

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Fair tonight. Friday mostly cloudy. Little change in temperature.

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FLAMING DEATH, RUIN RAINED ON LONDON

BALKANS

The battle between the nazis and the British-bolstered Greeks is due to open any hour, now that Italian morale is reported by deserters to be collapsing. Prompt service to you from the NEWS-REVIEW when the struggle begins.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S (Tuesday's) big news: German long-range submarines and German BATTLE CRUISERS are operating (so far, apparently, against British ships only) in the waters of the Atlantic which America has claimed as her own.

CHURCHILL announces this (Tuesday) morning: "Not only German U-boats but German battle cruisers have crossed to the American side of the Atlantic and have already sunk some of our independently routed ships sailing without convoy."

Churchill adds that these German warships have operated as far west as the 42nd meridian. The 42nd meridian is west of the eastern tip of Brazil.

Hitler is lifting the chip toward his shoulder. He hasn't yet definitely put it there.

THE story is told pretty well by Churchill in this brief sentence:

"Anyone can see how bitter is the need of Hitler and his gang to cut the sea roads between Great Britain and the United States and, having divided these mighty powers, to destroy them."

What he means is that Hitler must prevent American aid from reaching Britain BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Otherwise his goose is cooked.

ALONG this same line, the British admiralty announces that in the week ending March 9 the Germans sank 25 British supply ships (between three and four a day) with a total tonnage of 98,832.

The British "spokesman" in

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Six Trainmen Die As 2 Trains Crash

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 20.—(AP)—Six trainmen were killed when two heavily loaded freight trains of the Southern Railway system collided head-on here last night.

Their bodies were crushed and pinned in the wreckage of the two large locomotives, and it took workmen several hours to tear through steel with acetylene torches and extricate them.

The victims, all of Columbia, were identified as: C. R. Holcomb, engineer of the northbound train; L. B. McCord, engineer of the southbound train; L. C. Grant, conductor of the northbound train; J. C. Summers, fireman of the northbound train; J. D. White, fireman of the southbound train, and Harry C. Schifley, whose assignment was not learned immediately.

Brakeman G. H. Driggers, Conductor D. K. Jones and Flagman Bruce Robinson, on the southbound train, saw the lights of the oncoming freight and jumped to safety.

PITTSBURGH, March 20.—(AP)—A conductor testified today at an interstate commerce commission hearing that he understood there were 44 Russian diplomats or engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad's Manhattan limited which traveled over the Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh tracks Sunday 18 minutes before another train was wrecked, killing five and injuring 114.

NAVY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Buy Of Canned Beef Prohibited

Senate Now Considers British Aid Measure Approved by House

WASHINGTON, March 20.

(AP)—The senate approved a \$3,446,990,644 naval appropriation today after upholding a house-approved provision preventing purchase of beef from Latin-American countries. Work provided for the bill includes developments at Guam, Samoa and newly acquired British bases.

The measure, largest peacetime naval supply bill, goes back to the house for action on amendments.

The senate rejected on a tie vote of 32 to 32, the action of its appropriations committee in deleting from the measure a provision which has been in effect several years requiring the navy to purchase only American livestock and agricultural products.

As approved by the senate, the bill carried \$1,515,000,000 for new ships to fill out the two-ocean fleet, including funds for construction of six battle cruisers of 20,000 to 30,000 tons, a new type of surface headhunter.

A total of \$350,372,000 was provided for new airplanes, three-fourths of which would be combat craft.

The senate wrote into the bill a provision limiting to 3 per cent commissions that might be paid on the purchase or sale of land.

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British Sub-Boats Sink Italian Supply Vessels

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Three British submarines pouncing on Italian convoys sank two heavily-laden supply vessels, "almost certainly" destroyed another, and scored hits on two crowded troop transports, one of which "it is considered certain was completely destroyed," the admiralty announced today.

The German submarine base at Loriet, France, was attacked by British aircraft last night, the air ministry announced today.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst among the docks at Loriet and one large fire was started, the air ministry said.

Tree Faller Gives Life To Save Two Children

HOLLAND, Mich., March 20.—(AP)—The childish eyes of Lois Moore and George Solem danced merrily as they gambolled around the lot where Theodore Anderson was busily engaged in cutting down a tree.

