

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with scattered showers. Little change in temperature.

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CONVOY FIGHT

It will be in full force in the U. S. senate by tomorrow. Will the plan be barred, restricted to certain limitations or left entirely to the president's discretion? See NEWS-REVIEW service for the ultimate answer.

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NAZI RAIDS SPAN ERIN, ENGLAND, SCOTLAND

U. S. READY TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY--ROOSEVELT

Promise Seen Of Unlimited Aid to Britain

Urge of Speedier Action Presages Bitter Debate On Convoy Proposal

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's declaration that the American people "are ever ready to fight again" for democracy was interpreted in high administration quarters today as carrying a new promise of virtually unlimited assistance to nations resisting aggression.

This view was taken by some members of the party which accompanied the president to Staunton, Va., where he made the statement yesterday in dedicating the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson as a national shrine.

In Washington, Senator Nye (R., N. D.) commented that "if the president is making a feeler for a declaration of war he will be quickly surprised to see that the people of America do not want to be involved."

Officials in the presidential party noted, on the other hand, that he did not say Americans were ready to go to war and drew a distinction between that and his actual words. In the present instance, they said, "fight" was a broad term covering strong material support of democratic nations rather than military involvement in the war.

While the president spoke only of principles, developments in

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The expected hot spot in Iraq has developed.

On the basis of today's (Friday's) dispatches (which are limited by censorship and muddled by propaganda) Iraq artillery is shelling the British air field at Habbaniyah, 60 miles west of Baghdad, the British troops landed at Basra have been surrounded by Iraq forces, the new (German-backed) Iraq premier who rode into power on some sort of upheaval a few days ago is beating the drums for a "holy war" and British women and children are being evacuated from Iraq.

(If you're really interested in all this, you'll have to get out your map and check on it as you read. Otherwise the dispatches will be meaningless gibberish to you. Your map, if it is a good one, will make the situation reasonably clear.)

YOU must also remember this: The Moslem Arabs of Iraq hate the Jews. The British, thanks to the situation in which they are involved in Palestine, are regarded by the Arabs as the PROTECTOR of the Jews.

That has made it duck soup for the Germans to pose as the friends of the Iraq Arabs and stir them up against the British.

YOU map will tell you all about the oil fields of Iraq, which are related to the somewhat lesser oil fields of adjacent Iran, and will show you the historic invasion route into Egypt by way of these eastern Mediterranean lands.

Oil and Suez. These are glittering prizes. You may be sure that Hitler is planning to seize them.

Ancient hatreds, such as that of the Arabs for the Jews, are

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Wife Rents Band—Price: \$10,000



Samuel Brummel, right, 56-year-old insurance salesman, who claims that his wife, Mrs. Lillian Brummel, left, rented him to another woman for a year for \$10,000 on the promise that he would receive half the money. He divorced Mrs. Brummel in Tijuana and married the other woman, Mrs. Norman Poppin. Later she had the marriage annulled on grounds that his divorce was no good. He is now suing the original Mrs. Brummel for divorce, alleging desertion, and that she failed to split the \$10,000 "rental" fee with him.

Truck Crash Stops Town Electricity

Myrtle Creek was without electric power for several hours this morning after an Oregon Express company truck crashed into a pole carrying high voltage wires near the south city limits and broke the transmission lines about 5 a. m. The truck driver, W. A. Hood of Portland, escaped injury in the accident when his vehicle was crowded off the highway by an oncoming car.

The removal of the truck from the ditch by the Stephens Auto company wrecker had to be delayed for considerable time until power was shut off from the circuit, as the live wires, which had fallen across the truck, set fire to a nearby tree, making it dangerous to approach the area.

Carnation Sale Set by Veterans Auxiliary

Hundreds of hand-made red and white paper carnations will go on sale in Roseburg Saturday, May 10, in the annual activity by the ladies of the United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary. The sale is held prior to Mother's day, which falls on Sunday, May 11, and proceeds are used for the relief of needy veterans and their families.

The auxiliary is called upon for a great deal of relief work, officers of the local unit report, and the funds raised through the sale of the flowers are the principal source of revenue.

Arrangements have been made whereby the sale of flowers will be conducted by local Boy Scouts.

Power Rates Reduced by Mountain States Co.

