

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Mostly cloudy with showers to night and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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SEIZED SHIPS

Germany and Italy demand that they be released by the U. S., which shows no disposition to comply. Will the axis pair attempt to back up their demand by force? An affirmative answer would put U. S. into the war. Read the NEWS-REVIEW for news of developments.

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BRITISH RAIDERS SMASH AT 5 NAZI CITIES

State Champion High School Debaters



Pictured above, from left, are Amanda Anderson, coach, and the Roseburg high school debaters, Florence Hamilton, McAfee Campbell, Lu Britton and Elaine Fett, who last Saturday won for Roseburg the state debate championship. It was the first time the Roseburg school has won the state crown, although holding district championships and advancing to semi-finals and finals in several previous years. The two cups shown above are the state championship and western Oregon championship cups, which were formally presented to the school at a special assembly Monday.

330,000 Men Halt Work In Coal Mines

Holiday May Develop Into Strike; Roosevelt Urges Adjustment of Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Chairman Vinson, (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee introduced today legislation to permit the government to take over the Allis-Chalmers and other struck defense plants upon determination merely that such stoppages are interfering with the defense program.

Authoritative sources have hinted that such a measure might be offered with administration backing, Vinson said, however, that "I am doing this on my own hook."

By the Associated Press Coal digging stopped today in the Appalachian bituminous fields and 330,000 miners whose labor contract expired last midnight observed an annual holiday with no indication when they would go back to mining the defense-important fuel.

A few hours before the contract ran out, President Roosevelt telegraphed this message to New York, scene of negotiations for a new contract:

"Uninterrupted operation of bituminous coal industries extremely important. Suggest if necessary you continue negotiations during Tuesday looking to satisfactory arrangement."

A further conference already had been scheduled for today between major operators in the eight-state area and representatives of the CIO-United Mine Workers.

Even if the contract had not expired, hardly a union miner would have worked today. On April 1 each year the coal company employees celebrate their gaining of the eight-hour day.

For this reason, effectiveness of the work stoppage could not be gauged accurately until tomorrow, a regular working day—provided a new agreement is not forthcoming by that time.

Pay Boosts, Vacations Asked The union, headed by John L. Lewis, is asking \$1 a day wage increase, a guarantee of 200 days work a year, and paid vacations. The Appalachian district takes in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, eastern Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee—states which produce three-fourths of the nation's soft coal. About 120,000 miners in other states customarily model their contracts on the Appalachian.

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Saboteurs Of Ships Facing Prosecution

Axis Protests Ignored by United States; Peru, Cuba Also Seize Alien Craft.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Germany and Italy have demanded that the United States release axis ships taken into protective custody during the week-end and also members of the crews, it was learned reliably today.

Germany and Italy were said to have challenged the right of the United States to take possession of the ships or to take members of the crews into custody.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Despite axis protests over the "protective" seizure of German and Italian shipping, the United States—with an eye to criminal prosecution—put federal agents to work today investigating the sabotage found on most of the vessels.

At the same time, administration officials indicated that they

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Heavy Destruction Dealt to Emden by New-Type Bomb

Yugoslavs, Turks, Soviet May be Linked

Joint Declaration on Neutrality Proposed to Meet German Menace

BELGRADE, April 1.—(AP)—Government circles said today Yugoslavia's new government was seriously considering joining soviet Russia and Turkey in a neutrality declaration.

Such a declaration was said to have been proposed by the soviet union but ignored by Regent Prince Paul, who was ousted last week with the Cvetkovic government that signed the axis three-power treaty.

(Russia and Turkey issued identical statements March 25 pledging each other "full and comprehensive neutrality" in the event that either was obliged to fight to defend her territory.)

Belief was expressed in informed quarters here that such a declaration could have an important psychological effect on the critical relations between Germany and Yugoslavia.

War Prospect Not Eased

Despite German-Yugoslav tension, both countries continued to maintain relations and the opinion was expressed in some quarters that the situation might not be clarified for another 10 days.

Under circumstances suggestive of approaching armed conflict, Germany completed formal evacuation of her nationals from this country, which only a week ago she triumphantly welcomed into the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

Five nazi divisions—approximately 75,000 men—were reported massed on the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier within a few hours after German Minister Von Heeren left Belgrade for Berlin.

Reports were current that an ultimatum from Adolf Hitler might be expected at any moment, demanding that Yugoslavia demobilize and fulfill the treaty of alliance with the axis which she since-deposed regency

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U. S.-Mexico Pact Aids Canal Defense

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The United States and Mexico today signed a convention providing for reciprocal use of air fields which will permit American military planes to speed to Panama fields in the shortest possible time.

The convention was signed in the presence of the committee formed to draft plans for mutual defense measures for defense of the western hemisphere.

The agreement, qualified authorities stated, would greatly strengthen the aerial defenses of the Panama canal by making it possible for the United States to shift air force reinforcements rapidly southward from this side of the Rio Grande if danger threatened the canal zone.

Eritrean Capital Taken by British

CAIRO, Egypt, April 1.—(AP)—Asmara, capital of Eritrea, capitulated to the British today, it was announced officially tonight.

