

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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GUNS ROAR IN 6-HOUR DUEL OVER CHANNEL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM London today (Saturday) comes this dispatch: "Britain wrote off her defeat in the Balkans today as a side issue to the battles of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean and staked her hopes on U. S. AID to bridge the danger period until she is strong enough to turn the tables."

TIMED accurately with this London announcement is a dispatch from Washington stating that representatives of 21 American republics have recommended that their nations take over the more than 160 foreign vessels in their ports and use them to "promote the peace and security of the continent."

Equally accurate in timing is President Roosevelt's press conference intimation as to probable extension of the American "neutrality" patrol to cover the western half of the Atlantic and "anywhere else in the seven seas necessary to protect the western hemisphere."

THAT is to say (reading between the lines): Foreign shipping lying in American ports will be taken over and put to work carrying U. S. munitions to Britain.

These ships (along with others) will be given added protection by the U. S. navy, thus relieving the British navy and enabling it to concentrate its efforts on the more dangerous areas around the British Isles.

DON'T be misled by the term "neutrality patrol."

If ships of the U. S. navy in the western Atlantic (and "elsewhere in the seven seas" as intimated by the president) are to give effective aid to the British, they can't stop with mere "patrolling." If attacked, they must SHOOT BACK.

That will be shooting war.

FOR two days you have been reading of German seizure of Greek islands along the Turkish coast. If you will get out your map, you will note that these islands (if made into German bases) command the entrance to the Dardanelles.

These island seizures are in-

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Scout Executives Will Meet Here

Much activity in Boy Scout affairs is in prospect for the next few weeks in the Wallamet area, according to Robert Dill, field executive, who arrived here Monday to spend several days.

An executive board meeting is to be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, May 11, at the Umpqua hotel at which representatives will be present from Marshfield, Coquille, Bandon, Corvallis, Siletz, Toledo, Eugene, Roseburg and other points, he reports. The meeting will be conducted by Alton Baker, president of the Wallamet council, and plans will be made for summer and fall programs.

Mr. Dill will be in Sutherlin, May 7, to arrange for organization of a cub pack.

A meeting will be held over the coming week-end at the Allen ranch near Powers for troop committee, scoutmasters and other interested persons in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. The meeting will be given over to a school of troop camping. Mr. Dill will be assisted by Lloyd Little, scout executive.

Plans also are being formulated for a Douglas county camporee to be held early in June.

Soft Coal Deadlock Brought To End by Roosevelt; Mines to Resume Production at Once

Dixie Opera To Confer With On New We

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers' union announced today that it had agreed to resume production of soft coal in the Appalachian area.

The announcement was made by a spokesman for Union President John L. Lewis after he had discussed with the district presidents in the Appalachian coal area the decision of southern producers last night to accept President Roosevelt's proposal to reopen the mines.

The union said it had received the notice from L. Ebersole Gainers, chairman of the southern producers' group, that the latter was willing to negotiate a new two-year agreement with the miners' union to be made retroactive to the date of resumption of coal production.

The end of the month-old deadlock was buoyant news to worried defense officials, for it promised speedy replenishment of the dwindling fuel supplies which threatened to cause major curtailment of arms production in vital defense plants.

The soft coal mines in the eight-state Appalachian area and outlying districts which produce approximately 11,000,000 tons a week, were expected to go back into production as soon as Lewis' United Mine Workers' union and the northern and southern producers can complete the details for getting miners back into the pits.

The break in the coal wage controversy came last night when Presidential Secretary Stephen Early announced that the southern operators had accepted a proposal by the president to reopen the southern mines and negotiate a wage agreement with the UMW on a retroactive basis to the date of resumption.

Wage Boost Surprises The decision of the southern operators to put a \$1 a day wage boost into effect at once—raising the southern rate from \$4.60 to \$5.60—provided a surprise to most of the mine union officials since the president had not asked for any wage change in his back-to-work proposal a week ago.

The decision of the southern

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Debt of 90 Billion For U. S. Foreseen

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Jesse Jones forecast today that the national debt would mount to at least \$90,000,000,000, and declared "we have not yet made any sacrifices."

"But they are in store for us, plenty of them," the secretary of commerce added in an address prepared for the annual convention of the United States chamber of commerce.

"Frankly, it has never occurred to me that we could not carry a national debt equal to a year's income, and as we build the national income we can carry more debt."

The cabinet official declared that "much more" money will be appropriated for national defense within the next four years, and pointed out that the cost of maintaining the army and navy will mount as the organizations are expanded.

Saying he questioned the judgment of "those few Americans who are out of step with our defense program," Jones remarked that if he believed the conflict overseas was "just another" European war, "I too would favor going about our business and letting them shoot it out."

