

THE WEATHER

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Low overcast in early morning, otherwise fair tonight and Friday. Continued warm.

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TURKEY

Will she permit Nazi troops to cross her territory and imperil British possessions in Asia? The next day or two may see the answer to that question, which also involves Russia. Keep your eye on NEWS-REVIEW news.

BRITISH FLEEING GREECE UNDER BOMB HAIL

NAVAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION TIED BY STRIKE

Union Seeks Decision On Wage Demand

Action at San Diego Aims To "Clarify Issue," U. S. Takes Over Coal Dispute

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 24.—(AP)—The building trades council announced today that a strike of AFL construction workers was underway at defense projects in support of their wage demands. The extent of the walkout, shortly after 8 a. m., had not been determined, K. G. Bitter, council secretary, said.

Only 8,800 of the council's 18,000 membership was involved in the union's initial action taken, Bitter said, to bring the "controversy to a head."

The \$4,000,000 naval housing units near the destroyer base and the naval training station were the only jobs affected, and Bitter said present strategy did not call for an extension of the walkout before tomorrow.

"Buck Passing" Charged
Bitter and John Murray, international representative from Indianapolis, said the council had sought through the night in telephone conversations with Washington to obtain further conciliation, but there had been "too much buck passing." Further, they said, no official word had been received from the navy concerning recommendations submitted to the navy department for a settlement.

Murray said he regarded the action of the workers at the two naval housing projects not so much as a strike as a move to issue and hasten decisions by varying about clarification of the lous agencies involved in the wage dispute.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S (Tuesday's) dispatches confirm what has been obvious to realistic thinkers for a week. The battle of the Balkans is ending in another smashing German victory.

FOR Hitler all that remains is the job of mopping up, and he is carrying it out methodically, skillfully and efficiently—the ultimate outcome made certain by his overwhelming superiority in numbers and equipment.

For the allies (British) there remains only the task of withdrawal with as little loss as possible from a bad situation. They are fighting heroically, skillfully and as nearly as we can judge from the dispatches COOLLY to save defeat from turning into a rout.

WHETHER the British adventure in the Balkans was wise or tragically unwise is a question for the historians to settle. Events are moving too swiftly for us to waste time now in arguing about it.

GUESSING what Hitler will do next is risky, but it is reasonable to expect that he will try to close the Mediterranean to the British fleet.

The British fleet is his worst-fearful foe, and if he can't DESTROY it the logical supposition is that he will attempt to shut it out of the areas where it will do him the most harm. That area is clearly the Mediterranean.

There are rumblings from Spain and France of a German drive against Gibraltar, the Mediterranean's western gate. Neither Spain nor France welcomes the idea, but neither is in a po-

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Morgenau Asks Billions in New Taxes, Speedier Defense

America Facing Its Greatest Challenge, People Willing to Pay Security's Price, Treasury Secretary Tells House Group

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau asked congress today for \$3,500,000,000 new taxes, greater defense production, reduced non-defense spending, and safeguards against profiteering.

"We are faced with a greater challenge than any in the history of the republic," the treasury head told the house ways and means committee. "It calls for a much greater response than has yet been made."

"The American people are willing to pay that price."

Morgenthau made no specific recommendations about how the new taxes should be raised in his formal statement. He said others would present the treasury's viewpoint.

These treasury proposals have been reported at the capitol to provide steep increases in income surtaxes which may force many persons to pay six times as much income tax as before, and also to put either new or additional taxes on soft drinks, liquor, cigarettes, gasoline and many other commodities.

Terminating the proposed tax increase "unprecedented," Morgenthau said "the new taxes will seem a small price today" for the security of the nation to be insured by the defense program.

Together with existing taxes which may make the nation's total federal tax bill in the next fiscal year (beginning July 1) about \$12,600,000,000, the secretary said "we shall find ourselves spending less than 15 per cent of our national income for the national safety."

Possible Cuts Cited.
In the course of questioning after his general statement, Morgenthau expressed the opinion "that it is perfectly possible to cut non-defense items to the extent of \$1,000,000,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1."

The secretary said that the place he would "look first" would be at the agriculture department appropriation bill which includes \$500,000,000 for conservation payments. He referred also to the fact that the senate had increased the fund proposed for parity payments to farmers from \$212,000,000 passed by the house to \$450,000,000.

Morgenthau suggested also that cuts might be made in appropriations for the civilian conservation corps, now about \$300,000,000 and for the national youth administration, now about \$370,000,000.

