

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Fair tonight and Friday; Light frost tonight. Little change in temperature.

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HARDER BLOWS

Backed by U. S. aid, John Bull has begun a "blitzkrieg" of his own, and the war tide may soon turn as a result. Look for decisive smashes any day. The NEWS-REVIEW will keep you posted.

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BRITISH AIR FORCE DEALS TERRIFIC BLOWS

Cigaret Package Tax To Increase Old Age Pensions Voted, 38-19, By Oregon Legislature

Retail Sales Levy Slated For Decision; Retirement Age for Judges Set

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—The house approved 38 to 19 today a two-cent per package tax on cigarettes, designed to raise \$2,000,000 a year to help increase the average old age pension in Oregon from \$21 to \$30 a month.

The bill now goes to the senate. The two per cent retail sales tax bill, which would raise \$4,000,000 a year for property tax relief, \$3,200,000 for pensions, and \$800,000 for schools, was to be considered by the house late today.

Dr. C. T. Hockett, chairman of the house taxation and revenue committee, which introduced the bill, said the cigarette tax would "increase materially." He said the bill and the sales tax measure would raise the average pension from \$21 to \$30 a month.

However, Rep. Giles L. French said that cigarettes, taxed six cents a package by the federal government, are taxed too much already.

Rep. Warren Erwin said "we've got to do something for the old folks. We boast of our American way of living, but yet we pay these small pensions." He asked the house also to consider his bill to increase whisky prices 10 per cent to raise another \$1,000,000 a year for pensions.

Some opponents of the measure criticized the bill on grounds it did not also tax cigars and pipe tobacco.

Judge Retirement Voted

The house passed 31 to 27 a senate bill to permit supreme court and circuit judges to retire on \$200 a month after serving 17 years and reaching the age of 70. The supreme court justices would contribute three per cent of their salaries, and the circuit court justices two per cent.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most interesting (to us) dispatch.

"A high London naval source declared today (Tuesday) that Britain wants all the ships she can get from America and that enough trained British personnel is ready to man over the whole U. S. fleet if turned over to Britain for the developing battle of the Atlantic."

TODAY'S dispatches carry word as to this "developing battle of the Atlantic"—which, the high London naval source says, has now begun.

For the week ending March 2, the British admit the loss of 29 British, allied and neutral vessels totaling 148,033 tons, the largest week's loss since October.

The British spokesman in London adds: "The spring blitz Hitler promised has begun."

AMERICA'S announced job is to provide supplies for Britain, along with other embattled democracies.

We must consider this. American supplies, including food, munitions, etc., will DO THE BRITISH NO GOOD unless they can be DELIVERED TO BRITAIN.

So far as saving Britain is concerned, it won't help if we pile guns, ships, planes, tanks and ammunition mountain high ON THIS SIDE.

If they are to be of value to Britain they must be got across the Atlantic.

THE "battle of the Atlantic" referred to by the British spokesman is a battle against

Mediation Board For Labor Planned

Roosevelt and Aides Confer on Proposal as Strikes Impede Output of Defense Needs

(By the Associated Press) A specific recommendation for a mediation board to handle labor problems was laid before President Roosevelt today by Secretary Perkins and the directors of the office for production management, William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman.

Miss Perkins told reporters afterward that the idea of such a board was taking "definite shape." Hillman said several propositions were under consideration but that the conference had not touched on names of prospective board members.

Another major development today, in New York, was rejection by the nation's soft coal operators of CIO union demands for a blanket \$1-a-day wage increase. The operators proposed that the present contract, which covers 450,000 miners, be extended another two years.

The present contract, expiring March 31, provides \$6 a day for miners in the north and \$5.60 in the south.

Aluminum Plant Stilled. The big Aluminum Company of America plant at Edgewater, N. J., which had been operating seven days a week on aluminum airplane parts, was stilled by a strike early yesterday. Three thousand workers were affected. CIO union leaders contended the company had violated Sunday and holiday overtime pay provisions of a 1939 labor contract.

Also idle was the Labelle works of the Crucible Steel company at Pittsburgh. Officials of the company, which employs about 900 men, had called an "unauthorized strike." Union headquarters declined to comment, but pickets

Defense Appropriation Bill Sent to Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The senate sent a \$1,533,567,102 defense appropriations bill to President Roosevelt for his signature today after several senators had voiced sharp criticism of the bill's lack of a provision setting up a commission to locate defense factories.

