

THE WEATHER

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Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Slightly cooler Friday.

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RECORD 10 BILLION ARMY SUPPLY BILL GIVEN PRESIDENT

40 Thousand Planes Part Of Program

Huge Appropriation Not Enough to Meet Defense Needs, Committee Says

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—A \$10,000,000,000 army supply bill—largest single appropriation since world war days—carrying funds to give the air corps a total of 40,000 planes was sent to the house by its appropriations committee today with a blunt notice that the huge fund was insufficient.

During secret testimony on the measure, made public today, Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, solemnly told the committee while discussing the vastly expanded plane program that:

"We have in the war department a feeling that there will be a military need of all the planes covered by this program."

The undersecretary did not amplify that statement for the record but said that it was estimated conservatively that Germany's current airplane production capacity was 3,000 monthly and that the nazis already have embarked on a program of utilizing the facilities of conquered countries which would increase her plane capacity to between 4,000 and 6,000 monthly.

In recommending the \$10,000,000,000 outlay to finance the army's greatly expanded activities for the year starting July 1, the committee said it would bring the total of defense appropriations, contract authorizations and recommendations since last July 1 to \$30,115,051,142—exclusive of the \$7,000,000,000 provided.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN ROME, "highly placed fascists" assert that Hitler and Mussolini, in their conference at the Brenner pass which divides Germany and Italy, agreed on the next move of the war.

They don't say what the next move will be, but intimate it will be one of the highest importance.

"INFORMED quarters" in Rome, somewhat more definite, express the belief that Crete will be used as the springboard for new attacks on the triangle formed by the island of Cyprus, the Egyptian port of Alexandria and the Palestine port of Haifa (Where the oil pipe line from Iraq's fields reaches the Mediterranean.)

In other words, a campaign to clean the British out of the Mediterranean.

IN Berlin, "authorized German sources" intimate without flattery saying so that Germany "will give a free hand to repel any attempts by England or other powers on her sovereignty."

As to what France will do in Syria, these German "sources" say: "We don't cross bridges before we come to them. For the present, we have Petain's and Darlan's statements they will defend ALL their territory."

"Germany, although the victor, is ready to concede this sacred right and duty of every nation to the French themselves."

THAT is to say, the Germans are getting ready to "permit" France to fight Germany's enemies.

Absurd. Of course, ON ITS FACE, it is absurd.

What it MEANS is that Hitler

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Warplane Job Paralyzed by Strike; Lumber Union Chief Defies Roosevelt's Warning

Inglewood Plant Picketed; Union Charges 'Stalling'

INGLEWOOD, Calif., June 5.—(AP)—The CIO United Automobile Workers union declared a strike at the North American Aviation corporation's big warplane plant at 2:45 a. m. today. Three hours later company officials instructed workers:

"No North American employees are to report to work today pending future instructions from the national defense mediation board in Washington."

The statement was issued after a long distance conversation between plant officials and North American President J. H. Kindelberger in Washington.

The CIO demands that the minimum wage be increased from 50 cents an hour to 75 cents and an increase of 10 cents an hour for all employees. W. P. Goodman, chairman of the CIO-UAW local, charged the national defense mediation board is "stalling the workers" in negotiations with company and union officials in Washington.

The "no work today" instructions were given just an hour and 15 minutes before 7,000 to 8,000 day shift workers were scheduled to report. A skeleton crew of 1,200 men, chiefly maintenance workers, was in the plant. They had entered before the pickets arrived but the CIO said maintenance men might enter the plant to keep it in order for a quick resumption of work after the strike is settled.

Defense Orders Tied Up

CIO spokesmen estimated 1,500 pickets were on the line at the time the "no work today" order was given. They said most of the men were from the night production crew of 3,500 men which had completed its shift at 3 a. m.

North American, which has \$196,000,000 in defense orders, employs 11,237 men. Of these, 9,000 are in production and the CIO-UAW claims 7,000 of them as members.

Fifty policemen were on duty to maintain order.