"The CCC and the NYA," Mor-

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Aviator, Student Killed in Crash

SPOKANE, Wash., April 24.—(AP)—A college student who went aloft to celebrate his 20th birthday and a veteran flight instructor who once had bailed out of a crippled plane died yesterday when their training plane crashed in a wheat field 10 miles northeast of Spokane.

They were Warren Brooks, an engineering student at Gonzaga university, and Don Jones, 35, a Wenatchee club owner here and an instructor under the civilian pilot training program.

Friends of the instructor said he took to his parachute last year to save his life when a plane developed engine trouble. Both Jones and Brooks were wearing parachutes. Authorities could not explain the crash, but believed the lack of altitude kept the men from jumping.

Jones, once widely known in the northwest as a professional boxer, left his widow, Flo Jones, at Wenatchee, and a brother, Hal Jones, assistant coach at Eastern Washington college, Cheney. His father, A. V. Jones, resides in San Diego, Calif.

Brooks was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brooks of Spokane.

Britain, Losing, Seeks 2nd A. E. F., Lindbergh Says

NEW YORK, April 24.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh says Great Britain seeks another A. E. F. to turn the tide in a "losing" battle.

"It is now obvious that England is losing the war," he said at an America First committee rally last night, "but they have one last desperate plan remaining."

"They hope that they may be able to persuade us to send another American expeditionary force to Europe and to share with England militarily, as well as financially, the fiasco of this war."

Appearing here as a leader of organized opinion through his membership on the committee, Lindbergh reiterated parts of an address made in Chicago last week in which he said U. S. aid could not win the war for England.

A crowd thronged the streets outside packed Manhattan center as Lindbergh made his anti-war plea, and for a brief time there were scenes of disorder as police, pickets and bystanders clashed.

One man was arrested and later sentenced to one day in jail for seizing the bride of a mounted patrolman's horse during a kicking and slugging melee as pickets with anti-Lindbergh placards were dispersed.

Lindbergh declared he did not blame England for its hope of an A. E. F.

"But we now know," he added, "that she declared a war under circumstances which led to the defeat of every nation that sided with her, from Poland to Greece."

On the subject of any United States entry into the war, he said this country "is not prepared to wage war in Europe successfully at this time."

He placed the blame for "the downfall of the democracies of Europe" on "the shoulders of the interventionists who led their nations into war uninformed and unprepared."

Cigaret Tax Petitions Recalled for Correction

PORTLAND, April 24.—(AP)—The State Retail Grocers' association recalled petitions sent to 6000 retail merchants yesterday for signatures to refer the two-cent per pack cigarette tax to the voters.

G. J. McPherson, association secretary said there is a typographical error in the petitions, but that corrected petitions would be mailed to stores and tobacco dealers throughout the state later this week.

Sponsors of the referendum must obtain 15,885 signatures before May 14 to hold the cigarette tax in abeyance pending a popular vote.

Gasoline Prices Upped Half Cent a Gallon

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—(AP)—Gasoline prices advanced half a cent a gallon at many service stations today.

Four major oil companies—Standard of California, Union, Signal and General Petroleum—announced the price increase. They said the change would affect all Pacific coast states, Alaska and Hawaii.

Other companies were expected to follow suit.

Second Sleep at Wheel Last One for Driver

GARY, Ind., April 24.—(AP)—Archie Holik, 27, Gary steel worker, dozed twice while driving his automobile Wednesday.

The first time the car ran into a swamp in Hammond. It was extricated by police.

A short time later it hit a tree on the outskirts of Gary. Holik was killed.

Roseburg High To Graduate 95 This Year

Program Announced for Commencement; Address By Dr. Warrington Set

Ninety-five seniors will graduate from Roseburg senior high in the class of 1941, W. M. Campbell, city school superintendent, reported today.

The commencement program will be held at the senior high auditorium Thursday, May 29, at 8 p. m. Dr. E. W. Warrington of Oregon State college will give the commencement address. Dr. Warrington, director of religious education and professor of philosophy at O. S. C., is a former pastor of the Presbyterian church in Roseburg.

Following the glee club concert Friday, April 25, the activities of the senior class will hold the center of attention for the remainder of the school year.

The senior class play will be presented Friday, May 2; the junior-senior class picnic Friday, May 9; the mothers' banquet for the seniors Friday, May 16; senior class night exercises Friday, May 23; baccalaureate services Sunday, May 25, and commencement program Thursday, May 29. Dr. Morris H. Roach will give the class sermon at the baccalaureate services.

