

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy tonight. Tuesday fair. Cooler tonight.
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BACKS TO WALL

Can Greece and Yugoslavia, with British aid, repel the German blitzkrieg? A "yes" answer would be a severe blow to Nazi military prestige. A "no" answer would be a boon to staggering Italy. Follow the war through NEWS-REVIEW news.

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GREEKS CHECK GERMAN BLITZKRIEG IN BLOODY COMBAT IN MOUNTAIN PASSES

ROSEBURG AIRPORT PROJECT APPROVED

Allotment Of \$81,481 Announced

Runways, Lighting to Be Improved, Hangar Put on New Location by WPA

An allotment of \$81,481 for improvement of facilities at the Roseburg airport was approved today by President Roosevelt, according to word received here today from Washington. The funds will be used to finance a WPA project providing for the extension and surfacing of existing runways, removal of the hangar to a new location and construction of a warm-up apron on the present hangar site.

The project is sponsored by the civil aeronautics administration, lessee of the airport, as a part of the nation-wide program to make airports suitable for use by military aircraft.

Jack Dawson, local WPA superintendent, reports that all plans have been made for prompt work on the airport changes. All preliminary plans have been made and work schedule prepared so that all possible speed can be secured in pushing the job through to early completion.

Work Outlined.

The task calls for considerable hauling of gravel, crushed rock, etc., together with a small amount of grading. A fill will be made on the extreme southeast section, where there is a low spot in the field, and the runway is to be moved to the east to provide a better approach. The runway will be surfaced throughout its entire

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THREE alleged explanations of the amazing naval battle of a week ago in which Italy's remaining naval strength was practically wiped out are in circulation. All are supposed to be based on inside tips.

None has been carried by the established news-gathering services (AP, UP, INS, etc.) which seek to deal with established facts rather than surmises.

ACCORDING to one of these versions, the British led the Italians into a trap by means of carefully planned deceptions—sending out fake orders to be intercepted, making fake movements of ships by daylight, etc., all designed to lead Mussolini's naval command to believe they had weakened their Mediterranean fleet to the point where its destruction would be easy.

It duce's navy is said to have fallen into the trap, with the disastrous results now known.

ANOTHER supposedly inside tale has it that the sortie of the Italian navy was part of a German scheme to fall on the Greeks and the British with typical blitz ferocity, by land and by sea, and annihilate them, thus giving Hitler another startling victory to re-establish his prestige.

The land part of this enterprise is said to have been spiced by Yugoslavia's sudden coup and before the Italian fleet (sent out under Hitler's orders) could be recalled it was pounced upon and

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Allis-Chalmers Strike Settlement Agreement Reached; Ford Tieup, U. S. Steel Row Still Mediation Problems

(By the Associated Press)
The United States Steel Corporation and the CIO Steel Workers organizing committee agreed today to continue their wage negotiations, thus averting the threat of an immediate work stoppage in the steel company's mills.

The SWOC issued a statement saying that workers would remain at their posts under the present contract until April 15 and that any changes in wages or working conditions agreed upon in the meantime would be retroactive to April 1. The SWOC previously had called a strike for midnight Tuesday.

Ernest T. Weir, chairman of the National Steel corporation, Pittsburgh, announced a wage increase of 10 cents an hour to about 21,000 hourly rate employees.

(By the Associated Press)

Federal labor agencies, heartened by a week-end which brought an agreement for settlement of the Allis-Chalmers strike in Milwaukee and a break in the soft coal mining tieup, turned with expressed optimism today to the problem of calming labor strife in the Ford Motor company and huge U. S. Steel corporation.

The Allis-Chalmers walkout, which has blocked work on \$45,000,000 of defense orders since January 22, was virtually settled by the defense mediation board yesterday when management and CIO union officials signed an agreement which needs only union membership ratification to become effective.

The company announced it would reopen the plant to its 7,800 employees tomorrow. Union leaders said they would ask members to ratify the agreement and go back to work the same day.

In New York northern soft coal mine operators and the CIO United Mine Workers made ready a new contract to replace one which expired last week. Southern operators, who claim to produce 35 per cent of the nation's

Baldock, Clough Dated Here For Harding Tribute

State Highway Commissioner Huron W. Clough of Canyonville and R. H. Baldock, Salem, state highway engineer, will represent the highway department at the banquet to be given Tuesday evening honoring W. C. Harding, retiring secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. State Treasurer Leslie Scott and Secretary of State Earl Snell also are expected to be in attendance.

The banquet will be held at the Umpqua hotel, starting at 6:30 o'clock and is open to all interested persons. Special honor will be given Secretary Harding, who is retiring May 1, and a welcome will be given Harry Pinniger, who will take over the duties of the first of the month.

Frank Jenkins of Klamath Falls, editor of the Klamath Falls News and Herald, and president of the Southern Oregon Publishing company, which publishes daily papers at Klamath Falls, Medford and Roseburg, will be the principal speaker.

Reservations may be made at the chamber of commerce office or at the Umpqua hotel.

