

THE WEATHER

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Fair tonight and Saturday. Light frost in early morning. Saturday warmer.

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VICTORY

The battle situation in Greece favors the nazis, and after that—what? Attempted invasion of England or a drive against the Suez canal, or both? Follow the war in NEWS-REVIEW news.

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BERLIN SUFFERS WORST BOMBING OF WAR

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war news (on Wednesday) continues bad.

The Yugoslav army is disintegrating under the German blows. The British-Greek front is being driven back. German aircraft are pounding British sea communications, hampering the bringing up of supplies and reinforcements and hoping to prevent successful re-embarkation if the British are driven out of Greece.

The lone hopeful spot is in north Africa, where for the moment at least the British seem to be holding at the Egyptian-Libyan border.

THERE are rumors that the Italians in Ethiopia are preparing to surrender. That, if it should happen, would release more British troops for the defense of Egypt.

MORE mystery: From Chungking comes this dispatch: "It is reliably disclosed that Moscow has informed the central Chinese government that Russian aid to China is being CONTINUED."

FIGURE that one out if you can.

Japan is at war with China. Russia and Japan have just concluded a friendship and non-aggression treaty. Yet Russia proposes (it is said) to go on supplying Japan's enemy with the materials necessary for continuing war against Japan.

Modern war is certainly screwy.

ANOTHER interesting rumor: Domel, the Japanese news agency (similar to the AP, the UP, etc.) broadcasts a report from Bangkok that British troops ATTACKING along the Malay-Thailand border have caused the Thai (Siam) government to protest to the British authorities.

Why the British should pick a fight in that quarter is hard to understand. It sounds like Japanese propaganda preparation for an attack on Singapore.

WATCH Japan and Russia closely. Only by DEEDS can they be judged. Words don't count in the kind of wars that are fought nowadays.

They never did count much. Since history began there never has been a time when the double

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Willkie Asks Catholic Bishop to Apologize for "Campaign Oratory" Reference in Easter Sunday Sermon

SEATTLE, April 18.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie asked the most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, Catholic bishop of Seattle, today to apologize for criticism of the recent republican presidential nominee voiced in the bishop's Easter Sunday sermon.

Willkie wired the Post-Intelligencer that he had telegraphed this statement to the bishop: "I understand that by implication you made a personal attack on me in your Easter sermon. Will you kindly point out to me where it was I spoke of myself as a campaign orator? If you cannot find it, will you not please issue a public apology?"

Bishop Shaughnessy in his sermon said: "Recently we witnessed an exciting national campaign and election in which specific statements were made and most solemn pledges given to our coun-

Gove Firm Cont Price Plan

Freezing Steel, Iron Quotations Expected to Bring Authority Test

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The government is prepared to meet any effort to challenge its authority to control prices, defense officials said today, although public opinion has been the principal weapon for enforcement of orders so far issued.

The possibility of a test of authority arose this week when an order was issued freezing steel and iron prices. Steel men claim it would prove injurious to the industry. Indicating a fight might be avoided, however, price control authorities said today that the order was subject to modification anytime investigation showed that to be necessary.

With regard to the general problem of enforcement, Leon Henderson, price administrator, said his greatest weapon was the "moral support of the community."

"I am not so much interested in the individual violator," he added. "I said we could take care of him and we can."

Six price schedules have been put into effect since Feb. 17, and officials said they had not received any formal complaints of violations. Instances of non-compliance have come to light, but they were officially attributed to misunderstandings and were quickly checked on that basis, it was reported.

In addition to the steel-iron order, price schedules have covered second-hand machine tools, secondary aluminum and scrap, steel and iron scrap, zinc and bituminous coal.

Authority Cited Henderson declared bluntly that his authority was "enough" for the job he had to do and that the presidential order creating his office contained within it practically all of the powers of the old war industries board.

The order cites a number of presidential powers over industry in an emergency, the principal one being the section of the selective service act authorizing the president to "draft industry" under certain circumstances.

That same power was contained in the 1916 law under which the war industries board was created. Prices rose rapidly

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Reedport-Scottsburg Highway Work Urged

REEDSPORT, April 18.—At a meeting of the Reedport chamber of commerce Tuesday resolutions were adopted to be forwarded to the United States army and federal bureau of public roads urging the completion of the Reedport-Scottsburg section of highway No. 38 in accordance with the latest approved survey and pointing out its importance as a military road.

try, supposedly on the word of honor of a Christian gentleman. "But a few days ago, when this person, whose later action belied his promises, was taxed with his own words, he lightly dismissed the subject with the revealing words 'that was but campaign oratory.'"

