

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Cloudy tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy. Little change in temperature.

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GREECE

She has thus far proved a stumbling block to Hitler's Balkan drive. Can the allies make the check permanent, or will there be another Dunkerque? Follow the battle through NEWS-REVIEW news.

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BRITISH SMASH HITLER'S CRACK DIVISION

Two Officers Two Convicts Die in Sing Sing Break

Trio Slays Guard, Fights Cops Outside

Fourth Convict Dies of Shock; Two Survivors of Battle Nabbed in Park

OSSINING, N. Y., April 14.—(AP)—Two long-term convicts who shot their way out of the Sing Sing prison infirmary in a sensational break which cost four lives were captured a few hours later today in the woods across the Hudson river.

The two convicts were cornered on the slope of Hood mountain in Fallsades interstate park in Rockland county.

They were still armed with smuggled guns with which they and a confederate, who was later slain, had broken from the prison in a battle in which a prison guard and an Ossining policeman were killed and a convict patient died of shock.

Patrolman William Mullen, an experienced woodsman member of the park's police, and one of 250 peace officers trailing them, flushed them from underbrush within a mile of the shore point from which they had fled after forcing a fisherman to ferry them across the river.

The convicts, Joseph Riordan and Charles McGale, both under sentence for robbery, appeared dazed when Patrolman Mullen stepped from behind a tree on the slope below them.

"We'll come down," one said. Other police quickly disarmed them and rushed them to Nyack, N. Y., police headquarters for questioning before taking them back across the Hudson to Sing Sing.

Two Officers Slain. In their desperate short-lived bid for freedom, Riordan, McGale and John Waters, 30, the slain member of the trio, shot and killed one infirmary guard, overpowering the other, crawled several hundred yards through a tunnel leading outside the prison, and slow an Ossining policeman in a running gun fight.

The dead: John Hartyle, prison guard. John Waters, 30, alias Tom Higgins, serving a 10-to-30 year term.

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Board Urges Cooperation With Salvation Army



Members of the advisory board to the local corps of the Salvation Army are urging that residents of Roseburg and vicinity give cooperation in the financial drive being conducted this week. Members of the board pictured above are, from left, Harris Ellsworth, Tom Parkinson, V. V. Harpham, Chief of Police John Duer, F. L. Crittenden, Leon E. McClintock, W. C. Harding, Glenn Owens, Captain Olive Coleman, corps commander; Attorney B. L. Eddy, W. F. Harris, Dr. G. C. Finlay, and Captain Cox of Portland, assigned to direct the finance drive. Roseburg residents are asked to donate funds to make up the \$1,500 budget necessary to carry out the Salvation Army's schedule for relief and home service activities during the ensuing fiscal year.

Bear Climbs In Boat With Reedsport Hunters

REEDSPORT, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—A bear turned the tables on two young hunters from Reedsport, they reported here today.

While hunting for bear in the vicinity of Lake Tahkenitch, Fay Willard and Leslie Levitt took time out for a little boating.

The scenery was good and time was heavy on their hands—until they suddenly felt the boat heave and looked around to find a playful bear trying to climb in with them.

The unarmed boys beat him off with oars and made for shore. P. S. They got the bear next day.

Writer Sues Chaplin Over "Great Dictator" Movie

NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—Konrad Berovic, writer, filed a \$5,000,000 suit against Charles Chaplin in supreme court today, charging the comedian-producer had used the author's idea for the film "The Great Dictator" without reimbursing him either by credit or payment.

County Resources School Planned

Plans for a course of study in Douglas county resources is being planned to educate merchants, clerks, service station operators, restaurant workers and others having contact with tourists to "sell" Douglas county to vacationists, it was announced today. The course of study is planned under the state vocational education department. Scott Williams, instructor in the Roseburg schools, will be in charge of the course.

Similar classes have been organized in various parts of Oregon and have been extremely popular. Study is made of fishing and hunting resources, scenic spots are visited, lectures are given by men prominent in state affairs on roads, industries, forests, fish and game management, and numerous other subjects.

The entire course is designed so that persons who come in contact with tourists may be thoroughly informed on all subjects in which visitors may be interested in order that they may give specific information.

The Roseburg chamber of commerce is participating in the tentative organization plans.

Navy To Arm U. S. Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—The navy was understood today to be preparing for the swift arming of hundreds of government and privately-owned merchant vessels should such action become necessary.

In addition, congress has provided funds to enable the navy to acquire equipment to protect such vessels against magnetic mines.

President Roosevelt's action last week in opening the Red sea to American shipping stirred conjecture as to whether United States merchant vessels carrying supplies to African ports would be armed in view of Adolf Hitler's threat to torpedo all ships carrying supplies for the British.

No word has come from the administration as to whether such a step had been considered but informed sources expressed belief that even if the ships were not provided with guns with which to fight submarine or air attacks, they could be equipped with the anti-magnetic mine device.

It was recalled that prior to this country's entry into the world war, President Wilson ordering the arming of American merchantmen as a result of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare. One consideration which played a part in that decision was that crews were distinctly reluctant to sail aboard unarmed vessels.