SALEM, May 5.—(AP)—Reductions in rate schedules which will save \$98,000 annually to 23,000 customers of the Mountain States Power company's Willamette valley division were filed today with the state public utilities commission.

The schedule, amounting to a 17 per cent reduction on monthly bills for 250 kilowatt hours, is based on a surcharge of the ratio of direct taxes paid by the company to its income dollar.

The new rates become effective June 1, 1941.

S. P. Engine Blast Kills 4 Trainmen

SALINAS, Calif., May 5.—(AP)—Littered with the wreckage of a piled up freight train, the main line of the Southern Pacific was still blocked today after a terrific locomotive boiler explosion in which four trainmen were killed. Exact cause of the accident had not been determined but railroad men unofficially said it could have been due to water in the boiler being low.

The 94-car train was hauling lumber and other supplies to Camp Roberts, army post under construction near Paso Robles, but investigators said they had not found any evidence of sabotage.

The locomotive blew up Saturday afternoon at a point about six miles north of Salinas, violently halting the long train and jamming up a score of boxcars and tankers which left the rails in a violent smashup. Superstructure of the heavy locomotive was ripped to fragments and strewn over the countryside.

The engineer, Phil Young Jolly, 44, of San Luis Obispo; the fireman, Floyd Kenneth McKean, 37, of San Francisco; the head brakeman, Floyd Vincent Horan, 40, of Watsonville, and a student brakeman, Alvin Schoendall, 21, of San Francisco, were killed.

Salem Youth Accused of Theft of Automobile

Duncan McLean, 17, of Salem, was in custody here today charged with the theft of an automobile belonging to Leslie Miller of Roseburg. The car was stolen several days ago and was recovered in McLean's possession Sunday near Anlauf by a state policeman, according to Police Sergeant Paul Morgan. McLean has been arrested on two previous occasions for auto theft, Sergeant Morgan said.

"Cycle Cells" Theorized As Cause of Deer Toll

REEDSPORT, May 5.—(AP)—Lee Kuhn, Oregon State college fish and game expert, said today that the mysterious deaths hereabouts recently of deer and other animals could have been caused by "cycle cells." He said carcasses examined so far have been too decomposed to permit exact diagnosis.

Strike Threat Still Hanging Over G. M. C.

Parley Over Wage Issue So Far Futile; Miners Win \$1 a Day Increase

By the Associated Press
The threat of a strike in 61 General Motors plants employing 160,000 workers became more menacing today after a week end of fruitless conferences between officials of the corporation, representatives of the CIO United Automobile Workers and members of the defense mediation board.

The principals were called back into session here today in an effort to work out an agreement on a new contract. The union, which has agreed to defer any strike until the mediation board has had a chance to settle the dispute, wants a wage increase of ten cents an hour. The company has offered two cents.

Secretary Perkins asked officials of an AFL union of bus drivers and of the Pennsylvania Greyhound lines to discuss with labor department representatives here today a strike called because of wage demands. The union asked for a closed shop and payment of 5 cents a mile for drivers who now receive 4 and 4.15 cents a mile.

Miners Given Pay Boost
Illinois soft coal miners, some 25,000 of them, agreed to go back to work today under a temporary agreement which will give them \$1 a day more than they received under a contract which expired last month.

This left 21,000 miners in Alabama as the only major group of soft coal workers still out. At issue between them and the mine operators was a \$1 a day increase in the Alabama basic wage of \$4.00 or less.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—
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Yugoslav Ships in U. Y. Harbor Seized by U. S.

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—U. S. coast guardsmen today boarded three Yugoslav ships in New York harbor as a "precautionary measure," coast guard officers said, after having received "certain rumors."

The coast guard denied that the ships were "seized," but indicated that they either were placed in protective custody or were being watched closely.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A HUGE D-8 CATERPILLAR

bulldozer in use at the Roseburg Lumber company, pushing sawdust up a pile just about as high as the adjacent Benson school building. Driven by J. Thomson, the big machine pursued its way over what appeared to be mighty treacherous footing but which I suppose was a lot more solid than it looked, moving in minutes an amount of sawdust that would have taken hours for a large crew of men equipped with wheelbarrows. Or at least it would have taken 'em that long if they handled a wheelbarrow as I do.

The sawdust was being moved from a point near the mill to make room for logs which it is planned to store there.

