indiana.

The girls will "conscript" the "dates," and the first capsule drawn from a fish bowl at the dance will determine which young man will be colonel of the legion of designing females. All expenses for the couples will be paid by the co-eds.

A Fish Story
HICKORY, N. C.—J. G. Alexander headed homeward across a railroad trestle with his catch of 16 catfish just as a train came along. He jumped.

Explosions Probed for Sabotage Evidence

14 Killed At Three Plants; FBI At Work

2 Other Persons Die in Upset of Ship Crane; Fire Hits Two Oil Depots and Docks; Warning Voiced by Dies.

By the Associated Press
A series of blasts in explosive plants—one of which was engaged in defense manufacture—drew the attention of investigators today in an attempt to determine whether they were connected with possible sabotage efforts.

Another three died in the Burton Powder works of the American Cyanamid corporation at Edinburg, Pa., in an explosion of 1,000 pounds of dynamite.

On the heels of the powder plant explosions came reports of other blasts and violent incidents, at least one occurring under mysterious circumstances.

In Oklahoma, an explosion damaged units of the Phillips Petroleum Co. No. 1 oil well under circum-

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Ship Losses During War's First 12 Months Listed

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander, in a written answer to a question in the house of commons today, stated that the number of merchant ships, including fishing vessels, lost by "enemy action" during the first 12 months of the war was as follows:

British, 466 ships of 1,611,842 tons. Allied, 103 of 474,816 tons. Neutral, 253 of 769,212 tons. Total, 762 of 2,855,870 tons.

Delinquent Tax Bill Hits Members of Clubs

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A forgotten law brought consideration to several Oregon athletic and social clubs today as the federal internal revenue department presented a bill for delinquent taxes.

Collector J. W. Maloney said life members, active or honorary, must pay a 10 per cent tax on all dues or assessments paid to the club plus a 100 per cent penalty for delinquency.

Plyden Stott, former member of the Portland Multnomah Athletic club's board of trustees, estimated the tax on 290 members would range up to \$112.50 each and would be doubled by the penalty.

Verne Perry, Columbia-Edgewater Country club manager, expressed regret the law, passed in 1919, but never enforced hereabouts, would affect all golf clubs.

In U. S. A. Defense Program



At top—Largest delivery of trainer planes for army feldlings prepare to take off from Los Angeles for delivery to Moffett field, Sunnyvale, where they will be used to teach young pilots to fly in their country's defense.

At right—Maj. Gen. Ernest D. Peck, named commanding general of the army's ninth corps area to handle mobilization, supply and administrative duties for troops stationed in the eight western states and Alaska.

Death Toll In Cold, Storms Mounts to 88

Victims Include Crews of Lake Vessels and Duck Hunters; Snow Isolates Towns in Minnesota, Closes Schools.

By the Associated Press
Searching parties scoured the cold waters of Lake Michigan and frozen marshlands in the Great Lakes region today for additional victims of the violent storm that brought death and destruction to the middle west and frigid weather to the nation.

Two freighters were believed to have foundered in Lake Michigan with all hands aboard during the gale that struck on Armistice day and continued into Tuesday. Five vessels were reported aground.

Commissioner Retains Job in Bowl Drawing

THE DALES, Nov. 13.—(AP)—By virtue of a fish bowl drawing, Mace Fulton will serve another term as a Wasco county commissioner.

Big Turkeys to Go Into School Food

Purchases by the federal government of large sized turkeys to be used in the numerous WPA hot school lunch programs throughout the country was announced today by W. A. Davis, local manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers. Mr. Davis reported that the news of the government's action was given through the Salt Lake City headquarters of the Northwest Turkey Growers association.

F. D. R. Welcomes Support Pledges

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a telegram acknowledging congratulatory messages on his election to a third term, expressed today "determination to work shoulder to shoulder with all who place true Americanism above all other considerations."

The chief executive said that some of the messages contained pledges of loyalty and support from men and women who voted against the administration and "these messages, in particular," he asserted, "reflect a spirit of national unity in essential things which is most welcome."

