

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Mostly cloudy with rain tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.
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NEARER TO WAR

That appears to be the present position of the United States. The next few days may see a decision one way or another. And the NEWS-REVIEW will keep you informed of developments.

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U. S. NAVY READY FOR CONVOY DUTY-KNOX

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his surprise speech on Sunday, Hitler must have been gunning for Churchill, who goes on the pan before the house of commons this week.

Otherwise it is a little hard to understand why he went to the trouble to summon the reichstag—which is merely window dressing in the German governmental scheme.

The speech seems a bit too mild to have been worth the effort, unless der fuhrer just had one in his system and had to get it out—which sometimes happens in the case of orators.

If he was gunning for Churchill, the heart of the speech was the statement that only 1151 German officers and men lost their lives in the Balkan blitzkrieg.

That is either a colossal lie or a colossal achievement. If the latter, it brings out startlingly the superiority of German arms and military skill and emphasizes the unwisdom of the British effort in Greece.

Churchill is responsible for that effort, and it may be that Hitler was speaking to the British house of commons rather than to the German reichstag.

THIS thought naturally arises: If he wants to get rid of Churchill, he must FEAR him. If the British Balkan campaign were as bad as Hitler says, he would want to keep Churchill in power to make other mistakes.

So he may have been talking to Russia and Turkey, conveying to them the thought that he can lick them with one hand tied behind his back.

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Woman's Story Points To Jealousy Motive in Slaying of W. D. McNary

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 7.—(AP)—In an attempt to probe the motives of a strange slaying that apparently grew from jealousy, police yesterday questioned friends of young Wilson Davis McNary, Jr., who was shot to death here Saturday, and of John M. Holmes, dangerously wounded by a bullet.

McNary, Pendleton and Portland resident, was the son of the retired superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State hospital at Pendleton, and a second cousin of Oregon's U. S. Senator Charles L. McNary. Holmes is a San Mateo clubman and a reserve captain in the army air corps.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Johnston, a young and very wealthy widow, offered her assistance to District Attorney Ferrell, the prosecutor said, and told of her acquaintance with both men.

Ferrell announced, meanwhile, that he had not prepared a murder charge against Holmes, although he had enough information on which to base the charge. Mrs. Johnston, widow of a millionaire sugar dealer, said she invited McNary to her home for dinner. They went out for the evening and returned home about midnight.

Ferrell said Mrs. Johnston related that shortly after that hour Holmes arrived, obviously intoxicated, and that he demanded that McNary leave. Instead, Mrs. Johnston asked Holmes to leave, and he did so, but returned. She told him to leave again, and he complied.

McNary then went to his hotel, Mrs. Johnston said. It was in his hotel room the next morning that police found McNary's body, a bullet through the heart, and Holmes barely conscious, with a bullet in his head. At the hospital it was said Holmes probably would live, unless complications set in, but that he unquestionably would be blind, the bullet severed the optic nerves.

FURIOUS AIR BATTLES RAGING OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL

British Spitfires Fight Nazi Coastal Bombers

Nazis Strafe Liverpool, Glasgow, Erin; Iraq War Sees British Gaining

(By the Associated Press) British "Spitfires" and German Messerschmitts fought a spectacular battle over the English channel today after a night of aerial fury in which Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe again pounded British shipyards and ports of arrival for United States war materials.

RAF night raiders attacked the north German port of Hamburg and the docks at LeHavre. Then, by daylight, bombers escorted by fighters roared across the strait of Dover toward the French coast on a new mission.

In the channel fight, 24 hours, these claims were made: LONDON—Nineteen German fighters shot down, seven British fighter planes lost.

BERLIN—Six British planes destroyed; German losses, none. Waves of Nazi bombers smashed overnight at the big Clyde-side shipyards of Glasgow, Scotland;

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Mayor Bowron Wins 2nd Term in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—(AP)—Mayor Bowron, former superior judge swept into office nearly three years ago as a reform candidate, was re-elected yesterday to a four-year term.

He defeated Stephen W. Cunningham, city councilman pledged to a business administration, with only about half the city's registered voters casting their ballots.

Trailing 90,597 to 112,556 on returns from 1,750 precincts of 2,753, Cunningham conceded defeat.

Churchill Wins Vote After Blast From Lloyd George

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill won today from the house of commons a tremendous 447-to-3 vote of confidence despite a stinging charge from David Lloyd George, world war premier, that "America has got to do more" if she is to enable Britain to beat Germany.

The elder statesman warned the government against exaggerating the speed or amount of United States aid and declared American war organization traditionally is "full of disappointments" for the British.

He demanded a "real war cabinet" and "an end to the kind of blunders which have discredited and weakened us."

However, Lloyd George cried: "I thank God" for Secretary of War Stimson's speech of last night, and said it was clear that President Roosevelt, by his "changed" attitude, and Stimson both realized the gravity of Britain's position.