Transient Meets Death In S. P. Yards

Joseph Trzepacz Expires After Legs Are Severed in Attempt to Board Train

Joseph Trzepacz, 50, a transient laborer, who had been living in Roseburg for the past two months, was found dead in the Southern Pacific company yards last night, both legs severed above the knees. Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported Trzepacz apparently was preparing to ride a freight train out of the city and fell between moving cars during switching operations.

The body was found shortly before midnight by William Blake, car clerk. A bundle of bedding and clothing belonging to Trzepacz was found on a flat car which had been switched on to the siding about 10:30 p. m., the sheriff said.

The accident occurred about 200 feet south of the scales platform in the southern part of the yards. The man apparently was not killed instantly but died within a short time from loss of blood. The body was found apparently about an hour after the accident.

Identification was made from an alien registration receipt issued at Roseburg and giving his residence at 243 Sheridan street. Inquiry revealed that he has spent considerable time in and out of Roseburg for several months, but acquaintances knew nothing of his history. He recently had worked for a short

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Motorists Freed From Blizzard on Naches Pass

ENUMCLAW, Wash., May 5.—(AP)—State patrolman and highway department employees worked today to clear away wreckage and a film of snow from Naches pass as the aftermath of a sudden blizzard last night that temporarily trapped more than 25 automobiles and their occupants in the 5,440-foot high highway where it winds near the shoulders of towering Mount Rainier.

No one was injured but several cars were wrecked when the blinding blizzard swept down on Sunday motorists negotiating the hazardous east-west highway, one of the principal arteries in the state.

Trapped motorists were rescued before midnight as snowplows chewed in from both sides of the pass.

Belfast, Liverpool Suffer Worst Blows From Bombs

British Deal Costly Blows In Two Sieges

Tobruk Garrison Breaks Up Axis Attack; Iraq's Army, Planes Smashed

By the Associated Press
Two siege-girt British garrisons—one at the Libyan desert fortress of Tobruk, the other in the 4-day-old Iraq war theater—were reported today to have struck heavy counter-blows and temporarily, at least, staved off the threat of being wiped out.

British middle east headquarters said the Tobruk garrison, under axis assault for more than three weeks, had attacked encircling German and Italian troops and smashed preparations for renewed attacks.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on the axis forces, British headquarters said.

The British command also reported that Iraq artillery which had been shelling the British base at Habbaniyah, 60 miles west of Baghdad, had been "rendered comparatively inactive by our aircraft" and that most of Iraq's air force "already has been destroyed."

Previously, the Swiss radio had quoted a Baghdad communique as saying that Iraq troops were closing in on the Habbaniyah garrison and that buildings at the airport were aflame from artillery fire.

Britain Offers Peace
The London radio, in a peace bid to Iraq's pro-German Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, said that if Iraq forces were withdrawn and fighting stopped, "relations of full cordiality" would be re-

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'Rattlesnake' Case Gets Court Review

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—The supreme court agreed today to reconsider its recent four-to-four decision upholding the wife murder conviction of Robert S. James, Los Angeles barber, at whose trial two live rattlesnakes were displayed to the jury.

The state alleged that James drowned his wife in a bathtub, as part of a plan to collect insurance, after failing to produce death by thrusting her foot into a box containing two rattlesnakes.

In other actions today the court: Reversed the conviction of J. C. Lomax, New Caney, Texas, negro sentenced to death on a charge of criminally assaulting a white woman. The negro contended a purported confession had been obtained from him by "duress, coercion and compulsion."

Ordered the reargument of litigation to determine the constitutionality of California legislation which prohibited anyone from assisting non-resident indigent persons to come into the state. Ruled that the federal employers' liability act permits damages for injuries received by a fireman, even though he had failed to make the engineer on his train understand a warning of danger just before crashing into the rear of another train.

Collapse of Old Church Tower Kills 2, Injures 18

NAPLES, Italy, May 5.—(AP)—The tower of the centuries-old Church of San Sebastiano collapsed today, killing two children and injuring 18 who were asleep in a dormitory in an adjoining convent.

Several of those injured were in a serious condition. The cause of the tower's collapse was not known immediately but firemen called to the scene expressed the opinion it may have been weakened by earth shocks.

Disobeys Berlin Transfer Order



Hans Von Bernhard, above, commercial attaché of the German consulate general in San Francisco, refused to obey an order from Berlin in transferring him to Japan, decided to stay with his American wife and children in the United States. The Nazi government then branded him as a traitor.