Besides funds for speeding the army's housing program and replacement of fleet units, the bill included allotments for constructing naval facilities at Guam, Samoa and other outposts.

The bill would provide \$66,050,000 for building naval air stations at bases acquired from Great Britain in exchange for destroyers.

Ex-Convict Sentenced Here on Bad Check Count

Arthur E. Cox, 36, a resident of Florence, Oregon, was sentenced in circuit court today to two years in the state penitentiary after pleading guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. Cox was accused of cashing a worthless check at Gardiner, District Attorney J. V. Long informed Judge Carl E. Wimberly that Cox had been given a sentence of one year in Lane county in March, 1938, on a similar offense, and had been paroled from the state penitentiary in August of that year.

Winchester Bay Yields Body of Drowned Man

REEDSPORT, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The body of John Daugherty, who was washed from the deck of a jetty tender Feb. 15 and drowned, was recovered by jetty workers late yesterday at the jetty dock near where he was carried into Winchester bay.

Stormy Petrel Of Labor Passes



Tom Mann, veteran British labor leader, died today at his home in Yorkshire.

In his tempestuous career he was deported from Germany, France, Belgium and Ireland and banished from the United States. He was jailed in Australia and Germany in his younger years and, at the age of 76 when most leaders are content to muse on social and political strife, he went to a London jail.

He was barred from the United States in 1919 when America was deporting Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and other I. W. W. leaders who had obstructed the world war draft laws.

California Again Lashed by Rains

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—(AP)—The rains are back again, after a few days of sunshine, setting new storm records for southern California.

Rain which set in yesterday and continued today established a 51-year record in Los Angeles with a total precipitation for the season starting July 1, 1940, of 26.31 inches.

The storm was general over southern California, from Santa Barbara, where a cloudburst deposited 1.25 inches of water in one hour and 15 minutes—and 4.5 inches in eight hours—to the Imperial valley, where lightning and thunder accompanied the rain.

A bus slid from wet pavement against a telephone pole and into an orange grove at Ontario, injuring seven passengers, one—Ralph Cortilla, 22, of Greeley, Colo., critically.

A body was sighted in the surf at Redondo Beach. It was believed to be that of a boy washed from the breakwater a week ago.

Streets were blocked off in several towns of the San Fernando valley, and in Reseda several business buildings, their foundations weakened by earlier storms, were abandoned temporarily.

A landslide south of Santa Barbara delayed three trains for two hours. A cloudburst in the Mojave desert washed out two miles of the Bakersfield highway 15 miles north of Mojave.

The forecast was for more rain through tomorrow.

Prison Term Meted to Benefit Assn.'s Ex-Head

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Stapleton sentenced Deane Curtis, former business manager of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, to two years in the state prison yesterday.

Curtis pleaded guilty to larceny by embezzlement. Deputy District Attorney Dibble said Curtis misappropriated about \$4100 of association funds.

Aged Caretaker Near Brightwood Dies in Fire

BRIGHTWOOD, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—T. W. B. Thompson, 84, a caretaker, burned to death late yesterday in a fire which destroyed his home at Sleepy Hollow. State Policeman Glen Macdonald said the man apparently became ill and probably knocked a kerosene lamp over.

2-Ocean Navy Bill Offered In Congress

Appropriation of Nearly 3 1/2 Billion Asked for Construction Program

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—A \$3,446,585,144 appropriation bill to carry forward the two-ocean navy construction program was presented to the house today along with a warning from the navy's high command that the critical world situation "may continue to grow worse for some time to come."

Recommending the huge outlay for the year starting July 1, the appropriations committee told the house that the fleet expansion program called for "colossal expenses of staggering proportions" and \$5,553,976,000 additional will have to be appropriated during the fiscal years 1943-46, solely to complete the current shipbuilding program.

A total of 729 ships of all types and categories are now under construction or contracted for and, when completed, will give the United States the most powerful navy in world history.

Restrictions Imposed. For the first time, the committee wrote into the navy bill a provision to prohibit payment of any of the funds to persons, advocating overthrow of the government by force or who belong to organizations advocating such tactics.

A somewhat similar provision has been placed in relief and other appropriation bills. Anyone who accepted funds in violation of the pending provision would be liable to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year, in addition to penalties under any other applicable law.