Bremen Sunk by British Torpedo, Danes Declare

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A report that the German merchant ship Bremen was sunk off the Danish coast several weeks ago was received here by the Danish-Norwegian newspaper, Blev.

The editors of the paper did not disclose who sent them a telegram saying the 49,864-ton vessel was sunk off Denmark's northern coast and that the Danes believed it had been hit by a British torpedo.

A similar report came in a letter received by a Danish family here, saying the Bremen was sunk in the Kattegat, with its superstructure above water, and that "hundreds of bodies" of German soldiers were washed ashore. The letter writer said excursion trips were being made to the wreck.

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British Heroism Aboard Outclassed Boat In Hopeless Battle With German Raider In Atlantic Saves Two-Thirds of Convoy

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Sixty-five seamen, most of them wounded, were Canada's heroes today—scared, exhausted survivors of the armed merchant cruiser Jervis Bay which saved at least 29 ships of a convoy of 38 before sinking, guns still roaring, in a mid-Atlantic battle with a powerful German raider.

The identity of the raider and the number of missing crew members of the 18-year-old, 14,164-ton Australian liner converted into a lightly-armed convoy guardship were kept a military secret. Also, the identity of the raider was unknown, but some of the survivors thought possibly she was a 10,000-ton pocket battleship, the Admiral Scheer or the Luetow.

Survivors of the fight—which the world had its first inkling last week when distress calls crackled out over the Atlantic—told how the Jervis Bay headed without hesitation in the "hopeless" fight, laid a smoke screen under which the convoy scattered, and plowed through a storm of shells straight for the raider until she was sunk by the latter's power.

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In line with President Roosevelt's new re-orientation policy for splitting munitions production with the British, the bomber delivery will give the British half of the Boeing Aircraft plant's output of 80 Boeing B-17C bombers by late December. Experts said the planes have range so great they easily could be flown across the Atlantic to England.

Reports persisted, meanwhile, of the release to Britain of one of the secret bombsights developed by American military experts who regard them as the world's most accurate. Lacking any official confirmation, these reports said that the second and newer of the two sights held by the army and navy would not be released.

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3 Battleships, Two Cruisers In Harbor Hit

Two Auxiliary War Vessels Also Damaged, Claim Of London; Greeks Continue To Hammer at Italians.

(By the Associated Press)
Britain's royal navy "has struck a crippling blow at the Italian fleet," the London admiralty reported today, seriously damaging two fascist battleships and probably a third as well as two cruisers "snuggling behind their shore defenses" at the Taranto naval base.

In addition, two auxiliary warships there were reported "lying with their sterns under water." Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a cheering house of commons that "the result of the action decisively affects the balance of power in the Mediterranean."

London naval experts said the victory would release powerful units of the British Mediterranean armada to join in a world wide hunt for a "phantom" German surface raider—possibly the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer or the Luetow—which attacked a convoy in mid-Atlantic November 11.

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



BILL BRADLEY'S grave at Bradley's flat, near Illahoe on the North Umpqua river. Formerly protected only by a rickety picket fence of meagre dimensions, it has recently been honored by the erection of a noble concrete monument into which has been set a bronze memorial tablet.

Each community, each district of any country, either has an odd-timer who has become a legendary hero, or suffer severely through the lack of one. The upper North Umpqua has Bill Bradley.

Bill isn't legendary yet. Too many men, now in their prime, still have vivid personal recollections of him. But he will become legendary in the course of time—mark my words. His character, his somewhat unusual mode of living, his varied actual and rumored attainments assure this.

Born in Oakland, or Oak Creek, I forget which, in 1861, Bill squatted on the flat which now bears his name in 1880 (or thereabouts). He died there in 1909, having been trampled to death by a horse which he was breaking. Or at least this is the supposition, as no one ever has appeared who was present at the time. He was found in a dying and unconscious condition a day or so after the event.

Gazing contemplatively at the grave in the picture above stands Tom Barber, forest service construction superintendent, with headquarters at Steamboat, Tom and I were guests of Vernon Harpman, forest supervisor, on a projected expedition to Diamond lake and were on the second leg of our somewhat leisurely journey at Bradley flat.