Axis Tops Over All, Hitler Brags

BERLIN, May 5.—(AP)—Germany and her allies form a mightier combination than any other possible coalition in the world today, Adolf Hitler declared Sunday, and "neither force nor time will make us yield, let alone break us."

What Germany has won, he cried, cannot be wrested from her "by any power in the world."

"If already the German soldier possesses the best weapons in the world, he will receive still better ones this year and next," the fuhrer shouted to a cheering reichstag.

Wilhelmstrasse sources said today that Hitler's reference to "next year" was made in answer to "English and American propaganda that Germany would collapse if the war was not ended this year" and should not be taken as implying any prediction as to when the war would be over.

"These sources said Hitler had never set a date for the end of the war, although he asserted and reassured last night that 1941 would be a 'historic year' of the Nazi revolution."

(Hitler said in a New Year's message to his troops: "The year 1941 will bring completion of the greatest victory of our history.") At one point, after lambasting British Prime Minister Churchill with savage phrases and announcing Germany's losses in soldiers slain in the Balkans at but 1,151 officers and men, Hitler declared:

"When today democratic agitators of a country which the German people never harmed and whose statement that the German people intend to do so is an absurd lie, threaten to throttle the national socialist people's state with the force of their capitalistic system, then there is only one answer:

"The German people will never again experience such a year as 1918."

Labor Day Salmon Bake Again Set at Reedsport

REEDSPORT, May 5.—(AP)—Reedsport business and civic organizations decided today to repeat the Labor day salmon bake and river carnival, inaugurated last year.

More than a ton of salmon was baked and served visitors during the festival last year, which was Reedsport's first civic celebration of any sort in eight years.

Erasing Of Aid Receiving Ports Sought

British Retaliate by Blasting "Invasion" Spots, Two Warships

LONDON, May 5.—(AP)—Re-surgent in widespread daylight activity, the German air force today followed up last night's pounding of Belfast, capital of northern Ireland, Liverpool and other targets in England and Scotland.

British fighters were said authoritatively to have downed a German fighter over the channel this afternoon.

The daylight activity appeared to be mostly reconnaissance, but four Messerschmitts made a hit-run raid on a village in south-eastern England this afternoon, dropping a few bombs and firing a few machine-gun and cannon rounds. Little damage was reported.

German planes also were sighted over northwest England and bodies were still being hauled from the wreckage at Belfast, where raiders again were reported to have landed.

Business premises in Belfast were reported in ruins and the government there acknowledged "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

Ambulances from Dublin were on duty throughout the raid and Ireland (Eire) also sent fire-fighting equipment as she had done before.

Nazi bombers pounded also at Liverpool—for the fourth successive night—in apparent continuation of the German effort to wreck British ports at which U. S. aid might be received.

"The air attack on Belfast last night was heavy and sustained," said the second communique of the day from the northern Ireland ministry of national security and northern Ireland RAF headquarters.

"Large numbers of incendiaries and high explosive bombs were dropped and there was much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property. Casualties will not prove as heavy as was at first feared and the loss of life has been less than was expected in view of the intensity of the attack."

RAF Strikes Back
RAF bombers countered with a widespread series of overnight raids, blasting docks and shipping

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Oregon Man Slain In Triangle Case

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 5.—(AP)—Jealousy over the fancied pilfering of his girl's affections was believed today to have incited a dashing young San Mateo clubman, John M. Holmes, to shoot his supposed rival to death and then try to kill himself.

Victim of Holmes' pistol fire was Wilson Davis McNary, from Pendleton, Ore., a second cousin of United States Senator Charles McNary.

After the 26-year-old McNary was shot twice with an automatic pistol in his (McNary's) room at the exclusive Benjamin Franklin hotel in San Mateo Saturday afternoon, Holmes telephoned police, mumbling something about an "accident."

Then he hung up and, police decided, shot himself through the temple. The bullet failed in its suicidal mission but, in destroying his optic nerve, blinded Holmes forever.

"McNary stole my girl," the badly wounded Holmes told police when they reached the room. He was taken to a hospital and, San Mateo County Attorney Gilbert Ferrell announced, will be charged with murder.

Identity of the girl in the case was not made known.