

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy with scattered light showers tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. See page 4 for statistics.

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HISTORIC NEWS

It is due any day now that the U. S. is pledged to continue all possible aid to Britain and to keep the nazis away from Atlantic bases. The daily NEWS-REVIEW will be your prompt informant on all developments.

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CRETE'S DEFENDERS BATTLE IN AXIS VISE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE sinking of the Bismarck, which fills the news today (Tuesday) almost to the exclusion of everything else, is for the British a psychological victory of the utmost importance.

THE story of the whole action involving the Hood and the Bismarck is emerging slowly today from the mists of censorship. The Bismarck and her lesser satellite, the cruiser Prince Eugen, were first sighted on Saturday by British scouting planes at Bergen, Norway. They were seen again as they were passing through the Strait of Denmark, between Iceland and Greenland.

HEAVY British naval forces were at once dispatched to intercept them, and in the first skirmish after contact was established a lucky salvo from the Bismarck found a weak spot in the Hood's armor and blew up her magazines, sinking her.

IN the ensuing confusion, the Bismarck escaped into the fog and was lost for several hours. Then an American-made scouting plane from the British fleet located her.

Quoting the language of the official British communique, "planes from the carrier Ark Royal struck the first telling blows and later other (torpedo-carrying) planes from the Ark Royal and UNITS OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET gave her the coup de grace." (Coup de grace means literally "a grace blow"—the blow with which the bull fighter finishes the bull.)

The Bismarck is said to have been slowed down to a speed of about eight knots after hits from two aerial torpedos from planes launched from British warships.

A FURTHER dispatch asserts that: "The cruiser Dorset." (Continued on page 4)

May Extend Duty Of National Guard

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Indefinite military duty for the national guard was considered a virtual certainty by army officials today because of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by President Roosevelt.

An early request to congress for authority to retain the 291,000 guardsmen in service beyond the current single year of training was accordingly anticipated, although no final decision has been disclosed on the question. In the light of the threat to American security pictured by the chief executive, an informed official suggested it would be "hardly logical" to demobilize 18 full divisions of trained troops, representing more than half the number of such major units under arms in all the expanding land forces.

ROSEBURG LISTED IN PLANE SPOTTING
Warning Service Filter Center Will be Established

U. S. Officers Launch Plans On Visit Here

System's Personnel Will Include About 75 Women; Equipment Coming Soon

Preliminary arrangements for the establishment in Roseburg of an aircraft warning service filter center for southern Oregon were made here last night by army officers. Steps to complete the arrangements to put the national defense project in operation about July first will be taken immediately, it was reported.

The visit here last night of Major E. H. Lawson of the army air corps and Major H. G. Miller, of the U. S. army signal corps, from the headquarters of Brigadier General Carlyle Wash, Spokane, intercept commander of the 2nd air force, follows closely upon the recent announcement by Major John F. Curry, Spokane, commanding general of the 2nd air force, concerning plans for a system of spotting and plotting enemy aircraft.

The system calls for a force of civilians and trained army personnel to be used in spotting aircraft, plotting courses and spreading warnings. The filter stations, now being arranged, will be the nerve centers through which are cleared the information on aircraft operations in connection with defense against raids by possible enemy planes.

The Roseburg filter area, which will extend south to the state line, will include from 150 to 200 scattered observation stations, and approximately 75 female civilian operator-plotters, Major Miller explained.

The observers will be roughly located on a basis of one for each 40 square miles and will be provided with telephone or radio communication facilities to contact the Roseburg filter center.

A building in Roseburg will be equipped with special plotting boards and various devices developed by the army for the aircraft warning system, and women will be trained in combining the reports of the observers and in plotting the courses of the flights and the transmission of reports to the central operations office in Portland.

A survey was made last night by Majors Lawson and Miller of suitable buildings in Roseburg for use in establishing the filter center and tentative arrangements were made subject to approval. It is expected a definite selection will be made in a few days and equipment then will be installed.