Churchill retorted that nearly 500,000 British imperial troops now stand guard to defend the middle east and that Britain can count on enough new American ships to help her through 1942 in the battle of the Atlantic.

No Farther Retreat. The prime minister proclaimed, too, a halt to the British retreat in the Mediterranean basin with the flat declaration: "We intend to defend to the death and without thought of retirement Crete and Tobruk."

It is on Crete, big island to the south of the Greek mainland, that the British and Greeks are making their final stand as allies; it is in Tobruk, Libya, 80 miles from the Egyptian border, that a British garrison is holding out behind the axis advanced lines.

The vote was 447 to 3, and thus ended a critical two-day debate on Britain's grave reverses on both shores of the Mediterranean.

"It might be that the Germans will arrive in Iraq before we have crushed the revolt, in which case our task would be greater," Churchill warned, "or it might be that the revolt went off at half cock in consequence of our landing troops at Basra."

"We intend to assist the Iraqis to get rid of their military dictator as soon as possible."

Lloyd George was not among the trio who voted "no" on the confidence test. They were communist William Gallagher, socialist Denis Pritt and Dr. Arthur Salter, laborite.

'Lame Duck' Hops To Federal Bench



Sherman Minton

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated former Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana today to be a judge of the seventh circuit court of appeals.

Minton, who was defeated for reelection last November, later was appointed an administrative assistant to the president.

He will succeed the late Judge Walter E. Treanor. The seventh circuit embraces the states of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

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Tourist Crop High In Value, School Told

Oregon's Natural "Sales" Advantages Narrated by Highway Dept. Publicist

Oregon's tourist crop, surpassed in the amount of revenue produced only by lumbering and agriculture, can be vastly increased through community efforts, Ben Titus of the travel and information bureau of the state highway department told a group of more than a score of persons who last night attended the first session of the Tourist Information school at the Roseburg chamber of commerce offices.

Due to numerous conflicting attractions, attendance at the school was not as large as had been anticipated, but a much larger group is expected next Tuesday when Commander Scott of the Pacific Greyhound lines is to be the speaker.

Tourists spent more than 45 million dollars in Oregon last year, Mr. Titus told those in attendance at last night's session.

"This is important money," he said, "because it is all in cash, it is all new money, offsetting the money that goes out of the state for new automobiles, gasoline and products not manufactured in Oregon. The tourist crop, while not producing as much revenue as lumbering and agriculture, has a greater profit, because

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Picket's Vigil Quickly Terminated



Roseburg's first picket in the current labor strife had only one day of duty when an AFL teamsters' dispute with the Pacific Fruit and Produce company was settled yesterday. A picket was sent from Eugene when the Roseburg plant was closed Tuesday morning in sympathy with strikers at Klamath Falls and Bend. The Eugene picket was relieved Tuesday afternoon by Bob Spence, above, one of the local teamsters. All local employees were back at work today.

River Yields Boy Who Died With Birthday Rod

SEASIDE, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—The body of Bruce Gaffney, 7, was recovered from the Necanicum river here yesterday. He drowned while using for the first time a fishing rod which was a birthday present.

Petty Theft Orgy Jails Youth Here

A cascade of papers and articles of clothing pouring from a rooming house window resulted late Tuesday in the arrest of Lawrence Crittenden, 17, of Wichita, Kansas, and the recovery of articles stolen from a number of parked automobiles, Chief of Police John S. Duer reported here today.

Persons who saw articles falling from the rooming house window informed the police, who found the youth discarding all articles bearing identification marks, Duer said. Suitcases containing clothing, a sample case filled with choice pipes belonging to a salesman, and various small articles were taken from automobiles on a hotel parking lot, the officer reported. Duer said Crittenden had admitted the thefts and also told officers he had failed in attempts to break into a number of penny scales in front of business houses.

He was surrendered by the city officers to the county juvenile court after his age had been authenticated by messages from Wichita.

Alleged Drunken Driver Said Wanted Elsewhere

Earl F. Haley, 27, of Eugene, was brought to Roseburg last night from Reedsport, following his arrest there on a drunken driving charge. Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported he had been advised by the state police that Haley is wanted in Merrill, Oregon, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, and may be surrendered to Klamath county officers.

Soldier at Fort Lewis Commits Suicide

FORT LEWIS, May 7.—(AP)—Using a scaffolding being erected for photographers at a troop review to be held here, Private Manuel Archuleta, 21, of Antonito, Colo., hanged himself here during the night, Fort Lewis officers reported.

Army officials said they knew of no motive for the suicide.

Land Office Clerk Reported Missing

Local and state police have been asked by George Finley, register of the U. S. land office at Roseburg, to assist in a search for Albert A. Norbeck, of Blackfoot, Idaho, land office clerk, missing from Roseburg since Monday evening.

Norbeck left the office Monday complaining that his head pained him, Finley reported. He was believed to have struck his head against a desk. He failed to return to his rooms, and has not since been seen.