Anderson had the tree cut half way through when it started to fall in the direction where the seven-year-old children were playing.

But the 67-year-old Anderson braced himself against the trunk of the tree to divert its fall and succeeded in throwing it away from the tots. He was crushed to death when the tree felled him.

Transportation Survey Board Named by F.D.R.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated a three-man board to investigate and make a preliminary report by May 1 on the availability and fitness of railroads, motor carriers and water carriers to meet the expanded transportation needs of the nation.

Named to the \$10,000 a-year jobs were Wayne Coy, of Indiana, assistant to Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator; Charles West, former democratic house member from Ohio, and Nelson Lee Smith, of New Hampshire.

Newly-Named Mediation Board Given Quick Cooperation in Plans to Settle Labor Disputes in Defense Industries

By the Associated Press

The United States conciliation service moved quickly today to cooperate with the national defense mediation board appointed by President Roosevelt to compose differences between labor and management in defense industries.

John R. Steelman, director of the service which is a unit of the labor department, announced the division's 110 conciliators would gather next week-end in regional meetings at New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Birmingham to discuss pending labor disputes and arrange for dovetailing their peacemaking efforts with the new board.

Steelman said his division was "determined to assist labor and industry in maintaining harmonious relations to insure the free and uninterrupted flow of work and materials in the interest of national defense."

Such are the broad aims of the board named yesterday by Mr. Roosevelt. Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin and director of the selective service system, was appointed chairman.

The new board will step in when and if the conciliation service fails to bring about an agreement in a given dispute. The

board has no power to compel agreements, but is authorized to investigate, recommend settlements, and make public its findings.

Board's Personnel

Following is the personnel of the board:

Representing the public: William Hammatt Davis, New York patent attorney; Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, and Dykstra.

Representing employers: George Meany, of New York, general secretary of the American Federation of Labor; George M. Harrison of Ohio, president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks and an AFL president; Philip Murray, of Pennsylvania, head of the CIO and the steel workers organizing committee, and Thomas Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America (CIO).

Representing employers: Walter C. Teague of Connecticut, former president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey; Roger D. Lapham, of California, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company; Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington, D. C., Post, and Cyrus C. Ching, of Pennsylvania, vice-president of the United States Rubber corporation.

Work of Saboteurs Evidenced at Fort

BALTIMORE, March 20.—(AP)—The Evening Sun says construction quartermaster officers at Fort George G. Meade admitted today that there had been "prolonged and 'skillful' sabotage of construction work at the fort."

The paper said it learned sabotage had been directed at barracks work, the telephone system and electric power lines and that it had been "going on for several months."

An unnamed officer at the fort was quoted as saying that the sabotage "is the work of men who know their business."

"We have proof of numerous sabotage efforts," the officer was quoted. "They have been largely unsuccessful. Yet they potentially have menaced an important part of the building and training program here."

"Four-by-four uprights in barracks have been saved through so that they would collapse under heavy snowfall or strong wind. Spikes have been driven through electric cables in an apparent effort to cause short circuits and start fires. Telephone lines have been spiked and cement pillars weakened."

"These do not appear to be the acts of a man or men with a grudge," the paper quoted the officer. "They give every sign of being real sabotage. They have been done skillfully and only luck has prevented serious consequences."

Hercules Powder Plant Suffers Another Blast

KENVIL, N. J., March 20.—(AP)—An explosion on the "burning grounds" of the Hercules Powder company plant at noon today jarred the country for miles around and created a near panic in the area where a blast which took 52 lives last fall is fresh in everyone's memory.

There were no injuries. Damage was said to be negligible.

Oregon Taxes of S. P. Co. Heaviest in Klamath

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific railroad disclosed yesterday it paid \$1,015,668.38 taxes in Oregon for 1940. The largest single assessment was \$178,961.73 in Klamath county.

Traffic To Be Restricted In Spring Fete

Jackson-Cass Streets Intersection Set Apart For Dance and Auction

Cooperation of the motoring public in keeping streets clear for activities during the Spring Opening in Roseburg Friday and Saturday was requested today by Chief of Police John S. Duer.