Women To Aid In Plan

A civilian force of about 75 women will be recruited to provide 24-hour service. Women who have had experience as telephone

One Killed, Three Hurt In Oregon Auto Crashes

THE DALLES, May 29.—(AP)—An automobile-train collision here Tuesday night fatally injured Phyllis Sorenson, 15, The Dalles.

The girl was a passenger in a car driven by Eldon C. Poff, 21, The Dalles, who suffered chest injuries in the collision with a Union Pacific switch engine at a grade crossing.

ONTARIO, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—Dick Charlesworth, 18, Grants Pass, and Ray Stokes, 25, Torrance, Calif., were injured yesterday in an automobile accident on the John Day highway near Ironsides.

Annual Commencement Program To Close Roseburg School Term Tonight; Junior High Promotion Exercises Held

The 1940-41 term of the Roseburg public schools will close here tonight when the 38th annual commencement program is presented at Roseburg senior high school for the 95 members of the graduating class. No classes were held in the several schools today, but pupils returned this afternoon to receive their report cards for the last semester and were then free for the beginning of the summer vacation.

The commencement program at 8 o'clock tonight at the senior high auditorium will climax the events of the closing week of the school year. The principal address will be given by Dr. E. W. Warrington, former Presbyterian pastor here, now professor of religious education at Oregon State college.

Promotion exercises were held at the junior high school last night for a class of 133 ninth grade students who were advanced to the 10th grade and into senior high school.

A most interesting program was enjoyed by an audience

Oregon's Plea On Gasoline Taxation Given to Congress

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Favorable consideration of the Oregon legislature's memorial requesting congress to withdraw from the field of gasoline taxation was asked by Rep. Angell (R., Ore.), who said lawmakers of 23 other states have taken similar action.

Angell urged that "not only do we refrain from imposing any additional tax on gasoline, but that steps be taken at once to remove the existing federal tax thereon so that this one field of taxation so peculiarly available to the states and local governments may be left to them, without interference from the federal government."

Angell recalled that Oregon originated the gasoline tax, and with it has built an extensive system of roads.

"We pride ourselves on having constructed and maintained a system of road development equal to any state in the union, in comparison with our resources and population and territory covered," he continued.

"Unfortunately, the federal government owns over 50 per cent of the land area of the state of Oregon, which has removed from taxation a very considerable portion of the wealth which otherwise would be available for carrying on state activities."

Redmond Starts Work On \$717,000 Airport

REDMOND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—Construction of Redmond's \$717,000 class IV airport, the largest under CAA regulations, started here today under authorization from President Roosevelt.

The airport will be the main control point for military planes flying the north-south route east of the Cascades and is expected to be central Oregon's principal field for commercial and private craft.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—(AP)—A report filed in U. S. district court today disclosed that German interests have paid the Lehigh Valley railroad \$10,016,953.60 for property damage caused in the "Black Tom" explosion at Jersey City during the first hole from the inside, through a

Bus Drivers In Washington State Strike

System's Tie-Up Extends To Montana; Portland's Bakery Strike Eased

SEATTLE, May 29.—(AP)—On the day before the Memorial day week-end when hundreds of persons planned trips, a bus drivers' strike today paralyzed motor coach transportation east to Butte and Helena, Mont., along the north shore of the Columbia river and on the northern Olympic peninsula.

A complete tie-up was brought about by the strike last night of 150 members of the Motor Coach Drivers' union against the Washington Motor Coach system. The drivers asked four cents a mile, compared with the present 3.3 cents and retroactive pay to the date negotiations started, February 1. The company offered 3.7 cents with drivers paying for their rooms out of the city, which the company now pays.

United States mails have been carried between here and Olympic peninsula points and between Yakima and certain eastern Washington towns but no serious tie-up of postal service was expected.

Postoffice officials said railroads could serve most of the points or such deliveries would be let out on contract.

The strike order was issued Tuesday when negotiations broke off.

C. B. Fitzgerald, company president, said negotiations were ended when the union demanded retroactive pay at Tuesday.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



News-Review Photo and Engraving perfect maze (to me) of tunnels, slopes, drifts, shafts and what-not—an experience I was in no hurry to repeat.

