

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

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

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Which side will last longest—British or German? Both are dealing terrific blows in the war's most intense phase. Will U. S. aid reach Britain in time for decisive wallop? The NEWS-REVIEW will keep you informed.

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BLAZING RUIN DEALT TO HAMBURG, BREMEN

British Planes Retaliate For Damaging Blows to London

Italian Army Of 38,000 In Ethiopia Trap

British Forces Closing In, Cairo Says; Axis Bases In Mediterranean Raided

Heads Allies In Defense of Crete



Commander-in-chief of allied forces on Greek island of Crete is Maj. Gen. B. C. Freyburg, V. C., above, a New Zealander.

Shipyards Of Nazis Left In Seas of Fire

German Raiders Damage Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, House of Commons

LONDON, May 12.—(AP)—British pilots, trading steel for steel and fire for fire with the nazis, beat at the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen again last night in a mighty bombing attack officially declared to have left vast areas of flaming destruction.

It was Hamburg that was at the focus of these new assaults, said the air ministry, and a "disorganization of vital parts" of that biggest of German harbors was claimed.

Shipyards nine miles inland of the River Elbe, were thrashed and crossed with British fire, said the air ministry, and high explosive and incendiary bombs fell heavily in all that section.

Among the objectives hit, the British said, were the Blohm and Voss shipyards—where German capital ships were laid down in the last great war.

All this was accomplished abroad at the same time that the British defenders at home—night fighters and anti-aircraft guns—were shooting down eight more Nazi raiders during widespread attacks upon the islands.

Across the river from the Blohm and Voss yards, the air ministry news service said, "flames leaped high and, away from the dock, industrial quarters of the town were vigorously assailed."

The attack on Bremen was as heavy and successful as that at Hamburg, with clear weather at both places, the service said.

It was the third hammering in four nights for the great German ports. Targets Thursday night of the biggest British raid of the war the two cities took it again Saturday night. British said an armada of 100 planes belted Hamburg with Britain's new super bombers, causing destruction in shipyards and industrial plants there.

British Shines Blasted
Arthur Greenwood, minister without portfolio whose job is to rebuild battered Britain after the war, surveyed wreckage today in the house of commons, which only four days ago was a thronged debating chamber.

Standing beside a teetering wall, Greenwood observed rubble, charred wood and masonry piled 50 feet high where pillars once soared to the vaulted roof and where oaken panels and tall windows were shattered.

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Kai-Shek Tells Of China's War Need

CHUNGKING, May 12.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek declared in a speech last night that China, without the help of an expeditionary force or naval action, but with material and economic aid, was prepared to undertake single-handed the task of putting down Japan.

He added it was his conviction that "any country in the world matching itself against American democracy would meet with certain destruction."

He spoke at a farewell dinner given for United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson, who is leaving to become minister to Australia.

SHANGHAI, May 12.—(AP)—Japanese military authorities asserted today their forces were closing in on Chinese troops in southwest Shansi province after a battle which cost the Chinese 15,000 dead and 8,000 captured.

The fighting is raging on in torrential rains, the Japanese asserted, in battlefields churned into a quagmire.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 12.—(AP)—British forces closing in on 38,000 Italians holding Amba Alagi fortress, perched at an altitude of 9,000 feet in northern Ethiopia, have occupied the nearby stronghold of Gumsa, the middle east command announced today.

Four big facet guns and quantities of war materials were declared seized by Indian troops advancing south toward the mountain citadel, which lies 280 miles northeast of Addis Ababa. A second British column driving from the north is making continued progress, the war bulletin said.

Things picked up on the north African front over the week-end, the British command announced, with imperial forces at Tobruk capturing 32 axis prisoners and inflicting casualties in a surprise raid. In the Salum sector, 80 miles farther east on the Egyptian border, the British reported capture of an axis tank in continuing harassing raids on the German and Italian positions.

Following the capture of Rubta, station on the Iraq oil line, the communique said the situation had quieted down there. Action at Habaniyah airdrome, 60 miles west of Baghdad and at Basra, on the Persian gulf, was said to have been lacking for several days.

Axis Island Bases Raided.
On other middle east and Mediterranean fronts the British announced week-end RAF raids on Sicily and across north Africa from Salum to Tripoli.

British planes roared by daylight yesterday over Sicily, aiming for landing fields from which German planes have attacked British shipping in the Mediterranean.

A communique declared heavy damage was caused at bomber nests at Catania and Comiso where RAF pilots were said to have machine-gunned officers and soldiers fleeing for shelter.