Personnel of Graduates
Of the ninety-five members of

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Ah-Choo! Season In Oregon Begins

PORTLAND, April 24.—(AP)—If this makes you sneeze, see your allergist—the hay fever season is on and this is one of the worst Portland and many other sections of Oregon have ever known.

It is not as bad as it sounds, however—University of Oregon medical school experts say they have been checking on pollen in the air for only eight years, and it's the pollen that does the damage.

Ordinary years, with the normal amount of rain, greased microscopic slides exposed to outside air for 24 hours will show a pollen count of perhaps 100. This year it has reached 600 and in the country might go to 6000.

Allergists say the present hay fever season is that of tree pollen, with willow, hazel, birch, alder, poplar, ash, English walnut, maple, box elder and oak the big offenders.

It will end sometime in May and be succeeded by the grass pollen season, carrying on into mid-July and featuring the narrow-leaved weed, English plantain, as the prime sneeze bringer.

Oregon has no third season, which is the time ragweed blows in eastern states, providing the fall handkerchief - and - whoop time.

For the householder's peace of mind, allergists deny that ornamental trees and flowers cause much hay fever. Less showy flowers cause much more and the wild Daisy-like weed, dog fennel, is worse than any domestic flower.

Boy-Girl Romance Hike Lands in Juvenile Hall

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—(AP)—Search of a Medford, Ore., boy and girl for jobs as cowhands in southern California ended in juvenile hall. Dressed in cowboy hats, chaps, boots and spurs, they gave their names as Ruth White and Garvin Preslar, both 16, when they were picked up in Redondo Beach. They said they left their homes near Medford last Sunday and hitchhiked here. They are "madly in love," they told juvenile authorities, and said they planned to be married soon.

Troop-Jammed Transports Harassed by Nazi Air Fleet

Big German Battleships Hit by Raiders

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau Crippled, British Claim; Plymouth Again Strafed

LONDON, April 24.—(AP)—The 26,000-ton German battleship Scharnhorst is "believed" to have been put out of commission "for some months" and her mate, the Gneisenau, also has been damaged in recent British raids on Brest, the press association, a British news agency, said today.

"There is reason to believe that during the intensive RAF raids at Brest both the Scharnhorst, which was in drydock, and the Gneisenau were hit by bombs," the press association said.

"The most recent of these raids was last night."

"Damage to the bow of the Scharnhorst is believed to have been such as to put her out of commission for some months."

"The Gneisenau is understood to have been hit amidships in an earlier raid."

"Such damage would account for the continued presence of both vessels at Brest, and no doubt those directing the bombing attacks against them have been kept informed of their condition as a result of daring aerial reconnaissance and photography."

Other Places Also Raided

The air ministry said direct hits also were scored on an important power station at Ibbenburen in northeast Germany in a daylight attack yesterday.

A violent explosion was started in the main building of the plant, the ministry reported.

Ibbenburen is a Prussian city in Westphalia, 14 miles west of Osnabruck. It long has been known as an industrial center turning out leather, glass and other products.

The official announcement said the RAF yesterday also raided

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Legislature May Be Called in '42

SALEM, April 24.—(AP)—There is a strong possibility that the Oregon legislature will hold a special session within the next year to consider defense legislation, speaker of the house Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today after returning from a vacation trip to Washington, D. C.

"If the country gets much closer to war," Farrell said, "Oregon probably would have to adopt defense legislation in order to co-operate with the federal government. Several congressional leaders said they believed a special session of the Oregon legislature, as well as legislatures of other states, would be necessary."

The next regular session will be in January, 1943.

Farrell said the 18-member industrial development committee, authorized by the recent legislature, might have a report ready within the next year. The committee will study methods of attracting new industries to Oregon, and will attempt to learn whether Oregon taxes have influenced some industries in going to Washington state.

"If the committee has a good program that would result in new industries locating in Oregon," Farrell said, "the logical thing to do would be to hold a special session to adopt the committee's recommendations. Then we could start as soon as possible on our campaign to get new industries."

President of the Senate Dean H. Walker and Farrell were busy today working on interim committees, including the industrial development committee. Personnel of these committees will be announced in a few days.