THE ABANDONED DIGGINGS and dumps of the Oregon-Portland Cement company on a mountainside above Glenary. For about twenty years this company mined limestone at this site, shipping it to its cement manufacturing plant at Oswego. Operations were discontinued five or six years ago.

At the time I last visited the plant, in 1933, it was employing twenty-four men and shipping ten carloads of lime daily. It owned five miles of standard gauge railroad and its own engine, plus a lot of single gauge and electric motors, serving its tunnels and dumps. The crew was housed in a camp at the foot of the mountain.

I recall that J. B. Bywater, the resident engineer, and I hiked to the top of the latter, quite a climb of a hot afternoon, and had a look down the glory hole of the mine, which had just been opened to the sky at the time. We then descended the mountain about two-thirds of the way, entered a level there and climbed back up to the glory hole from the inside, through a

Nation Still Guessing On Convoy Issue

F. R. Stands by Neutrality Act, Mum on Methods of Sending Goods to Britain

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt adopted the strategy of silence today on future methods for delivering the goods to Great Britain.

"You don't telegraph your moves any more in the world of today," one service official explained, referring to the president's statement that army and navy technicians were devising new safeguards. "You can't afford to. You'll notice the other fellows never do."

However, Chairman Reynolds (D., N. C.) of the senate military committee looked for "full convays of some description." He said that was his interpretation of the president's fireside chat pledge to see that needed supplies reached England safely.

On the other hand, no less a personage than Vice-President Wallace was reported to be disappointed that his chief had not been more specific as to how delivery would be assured.

Mr. Roosevelt did nothing to quell conjecture yesterday at his special press conference. He disclaimed any intention of seeking change or repeal of the neutrality act, contending that it in no way infringed on the principle of the freedom of the seas, which he formally reasserted for the United States Tuesday night.

He said that he thought freedom of the seas could be maintained in compatibility with the neutrality act. The act forbids American vessels to enter combat zones.

The president said it would be a violation of the act for American ships to engage in trade in such zones and that this step was not contemplated.

"Then how can we have freedom of the seas?" a reporter inquired.

Mr. Roosevelt replied that ships

Anti-Trust Law Fines Imposed On Medical Groups

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—Justice James M. Proctor of district court today fined the American Medical association \$2,500 and the District of Columbia Medical society \$1,500 for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The A. M. A. and the district society were convicted of conspiracy to violate the act on April 4. At the same time 18 physicians, including five officials of the AMA, were exonerated.

In the trial, attorneys of the justice department argued that the two groups and the physicians had conspired to obstruct the activities of Group Health association, a federation of government employees organized to provide cooperative medical care.

They charged that the association and its affiliated societies had "concertedly restrained 12 Washington hospitals" by refusing the Group Health doctors the privilege of practicing in the hospitals and had brought pressure to bear to prevent other physicians from consulting with the Group Health physicians.

Officials of the two associations denied that they had in any way obstructed Group Health activities and that their only interest was to assure that adequate medical care be provided under that or any other medical insurance plan.

The case has hinged on whether the practice of medicine is a "trade" as defined in the Sherman anti-trust act or a "learned profession" not subject to the same control as are business organizations. Justice Proctor, in his original decision in the case, declared that it was not a trade, but he was reversed and a new trial ordered.

Max Schmeling, Ex-Ring Champ, Slain In Crete

CAIRO, Egypt, May 29.—(AP)—Max Schmeling, former world champion heavyweight boxer, has been killed while trying to escape from British imperial forces which captured him in the German invasion of Crete, a New Zealand ambulance driver witness declared today.

Returning to Egypt, the ambulance driver said:

"Early in the battle of Crete, a husky German soldier was captured, slightly wounded. Speaking English with a strong American accent, he said he was Schmeling and his papers bore that name. He was truculent and surly.

"Later in the day he was being taken to a field hospital by our ambulance corps when more German parachutists descended on top of us and a dog fight opened.

"Schmeling grabbed a rifle from one of our soldiers who had been wounded and went into action like a wild bull.

"Before he did any damage, however, someone let him have it, and that was the end of Max."

The ambulance driver said he did not know how Schmeling arrived in Crete, but German officials had said previously that he went there as a parachute trooper.