However, he said he was convinced the war was "a life and death struggle between two powerful world forces with totally different concepts of life and government."

Eleanor Denies F. R. Promised to Keep Out of War

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was given a protective escort of secret service men and police for her lecture appearance at Philharmonic auditorium last night.

Capt. R. E. Giese of the homicide squad said plain-clothes men were assigned to the hall after an anonymous letter had reported it would be "picketed for peace."

In her informal question and answer period, the first lady was asked "Do you think the president will keep his promise and keep us out of war?"

"He hasn't made any such promise," Mrs. Roosevelt replied. "He has said he wants peace. If it is possible to stay at peace, we will do so... but the ultimate decision rests with the people."

To another who said "tell the president we will not give our lives any place except in America," she declared:

"Any American who will not fight any place his country asks him to fight is not an American."

Poachers Blamed for Deer Supply's Decline

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—Decline of deer in western Oregon can be blamed largely upon poachers, Dr. H. L. Shantz, wildlife management chief of the U. S. forest service, said last night.

Figures from western Oregon national forest show that black-tail deer decreased from 39,700 in 1921 to 37,500 in 1940, he said. In the same period eastern Oregon mule deer increased from 13,700 to 140,000.

The state game commission and the federal government are working together in an attempt to solve western Oregon's deer problem, he added.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



FATHER WILLIAM COUGHLIN, pastor of St. Joseph's church in Roseburg, engaged in a game of marbles with some of the boys from the parish school.

I've watched this group morning after morning since the advent of the marble season, as I drove past it on my way to work, and always my curiosity was excited. I wondered: Who is winning all the marbles?

At first I thought it must be Father William, as each time I would meet him and during the ensuing conversation, a "commie" or an "aggie" would pop from his pocket as perchance he withdrew a hand, and sometimes there'd be a regular cascade of them. Of late, however, I've noticed this occurrence more and more seldom, and it has set me to thinking. Giving instruction falls so naturally in the line of his obligation, that quite likely, I thought, he had begun the marble season with a course to the boys in marble marksmanship and had, perhaps, overdone it. Or it may be the boys just learned too rapidly and too

well. At any rate of late it seems that the boys' pockets, not Father William's, hold most of the marbles!

Appearing in the photograph above, from left to right, are: Richard Chartier, Frank Francis, Father William, Pat Feyerisen and Kenneth Polk. Put, as you may observe by his springing thumb and further perhaps by his intent expression and general stance, has just shot and I don't mind telling you it was a bulls-eye.

Why not promote a marble tournament here, between the various grade schools? Let each provide its champion and have a play-off some Saturday afternoon between the school and the close of the school year, in a spot with plenty of grandstand capacity. I think it would draw a crowd.

I'll start some prize money right now—to the chosen champion of the group appearing above, when school is completed for the season, I'll give a cigar box of "commies." But by crackie I reserve the right to choose the cigar box!

Auxiliary's Head On Oregon Visit



A large delegation from Umpqua unit of the American Legion auxiliary is expected to represent Roseburg at Portland, when Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, above, national president of the Legion auxiliary, will make her official visit to Oregon, Thursday, May 1. A noon luncheon will be held at the Heathman hotel in honor of the distinguished guest, who will appear in a talk at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Lemstra will be a platform guest of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the auditorium during the evening program, instead of speaking at a mass meeting, as formerly planned.

Lindbergh Resignation Accepted by War Dept.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The war department announced today that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's resignation as a reserve air corps officer had been accepted.

The famous flier had written President Roosevelt he was tendering his resignation because the president's comments on him at a press conference last Friday left "no honorable alternative."

Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, commented that Lindbergh's resignation "leads me to wonder if he is returning his devotion to Mr. Hitler."

Recalled Draftee Gets Year on Bad Check Charges

Walter Browning, 23, recalled from the army to answer to bad check charges, was sentenced today to one year in the state penitentiary, after entering a plea of guilty in circuit court. Browning, arrested early in April, was released by Judge Carl E. Wimberly when his selective service number was called, and action on the complaint was deferred for one year. After entering service, however, new complaints were filed on checks allegedly written after his first appearance in court, according to District Attorney J. V. Long. Browning was released to civil authorities by the army to answer to the new charges.

Pleas of guilty also were entered in court today by Homer Ross Arthur, 22, returned this week from Sacramento to answer to bad check charges, and Ernest Hill, 42, Roseburg painter, accused of a false affidavit to secure title to an automobile. Sentence on Arthur and Hill will be passed Wednesday.

High Court Tilt

SALEM, April 29.—(AP)—The state supreme court upheld today a refusal by Judge Carl Hendricks to review the original proceedings which held Earl Fehl, former Jackson county judge, to be insane.