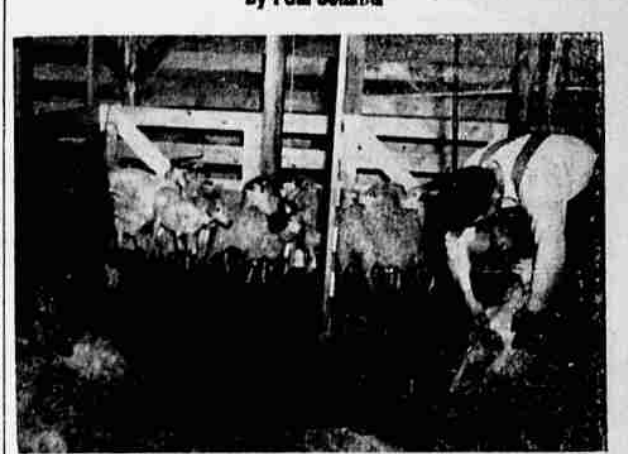
In Italian hands since 1889, the city surrendered to the British—apparently without a struggle—only five days after the fall of Cheren, 42 miles to the northwest, where 35,000 Italians finally gave up after a bitter 7-week siege.

Massaua, biggest port, remains as the last major goal of the British in their drive to the Red sea.

LYONS, France, April 1.—(AP)—Five hundred persons demonstrated today before the United States consulate, cheering Yugoslavia and President Roosevelt, singing the Marseillaise and calling for the American flag.

The crowd saluted the flag when consular officials hung it out.

I SAW



News-Review Photo and Engraving.

HAROLD McCORMACK, at the left in the photo above, and Luther Patterson as they sheared a flock of goats at the Short ranch on Sunshine road several days ago. Both young men are residents of South Deer creek. They constitute one of the best known shearing teams in the county.

An expert shearer, manipulating power clippers, can denude a sheep or a goat of his fleece in an unbelievably short span of minutes. If Scott Britt only were alive and here, I'm sure he could have told me how many fleeces could be stripped in a day's work by a good operator; but so many of his successors at the game are too reticent for any good use.

"It depends," they will say, "on the condition of the fleece, and other changeable factors." It doesn't depend so much upon the fractiousness of the sheep—that individual, once caught and sat on

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS NO shooting yet (noon Saturday) in Yugoslavia or elsewhere in the Balkans. That is Saturday's most important news. It means that the diplomats are still doing the work.

WHAT has happened and is happening in Yugoslavia is clouded by censorship, but hints are showing through.

The upset in the government was apparently engineered by the Serbs, who are German-haters. The Croats, who were a part of old Austria, were instrumental in signing Yugoslavia up with the axis.

Yugoslavia is a hodgepodge of races and nationalities and so is necessarily a hodgepodge of hatreds.

HITLER, an expert in such matters, has apparently chosen to try stirring these ancient enemies up against each other, hoping thus to divide and weaken Yugoslavia instead of trying to pulverize it with a swift blitzkrieg.

That's where the diplomats still come in.

AS these words are written, a naval battle is going on in the Mediterranean.

The British, who for months have been daring Mussolini's navy to come out and fight, seem to have caught a squadron of Italian warships out in the open. The Italian vessels were probably trying to catch an inadequately protected convoy of British troopships headed for Salonika.

British reports indicate that serious damage was inflicted on at least one Italian battleship and two cruisers. Again it appears that Mussolini's navy doesn't amount to much in a pinch.

IN East Africa, Cheren falls, leaving Asmara open to British capture. It looks like Eritrea, Mussolini's oldest African colony, is gone, with Ethiopia crumbling.

The British are straining every nerve to wipe up all of East Africa before the rains start and are claiming to be in sight of their goal.

That is important, because if they can manage it they will be able to withdraw heavy forces from Africa and throw them into Greece.

The more imposing the forces

Auto Accidents Kill Two Oregon Residents

ALBANY, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—An automobile killed Mrs. Delian Campbell, 75, at a Pacific highway intersection here last night, City Officer R. L. Chandler reported. She had lived here 40 years. A son, Forrest Campbell, survives.

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—W. O. Chastain, 59, Maupin, died yesterday in an automobile collision east of the city limits. His wife and Coy B. Burton, Portland, were injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Chastain were passengers in an automobile that collided with a car driven by Burton.

Local Sawmill Worker Badly Injured by Log

Arthur Engle, employed at the Joelson sawmill in North Roseburg suffered a badly mangled hip Monday when struck by a rolling log. He was helping load logs on a truck when one fell, striking his hip. He was taken by ambulance to Mercy hospital, where x-ray examinations showed the hip bone to be broken and splintered.

Canyonville Pensioner Gets Check No. 1 Million

SALEM, April 1.—(AP)—Old age pension check No. 1,000,000 has been paid to a woman who was born in Canyonville, Ore., on April 17, 1873, the governor's office said today. The check was for \$30.

About 20,000 persons in Oregon now are receiving old age pensions, with about 4,000 of them receiving the maximum grant of \$30 a month.