"Lying is thus enthroned before us as a public good and a means to which apparently our leaders or would-be leaders may resort with impunity."

Bishop Shaughnessy was quoted by one of his assistants as saying today:

"If I find the telegram to be authentic I will answer it of course. What I shall say will be said directly to Mr. Willkie as I believe the amenities require. If Mr. Willkie then wishes to make public the entire correspondence I shall have no objection."

From \$4,000 to \$21 Per Month



William McChesney, left, 31-year-old president of the New York stock exchange, at \$48,000 a year, is fingerprinted by Herman Knoll as he is inducted into the United States army at New York under the selective service act. He'll get \$21 a month along with other draftees.

War Objector Puts Duty to U. S. First

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—The term conscientious was correct for one Portland youth who registered for selective military service as a conscientious objector, Martin H. Vollbrecht said yesterday.

The 23-year-old college student's name was withheld but Vollbrecht, chief clerk of Portland's board No. 7, said he asked for reclassification and stated that he would be ready for active training at the end of the college term.

In addition, the youth advised the national service board for religious objectors, Washington, D. C., of his action in a letter which read:

"My opposition to war will never change, but I feel a far greater wrong would be committed if I failed to defend my country from a combine that approves and sponsors race prejudice, attempts to suppress religion and rejects all moral values of the present civilization."

"Go" Signal Given to Cigaret Tax Petitions

SALEM, April 18.—(AP)—Sponsors of the referendum on the two-cent per package cigarette tax received the signal today to begin circulation of petitions, Attorney General Van Winkle preparing the ballot title for the measure, which would raise \$1,500,000 a year for old age pensions and \$300,000 for vocational education.

The state department approved the petitions as to form today. The bill would become law June 14 unless the petitions, bearing 15,866 signatures, are filed by June 13. Then the measure would go on the November, 1942, ballot.

The referendum against the bill was filed by the State Retail Grocers association.

V. F. W. Essay Contest Won by West Linn Youth

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—Melvin Buckles, West Linn high school boy, was announced yesterday as Oregon winner in a nation-wide essay contest conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

Jean Warren, St. Mary's high school, Forest Grove, was second, and Shirley Martin, Imbler, was third. Young Buckles' essay will be entered in the national contest.

VFW Post Elects Gaye Mowery Head

Gaye Mowery was elected commander of Patrick W. Kelley post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the annual election meeting held here last night. Tom Millikin was elected senior vice-commander; Paul Simpson, junior vice-commander; Wm. Long, chaplain; Cy VanVoort, quartermaster; T. F. Holmes, Frank Bergh and Ray Tannlund, trustees.

The newly elected officers will be installed by R. L. Preston, past department commander, at a special meeting April 25 at the Knights of Pythias hall.

The post adopted a unanimous resolution of thanks directed to radio station KRRR for cooperation in presenting the V. F. W.-sponsored "Speak Up For Democracy" program each month. Announcement was made that a district meeting will be held in Marshfield April 26 and it was planned to send a large delegation from the Roseburg post. It also was voted to cooperate with other veterans' organizations in the Memorial day program.

American-Made Bombers Welcomed at Singapore

SINGAPORE, April 18.—(AP)—American-made patrol bombers—the same as the latest additions to the U. S. navy—roared in here today after a trans-Pacific flight.

They were greeted by squadrons of RAF pilots in Brewster-Buffalo fighters which, authorities announced, were in the air within 24 hours of their uncrating. American-built Lockheed Hudsons also roared seaward to meet the big patrol bombers completing their voyage across the South China sea to join British and Australian patrols charged with keeping the empire's eastern seelanes clear.

Tennile Man Killed First Day on Log Job

Reporting Thursday morning for a job with a Myrtle Point logging concern, Claude Brewer Walgamuth, 35, Tennile resident, was killed late yesterday when he was struck and crushed by a rolling log.

Survivors include the widow and a small daughter, Joan, residing at Tennile, and his parents who live in South Dakota. The body was brought to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Awareness Of War Gravity Slow in U. S.

Roosevelt Notes Growing Alertness, However; New Defense Plans Launched

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expressed belief today that American public opinion was not adequately aware of the acuteness of the war situation in Europe but that it was becoming increasingly aware.

He made that statement in response to an inquiry and went on to add that he thought Americans could be made increasingly alert through the exercise of their general intelligence, mental processes and through what he called crack-barrel and press club conversations.