Lasting Peace Is Britain's Sole Aim, Eden Announces

LONDON, May 29.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Eden, in his first comprehensive statement on Britain's war aims, declared today that "our political and military terms of peace will be designed to prevent a repetition of Germany's misdeeds."

Eden said that "under the system of free economic cooperation, Germany must play a part. But here I draw a firm distinction.

"We must never forget that Germany is the worst master Europe has yet known. Five times in the last century she has violated the peace. She must never be in a position to play that role again."

Eden, addressing a London audience, termed President Roosevelt's fireside chat Tuesday night "a momentous world event" because, "by his words, the president has given resolute expression to the fixed determination of the most powerful nation on earth."

He asserted that "a lasting settlement and internal peace of the continent as a whole is our only aim."

"It is obvious," the foreign secretary said, "that we have no motive of self-interest prompting us to economic exploitation either of Germany or of the rest of Europe.

"Only our victory can restore both to Europe and to the world that freedom which is our heritage for centuries of Christian civilization and that security which alone can make possible the betterment of man's lot upon earth."

"We can not now foresee when the end will come. But it is the nature of a machine so rigid as the German to break suddenly and with little warning. When it comes the need of succor to European peoples will be urgent."

Redwood Route to Post Signs to Draw Traffic

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—(AP)—An Oregon campaign to increase traffic over the Redwood empire route to the Golden Gate bridge was approved by empire directors yesterday.

Invaders Take Prize Harbor Of Suda Bay

Air Blitz Leaves 3 Cities In Ruins; New Blows Hit England and Naval Craft

By the Associated Press
With newly-arrived Italian troops striking from the east end of the island, Adolf Hitler's aerial invaders captured Crete's prize harbor of Suda bay on the west today and occupied Candia, in central Crete, as the British struggled desperately in the jaws of a closing vise.

Candia is the island's largest city, with a population of 33,000 about 55 miles east of Suda bay.

British military headquarters, conceding that the heavily-reinforced Germans had scored major gains, declared that violent hand-to-hand fighting was continuing.

Casualties were heavy on both sides, the British said, with New Zealand and other imperial forces fighting bitterly east of Suda bay.

Seizure of Suda bay gave the Germans a bridgehead for landing sea-borne troops, and military experts said it may prove to be the turning-point of the struggle—the beginning of another British debacle.

Greek Prime Minister Tsouderos, now somewhere in the middle east, informed his legation in London today that German bombers had so hammered the Crete cities of Candia, Suda and Retimo that there was "not one stone left standing."

Tsouderos alleged the German raiders "ruthlessly machine-gunned" the civilian population.

Raging fires, he declared, completed the work of destruction started by high explosives.

Capture of Khanouq, Iraq, halfway between Fallujah and Baghdad, was reported today by the British royal air force.

Weather vagaries aided the Germans and handicapped the British in aerial offensives last night and the British Isles were strafed by the Luftwaffe with a severity unequalled since May 17.

Nazi bombers favored by improved flying conditions struck at towns of the northwest, east and southwest England and the southwest coast of northern Ireland while a small force of the British bomber command aircraft raided objectives of northwest Germany in spite of what the air ministry called "bad weather."

A communique acknowledged the loss of four British planes in all operations yesterday; claimed one raider was shot down over England. Other sources reported destruction of one German fighter over the French coast.

In coastal operations yesterday, the air ministry said, a small axis supply ship was damaged by bombs.

A southeast England coast town suffered extensive damage and a number of casualties in the night raids. Five bodies, including those of the mayor and his

School Ousts 2 Boys for Refusing to Salute Flag

PORTLAND, May 29.—(AP)—The school board of Parkrose grade school, just east of Portland, announced yesterday that two boys were expelled for refusing to salute the flag.

The board withheld the boy's names, but Norman Larson of Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious cult, said they were Robert and Wilford Woodruff, of the sixth and fifth grades, respectively.

Senate Approves Taking Over of Seized Vessels

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(AP)—The senate approved and sent to the White House today administration legislation permitting the government to take over more than 80 foreign ships now lying idle in American harbors.