U. S. Rushes Supplies To Slavs, Greeks

Nazi Invasion 'Barbaric,' Hull Declares; Attitude Of Russia 'Encouraging'

bituminous coal, said they would not sign. Principal UMW demands included wage increases and elimination of a north-south pay differential.

Pay Raise at Issue.

John R. Steelman, chief of the federal conciliation service, turned from the soft coal negotiations to call union and management representatives to a conference on the U. S. steel situation.

He said he "hoped and believed" a way can yet be found "to head off a strike which the CIO Steel Workers organizing committee has called for midnight Tuesday. The union mainly wants 10 cents an hour more pay. The company, which employs 261,000 has offered 2 1/2 cents.

"Hope" to End Ford Strike.

Hopeful also were federal and state conciliators working to end a production tieup at Ford's vast River Rouge plant, whose operations are vital to \$155,000,000 of defense orders.

James F. Dewey, federal conciliator, and Murray D. Van Wagner, Michigan governor, said in a joint statement they hoped to get company and union representatives together not later than tomorrow. "We hope," they added, "to reach a settlement at that time."

The union called the strike six days ago on the contention that the company dismissed employees for union activity. Further, the union demanded a contract, 10 cents an hour pay increase and fixed grievance procedure. The factory employs 85,000 and Ford assembly plants elsewhere in the nation depend on it for materials.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—

(AP)—The United States rushed shipments of war supplies to Yugoslavia and Greece after Secretary of State Hull denounced Germany's Balkan invasion as "barbaric" and promised that material assistance would be dispatched to the defenders "as speedily as possible."

Indications were that these munitions would be started across the Atlantic, probably in Yugoslav vessels now in American ports, either today or by mid-week at the latest. The administration is understood to have been preparing for several days against the hour when Germany would launch her Balkan blitzkrieg.

Included in the shipments may be the 75 millimeter guns which President Roosevelt said last week would be sent to Greece, as well as machine guns, mortars, ammunition, bombs and other supplies drawn from the stores of the United States army.

Red Cross Aid Included

In addition to these implements of war more than \$1,000,000 worth of medical supplies were ordered sent to Yugoslavia. Chairman Norman H. Davis directed the Red Cross to furnish "without delay" 10 field hospitals, tons of medicines and blankets and an initial shipment of

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Scene of Hitler's New Blitzkrieg



The above map shows how Yugoslavia, battling alongside her southern neighbor, Greece, against the axis blitzkrieg, is hemmed in by Germany, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. Latest news reports indicate the struggle rages fiercest in southern Yugoslavia and northern Greece in the attempt of the two little Balkan nations to keep the nazis from gaining the Greek port of Salonika, where Britain has landed a big army to aid the defenders. Italy's present participation in the combat consists of airplane attacks on Yugoslav naval bases on the shore of the Adriatic sea.

Camas Man Faces Charge of Assault

Gunplay which followed an argument over an alleged attempt to steal a side of bacon led to the arrest today of Curtis Turner, 38, Camas Valley logger, on a charge of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported. The officer said he was informed by U. S. Fleming, 35, who had occupied a cabin with Turner while employed in logging woods, that the two men went to a Camas Valley store, operated by Mrs. Lona Denn, and that Turner attempted the theft of a side of bacon. Fleming denied knowledge of the attempt and said that when a small boy made an accusation and informed the storekeeper that he had seen Turner place the meat in the car that he demanded a search of the car in which the bacon was discovered.

Fleming told the officers, Thornton said, that after leaving the store a quarrel ensued and that upon arrival at his cabin he removed his possessions to an adjoining building. Turner was reported to have demanded Fleming's return and, when the latter refused, fired four shots from a small calibre rifle through the front door and bedroom window, Thornton said.

Fleming escaped through a rear door and summoned officers who made the arrest. Both men had been drinking prior to the incident, the sheriff said he was informed.

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4 New Selectees To Leave Here Today

Four selectees, who were conscripted to replace men sent out in earlier quotas but rejected because of physical disability or for other reasons, will assemble in Roseburg today and leave shortly after midnight for Portland where they will be examined tomorrow for induction into the regular army for a year of military training.

The men were to be enrolled this afternoon with the Oregon employment service, which will endeavor to supply them with work after their discharge from the army, providing they have no employment awaiting their return. They will be guests of the selective service board at a dinner tonight, and will be entertained at the late show by the management of Hunt's Indian theater.

The selectees are George Rice, Myrtle Creek; Frank Wheat, Glendale; Jesse Blake, Riddle, and Walter Browning, Myrtle Creek.

Wire Tapping Charges Hit Ex-Counsel of SEC

NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—An indictment charging conspiracy and tapping of the security exchange commission's wires was returned against Jacob Gruber, assistant general counsel for the SEC from 1934 until 1938, and two other persons.

