

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Mild temperature.
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NAZIS SLAUGHTERED AT GREEK DEFENSES

SLAUGHTER

It's occurring on historic Mt. Olympus, Greece, as the German blitz divisions attempt to pierce the allied front. Odds are against the heroic defenders, but if the Germans win it will be at a tremendous cost.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
By way of making conversation (as one speaks of the weather) this writer said yesterday to a friend: "Still interested in the war news?"

This was his answer: "Not since OUR SIDE began to lose. Now I want to stay as far away from it as possible."

THAT was a natural answer, reflecting an extremely human and understandable frame of mind. Probably we are ALL tempted to feel that way.

It is a DANGEROUS temptation. IT MUST BE RESISTED. Running out on the war when it begins to look bad for our side is akin to the mythical ostrich habit of burying its head in the sand when danger approaches.

An ostrich with its head buried in the sand would be EASY MEAT for the hunter.

THERE is difference of opinion as to whether we ought to be where we are. But there can be NO difference of opinion as to this:

WE ARE WHERE WE ARE. We have to go on from here—not from some point where we might have been but aren't. We have to take the war as it IS and make the best of it.

We can't just dismiss it from our minds when it begins to look bad.

THIS thought probably occurs to you:

"I am only one individual. I am as a grain of sand in a desert. There isn't much that I can do." You are wrong. There is PLENTY you can do.

You can do your job every day in the best way you know how, remembering that in emergencies it is TEAM WORK that counts.

You can say to yourself over and over: "This is my country, and it is in danger. My country means more to me than anything else. If my country goes down EVERYTHING GOES DOWN."

No sacrifice that I can make will be too great if it helps to save my country."

IN so thinking, you will be right. Since human beings began to organize themselves into social units, the welfare of each individual has been bound with the

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Auto Models Not To Change in 1943

DETROIT, April 19.—(AP)—General Motors' announcement that it is making no plans for new model passenger cars in 1943 is expected in automotive circles here to be followed shortly by similar decision by the remainder of the motorcar industry.

Airport Here to About 1,100,000

Tentative Plans Given WPA Superintendent For \$86,541 Project

Final plans and specifications for the improvement of the Roseburg airport are nearing completion by the civil aeronautics authority and the works progress administration at Seattle and will probably be ready in time to start work by May 1, according to Jack Dawson, local WPA superintendent. Mr. Dawson was in Seattle this week, where he was furnished with a copy of the tentative plans for the project.

Arrangements have been made, he reports, to utilize a WPA crew of from 100 to 135 men starting as soon as the authority is received from the state director, probably about May 1, and the plans are to complete the work in about six months.

Will Shift Runway
The program calls for extensive evacuation and grading in moving the runway to a new location, he reports. Instead of being located directly north and south, as at present, the new runway will angle slightly, with the south end being moved to the east and the north end to the west. The runway will be more than 3500 feet in length and paved to a width of 150 feet, with rock shoulders 50 feet or more in width on both sides.

The runway after being graded will be given an eight-inch rock surface, and this will be topped with two inches of oil macadam. To protect the runway from damage by excess water, there will be nearly 15,000 feet of drainage lines.

The culvert built a few years ago across the waterway in the north half of the field is to be extended from 300 to 570 feet in width.

Other Changes Slated
The present entrance to the airport will be closed and a new entrance will be provided at the point where the county road toward the north boundary makes a right angle turn to parallel the railroad tracks. The hangar will be moved to a new location north

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Bombing Drives Woman Novelist to Suicide

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Dr. E. F. Hoare, coroner at New Haven, Sussex, gave a verdict of suicide today in the drowning of Mrs. Virginia Woolf, British novelist who was twice bombed from her home. Her body was recovered last night from the River Ouse near her week-end house at Lewes.

The coroner read a note which Mrs. Woolf left for her husband, Leonard.

"I have a feeling I shall go mad," the note said. "I cannot go on any longer in these terrible times. I hear voices and cannot concentrate on my work. I have fought against it but cannot fight any longer."