Governor Sprague signed into law today a bill providing for payment of funeral and burial expenses for old age pension recipients.

Greece to Get 75 mm. Guns From United States

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, rested after a short fisherman's holiday in southern waters, returned to the White House today.

He disclosed at Fort Bragg, N. C., yesterday that a number of 75 mm. guns were waiting there for early shipment to Greece, and let reporters know that these world war field pieces were not the only military equipment earmarked for the Greeks.

O. and C. Timber Tracts in Douglas County Now Available Twenty-one Billion Feet Offered on Sustained Yield Plan

The tentative establishment of sustained yield unit boundaries for the O. and C. lands in Douglas county has been completed making available for orderly development a vast reservoir of merchantable timber, according to W. H. Horning, chief forester of the Oregon and California re-vested lands administration. The Douglas county forest lands, he reports, consist of 657,127 acres bearing 21 billion board feet of timber.

The lands, for the purpose of administration, explains Mr. Horning, have been divided into five major areas, which, in turn, are subdivided into a total of 29 operating units upon which timber is to be made available to operators on a sustained yield basis. The sustained yield program, while very complex from a point of technical operation and administration provides, roughly, for cutting on a plan which will assure a constant and perpetual supply. This practice is expected to act in the next few years to greatly stabilize the lumber industry.

Perpetual Supply Is Aim Each of the 29 units in Douglas county, Mr. Horning states, will be capable of supplying timber at the rate of from 60 to 100

thousand board feet daily. Units immediately tributary to the city of Roseburg will supply 130 million feet annually, or about 600 thousand board feet daily, thus providing resources for large operations with assurance of perpetual supply.

The effect of the sustained yield program on O. and C. lands will be to perpetuate the timber wealth of the areas in which the practice is followed, instead of completely denuding the country of its resources, as has happened in some of the principal timber producing areas of the Pacific coast. At the same time, each locality is expected eventually to maintain mill operations of sufficient capacity to handle the annual yield. After that point is reached, there will be obtained a stable condition of production and operation, observers believe.

History of the Grant The Oregon and California grant lands have had a checkered history. The grant originally was made in 1896 to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland, Ore., to the southern boundary of the state to connect with the Central Pacific railroad. The grant consisted of odd-numbered sections of public domain, not mineral in character, to the

amount of 20 alternate sections per mile—10 on each side of the railroad's right-of-way. This grant stretched across 18 counties in western Oregon and occupied a strip of country 60 miles wide from east to west and 200 miles long from north to south and comprised approximately 4,300,000 acres.

The act under which the lands were granted provided they must be sold to actual settlers only and at a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre. The railroad was charged with violating this provision of the act and in 1908 congress took action to compel the company to restore to the federal government the lands remaining unsold. The action was upheld by the supreme court in 1915.

Ensnare legislation provided that the railroad company should be reimbursed at the rate of \$2.50 per acre for the lands re-vested and payments were also made to counties to satisfy delinquent taxes and to provide for payments in lieu of taxes. The policy of the administration by legislative mandate was to hasten the disposal of the property and its return to private ownership.

Conservation Put First By an act passed by congress

In 1937, the disposal policy, however, was reversed in favor of a plan of conservation. The newly adopted plan, while providing for prudent use of mature timber, requires that timber cutting shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of sustained yield. All the lands best suited for the growing of timber will now be retained in public ownership and kept at work producing crops of timber. Continuous production of timber of commercial quality in the largest possible volume is the goal. When continuous production of timber is attained the land grant counties will be assured of large annual incomes similar to that which they now receive. For example, Douglas county will receive \$153,678 as its proportionate share of the 1940 income from O. and C. lands in accordance with the 1937 act which specifies that each land grant county shall be paid money annually in lieu of taxes. The 1940 return equals twenty-one cents per acre based on 783,463 acres of O. and C. lands in Douglas county. Every acre of re-vested land returns equal amounts to the county even though some are not producing

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Assn. of Childhood Education Dates Meet in Roseburg

Approximately 150 members and guests of the southwest zone of the Association of Childhood Education are expected to attend the district meeting to be held in Roseburg Saturday, April 5. The meeting, to be held at the Junior high school building, under the sponsorship of the primary and intermediate teachers association, will be attended by representatives from Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties, according to Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell, county school superintendent.

Principal speakers will be Mrs. Genevieve Turnipsed of University of Oregon; Miss Ida Mae Smith, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, and Dr. L. Kenneth Shumaker, University of Oregon.

The opening session at 10:30 a. m., will start with a folk dance, presented by pupils of the third and fourth grades at Fullerton school. Mrs. Helen Lehman, state president of the Association of Childhood Education, will conduct the business session.

A noon luncheon program at the Umpqua hotel will be conducted by Mrs. Vera Rae Lee of Eugene, and will include music by Miss Helene Robinson of Roseburg.

Pupils of the Drain school will open the afternoon session with a song and dance skit, "Big Wig in the Wigwam," and the Benson school toy orchestra will appear on the program at a later hour.