Fehl appealed from the Jackson circuit court decision denying a review of the commitment ordered in November, 1937, by Jackson County Judge H. D. Norton, previously upheld by both the circuit and supreme courts.

Judge Hendricks of Fossil was assigned to the Fehl case by the supreme court after Circuit Judge Norton, who ordered the commitment while sitting as Jackson county judge, disqualified himself.

Associate Justice Harry Belt wrote the upholding opinion. "Notwithstanding the fact," Justice Belt wrote, "that the validity of the order of commitment had been adjudicated by this court, it is now proposed to have the circuit court review the matter. Had the circuit court entertained the appeal and, after hearing, reached a different conclusion, an anomalous situation would certainly have been created. The trial court was clearly right in dismissing the appeal."

Price-Fixing Power Studied by President

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The administration is considering the possibility of asking for legislation to provide power for price fixing, the white house disclosed today, coincident with a conference between President Roosevelt and Leon Henderson on that topic.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Henderson, the price stabilization official of the defense set up, was calling on Mr. Roosevelt to go over the question of legislation.

Death Comes to Woman Week After Auto Crash

RICHMOND, Calif., April 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Johnson, 35, of Port Angeles, Wash., died in a hospital here today from injuries received in an automobile accident a week ago.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Thelma Swanson, of Sacramento, were badly hurt, and their husbands, Charles Johnson, 39, and Gilbert Swanson, 39, were injured in the accident. Both men were able to return to their homes last week. The accident occurred on the main highway, near the town of Rodeo. The Johnsons and Swansons were riding together. Their car and one operated by Earl Rogers of Oakland collided.

Speedboats Also Battle in Invasion Attempt 'Feeler'

Blitzkrieg Now Aims At Crete Island

Seizure of British Base Would Put Nazis Within Reach of Suez Canal

By the Associated Press Adolf Hitler's war machine, undefeated on land, was reported preparing today for an assault on the island of Crete, 75 miles from the Greek mainland, in what might be a full-dress rehearsal for an attempt to invade England.

Informed quarters in Berlin said late today that German troops were "approaching the last harbors in extreme southern and southwestern Greece."

Beyond lay Crete. "The island is the new governmental seat of King George II, who fled Athens last Wednesday."

It also serves as a British base, and presumably part of the British expeditionary force has landed there in its flight from the Greek Peloponnese.

DNE, the official German news agency, asserted that five British ships totalling 15,500 tons were sunk by Nazi dive-bombers yesterday in passage between the Greek mainland and Crete.

Informed Germans regarded the long, narrow island as a springboard from which Alexandria, Port Said and the Suez canal could be threatened seriously.

Might Skip Dardanelles Newspapers in England said Nazi occupation of Greece's Aegean islands—the Germans already have claimed Samothrace, Lemnos and Thasos—might afford stepping stones linked conveniently with Italy's Dodecanese islands, from which the Nazis might move at will.

Thus, some of the papers said,

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Bridges Witness Seen as Perjurer

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—(AP)—Prosecution of James O'Neil for criminal perjury was contemplated by federal authorities today as a result of the former CIO publicity director's testimony in the Harry Bridges deportation hearing.

Decision to take this action against O'Neil was announced by Albert Del Guercio, in charge of the government's case against Bridges, as the witness stepped from the witness stand late yesterday. Del Guercio said he would ask United States Attorney Frank J. Hennessy to file the charge.

In one of the most argumentative sessions since the hearing started, O'Neil categorically denied a series of statements he allegedly made to FBI agents in October, 1940, and other statements the government says he made last Tuesday to Del Guercio, Chief of Immigration Lemuel C. Schofield and FBI agents. Gertrude Segerstrom, stenographer in the FBI's San Francisco office, was called to testify immediately after O'Neil finished. She identified her original notes from statements she said O'Neil had dictated on October 7, 1940.

In his blanket repudiation, O'Neil denied that he had ever referred to Bridges as a communist or that the Australian-born CIO labor leader had been introduced to him as "comrade."

He likewise denied he had ever seen Bridges putting communist party assessment stamps in a communist party membership book.

Also he denied that he himself had been a communist under the name of "Ben Harrison" or any other name. He augmented this by denying he had ever attended a communist party meeting.

Patrol Puts U. S. Near War, Tokyo Journal Says

TOKYO, April 29.—(AP)—The newspaper Kokumin declared today the United States decision for extended patrol of Atlantic waters of the western hemisphere "means the United States is but a step from entering the war."

"The United States navy is taking care of this route to England, which should be the work of the British navy," Kokumin said. "No one can deny this."