Her husband testified she was depressed for a considerable time. He found her walking stick on the river bank.

Mrs. Woolf, who was 59, vanished March 28.

28 Nazi Prisoners Flee In Canada; Several Taken

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., April 19.—(AP)—The capture of "several" of 28 German prisoners of war who escaped last night through a tunnel from an internment camp was announced today by Canadian authorities.

The escape brought to 63 the number of prisoners who have made a break for liberty from Canadian camps.

Of the 33 prisoners who previously escaped only one remains at large. He is Baron Franz von Werra, who escaped from a prison train taking him to the interior from an east coast Canadian port.

Revival of World War Excise Taxes Looms in Effort to Raise Additional Revenues to Finance Defense Program

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Revival of a long list of world war excise taxes, such as those on railroad tickets and life insurance policies, was described in congressional circles today as a logical step toward the proposed goal of \$3,500,000,000 in additional revenues.

Some members of the house ways and means committee went so far as to say renewal of such levies was "a foregone conclusion." Those legislators explained that the additional excise taxes would be necessary to make up whatever amounts the prospective increases in income and corporation taxes fail to produce.

Well-informed members said that in addition to producing new revenue, needed to finance the defense program, the administration looked to higher taxes for a psychological result—impression on the general public of the gravity of the current situation.

Among the biggest money-raisers in the excise tax group 20 years ago was the levy on the transportation of freight by rail

or water which, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, produced \$140,019,200. The preceding year, the tax on passenger travel by rail or water produced \$98,786,635. Both levies were discontinued in 1922.

Other excise taxes imposed during or immediately after the world war included levies on lighting fixtures, medicinal preparations, soft drinks, motion picture film, sporting goods, cameras and lenses, chewing gum, firearms, and electric fans.

In the year ending June 30, 1920, the tax on candy brought in \$23,142,033 but the yield dropped to less than half that sum in 1924, the last year it was collected.

The ways and means committee is to meet Monday with treasury officials to go over the situation and Chairman Doughton (D-N. C.) said the group probably would decide then when to begin public hearings on the matter. Doughton expressed belief it would require at least two months to get the tax bill through congress.

Janitor Confesses Burning Body In Church Tragedy

AKRON, O., April 19.—(AP)—Police said today the 58-year-old janitor of North Hill Methodist church had confessed incinerating the body of Ruth Zwicker, 24-year-old music teacher, but contended she died accidentally in a scuffle after he sought a kiss.

Detective Inspector Verne Cross attributed the confession to Albert B. Lukens, father of three grown children. Cross said Lukens signed a statement relating:

"I asked her for a kiss and she struck my face. I grabbed her right arm and in the scuffle she fell, striking her head against the piano bench."

"Then I dragged her down the steps and into the coal bin. About 6 o'clock Easter morning I returned to the church and built a fire in the boilers. I threw her and the music sheets into the boiler."

Miss Zwicker had been missing since she went to the church last Saturday morning to practice piano.

Cross said the janitor in his statement related he once clubbed to death a Cincinnati woman, and served time in Mansfield, Ohio, reformatory.

Cincinnati records show that an Albert B. Lukens was convicted of beating to death 44 years ago the mother of William Stiegler, once dramatic critic of the Cincinnati Times-Star.

The young woman's father, A. W. Zwicker, told detectives that the man twice had helped him search through the many rooms of the church, last Saturday night.

The young woman was a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.

Examinations Held Here For Postal Positions

Civil service examinations were held at the Roseburg post office today to fill current and future vacancies in the position of clerk-carrier. Twenty-one applicants took the examination. Examinations also were conducted to fill the office of postmaster at Wilbur. The examinations were supervised by C. B. Calkins, secretary of the local board of civil service examiners.

Secy. Perkins Urges Mines Be Reopened

Further Conferences of North, South Groups of Coal Industry Asked

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins asked northern coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America today to agree to "immediate resumption" of mining operations to "insure an adequate coal supply for defense and other industries."