He is described as 28 years of age, slender build, five feet nine inches in height, weight about 150 pounds, dark hair and eyes. He limps slightly on his left leg. He was wearing a light gray suit at the time of his disappearance.

Norbeck had been employed here as a clerk since March 16, when he was loaned to the local office by the Blackfoot office during the absence of C. F. Spalding, chief clerk, who is on vacation.

Parole Breaker Ordered Taken to Penitentiary

Ernest Hill, who recently was paroled in circuit court from a sentence of one year in the state penitentiary, after pleading guilty to a charge of perjury, was ordered to serve the one-year term today by Circuit Judge Wimberly. The parole was ordered revoked following Hill's arrest by city officers on a charge of drunkenness. One of the provisions of the parole was that he should abstain from intoxicating liquor, but he was taken into custody only a few hours from the time of his release on circuit court order. The charge of perjury was filed because of an alleged false affidavit to secure title to an automobile.

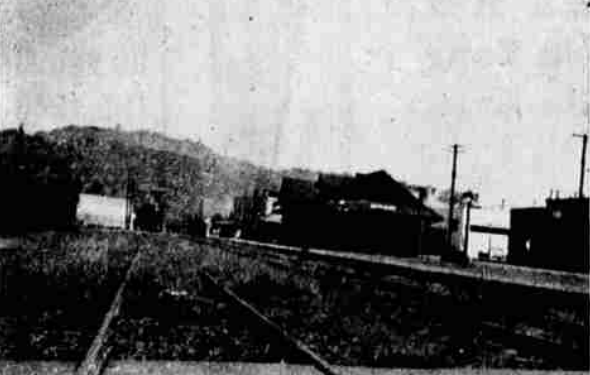
Counterfeit Money Sends Truck Driver to Prison

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—A charge of possessing counterfeit money resulted in a two-year sentence in a federal prison for Ross Miller, 58, truck driver, yesterday.

Federal Judge McColloch probed a 2-year sentence on Silvestro Racanelli, 44, gardener, similarly charged.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC PASSENGER DEPOT in Roseburg, one fine spring day not long ago, when the sunshine cast a pleasant warmth and, for all one could see, the whole world was peacefully serene.

Of course I knew the world (the big bad outside world) wasn't at peace, by a long shot; but it was peaceful here. One could see that with half an eye. Not a man nor a woman or a child was anywhere in sight; not a car on a siding, nor a switch engine, not even a gas speeder, and as for a train—well, as for a passenger train, just dismiss the idea, I said.

"This is the kind of peace," I thought to myself, "which really ought to be capitalized upon here. There must be lots of people in the world who can't abide the noise of tooting engines, clattering couplings and clanging passenger trains. This should be an ideal spot for them to retire to."

'Right Now' Action Urged By Stimson

War Secretary, After Talk With F. D. R., Asks Speed on Aid to Britain

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—Secretary Knox said today that the navy is "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring delivery of war supplies to Britain—if and when it is assigned to such duty.

The navy department chief made the statement at a press conference in commenting on a speech last night by Secretary of War Stimson in which Stimson advocated use of the United States navy to assure a victory for Britain in the battle of the Atlantic.

At the same time, Knox disclosed that the navy was taking over "the seagoing activities" of the coast guard. The process, he said, amounts to a "transfer bodily of the coast guard ships and their crews."

Knox was asked by reporters for comment on Stimson's plea for naval action "right now" and he said, "I thought it a forthright, courageous and very enlightening talk animated by a high spirit of patriotism."

Shortly before Knox's press conference, Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) announced that Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission had informed him that "only eight out of 205 ships that left our ports with supplies for England were sunk in the first three months of this year."

Quoting a letter from Land, Vandenberg told the senate commerce committee that these were the "first facts I have been able to obtain from any responsible officials as to how much of our magnificent aid to Britain is actually going to the bottom of the sea."

"This is a very encouraging report," Vandenberg told other senators as he quoted the letter from Admiral Land.

Before the committee session, Vandenberg charged that many loose figures about ships sunk were being used "to whip up support for convoys" and that he proposed to try to learn the exact facts.

A reporter asked Knox whether the Stimson speech was designed to pave the way for action by the administration toward the objectives which Stimson sponsored, and Knox replied "no comment."

"Is the navy ready to do the job Stimson suggested?" the secretary was asked.

"The navy is always ready—readier now than ever," was the reply.

Special importance was attached to Stimson's words in many quarters because Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said it could be assumed that the war department chief discussed his

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House Votes F. R. Permit to Take Over Alien Ships

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—Legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defense was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

Approval came on a roll call vote after the members had defeated two attempts to prohibit the president from transferring any ship taken over from one belligerent to another.

The vote on passage was announced as 266 to 120.

The legislation would apply to 83 foreign ships, including 2 German and 28 Italian vessels, and would expire June 30, 1942, unless the present emergency ended before that date.

The maritime commission would be given authority to purchase or charter foreign-owned ships—a power it does not now have.