Exposed By Nazi Emblem on Arm



Arrested at Riverhead, N. Y., on a robbery charge, Bruno Valenski above, 31-year-old hotel waiter, admitted he was a German Gestapo agent when a swastika was found branded on one of his arms. Valenski made many "startling disclosures" concerning the "nazi espionage and sabotage set-up in the United States," officers announced. In addition to the robbery charge, Valenski is accused of illegal entry into the U. S.

Singapore Base Strengthened By Troops, Machines

SINGAPORE, April 24.—(AP)—A great transport arrived here today bringing formidable reinforcements of men and machines for the main body of the Australian imperial force, which reached this British far eastern stronghold on February 18.

With the new arrivals, Lieut. General L. V. Bond, commander of British land forces in Malaya, said that the defense in terms of men, guns and airplanes was nearing its peak, for the time being at least.

Other powerful army contingents of Australians and Indians plus a whole shipload of the latest type anti-aircraft artillery from Britain and American-made planes, he asserted, have ensured closely coordinated striking power which forms the basis of Britain's far eastern defense scheme.

These troops—declared by some observers to be the forerunner of an army of 90,000—will take up positions in already prepared stations on the Malayan peninsula.

The arrival of the Australians followed by 11 days the signing of the Japanese-soviet Russian neutrality pact—which has been seen in some quarters as freeing Japan for a push southward against Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, or both.

Domei, Japanese news agency from Amoy, China, to the Tokyo newspaper Asahi to the effect that a "secret military agreement between England and the Chungking government would appear to have been concluded for the defense of Burma."

Movie Magnate Draws 3 Years for Tax Evasion

NEW YORK, April 24.—(AP)—Joseph M. Schenck, multi-millionaire movie executive, was sentenced in federal court today to three years in prison and fined \$20,000 on his conviction for income tax evasion.

Schenck, board chairman of the 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., had been accused of evading \$412,000 in taxes during 1935-36-37, while his defense was he had over-paid by \$165,000.

His co-defendant, Joseph Moskowitz, Schenck's eastern representative, was sentenced to a year and a day and fined \$10,000.

Rearguard Unit Keeps Up Land Battle

Probable Attitude of Turkey Toward Germans Now British Concern

(By the Associated Press)
British expeditionary troops were reported still fighting desperately today on the Thermopylae sector, 100 miles north of Athens, in what was apparently a rearguard action to check Germany's blitzkrieg armies until the main body of the B. E. F. has embarked from southern Greece.

German aviators described scenes of the wildest confusion as Nazi Stuka dive-bombers rained death and destruction on troop-jammed British transports.

Berlin sources asserted that at least 160,000 tons of ships had already been sunk, and an official Greek communiqué acknowledged that assaults by waves of screaming Stukas had inflicted "considerable damage to ships and other installations."

Germans said the British evacuation problem was much more difficult than at Dunkerque because the overseas line of retreat to Egypt is so long.

The pursuit by the Nazi air force over the whole width of the Mediterranean is continuing, the Germans said.

British Still Fighting

While the fall of Athens and the end of the 19-day-old battle of the Balkans appeared imminent, authoritative quarters in London insisted that B. E. F. troops were clinging stubbornly to defense positions in the Thermopylae zone.

It was in this historic sector, the scene of bloody strife 2400 years ago, that the Germans claimed yesterday their panzer columns had smashed the British rearguard and plunged on toward Athens.

A British spokesman declared that reports the British flank had been turned were without basis. He said it was "very doubtful," too, that the Germans had seized the island of Lemnos, near the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles.

A Nazi spokesman yesterday had asserted that the Germans "annihilated" the British rearguard.

Greece's high command, explaining the collapse of the Greek

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Roosevelt Names W. Coy As His Special Assistant

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—Wayne Coy, of Indiana, has been appointed by President Roosevelt as his special assistant and liaison officer between the white house and the office of emergency management.

The white house also announced today that President Roosevelt had put Harry L. Hopkins on the white house payroll at \$10,000 a year as supervisor of the lease-lend program.

The OEM, a white house adjunct, is the top administrative agency over OPM and other emergency activities. Coy will receive \$9,000 a year.

Supplies From U. S. for Britain Lost in Warfare

LONDON, April 24.—(AP)—The United States embassy announced today that a large shipment of supplies from America, including two trucks for military attaches, had been lost through war action in the Atlantic.

The ship carrying the goods was said to have been torpedoed. Listed among the supplies lost, in addition to the trucks, were about \$2,000 worth of stationery and 10 pouches of official mail.

The embassy said it had lost 65 diplomatic pouches as a result of war action involving vessels en route to England from the United States.