Kruse Lumber Company Buys Schieman Sawmill

YONCALLA, Ore., April 14.—The Kruse Lumber company today announced the purchase of the Schieman sawmill, which joins the Kruse plant on the north. The two mills will be consolidated in operation and work will start in the Schieman plant as soon as the machinery can be overhauled. It is planned to ship at least two carloads of lumber daily from the two mills. The Kruse company shipped out eight carloads of lumber last week.

Aged Man Suffocates Fighting Fire in Home

CANNON BEACH, April 14.—(AP)—An attic fire suffocated Reinhold D. Scheiber, 77, in his home here yesterday.

The attic caught ablaze after he had lighted the fireplace downstairs. He went upstairs to fight the flames but was overcome by smoke and neighbors had to chop through the roof to get him outside before the house was leveled. He died a few minutes later.

Two Brothers Drown In Fishing Accident

MISSION, Tex., April 14.—(AP)—Robert Holiday, 14, stepped into deep water yesterday while fishing. His brother, 23, plunged to the rescue. Both drowned.

One-Armed Driver Lets Go Wheel; 2 Persons Die

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—(AP)—Easter week-end traffic accidents caused the death of eight persons and the injuries of scores of others in northern California.

A freak accident in which a one-armed driver took his hand from the wheel to get a cigarette killed two motorists in Sonoma county. The car skidded off the highway and overturned, fatally injuring Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mitchell of Marshall, Marin county. Tommy Bacci, one-armed San Rafael man, was jailed on a charge of reckless driving.

Grant County Treasurer For 33 Years Passes

CANYON CITY, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Ala O. Mosier, 63, Grant county treasurer, died at his home Friday.

Mosier, who lived in Grant county all his life, was appointed county treasurer in 1907 to fill a vacancy and was re-elected for each succeeding term of office until his death. Grant county officials believed he held office longer than any other county official in the state.

330,000 Given Pay Hoists By 2 Steel Firms

Bethlehem, U. S. Steel Up Wages 10 Per Cent; Tieup Threatens G. M. C.

By the Associated Press The Bethlehem Steel company announced a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase today for about 90,000 employees in all plants and similar action followed later in the day on a CIO union demand for a similar increase for 240,000 employees of the United States Steel corporation.

Sydney B. Evans, management representative of the Bethlehem company, said the wage raise would be for "all hourly, piece workers and tonnage employees," effective as of April 1.

The United States Steel corporation granted a 10-cent an hour wage increase and more liberal vacations to its wage earners, averting a CIO work stoppage which had been scheduled for Tuesday midnight.

Representatives of the corporation and the CIO's steel workers organizing committee, announcing a new contract replacing an historic document signed in 1937, estimated the increase would add about \$54,000,000 to "big steel's" annual payrolls.

In addition, the new pact provided for changes in grievance procedure.

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Treaty Ends Long-Strained Relations Of Russia and Japan, Vows Neutrality Without Binding Soviet to Axis

MOSCOW, April 14.—(AP)—A soviet-Japanese neutrality pact which ended 24 years of strained far eastern relations was welcomed today by the communist party press as clearing the way for political and economic cooperation—without, however, binding Russia to the axis.

The pact, signed yesterday by Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov and Japan's foreign minister, Matsuoka, was regarded by observers as rivaling in world importance the non-aggression accord of 1939 between Germany and Russia which preceded the invasion of Poland.

It fitted the general pattern of expressed soviet policy—peace and neutrality in the midst of an expanding war.

It is the first political pact concluded between the two countries since the resumption of diplomatic relations after the bolshevist revolution of 1917.

Questions to Be Solved Pravda, communist party organ, said the pact and its accompanying declaration pledging respect of the integrity of Manchoukuo and Outer Mongolia "clear the way for the regulation of other unsolved questions between the U. S. S. R. and Japan."

The major questions outstanding between the two countries are: 1. A trade agreement which long has been in negotiation. 2. A permanent agreement concerning the rights and privileges of Japan to fishing grounds in the far east, which also has long been in negotiation.

3. Demarcation of the frontiers of Manchoukuo and Mongolia over which Japan and Russia fought pitched battles in sporadic encounters in the summers of 1938 and 1939.

A joint commission has been at work on this problem, too, for many months. The Easter Sunday accord, which pledges each nation to remain neutral in the event the other is made "the object of hostilities on the part of one or several third powers," was the main prize of Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka's three-week European tour to Moscow, Berlin and Rome.

The treaty, valid for five years, pledges the two powers to respect each other's "territorial integrity and inviolability."

It was accompanied by a declaration specifying that Japan would respect the borders of the Russian-dominated Outer Mongolian people's republic and the soviet would do the same for Japanese-sponsored Manchoukuo.

By the Associated Press German spokesman confidently declared the signing of the pact had eliminated Russia as a question mark but observers in other capitals were not so sure.