But to a question whether he thought reverses suffered in Greece by British and Greek forces had increased the danger to this country, he replied that he did not think the question should be asked or answered.

Aid Items Listed. Further interrogation brought from the president these additional statements bearing on the defense program and aid to countries battling the axis:

The administration has authorized specific shipments of material to China but Mr. Roosevelt does not know whether any has started on the way across the Pacific.

The chief executive does not see now any steps in prospect similar to a decision to curtail auto production 20 per cent.

The shortage of soft coal resulting from a three-week shutdown of mines has not yet seriously affected the defense program.

The president hopes some mines will be running again by next Monday.

Air Spotters Wanted. A war department plan to establish a system of civilian observers to watch for attacking airplanes is the application on a nationwide scale of experiments

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Sales Tax Idea Not Liked by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today he did not have the faintest idea how \$3,500,000,000 in taxes ought to be raised, but he indicated that he still did not like the idea of a sales tax.

Administration officials and congressional leaders of both parties agreed yesterday on a huge program to raise \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue next fiscal year to bring government income up to two-thirds of expenditures.

The manner of obtaining the money and the exploration of sources, the president said, is for the determination of the house ways and means committee. Asked what his feeling was on a sales tax, Mr. Roosevelt said it was the same as always.

"That means you do not care for it?" he was asked.

"Not very much," he replied.

Mr. Roosevelt said he expected to make a public statement on the tax problem soon.

G. M. Leeper, Formerly Of Sutherlin, Passes

According to word received here this morning, G. M. Leeper died at Riverside, Calif., Wednesday. He was formerly a resident of Sutherlin and for the last several years had resided with his family in southern California, where he was engaged in the hardware business. He apparently was in good health, having left his home Wednesday for his work and death came to him from a heart attack as he stopped at a service station to buy gasoline. Funeral services have not been announced. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. George W. Leeper, who resides on South Kane street in Roseburg, is a cousin. Mr. Leeper's poems were often published in the poet's corner of the News-Review.

Buildings Blasted by RAF, Avenging London Strafing; Nazis Pound Greek Defenses

10 Divisions, 1,000 Planes Hit at Allies

Surrender of Yugoslavia Enables Nazis to Boost Pressure Southward

ATHENS, April 18.—(AP)—At least 10 divisions of German troops, supported by upwards of 1,000 warplanes, hammered at the allies' defense lines in Greece today, meeting with particularly stubborn resistance in the vicinity of Kalabak on the hard-pressed central front.

On the east flank the Germans were reported exerting relentless pressure on British forces holding positions on the slopes of Mt. Olympus under a terrific aerial bombardment.

On the opposite flank, German troops driving down along the Greek-Albanian border confronted the Greeks with a new danger which threatened to force their complete withdrawal from Albania.

BERLIN, April 18.—(AP)—The German high command followed up the capitulation of Yugoslavia today by announcing that 17,000 prisoners had been taken on the Greek front and that the battle was going successfully for German arms despite the most difficult terrain and weather conditions.

Numerous "road destructions" also were hampering the Germans, the daily communique said, but numerous pieces of artillery, including 25 heavy guns were captured.

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Warships Aid In African Struggle

CAIRO, Egypt, April 18.—(AP)—British warships are continuing to pump hundreds of tons of shells into axis positions west of Salm, Egyptian outpost just across the border from Libya, where land fighting is raging between the British and Italian and German advance units.

The shelling started 48 hours ago and helped put the brakes on the axis advance across the western desert, military authorities reported today.

Long columns of axis motor transport were declared destroyed by the British men-o-war, which moved close inshore and kept up the attack despite frequent axis air attacks.

Particularly heavy casualties were believed by the British to have been inflicted on axis forces by naval shells hitting the Es-carpment road west of Salm.

Other units of the British Mediterranean fleet operating west of Tobruk, where a British force is battling repeated axis assaults, delivered a terrific blasting against the air base at El Gazala. At least five planes on the ground were said to have been destroyed and huge craters torn in the air field.

Forestry Assn. Demands Tax Loss Reimbursement

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—(AP)—The American Forestry association passed a resolution last night asking that whenever the federal government takes over forest land it reimburse the affected counties for their losses in taxes.

"Otherwise," it added, "local governments, lacking funds for even ample policing, may disappear in these areas."

The resolution added that many counties in western states are nearly bankrupt because the government has taken millions of acres for forests and recreation facilities.