The intersection of Cass and Jackson streets will be used for dancing Friday night and for the public auction Saturday afternoon, if weather permits, and the police department is making arrangements to restrict traffic from that area.

Motorists are urged to refrain from parking their cars on Jackson street between Washington and Cass streets and on Oak street between Main and Rose streets after 6 p. m. Friday, Chief Duer states. It will be necessary, he states, to remove any cars found parked within that area. Officers will direct traffic around that section during the evening.

The same area also will be closed at 1 p. m. Saturday and no parking will be permitted after that hour and the streets will remain closed until after the auction.

Schedule of Events

The Spring Opening activities

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Freak Snow Storm Hits Southern Oregon Region

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—The Weatherman predicted the end of the current mid-March rainstorm today, but qualified with "some cloudiness and rain in northwest portion of the state; colder in extreme east portion."

The weather was freakish yesterday. Only a few miles from blooming orchards around Ashland a snow storm swept over the Siskiyou mountains.

More than four inches of snow piled on the Siskiyou and Green Springs highways. The snow turned to rain in the valleys.

Not to Extend Service.

A high army authority disclosed today that, barring the gravest emergency, the war department had decided to demobilize national guard units upon completion of their year in federal service.

The same policy also will apply, it was said, to the thousands of men who have been or are to be inducted into the army for a year's training under the selective service act.

Reports have circulated in recent weeks that the guard's tour

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German Warplanes Destroy Buildings, Thames Docks in Night Raid Lasting Six Hours

British Bombers Strike Back With Effective Blow in Rhineland City of Cologne; Tepelini Capture by Greeks Reported; "Battle of Balkans" Approaches

By the Associated Press

German warplanes showered fiery death and destruction on London overnight, dropping 10,000 incendiary bombs and many high explosive missiles in a 6-hour assault which nazis pilots declared left great "fields of fire" in the world's largest metropolis.

The great Victoria and Albert and King George V docks on the Thames river were described as scenes of "the heaviest destruction"; two gas tanks were blown up, and a ship in the Thames was set afire.

London dispatches said five hospitals were hit; a large hotel was partly destroyed; public services were disrupted; a police station was blasted apart, two policemen being killed, and a whole block of residences was wrecked by two high-explosive bombs.

Many bodies were recovered from the rubble of a bomb-smashed public shelter; and in many sections, victims were reported still trapped in the debris this forenoon.

Whole buildings were split apart by heavy-caliber explosives dropped by the raiders, who used a new "pointer" technique—sending a lone plane loaded with incendiaries to light a target area, then following up with 10 to 20 planes with heavy explosive bombs.

Despite violent anti-aircraft fire, only one German raider was reported shot down.

In a follow-up attack today, two German bombers staged a hit-and-run attack on a southeast coast town, just after four Messerschmitts had raked a number of small fishing boats with their machine-guns.

From the London area worst hit in last night's six-hour raid flowed a stream of paramilitary and small carts loaded with salvaged belongings of the homeless.

British Strike Back

British RAF bombers struck back with an attack on the German industrial city of Cologne, in the Rhineland where the London air ministry reported "several factories were hit and one large building was seen to disintegrate under the impact of heavy bombs."

At sea, Hitler's high command reported 66,500 tons of shipping had been sent to the bottom in forays against Britain's sea-borne commerce.

Nazi U-boats, it was said, destroyed 59,500 tons out of a strongly-protected British convoy, including "a whaling mothership of over 20,000 tons."

Tepelini Said Taken

On the Albanian war front, an unconfirmed dispatch reaching Belgrade said the Greeks had finally entered Tepelini—the scene of bitter fighting for many weeks

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U. S. Warships Get Cheers of Anzacs

SYDNEY, Australia, March 20.—(AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Australians stood on the shores of flag-decked Sydney harbor today and cheered the arrival of seven United States warships, headed by the flagship Chicago.

The visit, part of a training course, was hailed in press and official circles as a token of Australian-American friendship and Australians gave a tumultuous ovation for the 2,000 officers and men of the U. S. navy.