In Washington, some observers felt the agreement foreshadowed unfavorable far eastern developments for Britain and the United States since Japan's "backdrop" is protected, while others felt that by the same token Russia's "backdoor" was guarded, possibly freeing the soviet for a sterner stand against Adolf Hitler in the Balkans.

The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri said it "definitely is a blow to the activities and policies of the United States in the Pacific." Secretary Hull declared at Washington that the pact "could be overestimated" and that the policy of the American government remained unchanged.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



ESTHER CARROLL, Roseburg junior high school student, adjudged "American Girl for 1941" in the contest for this honor held in connection with the annual Play day festivities last Saturday at senior high school here.

At this event the girls from the high schools of Douglas county foregather, under the direction of Miss Muriel White of Roseburg high school, for a morning of athletic sports and other forms of recreation. "Hooray-y-y!" shouted Esther's jubilant partisans, "THIS SURE IS SOMETHING! She's the only JUNIOR high school student in the contest! ALL the others are SENIORS!"

Winning the title was easy for her compared to the ordeal of idolatry to which her exuberant classmates subjected her. They nearly mobbed her. I reckon the only reason they didn't swing her for their shoulders and start a

parade was because there were just too many shoulders and only one titleholder. "Put your subject at ease," reads the first advice to a photographer; but I submit it's no time to put a girl at her ease, or any place else at the moment her good looks, vivacity and talent have won for her a signal honor, and her friends start breaking up the furniture in celebration thereof!

Esther is a blonde; so high; fourteen years old; in the ninth grade and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll of Dixonville. She likes to play baseball, volleyball and tennis; loves swimming and adores horseback riding. Not so many years from now the question will occur traitorously to many a young man: "Can she cook?" Well, doggone it, I didn't ask her. I figure he can find that out for himself!

Nazis Checked With Heavy Loss, Report

Slavs Rally, Rout Unit Of Invaders; Axis Gains In Africa Continue

By the Associated Press British infantry have met and hurled back the "Adolf Hitler division" in northern Greece, it was announced in London today, while the allied Yugoslav army was reported counter-attacking nazi blitzkrieg invaders in the mountains 180 miles southeast of captured Belgrade.

The defeated German division in Greece was described as an "S. S." force—the elite Schutzstaffel blackshirt group, originally formed as a guard for the nazi fuhrer.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans, the British said, in a battle which apparently was fought in territory between Philirina, Greece, and the Bitolj (Monastir) pass, in southwest Yugoslavia.

London military quarters declared that the Yugoslav army had counter-attacked the Germans on both sides of the Moravia river, southeast of Belgrade; isolated a German column at Topola, 40 miles south of the Yugoslav capital; routed another German force at Suharjeka, 40 miles northwest of Skoplje; and recaptured Prokuplje, 18 miles west of Nis.

Nazi Claim Belied It was this same Yugoslav army which the German high command officially listed as "destroyed" last week, and again today a nazi communique asserted: "In Yugoslavia, the mass of enemy forces which opposed the German troops are destroyed. Remnants of the Serbian army are retreating in the face of German and Italian troops into the mountain country along the Adriatic."

Countering this nazi claim, the London ministry of information declared there was "good reason to believe that the Yugoslavs have captured Durazzo," big Adriatic seaport 25 miles west of Tirana, the capital of Albania.

The German radio reported that the British commission "which organized the glorious retreat from Durkerque" last June had arrived in Athens.

RAF Strafes Enemy With mud, snow and stiffening Greek-British resistance reported holding back the German offensive on the 150-mile front of northern Greece, the RAF has launched an offensive designed to cripple Germany's mechanized columns, an Athens dispatch reported.

An RAF communique today announced "a large number of sorties" against German columns.

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War Bulletins

NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—The Italian radio broadcast today an announcement that Coritza, Albania, the first major base captured by the Greek counter-invasion of Albania, had been recaptured by the Italian army.

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—Withdrawal of British forces to new positions in Greece was reported in a war office communique tonight.

The British retired only after they had inflicted "severe casualties" on the Germans, it was claimed.

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—The British war office announced tonight that 20 axis tanks supporting infantry "crossed the outer defenses" of Tobruk in North Africa this morning, but were ejected with severe losses, both in tanks and manpower.

BERLIN, April 14.—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, declared today that British troops trapped at Tobruk were trying to escape by sea, but were under a Dunkerque-like aerial bombardment.

Dive bombers were said to be smashing at transports and other vessels in that Libyan harbor.

Jas. Roosevelt, Former Nurse Wed



James Roosevelt and Wife No. 2

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the president, arrived today from Washington for the wedding of her eldest son, James, and his former nurse, Romelle Theresa Schneider. The ceremony was set for this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Converse, the latter the former actress Anita Stewart. Municipal Judge Arthur S. Guerin was to perform the nuptials. Miss Schneider is a Catholic. James has been divorced, from the former Betsey Cushing of Boston. Roosevelt said he regretted that the divorce made it impossible for him to be married by a priest. "Both of us wish it could be a church service," he said. Roosevelt, a captain in the marines reserve at San Diego, spends most of his leave at his film studio in Culver City.