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Invaders Seize One Fort But At Heavy Cost; Nazis Attempt To Slice Yugoslavia in Two

Undeclared Belgrade Set Afire by German Attackers; Turkey, Russia Stay Out of Struggle; British Forces Massed for Battle at Strategic Harbor of Salonika

ATHENS, Greece, April 7.—(AP)—Short on men and arms, but long on courage, Greek infantrymen withstood fresh assaults of Germany's mechanized might today in narrow Macedonian mountain passes spotted with the wreckage of 10 German tanks destroyed in the first day of warfare.

A high command communique reported the most furious fighting in Struma gorge, which was said to be strewn with German dead as the Greeks held doggedly to their defenses against combined blows of the luftwaffe and Nazi land forces.

With the motto "they shall not pass," the Greeks stopped the German invasion with the loss of but one fort, the high command announced, although the nazis gained some ground in a day of "fiercest fighting."

British Capture Addis Ababa, Fall Back Elsewhere

CAIRO, Egypt, April 7.—(AP)—The British announced today their forces were continuing to withdraw east of Bengasi in north Africa but in east Africa had captured Debrat Markos, 120 miles northwest of Addis Ababa, after the fall of the Ethiopian capital without a fight.

More than 10,000 have been captured in Eritrea since March 25, and the imperial forces are drawing closer to the Red sea port of Massawa in that colony, and toward Dessie and Gondar in Ethiopia, the British said.

A swift cleanup north, south and west of Addis Ababa was reported following the Saturday night capitulation of Addis Ababa, the capital which Ethiopia patriots surrendered to fascist Italy five years ago.

As a result of the fall of Addis Ababa Premier Mussolini's eastern empire appeared to be falling rapidly into the African dust.

Italy now retains only that section of western Libya extending from Bengasi to Tripoli. And she is holding that with the aid of German troops. Nazi soldiers also are stationed in Italy.

British general headquarters here announced that Addis Ababa surrendered without resistance and with only one condition—that British troops guarantee safety of the capital's civilian population.

The Duke of Aosta, Italian viceroy of Ethiopia, sent an emissary to a rendezvous in British-held territory April 3 and the British command gave him the guarantee.

The British said they believed that perhaps 70,000 Italian soldiers were in British-held territory April 3 and the British command gave him the guarantee.

Mrs. W. L. Scott Passes Suddenly in Wyoming

Mrs. W. L. Scott, 72, for many years a resident of Roseburg, died suddenly yesterday at the home of her sister in Laramie, Wyoming, according to a telegram received here by friends. She was born March 1, 1869, in Iowa. Following her marriage to Mr. Scott, she made her home in Roseburg for many years and was an active member of the First Presbyterian church. After the death of Mr. Scott, she sold her home here and went to Wyoming. She is survived by three stepchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at Newton, Iowa.

Advisory Ballot Spurs Bend Parking Meter Plan

BEND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—A proposal to install parking meters in the downtown business section was overwhelmingly defeated last week in an advisory ballot sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

Athens had its second air raid alarm today since Sunday morning and thousands stood in the streets to watch a German plane race over amid bursts of anti-aircraft fire. No bombs fell.

A government spokesman said bodies of Nazi dead were piled high before Greek positions after the German Palm Sunday invasion from Bulgaria.

Savage air battles over the fighting ground today cost the Germans at least 11 planes, it was stated officially. Several others were declared damaged.

The newspaper Kathimerini said an irregular band of Bulgarians joined in the battle this morning against Greek forces in the mountains, but was captured.

King George, the crown prince and crown princess and Premier Alexandros Korizis visited Piraeus to look at the damage caused by a German air raid last night. The king drove his own car through an air raid alarm to the seaport.

NAZIS ADMIT STUBBORN RESISTANCE IN YUGOSLAVIA

By the Associated Press
As Germany's Palm Sunday invasion of Greece was declared in Athens today to have been stopped "all along the front," in Yugoslavia, target of a simultaneous German assault, the situation remained obscure.

Dispatches from Bern, Switzerland, quoted the Yugoslav radio as saying that Yugoslav artillery had opened fire along the Albanian frontier, preparing for an attack on Italian-held Albania.

Berlin gave a different picture. Without revealing definite gains, Hitler's high command asserted that the Nazi advance into both Balkan nations was "proceeding on schedule against stubborn resistance."

Open Cities Attacked

The Germans said Yugoslavia's capital, Belgrade, had been subjected to a fourth heavy bombing

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British War Tax Upped to 50 Pct.

LONDON, April 7.—(AP)—Britain called upon her people—rich and poor—today to pay a 50 per cent income tax toward financing the war under a record budget estimate of £4,207,000,000 (about \$16,828,000,000).

This budget was called "domestic expenditure" because the figure does not take into account material to come from the United States under the aid-to-democracies act.

Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the exchequer, said the American supplies at the end of the fiscal year "will be far beyond the figure of £5,000,000,000 (\$20,000,000,000) which I have seen mentioned in various quarters." The estimate also excluded payments to be made to the United States under existing orders.

The limit of tax exempt income was lowered by £10 (\$40) and £110 (\$440) a year to add 2,000,000 low-wage earners to the tax rolls.