(Although the British made no announcement of a follow-up of their naval shelling last Thursday of the axis Libyan base at Bengasi, German accounts of Stuka operations during the week-end in the Mediterranean area indicated British warships pounded the Bengasi fortress again Saturday night. The Germans said two British cruisers and three destroyers participating in the new attack were damaged and beaten off by dive bombers.

BERLIN, May 12.—(AP)—Germany (Continued on page 6)

Portland Safeway Store Loses \$1450 to Bandit

PORTLAND, May 12.—(AP)—A bandit who called one of his victims by name robbed two Safeway store clerks of \$1450 here yesterday.

Detectors said the neatly dressed robber loitered in the store until closing time late Saturday, then flashed a gun and emptied two cash registers and a safe of \$450 in currency and \$1000 in checks. The clerks said they were unable to identify the man, although he displayed an intimate knowledge of the store.

Strawberry Harvest Lacks Enough Pickers

PORTLAND, May 12.—(AP)—Oregon's harvest of the strawberry crop began today despite a shortage of pickers.

Workers arrived in 150 automobiles from California, and several schools were expected to close this week to release youths for work in the fields.

Highway Job To Halt as Troops Trek to Roseburg

SALEM, May 12.—(AP)—State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock ordered his district engineers today to stop all maintenance work on the Pacific and The Dalles-California highways from May 19 until May 26, when more than 20,000 troops from Fort Lewis, Wash., will pass through Oregon in motor convoys en route to maneuvers south of San Francisco.

Baldock said the order was requested by army officials, who said maintenance work would interfere with troop movements.

Troops from the 3rd division will travel on the Pacific highway, stopping overnight at Salem and Roseburg. They will go in five separate units of about 350 vehicles each, one unit to leave Fort Lewis each day beginning May 18.

The 82nd brigade, which includes Oregon national guardsmen, will travel the central Oregon route.

4-H Spring Fair in Roseburg Attracts Large Attendance

The 4-H spring fair held in the Roseburg armory last Saturday completed the spring fair program for the 4-H club members of Douglas county. While the exact number of exhibits has not yet been determined, it is safe to estimate that there were well over 400 at this particular fair.

The exhibits, well arranged, were viewed by a large number of people throughout the entire day.

The exhibits were grouped, with M. F. Miller of Edenhower in charge of all woodworking and forestry, Mrs. Curtis Calkins of Edenhower in charge of homemaking, Mrs. M. F. Miller of Edenhower in charge of hobby exhibits. The cookery department was handled by Miss Florence Allis of Tenille, the first division of clothing by Mrs. Edith Aekley of Roseburg, and the upper divisions of clothing by Mrs. Nettie Woodruff of Elgarose.

Several other leaders were on hand to assist these in charge. The judging was done by the Misses Maryolive Snarr, Jackie Morton and Catherine Cawrse, all of Oregon State college home economics school. These girls also judged the fairs at Canyonville Thursday evening and at Yoncalla Friday evening.

Elders Display Interest
It was interesting to note the interest of parents in the work of the 4-H club members exhibiting. One man, J. W. Todd of Oakland, made a second trip with a truck in order to return the exhibits of the hobby club back to Oakland Saturday night.

It was necessary for Mr. Todd to drive home early to get his chores done, and then return to pick up the exhibit. What Mr. Todd did is also true of several other parents and leaders.

The program for the evening consisted of a vocal guitar duet by Clea Cooper and Gloria Beeroff of Sutherlin, a cookery demonstration by Georgene Johnson of Kelley's Corner and Betty Pattison of Edenhower, a reading by Patricia Calkins of Edenhower, tap dance by Edna Real and Patty Jordan of Sutherlin, and rhythmic rope jumping and folk dance by a group of Elgarose pupils directed by Mrs. Dora Ritzman.

Following the program, the members and leaders took the exhibits and received their premium money and ribbons! The achievement pins were also presented them at the same time.

Haskell Coffin, Artist, Dies in 3-Story Plunge

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., May 12.—(AP)—Haskell Coffin, 63, nationally known artist, committed suicide by leaping from the third floor of St. Anthony's hospital today, Magistrate John T. Fisher said.

Coffin had been confined to the hospital since April 17, Fisher said, under treatment for melancholia.

Strike Threat Not Removed From G. M. C.

Ninth Day Parley Comes To Naught; Boston Navy Yard Facing Walkout

By the Associated Press
Strike threats in plants of the General Motors corporation and in the Boston navy yard reached the critical point today and the American Federation of Labor threw its influence against a Pacific coast walkout of 1,700 AFL and CIO shipyard machinists.

Members of a national defense mediation board panel attempting to head off a strike in 60 General Motors plants which have \$700,000,000 of defense contracts adjourned yesterday, after nine days of negotiations with CIO leaders and company representatives.