She suggested that the miners be ordered back to work Tuesday, April 22.

At the same time she urged southern soft coal operators who withdrew from the Appalachian wage conference in New York a week ago to undertake "further negotiations" with the UMWA.

The secretary's requests were made in telegrams sent to John L. Lewis, president of the UMWA; Charles O'Neil, chairman of the Appalachian conference, in New York, and L. Eberole Gaines, chairman of the newly created southern operators wage conference in Washington.

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—John L. Lewis told Secretary of Labor Perkins today that if the government could bring about resumption of negotiations between the United Mine Workers and southern soft coal operators it would be "logical to assume" an agreement would be reached whereby the nation's mines could be reopened within the next two or three days.

AFL SEEKS ABOLISHMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S SENATE

SACRAMENTO, April 19.—(AP)—A disclosure that California affiliates of the American Federation of Labor are prepared to contribute at least \$500,000 toward a campaign to reorganize or abolish the state senate elicited a series of protests against "anti-labor" legislation today.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor,

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Furious Assaults Fail to Break Allied Front, Report

Sea Warfare Sees Toll On Both Sides

Five Axis Vessels, Fresh Batch of British Craft Sunk in Counter Blows

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Four axis merchant ships and an escort vessel either were set afire or left sinking yesterday, the air ministry reported today in a communique which said eight British planes were missing from the day's operations over the North sea.

The communique said: "During yesterday a number of successful attacks were made on enemy shipping in convoy by aircraft of the bomber and coastal command."

"Near Helgoland two medium sized merchant vessels and an enemy escort were set on fire so seriously as to be a total loss. Off the Norwegian coast two other merchant vessels were also hit and left sinking."

BERLIN, April 19.—(AP)—Screaming Stuka dive bombers sent a heavily armed 8,000-ton British auxiliary cruiser to the bottom of the Mediterranean near Salum, Egypt, last night and brought the Luftwaffe's 24-hour shipping destruction record to approximately 58,000 tons, Germans said today.

DNB, German official news agency, said the British lost three planes yesterday in a bomber attack on light German naval forces in the North sea. The ships were said to have emerged unscathed.

BRITISH ARMY RUSHED TO PROTECT IRAQI OIL FIELDS

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—Britain, racing to forestall an axis thrust toward the prized oil

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Adolf Hitler 52 Sunday; Greeks' Defeat Wanted

BERLIN, April 19.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's 52nd birthday tomorrow may also be the date for the Greek-axis armistice, German political circles declared today.

Naturally officialdom was too careful to say anything so positive, but the following straws indicated which way the wind blows:

1. The German army's break through the Thracian mountain passes was announced. This, according to persons versed in military affairs, means the German army can now use Panzer units for the fight against opposing forces in the plains around Larisa—and German Panzers are believed here to be invincible.

2. The British threat to bomb Rome in case Athens or Cairo were bombed was angrily rejected. Officials said Germany has no intention of bombing a cultural center like Athens, nor is Cairo on the bombing list.

3. It became known that the highest military authorities gave the strictest orders to spare not only Athens, but all other Greek cultural centers.

250,000 British Women Drafted For War Industry

LONDON, April 19.—(AP)—A quarter-million women of 20 and 21 are expected to register today in England's first conscription of feminine labor for war industries.

When Labor Minister Bevin announced the plan to draft women workers March 16, he declared the registration call was to be heeded equally in the drawing room and the laundry room.

The only exemptions will be for women already serving with the nursing service, full-time air raid precautions and civil defense volunteers and students at universities, technical and professional schools.

On March 9 Bevin issued a call for 100,000 women volunteers for shell-filling factories pending inauguration of the conscription plan, explaining: "We must call for a great response from our women to run the industrial machine."

The "response" it has been announced, was 110,000 volunteers. First registration of civilians was April 15, when persons between the ages of 41 and 45 were called in, with men between 41 and 42 years to be drafted first.