Another new provision would prohibit the navy from employing any additional civilian personnel after today at salaries in excess of \$5,000, unless specifically authorized in the bill or hereafter. It also would limit the number of civilian officers and employes of the navy department in Washington to 7,500, unless specific appropriation is made later for an increase.

Oregon Bases Included. The navy is equipping seven section bases in Oregon, Washington and Alaska and intends to

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Advances to Top In WPA Office



New administrator of the WPA is Howard O. Hunter, above, former deputy in that department. He was nominated for the chief position by President Roosevelt to succeed the late Col. F. C. Harrington.

Dr. Kleinsorge Named to Higher Education Board

SALEM, March 13.—(AP)—Governor Sprague today appointed Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton physician, to the state board of higher education for the term ending March 2, 1950. He succeeds F. E. Callister of Albany. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the senate.

Legation Stenographer, Injured by Bomb, Dies

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 13.—(AP)—Teresa Armstrong, 23-year-old stenographer of the British legation in Sofia, died today. Her death brought to four the number of dead in the suitcase bomb attempt on the life of George W. Rendel, British minister to Bulgaria. Miss Armstrong was so seriously injured in the explosion in the Pera Palace hotel that both her legs had to be amputated.

Raiders Start Huge Fires at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen

Duce In Field But Urge To Army Futile

Fierce Italian Attacks Shattered by Greeks; Hitler Predicts Victory

By the Associated Press On the Albanian war front, the Greeks today quoted Italian prisoners as saying that Premier Mussolini was now in the field and had given his generals until Saturday to "do something."

A Greek spokesman said Il Duce had personally ordered the recent fierce Italian attacks on the central front, in the Tepeleni sector, which the spokesman said had been repulsed in four days of bloody fighting.

The Italians, dispatches to Athens from the front said, have been unable to gain a single inch of ground and in the last six days their losses unofficially have been placed at more than 10,000, including 2,000 dead. These figures do not cover the 3,500 prisoners listed by the Greeks.

The Balkan situation remained tense, with 500,000 German troops awaiting Hitler's go-ahead signal on the Greek and Turkish frontiers, while Yugoslavia leaned with apparent reluctance toward the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

The Turkish government newspaper Ulus declared Turkey's defenses were "adequate in the face of all eventualities" and urged the public to remain calm.

Hitler Promises Victory

Fuehrer Hitler keynoted a Nazi celebration commemorating the third anniversary of the union of his native Austria with the reich by predicting, in a speech at Linz, that the war would end in a tremendous German victory insuring development of "a greater Germany."

"The hour of our final victory will come," he told some 40,000 listeners in an unheralded talk, "whereupon we will develop very thoroughly the plans we have made. . . . We are not obligated to any class, or to any group, and we bow to no human being. Before us in the recognition of the German people, before us is a greater Germany."

In the German war theater, Britain's middle east command

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Hungary's Funds In U. S. 'Frozen' By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today "froze" all funds of Hungary in the United States.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said that the president and the treasury acted at the request of the state department, but declined to discuss the reasons.

Hungary, the 12th nation whose funds have been frozen signed the axis pact about two months ago. Customarily such freezing orders have been issued when nations were occupied by troops of another country.

Morgenthau declined to say whether the action meant that the United States now considered Hungary occupied by German troops.

Indians Wallop Parkrose, 26 to 21

The Roseburg high school Indians, eliminated Wednesday from competition for the state basketball championship, stayed in the running for consolation honors today by defeating Parkrose 26 to 21 in a game played at Salem today. Van Atta of Parkrose staged a one-man battle to keep his team in the tournament, scoring 12 of the team's 21 points. All of the Roseburg players broke into the scoring column. In the first consolation game of the day Columbia Prep of Portland defeated Beaverton 45 to 18.

Lineups: Roseburg 26 21 Parkrose Ward 5 F. Porter Goodlow 6 F. Jarvis Denton 6 C. 4 McLaughlin Hughes 2 G. 2 Harper Finlay 5 G. 1 Porden Substitutions: Roseburg, Cacy 2; Parkrose, Finch 2, Van Atta 12.

Longview Gets Reynolds Firm Aluminum Factory

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The Reynolds Metals company factory, second aluminum plant attracted to the Pacific northwest by the Bonneville project, will be at Longview, Wash.

R. S. Reynolds, president, disclosed selection of the site last night. It will consist of 400 acres west of the Weyerhaeuser Pulp company, on the Columbia river.