The strike invalidated an agreement made by company and union officials with the defense mediation board in Washington on May 27 whereby any settlement of employee demands would be retroactive to May 1. The agreement was based on provisions that "no stoppage of work or interference in any way with

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Reedsport Man Named to Oregon Pharmacy Board

SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—W. A. Burdick of Reedsport was appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague today to a five-year term on the state board of pharmacy, effective May 20. He succeeds C. L. McFadden of Portland.

J. C. Perry of Salem was appointed to the same board, to serve until May 20, 1943. He will serve the unexpired term of Ernest Haas of Sheridan.

Priest Fined as Sequel To Fatal Auto Blow

OREGON CITY, June 5.—(AP)—Rev. Bertrand Leo McLaughlin, 33, Mount Angel priest, was fined \$500 in circuit court yesterday after pleading guilty to failing to stop at the scene of a fatal accident.

The accident, last December 23, took the life of Elinor Marian Falk, 11, of Milwaukie.

Railway Unions Seek Pay Boosts For 800,000

CHICAGO, June 5.—(AP)—Fourteen "non-operating" railroad labor organizations, representing more than 800,000 workers, decided Wednesday to seek wage increases of 30 to 34 cents an hour.

The unions voted to open existing wage agreements to make such changes as may be necessary to provide for a maximum wage of 70 cents per hour as the lowest to be paid in the industry and to effect other increases up to \$1.15 per hour for highly skilled workers.

The request for the increases will be served formally on the railroads June 10.

Coos Teamsters Strike

MARSHFIELD, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—The teamsters' union called a strike at five Coos Bay laundries and cleaning plants yesterday in a wage increase dispute.

Bakers here recently signed a contract calling for increased pay for drivers and followed it with a one-cent boost in the price of bread.

Restaurant Pay Upped

SPOKANE, June 5.—(AP)—Margaret Leishman, secretary of the cooks and waiters union (AFL), said today the organization's differences with Spokane restaurant owners had been settled with the granting of a requested increase in pay, thus averting a strike.

In return for a boost of 25 cents per day for waitresses and 50 cents for women cooks, she said, the union had dropped its demand for a week's vacation with pay. Under the new scale, waitresses will receive \$2.50 and women cooks \$4 per 8-hour shift.

Portland Tie-Ups Hold

PORTLAND, June 5.—(AP)—Two proposals for ending the strike of AFL warehousemen at four major Portland produce houses were voted down by the membership last night but negotiators were still trying to settle the dispute today.

Details of the proposals were withheld.

The tie-up affects Pacific Fruit and Produce, United, Safeway and Hudson-Duncan produce houses.

There was no change in the three-day old strike of cloth workers in Portland casket factories.

Union spokesmen here repeated a threat that the 12-day-old bakery strike might spread to Seattle and Tacoma.

Gas Credit Cards Bring Berry Pickers to Oregon

PORTLAND, June 5.—(AP)—The Oregon state employment service today described the migration north from California of some 4,000 strawberry pickers as a "credit card" argosy.

Director L. C. Stoll said that two berry processors, perceiving a picker shortage, obtained sheaves of gasoline credit cards from oil companies, sent agents among the migratory work camps in California and placed the cards with likely-looking pickers who lacked funds for the trip north.

Cost of gasoline and oil ultimately will be charged against the earnings of the pickers. Stoll said that "all concerned were well pleased with the plan."

Orton Denounces Mediation Board, Quits Conference

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's admonition to labor and industry to abide by the recommendations of the defense mediation board was openly challenged today by the leader of the Pacific northwest lumber strike.

With a show-down seemingly inevitable, the mediation board gathered for a closed session to consider what course of action to pursue.

O. M. Orton, president of the CIO's International Woodworkers of America, quit conferences with board officials yesterday, accusing the agency of "labor busting . . . strike breaking . . . bulldozing."

He denounced the board's appeal for acceptance of its recommendations, and declared that the strike of the 12,000 lumber workers would continue until they "obtain a decent living."

"This is real national defense, Mr. Dykstra, phony propaganda and bulldozing to the contrary notwithstanding."