Chiefs of the union, the United Automobile Workers, flew back to Detroit to consider whether to call a walkout. But Chairman W. H. Davis of the board panel said negotiations under its direction would resume tomorrow and that "there is no indication of any purpose not to continue production."

The UAW wants a new contract providing for a wage increase of ten cents an hour. The company has offered at least two cents an hour for all workers and three to five cents for certain skilled craftsmen. The present wage rate varies with the type of work, but company officials said the average was slightly over \$1.

Object to WPA Labor
AFL's building construction trades council said 925 members would not report today at the Boston navy yard, where \$30,000,000 of defense building is under way, in protest against the employment of 1,100 WPA workers.

Secretary-Treasurer E. A. Johnson said the union would not picket at present but that members would not go back to work until it was agreed that union labor would handle all new construction "from start to finish."

In the meanwhile William (Continued on page 6)

Husband, 21, Convicted Of Slaying His Wife, 44

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—A 21-year-old former Chicago department store worker, Frank W. Turner, was convicted of second-degree murder by a jury here Saturday night for shooting his well-to-do, 44-year-old wife to death last December 30 a few weeks after their marriage.

A second-degree conviction usually carries a sentence of 20 years to life. No date was set by the court for sentencing.

The prosecution charged Turner shot his wife to death "because he was tired of her and because he wanted to get possession of the money they held in a joint bank account."

Turner's father, Major Frank Turner, disable cavalry officer formerly stationed in Panama and more recently at an army hospital in Denver, collapsed when he heard the verdict. The son received his fate in tearful silence.

Weather Radio Recorder Found at Caps Ilahee

A weather bureau radio recorder, released Saturday, May 10, from the station at Medford, was recovered Sunday in the grain field adjoining the forest service guard station at Caps Ilahee. The instrument was found by Joe Steinmetz of Eugene and his brother-in-law, George Wharton of Roseburg, with whom Mr. Steinmetz has been visiting.

The instrument is one which is sent aloft by balloon, broadcasting weather information by radio. At a height of 12 miles the balloon explodes and the instrument drops by parachute. The parachute is of brilliant color to attract attention and a reward is paid to finders of the instruments who return them to Washington, D. C., to be prepared for use again.

Ship Blue Prints Found on Alien



Search by San Francisco police of Frederick Reis, above, German alien arrested on a drunk charge, yielded three sets of plans and blueprints for a Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation ship job, the federal bureau of investigation disclosed. Reis, who is not listed as an employee at the Bethlehem plant, denied all knowledge of the plans.

Storm Shatters Northwest Heat

By the Associated Press
Heavy rain rode a gale into western Washington late yesterday while storm clouds broke an intense heat wave in the inland empire.

A wind velocity of 58 miles an hour was measured at Seattle's airport and 42 miles in the city.

Trees were uprooted at Seattle, some windows broken and small boats on Puget sound and Lake Washington sent scurrying for cover. A ferry picked up two Manchester boys who were helpless in a 12-foot boat several miles out from their homes after having lost an oar in the white caps.

Eighteen persons were marooned on Mauer island, near Tacoma, for several hours last night after the wind drove them ashore.

A brilliant electric storm brought cooling rain to southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon. One witness reported hailstones "as big as marbles" fell in the Blue mountain foothills east of Walla Walla.

PORTLAND, May 12.—(AP)—A blustering coastal storm drove off Oregon's two-day heat wave yesterday, causing temporary power and communications failures in the Portland area.

Wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour west of Portland, and a half-hour rainstorm of near cloudburst proportions sent the thermometer down from 84 to 70 degrees in a few hours.

The state had its warmest day of the year Saturday with temperatures reaching a peak of 93 degrees at North Bend on the usually cool coast.

Eastern Oregon Man to Succeed Justice Bean

SALEM, May 12.—(AP)—Governor Sprague indicated today he would appoint a successor tomorrow to the late Supreme Court Justice Henry J. Bean, who died last week.

There were indications that the new justice would be an eastern Oregon man. Hundreds of letters and telegrams in behalf of various candidates poured into the governor's office today, but the names most prominently mentioned were Circuit Judges Robert M. Duncan of Burns, Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview, and Carl Hendricks of Fossil.

Foreign Ships Take-Over 11-4 Appro

Senate Committee Legislation; Con Criticized by He

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Legislation authorizing the government to take over foreign ships lying idle in American harbors was approved by the senate commerce committee today, 11 to 4.

Prior to the final ballot the committee rejected 10 to 6 an effort by Senators Vandenberg (R., Mich.) and Clark (D., Mo.) to prevent the government from taking a vessel owned by one belligerent nation, or its nationals—Italy, for example—and turning it over to another belligerent—Britain. This proposal was expected to be pressed again on the senate floor when debate starts, probably late this week.