Oregon Tax Commissioner Called to Naval Duty

SALEM, April 19.—(AP)—The U. S. navy yesterday ordered Wallace S. Wharton, state tax commissioner and lieutenant commander in the naval reserves, to report for duty in Washington, D. C., next week.

Wharton has served on the tax commission since the administration of Governor Martin. Previously he was state budget director.

Governor Sprague said the board of control would name a successor to serve until Wharton's return from duty.

Cache of \$2,600 in Gold Found in Junked Wagon

EUREKA, Calif., April 19.—(AP)—Five years ago Joe Matteucci, Sunnyside rancher, made a deal to sell an old wagon for \$1, but the deal fell through. The other day Joe's brother, Andrew, started wrecking the wagon, idle for 15 years.

Under the floorboard he found \$2,600 in gold coin, he reported. The brothers were in town yesterday renting a safety box to keep the coin in until they confer with federal authorities about the find. Possession of gold coin is illegal.

Tremendous Losses Dealt On Mountain

Germans Report Capture, However, of Vital Rail Junction of Larisa

ATHENS, Greece, April 19.—(2:25 P. M.)—(AP)—British imperial forces in Greece, declaring their front nowhere had been penetrated, announced today that they had repulsed a heavy Nazi attack by armored formations and masses of infantry with "severe losses."

They added that many prisoners had been taken. The imperial troops were reported in action along the entire front as waves of German infantry tried vainly to force a way up the mountains guarding the passes in the face of murderous fire.

Observers said the slopes were strewn with dead and wounded Nazi blitzmen.

The mountainous country and stout resistance has put Nazi mechanized warfare in reverse, observers said.

Instead of the German Panzer columns breaking through to clear the roads for the infantry, Hitler's legions must now fight their way on foot ahead of the tanks, it was said.

As King George II worked to shape a new government—possibly a military cabinet—in an overnight change necessitated by the death of Premier Alexandros Koryzias, word from the north indicated fighting had intensified along the entire defense line.

Attackers Slaughtered
"We mow them down by the hundreds as they try to climb the steep mountain sides, but as soon as one wave is thrown back another pushes forward," said a military officer.

"Their losses are tremendous, unequalled, I believe, by anything they have suffered in the European war to date."

This source said the Nazis were

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Prisoner Admits Tie With Gestapo

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., April 19.—(AP)—Sheriff Jacob S. Dreyer said today that a prisoner held on a robbery charge had given him and the federal intelligence officers a 12-page statement admitting he was a member of the German secret police and detailing the "Nazi espionage and sabotage set-up in the United States."

Dreyer identified the prisoner as Bruno Johannes Valenski, 31, a Central Islip waiter held on four others on charges of robbery. Ellis Island authorities said that when the robbery charge was disposed of, immigration agents would take custody of Valenski on a charge of illegal entry.

The sheriff said that during Valenski's examination and fingerprinting, George Foster, chief of the sheriff's bureau of criminal identification, noticed a swastika branded on the prisoner's arm. Under protracted questioning, he added, Valenski made many "startling disclosures."

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press)
MILTON-FREEWATER, April 19.—(AP)—Fred Cunningham of Weston, arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license, told Justice Fred Fullerton: "I've been driving a car for 20 years without a license and I hardly see the need of getting one now."

Justice Fullerton retorted: "I will demonstrate your need of getting one by fining you \$5."

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

ROSEBURG, as it looked a number of years ago—just how many I have been unable to determine.

"It was taken a long time, evidently, before I came here," Henry Booth remarked as he gave it the once over at the bank.

"That's where I was born," Vic Micelli said, indicating a house, one of the very few built at the time west of the railroad tracks.

Perhaps some of the readers of

the News-Review who see this old print will be able to identify the approximate date when it was taken. It was discovered and given me by Bill Harding, while he was rummaging through some old files in the chamber of commerce office.

The lower picture was snapped yesterday from just about the same spot on Mt. Nebo as the old one had been, and shows considerable growth on the part of the old town.

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