"In conformity with honest union practice, we will follow in this strike the course adopted by John L. Lewis of the United

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Youth Pleads Guilty to Murdering His Mother

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 5.—(AP)—Eric Miller, 22, pleaded guilty yesterday to first degree murder in the strangulation death of his mother, Mrs. Annetta Miller, 60, three weeks ago in a quarrel over money.

He told Superior Judge Stone, "I don't want a lawyer." The court set July 14 for trial, which must be held to determine the degree of murder and the penalty if he is convicted in the first degree.

St. Lawrence Plan Urged On Congress

Immediate Development Needed to Meet Enemy Work, Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, saying that "we have no right to take chances with the national safety," recommended to congress today legislation authorizing immediate construction of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project.

Declaring that no comparable power, shipbuilding and transportation facilities could be made available in the time required to construct the project, which would be done jointly with Canada, the president said:

"Production and more production is the keynote of our all out race for national defense. Electric power and transportation are limiting factors in the production of planes, guns, tanks and ships. The enemies of democracy are developing every hydro-electric resource and every waterway from Norway to the Dardanelles. Are we to allow this continent to be outmatched because short sighted interests oppose the development of one of our greatest resources?"

4-Year Job Envisioned
Mr. Roosevelt declared he had been advised the project could be built in four years, adding:

"Under emergency pressure it

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Can With \$440 Found At Olalla Farmhouse

GLENDAL, Ore., June 5.—Undiscovered for 17 years, a can containing \$440 was found yesterday by Jess Tevebaugh of Glendale while engaged in cleaning the farmhouse formerly occupied by his parents and located near Olalla.

The can, hidden away on top of a cupboard on the back porch of the home, contained \$405 in gold coins and \$35 in currency.

A note, in the handwriting of his mother, who died 17 years ago, directed that Mr. Tevebaugh should have the money.

Noted Railroad Capitalist Dies



Arthur Curtiss James

NEW YORK, June 5.—(AP)—Arthur Curtiss James, whose business was in trains and whose pleasure was in yachts, died last night, one of the nation's wealthiest industrialists.

His death from pneumonia followed by 20 days that of his wife. They had no children.

James' great wealth—at one time estimated at \$350,000,000 in 40,000 miles or about a seventh of the country's total railroad mileage—stemmed from inherited copper, silver and gold mines and rail securities.

The grandson of Daniel James, founder of what is now the Phelps-Dodge mining empire, and son of D. Willis James, who helped develop northwestern railroads, concentrated both fortunes chiefly in rail investment.

USO Drive Will Start in Douglas County Next Week

Final plans for the USO campaign in Douglas county now are being formulated, and a canvass to secure contributions toward Douglas county's quota of \$1,200 will get under way next week, Walter S. Fisher, county chairman, announced today.

The United Service Organization has been nationally organized and will consolidate the activities of six major groups engaged in providing recreational and welfare activities in the military posts and cantonments throughout the country. The organization was formed at the request of the federal government to prevent duplication of effort, such as existed during the last war. The federal government is participating by providing the buildings to be used by the organization.

Homer Grow has been designated as chairman for the city of Roseburg in place of Noble Goette, who was unable to serve. Mr. Fisher reports. Chairmen also are being named for each of the communities throughout the county and the canvass will be started simultaneously in the county after the various committees have been formed, Mr. Fisher reports.

Mystery Blast From Jar Injures Woman, Child

PORT ORFORD, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Mae Wallace, 60, and her granddaughter, Joyce Wallace, 6, were seriously burned last night in the explosion of a jar, apparently containing liquid soap, to which water was added.

Gus Wallace said his son uncovered the quart jar in the backyard and carried it into the kitchen to test it with water. The resulting explosion fired the house and billowing smoke almost suffocated the injured woman and child before neighbors dragged them to safety.

Wallace said an investigation was under way to determine what the explosive was and where it came from.

SUEZ CANAL

Can Britain hold it against the axis drive? This is the big question of the day bearing on the war. An epic struggle looms. Follow the details in NEWS-REVIEW news.