Those voting against the legislation were Senators Clark, Vandenberg, Johnson, (R., Calif.) and Burton (R., Ohio).

The committee wrote an amendment into the house-approved legislation to forbid the government from taking over any vessel actually owned by a foreign country, except by purchase.

Chairman Bailey (D., N. C.) of the committee said that none of the foreign ships now lying idle in American harbors actually was owned by a foreign government. He said they all are the property of the nationals of foreign countries.

Secretary Hull advised against restrictions on the use of foreign ships that may be taken over, but administration opponents renewed their demands that the ship requisition bill be altered to ban the outright transfer of seized axis vessels to Britain.

Alien Seamen to Hold Jobs
Bailey told reporters that many of the seamen on ships to be taken over by this country would be employed by the United States at their same jobs.

He said that the provision for benefits to those not reemployed would not apply to persons who had violated United States laws. Thus, Italian and German sailors would not receive benefits if they should be convicted on pending charges of sabotage.

Bailey declared that there were 84 foreign flat vessels in American harbors totaling 450,000 gross tons. He said that these ships could be acquired in any one of four ways:

1. By purchase.
2. By requisition. Under this plan the ships would be requisitioned for "the duration of the emergency" with a view to their return to their owners later on.

3. By taking title. Bailey said this probably would be done through condemnation proceedings.

4. By charter. This, Bailey said, would amount "to hiring a boat for any period in which it was needed." The procedure would not (Continued on page 6)

Shellabarger Paroled From 2-Year Sentence

A parole for a sentence of two years in the state penitentiary was granted in circuit court today to Ted Shellabarger, who pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property. Shellabarger was reported by Sheriff Cliff Thornton to have been found in possession of property allegedly stolen from the county warehouse by Louis Hopper, who was taken to the penitentiary last week to serve 18 months on a charge of burglary to which he pleaded guilty.

Sexton Mountain Slide Slows Highway Traffic

GRANTS PASS, May 12.—(AP)—A slide last night from new construction work on Mt. Sexton summit of the Pacific highway undercut the present highway, and cars were being conveyed today past the danger spot while workmen shored up the break.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SOME 23 centuries ago, Philip became king of Macedonia (in the northern part of Greece.) Macedonia was then small and poor and weak—poorer and weaker than Germany when Hitler became dictator.

Philip was able and AMBITIOUS.

HE had served his military apprenticeship under Epaminondas of Thebes, when Thebes was on the rise.

The Theban phalanx was then as irresistible as the German panzer division now is. It was a close-massed body of men 16 files deep, armed with spears 21 feet long. Each man rested his spear on the shoulder of the man in front, presenting a mass of points that was practically unbreakable.

With its aid, Thebes smashed hitherto undefeatable Sparta.

PHILIP streamlined the Theban phalanx, adding squadrons of DISCIPLINED cavalry on the wings to prevent an enemy from turning the flank and attacking the phalanx at its weak spot in the rear. He was really the inventor of cavalry discipline. Before his time, horse soldiers were more or less unorganized individualists.

With the aid of his streamlined phalanx, he made himself the master of Greece and then turned to the conquest of Persia, Greece's ancient enemy.

Before he could get his Persian campaign under way, he was assassinated. His son Alexander took on the job.

CROSSING the Hellespont (now Dardanelles) Alexander passed down through what is now Turkey and Syria, defeating Darius the Persian (he was the third Darius) at Issus. At the first shock of battle Darius abandoned his army and ran.

HE succeeded in getting together another army and awaited Alexander at Arbela, in the flat valley of the Tigris and Euphrates, near where the British are now fighting the Arabs in Iraq.

Eugeneans Plan N. Umpqua Camp

The Eugene Obsidians may establish a summer camp on the North Umpqua river as the result of a week-end excursion into the Caps Ilahee district, it was announced today. A large party which spent Saturday and Sunday camped near Copeland creek, is taking back a recommendation that the organization, devoted to outdoor sports, install a camp at some suitable spot in the North Umpqua region.

A group of eight of the visitors was led Sunday on an all-day hike by E. A. Britton and Carmel Newland of Roseburg. They made the trip from Copeland creek to Eagle creek and back by way of Eagle creek. Other members of the visiting party split up into picture-taking groups and visited many scenic spots in the Ilahee district.

The Obsidians included in the party from Eugene were Tony Vogel, Thelma and Bob Swenis, Bertha Deckman, Dr. O. R. Gullion, Bob Edwards, Al Lynch, Lucille Gray, Elizabeth Gullion, Roxie Waldorf, Louis Waldorf, Eunice McMurray, Anne Witham, J. D. and M. A. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Miss Helen Smith.