The Longview plant will give the Reynolds company a total production of 100,000,000 pounds per year, or about a third of the nation's 1939 production. With the Alcoa plant at Vancouver it will give the Columbia basin an aluminum capacity equal to almost 30 per cent of America's 1941 output.

Roseburg Indian Basketeers Lose To Klamath Falls, 31 to 18, After Tying Score, 16-All, in 3rd Quarter

Roseburg's towering Indians, apparently suffering badly from stage fright as they played in their first state basketball championship tournament since 1936, went down to defeat Wednesday afternoon before the Klamath Falls Pelicans by a score of 31 to 18 in the opening round of the state meet at Salem. Intensely nervous at the start of the game, the Indians never fully recovered their driving power, their tenseness being exhibited by the manner in which the ball time and again rolled around the hoop and dropped outside.

Roseburg failed to score a field goal in the first period, annexing three free throws for their quarter score, further showing nervousness by missing five gift shots.

Klamath Falls also was tense, committing six fouls in the first period, but emerging with five points to hold a two-point lead for the first time.

Score Tied at 16-All. Both teams increased the pace in the second frame during

Nazis Reply By Blasting At Liverpool

New Defensive Weapon Of British Takes Toll Of Attacking Planes

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—The British air force, throwing new and more powerful bombers into its greatest assault of the war, blasted Germany and German-held territory from Berlin to Boulogne and Norway in the last 24 hours, the air ministry said today, and was "very successful."

Tremendous fires and explosions were declared by the air ministry to have been started at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen and a German destroyer was reported torpedoed in the Skagerrak, north of the North sea between Norway and Denmark.

Matching the massive offensive operations, informed sources said Britain now was prepared also to fill the skies over England with night fighters to fend off the Luftwaffe's destructive dusk-to-dawn assaults.

Nazis Hit at Liverpool. The effectiveness of the reinforced defense setup was demonstrated by a one-night record last night when at least nine German bombers were shot down as they attacked the Merseyside, important shipping area concentrated at Liverpool.

Further proof was offered in the declaration that the ratio of one raider downed out of 30 heretofore had been reduced now to a one-to-20 ratio.

A communique appeared to hint at a new defensive weapon in stating that the German bombers were harassed by fighters, anti-aircraft guns and "other devices" which were described as "very active."

The nature of the "other devices" was not indicated but they were considered to be something other than barrage balloons.

German raiders over London greeted by a thunderous barrage last night and early today were unlike anything previously heard from the regular anti-aircraft weapons.

The RAF's score was further increased when it was officially announced today that "two enemy aircraft Messerschmitt 109's were shot down near the southeast coast" in a dawn encounter.

The government compared the raid on the Liverpool area with the heavy assaults directed against England last fall but added:

"On this occasion the damage and casualties bore no relation

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A CREW OF GARDENERS from Moyer's nursery planting some trees in the lawn of Noble Goette's new home in Laurelwood, Noble, rearmost in the picture above, looks on approvingly. Having ceased for the moment his own labor of seeding a lawn back of the house.

The planting is of sizable plane trees. I lived half a lifetime before I knew what plane trees were. I'd read of them occasionally in catalogues and such; but always had associated them with banyans, or something equally strange and unknown. Imagine my surprise to discover they were my old friends, the sycamores!

They "fruit" a round, pendant ball filled, at maturity, with a dry, fibrous substance. When I was a kid one of my autumn

Weekly Pay Tax Being Considered

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Congressional fiscal experts, casting about for new revenue sources to help pay for the \$7,000,000,000 British aid program, were reportedly considering today a 5 per cent tax on the weekly pay of most of the nation's workers.

If such a 5 per cent "earned income" tax, should be levied, that amount would be deducted for the government each week from the pay envelopes of a large proportion of jobholders. Thus a worker now receiving \$40 weekly would get, instead, \$38 and a tax receipt for \$2. Small wage earners—possibly those receiving \$25 weekly or less—would be exempted.

Although it was emphasized that this proposal was merely in the discussion stage and might never mature, responsible individuals who have been studying the plan said they had received estimates that a 5 per cent levy of this nature would raise \$3,500,000,000 yearly.

Acknowledging that the proposal might arouse a storm of protest from wage earners, advocates said it would have to be accompanied by commensurate increases in taxes upon incomes from investments, rentals and other sources so that there could be no discrimination.

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