Rome Gets "If" Bomb Warning From England

LONDON, April 18.—(AP)—The British government warned today it would commence "systematic bombing of Rome" if either Athens or Cairo, Egypt, is attacked. At the same time the government charged that the Italians were prepared to drop "captured British bombs upon Vatican City" should Rome be raided by the British.

The announcement came from the residence of the prime minister.

It added that if once the bombing of Rome starts "it will continue as convenient to the end of the war."

The greatest care will be taken not to bomb the Vatican City, the statement continued, and then described as "this characteristic trick" the alleged Italian plan to use British bombs on Vatican City.

Nazis Slaughtered By Thousands In Battle of Greece

By EDWARD KENNEDY

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES ON THE GREEK WARFRONT, April 17.—(Delayed)—(AP)—German forces smashing ceaselessly at the Greek and British defense line have suffered enormous losses—some estimates placing the number of their dead in the Greek invasion at 50,000.

But although Nazi bodies are piled high, Adolf Hitler's high command continued to send seemingly inexhaustible divisions of powerfully armed men into the assault. Column after column of German troops, supported by dive-bombers, is being hurled against the Greek-British defense lines.

For the past six days, British, Australian and New Zealand troops have met incessant attacks along the Mount Olympus line (east flank of the defense barrier) and when I left there at noon today they still were holding.

Large troop movements were going on behind the front as the allies sought to bolster defense positions and rectify the lines if necessary. German prisoners were being brought back in trucks.

German numerical superiority in the air is even greater than on the ground. Myriads of dive-bombers constantly harassing the defenders apparently constitute the German solution to the problem presented by the reduced efficiency of panzer divisions in mountainous country.

At Larisa, already wrecked by an earthquake and abandoned by the civil population, I saw 40 planes swoop low again and again, first bombing and then machine-gunning.

Larisa today is a ghastly parody of a city.

A famous British hussar regiment resisted to the last round in a pass.

"After a tank attack, the Germans sent their infantry up the hill four deep," an officer told me. "We mowed down the first three rows but ran out of bullets when the fourth came."

Food Stamp Plan Abuse Charged to 16 Dealers

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—Sixteen Oregon food retailers today were cited for non-compliance with federal food stamp plan regulations by M. Louis Bejan, area supervisor. They are charged with selling gasoline, cigarettes, beer and other commodities not on the food stamp list. Penalties for misuse of stamps range up to jail sentences of 10 years or fines to \$10,000.

British Also Raid Cologne, Nazi Ports

Loss of 8 Planes Admitted By Attackers; Germans Strike at Portsmouth

LONDON, April 18.—(AP)—The air ministry announced today that the royal air force had subjected Berlin to its heaviest attack of the war last night.

"Very powerful bombs" burst across targets in the heart of the German capital, doing "very substantial damage," a communique declared.

Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, earlier told London defense workers that the bombs dropped on Berlin included some of the new highly explosive type which the RAF only recently put into use.

The air ministry acknowledged the loss of eight planes in the fiery overnight assault.

Targets in the heart of the German capital were blasted, the ministry's account said, adding that "fires immediately broken out."

"The attack was pressed home," it added, "and many bursts were seen across the targets. Substantial damage was certainly done."

Other Cities Also Raided. Other night raids were made on Rotterdam, in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands, the German industrial city of Cologne and a number of other places in northwest Germany.

Daylight assaults were reported carried out yesterday on Cherbourg, France, and widespread forays were made against German shipping with one ship declared damaged and probably sunk and another blown up in port.

Morrison said the "super-bombs" dropped on Berlin last night were the first of this kind used against the Nazi capital.

Nazis Admit Raid Damage To Buildings in Berlin

BERLIN, April 18.—(AP)—"Stronger forces" of the RAF than ever before used against Berlin penetrated the barrage belt to the center of the German capital last night in a bombing attack.

The high command said the RAF had disregarded the warning Germany conveyed night before last in the Luftwaffe's un-

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Bill Would Ban Aliens From Offices in Unions

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—Aliens would be barred from voting or holding office in labor organizations under a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Woodruff (R-Mich.).

Among other bills was this by Representative Angell (R-Ore.): Ordering issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of civil government in the far west, the blazing of the Old Oregon Trail, and the immigration of 1843.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press) CHICAGO.—When draft board officials received a letter from a registrant asking deferment because of a "stiff arm," they called the man in for an interview. During the questioning, the registrant, groping for an answer, unconsciously raised the "stiff arm" to scratch his head. He's in the army now.