"This also means conflict will begin between the United States and Germany."

The Times Advertiser, controlled by the Japanese foreign office, carried a headline "war worry causes general price drop" over a story which said "concern is felt on the market that the United States at last is bracing up to take a catastrophic plunge into the European war, and this caused a wholesale fall in stocks."

The Times Advertiser said in an editorial that the possibility of peace rests upon the United States and added:

"Hence, the United States holds the power of decision, and a grave responsibility rests upon President Roosevelt's shoulders in this critical hour."

The editorial was based upon the idea "the British people cannot fight on alone."

Men's Glee Club Concert To Offer Varied Program

The annual spring concert by the Roseburg Men's Glee club, to be held Thursday, May 8, at the First Christian church, will offer a wider variety of numbers than in any previous concert. Ralph M. Church, director, announced today. For the first time all numbers to be presented will come from the membership of the club. Heretofore assisting artists have appeared at the concerts.

However, the program will offer music by two quartets, together with a double quartet number and two or three groups of solos. In addition to these numbers, Mrs. Homer Grow, accompanist, will play a group of pipe organ solos.

The concert is being presented as a part of the local celebration of music week. The regular rehearsals of the club are being held at the church in order to obtain practice with the organ which will be used as the accompanying instrument.

Altogether about 18 musical numbers will be presented, Mr. Church reports.

Tickets now are on sale by glee club members and also may be obtained at Goettl's Variety store and the News-Review office.

Meat Strike in London Settled After One Day

LONDON, April 29.—(AP)—A strike which yesterday tied up distribution of meat in greater London has been settled, the ministry of labor announced today.

The workers, about 2500 in all, struck in protest against dismissal of 60 of their number when one establishment was closed because of air raid damage.

Lord Woolton, minister of food, said consumption of milk had risen nearly 20 per cent above the pre-war level and suggested that there was "something approaching a certainty" on a shortage next winter.

The food ministry is using a spring and summer surplus to manufacture condensed milk and cheese.

A. R. McDonald Named As Elkton Postmaster

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated Arthur R. McDonald today to be postmaster at Elkton, Douglas county, Ore.

CRETE

If the nazis get that Greek island, at present a vital British naval base, it will enable them to spring at the Suez canal. Can Britain defeat the blitzkrieg now headed for the island? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the answer.

British Stage Fresh Raid on 2 Battleships

Gneisenau, Scharnhorst Believed Damaged Too Badly to Leave Brest

By the Associated Press A battle between British and German speedboats, attacking along the southeast "invasion" coast of England, was reported today as Nazi long-range guns on the French coast unleashed the heaviest cross-channel bombardment of the war.

The twin actions may have been "feeler" tabs of the type likely to become general in an invasion attempt.

DNE, the official German news agency, declared several British speedboats were damaged in the clash.

Apparently, however, Hitler's long-awaited storming of the British Isles was not in the immediate offing. It was pointed out in London yesterday that the RAF had not concentrated recently on bombing German-held ports across the channel. This would indicate that the RAF had not found any new massing of German troop barges.

For nearly six hours German guns shelled the Dover area.

British guns replied, making it a mammoth duel across some 20 miles of water, and the RAF droned out to blast at the Nazi emplacements.

The British press association reported that damage to that southeastern corner of England—long known as "Hell's Corner"—was negligible, confined to cottages. Three persons were slightly wounded.

Warships Again Raided The RAF raided the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest last night for the 12th time in a month and a well-informed London source said the vessels still were in the French port because they were so badly damaged the Germans couldn't move them.

The British officially have claimed only one hit on one of the 26,000-ton men-o-war, but this source said their continued presence in such an accessible port to

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Chinook Run Into Umpqua Very Light

The run of chinook salmon at the mouth of the Umpqua river is extremely light, according to Dick Miles, state policeman at Reedsport, who was a business visitor in Roseburg today. Commercial fishermen put their nets in the river April 20, but the catch has been so light, he reports, that only about a half dozen fishermen are still fishing.

They are taking from 20 to 30 salmon each night, Miles states. A large run of fish entered the river ahead of the nets and many are still to be seen above tide-water, but at present few fish are entering the river. It is not known whether the bulk of the run has already come in or whether there are still fish outside awaiting a fresher or other conditions before starting migration.

Flier Dies in Action After Writing Father

HOLLYWOOD, April 29.—(AP) Actor Lionel Atwill received a letter less than two weeks ago from his son, John, a flying officer in the royal air force, saying he "would like awfully to see you again."

"One can never tell these days and nights," he added. Actor Atwill replied that he would see him in May. Now word has come from the British air ministry that Flier Atwill lost his life as a result of enemy action April 26.