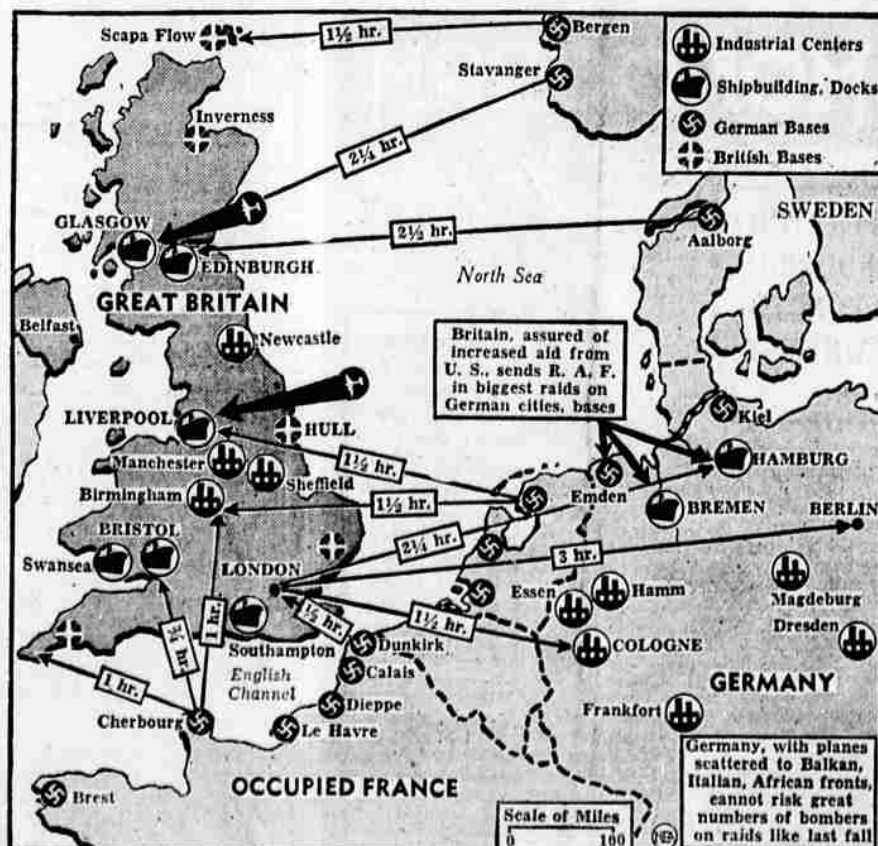
Acting Prime Minister Fadden in an address of welcome, praised President Roosevelt as one "who imbued the lease-lend bill with life and spirit" and spoke of the measure as a document "as vital to us and our children as Magna Charta or as the bill of rights to the citizens of America."

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 20.—(AP)—Showered with gifts from the city and private organizations, six visiting United States warships left Auckland for an undisclosed destination today.

The flagship of the visiting group, the cruiser Brooklyn, flew Maori and New Zealand flags in addition to the stars and stripes.

The gifts included 500 lamb carcasses and 1,000 cases of apples.

British, Nazis Blast Each Other in Spring Prologue



Europe on the brink of spring finds Britain and Germany trading raids of intensity equalling the savage bombings of last fall. Map shows bomber times between each country, and industrial and shipping areas that are undergoing nightly raids, with heavy arrows indicating cities hardest hit.

14 Slain, 100 Wounded in Clash of Hindus, Moslems

BOMBAY, India, March 20.—(AP)—A large part of Dacca, in the province of Bengal, was reported afire today following a Hindu-Muslim quarrel.

The military has been called out to preserve order.

Police twice opened fire on the rioters and casualties were reported to include 14 killed and 100 wounded.

A steamship, four smaller boats and a freight shed on the Buriganga river and many shops in the town were set ablaze.

All educational institutions, banks and commercial concerns were closed.

Curfew was imposed and street gatherings were forbidden.

Bill Restricting Liquor Delivery Gets Approval

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Governor Sprague signed into law yesterday 17 bills, including a measure to prohibit deliveries from state liquor stores by telegraph messenger boys.

He permitted the district attorneys' salary increase bill, affecting more than half the district attorneys in the state, to become law without his signature.