First Blow Struck at Defense Of Suez Canal; Britain Ready For Battle in Syria, Lebanon

LONDON, June 5.—(AP)—With a shower of bombs officially reported to have killed more than 100 persons last night at Alexandria, main base of the British Mediterranean fleet, the axis has delivered the first of its threatened heavy blows at the Suez canal defenses, according to qualified observers.

The assault well may have been the preliminary for the main event of a struggle for dominance of the Mediterranean and the middle east which already threatens to involve a large segment of the French empire.

The British government has declared French-mandated Syria and Lebanon to be "enemy occupied territory" for the purpose of restricting British commerce with them.

In axis hands, Syria could base a land drive toward Suez and Alexandria, via Palestine and Transjordan, and would be a wedge between the British middle east and Turkey, Britain's non-belligerent ally.

Alexandria is well within 500-mile or two-hour bomber range of Crete, Syrian and Libyan airfields.

Thus, the report of the heavy aerial assault at Alexandria was taken to mean that the air battle of Suez had started full blast, fulfilling the German high command statement that there would be no lull after the conquest of Crete.

The casualty report from Alexandria indicated that last night's attack was by far the heaviest on that British bulwark. It has been repeatedly bombed, however. So has the Suez canal.

Use of the Alexandria base is vital to the defense of Suez, gateway to the eastern Mediterranean.

Canal Freedom Vital

With the British now acknowledging the virtual impossibility of getting shipping through the Mediterranean from the Gibraltar or western end, freedom of the canal is more than ever necessary for preservation of the British middle east foothold, or if necessary, for the exit of the British fleet.

Alexandria lies on the Egyptian shore, just west of the fanning estuary of the Nile, about 130 miles west of Port Said and the canal.

It was pointed out in London that attacks on Alexandria would have the double effect of hitting a British base and Egyptian morale. Alexandria is Egypt's second largest city, with a population of nearly 700,000 to Cairo's 1,300,000.

By the conquest of Crete Germany gained an air springboard for axis reports also said German and Italian artillery batteries were heavily shelling the defenses of the siege-bound British garrison at Tobruk, Libya.

In Ethiopia, the fascist high command said, two Italian columns routed British troops in the Galla Sidamo region, while other Italian forces inflicted heavy losses on a British Nigerian (na-

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Farm Prices, Food Costs Rise Above Government Minimums, Parity Levels

CHICAGO, June 5.—(AP)—Farm commodity prices, followed closely by food costs to consumers, are spinning in an upward spiral that has eclipsed government "minimums" and "parity" levels in some cases.

Rassembling the pattern of rising prices in war-time 25 years ago, important agricultural items have gained 6 to 56 per cent since this time last year when the low point was reached after the collapse of France, market statistics showed today.

Much of the advance has occurred since the first of the year and, more specifically, since passage of the lend-lease act and initiation of government efforts to accumulate foods for the British.

Food prices received by farmers and paid by consumers generally are the highest since 1937. They are only slightly below the 1937 peak which stands as the highest since 1930.

Prices of commodities and services used by farmers likewise have risen, increasing "parity" levels of the products of agriculture. "Parity" is regarded as the price which gives a commodity purchasing power equivalent to that of the 1909-14 base period.

Of 17 important farm products near "parity" or above "parity" prices have been reached by more than half. The rise, accelerated in recent months of expanded domestic consumer demand and shipments abroad, has been sharpest in the case of butter, cheese, eggs and hogs.

The Chicago wholesale price of butter has risen from about 26 cents a year ago to 35 cents a pound, cheese from 14 to 19 cents, eggs from 16 to 25 cents a dozen and hogs from \$5 a hundredweight to around \$9.40 average.

Two months ago the government announced that to stimulate production of hogs, dairy products and eggs it would try to maintain prices at \$9 for hogs, 21 cents for butter, 22 cents for eggs and 15 cents for chickens. All these prices have been surpassed.

Rice, beef cattle, chickens, wool, eggs and butterfat are "parity." Cotton and grains, which have risen rather sharply recently due to prospects of high government loan rates, are still well below.