

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with occasional showers. Cooler tonight.

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WAR BLOWS TRADED IN MEDITERRANEAN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CONGRESS now has before it a bill delegating to President Roosevelt power to take over, temporarily or permanently ANY PROPERTY in the United States that in his judgment is needed to further the defense program.

The bill has in advance the approval of the president, of the war and navy departments and of the office of production management.

UNDER it, the president will be empowered to:

1. Take over and operate any strikebound munition plant, or to take over any other plant for any reason he deems sufficient in the interest of national defense.
2. Seize and use for the United States any patents or licenses under patents, when considered needed to produce essential war materials.
3. Requisition ships, wharves, railroads, FARMS or ANY OTHER facility.
4. Sell or otherwise dispose of an such terms as he deems satisfactory any property, right or interest requisitioned.

THE bill provides that the president must give "fair compensation" for any property requisitioned. If the owner is not satisfied with the compensation fixed by the president, he may accept 75 per cent of it and then sue the government within two years for the amount he believes to be fair and just.

WASHINGTON dispatches assert that substantial opposition to the bill is appearing in congress.

The opposition won't be sub-

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Washington Grange Chief Hangs Self

PULLMAN, June 6.—(AP)—Ill and overworked, Ervin E. King, master of the Washington state grange, was found hanging from a looped chain in his brother's barn here last night.

Sheriff C. J. Walker said he had jumped from a ladder to take his own life.

King, 48, who had headed the grange since 1933 and was also a director of the Federal Land bank of Spokane, had been released earlier yesterday from a Colfax sanitarium to which he had gone for treatment two months ago.

Carl King, his brother, said today: "Ervin had been working over hard on grange and bank work during the last year, and the family prevailed upon him two months ago to accept treatment for a condition bordering on a nervous breakdown. He had been despondent but the family had seen no indications that he would attempt to take his own life."

King was graduated from Washington State college in 1917 and operated his own farm near here after 1926. Survivors include his widow, a son, and a daughter.

Seattle Minister Hangs Himself at Rest Home

ALTADENA, Cal., June 6.—(AP)—The Rev. Fritz J. Hielm, 49, pastor of the Swedish tabernacle in Seattle, ended his life Thursday by hanging in a rest home, sheriff's officers reported.

He came here five weeks ago to regain his health. He left a letter addressed to his wife at Seattle. The last entry in his diary read: "I have been suffering 12 hours of agony. My brain is all mixed up."

STRIKE HOWDOWN UP TO ROOSEVELT

Mediation Board Can't Back Up Order

With 52,000 Workers on Defense Idle, Hope Rests On President for Action

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he was considering new steps to reduce labor stoppages in defense industries, but was not prepared to do anything now while the defense mediation board was working on the west coast aircraft and lumber disputes.

Asked flatly whether he was planning to do something about the North American aviation strike and the controversial International Woodworkers union walkout, the chief executive said there was no statement today.

Asked whether he meant to emphasize "today," he told reporters they heard what he said.

(By the Associated Press) Speculation whether President Roosevelt would move to reinforce his injunction against the stalling of preparedness machinery by strikes grew space in Washington today at 52,800 defense workers stood idle in labor disputes.

Despite a flurry of legislative proposals for curbing strikes, most eyes turned to the white house in conjecture whether the "unlimited emergency" powers of the president might be invoked to keep strategic plants open.

Queries prompted by the shutdown of North American Aviation company in California yesterday, while the dispute was still before the defense mediation board, brought no indication of executive action, however.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Mr. Roosevelt had not been officially notified of the aircraft shutdown, nor had he been apprised of the open defiance of the board's recommendations voiced by O. M. Orton, president of 12,000 striking members of the International Woodworkers of America in the Pacific northwest.

The board has no power to back up its recommendations, though President Roosevelt has declared labor and industry must respect its findings.

Board Acts in 3 Disputes. The mediation board meanwhile took these major steps yesterday:

Delivered to the southern soft-

Public Patriotic Rally Planned By VFW Post Here

Plans for a public patriotic meeting to be held July 3 were made tentatively at the regular monthly meeting of Patrick W. Kelley post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting at the Knights of Pythias lodge hall last night. The Rev. Perry Smith was placed in charge of arrangements.

C. W. Van Voorst was made chairman of a committee which will handle arrangements for a carnival to be sponsored by the post.

Gaye Mowers, commander, made a request that all members planning to attend the state convention at Bend, June 19 to 22, contact him for delegate credentials.

The report on the recent sale of Buddy poppies was that the sale was the most successful in recent years.

The large number of members in attendance at the meeting heard an interesting talk by Robert Shirliff of Tiller on the production of quicksilver in the Tiller district.

Machinists Aloof as Others Go Back to Work



Alone in their dispute with the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., A. F. of L. machinists, left, stand idly by as the first of 3,000 shipbuilding workers enter the gigantic plant in San Francisco. An estimated two-thirds of Bethlehem's workers, who had refused to enter the struck plant for more than three weeks, answered the "back-to-work" call.

Unfavorable Reply Handed Japan By Dutch East Indies

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, June 6.—(AP)—The long-awaited Dutch reply—believed to be polite but unfavorable—was delivered today to a Japanese trade delegation which has demanded the right to obtain from the Indies large stocks of such war essentials as rubber, oil and tin.

The chief Japanese delegate said yesterday that the reply would not be acceptable unless it substantially met the Japanese requirements. He spoke of the negotiations teetering on a "precipice," with implications of danger to friendly relations between Japan and the Indies.

SHUNGKING, China, June 6.—(AP)—Many Chinese suffocated in a large underground shelter last night during a five-hour Japanese air raid on this provincial Chinese capital.

Authorities banned publication immediately of the number of dead.

Residents were kept underground by the Japanese raiders who made one of the longest raids of the year on Chungking.

Numerous fires were started but all were quenched.

Malfeasance Charged to Two Yakima Officials

YAKIMA, June 6.—(AP)—Charges alleging malfeasance in office, due to faulty practices in handling city funds, were filed yesterday against Ray Washburn, city finance commissioner, and Forrest Herring, city treasurer by Lloyd Wiehl, county prosecutor. The practices complained of were discovered on a surprise visit by J. A. Varley, one of the two roving state examiners recently named. Bond in each of the cases was fixed at \$1000.

Corvallis Mayor's Son Badly Injured in Fall

CORVALLIS, June 6.—(AP)—Howard Hand, Jr., son of Corvallis' mayor, is in a local hospital with serious injuries suffered earlier this week in an 80-foot fall from rocks near Newport.

He suffered multiple cuts and bruises, as well as head injuries, leg and elbow fractures. He lost his footing after climbing one of the peaks near Seal rocks with several Corvallis companions.

Property Seizure Bill to be Revised

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—Administration leaders reached the conclusion today that there was no chance of passing the war department's property seizure bill in its present form, and indications were that entirely new legislation would be proposed as a substitute.

The bill—which has stirred up the most opposition since the administration's aid-to-Britain program—would authorize President Roosevelt to take over temporarily or permanently any property of any kind which could be used to further the national defense program.

Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.), acting majority leader, told reporters that "cool heads" in congress could "sit down and draft a bill which would accomplish the desired objectives without making it possible to charge 'dictatorship.'" He predicted that such a measure would be worked out.

Rose Theater Returning To Full-Time Schedule

The Rose theatre, which has been open only four days weekly for the past few months, will resume full-time schedule starting June 15, it was announced today by Donn Radabaugh, manager. The new schedule calls for a single bill Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of each week, offering top flight pictures. Mr. Radabaugh reports, Pal night will be observed each Wednesday and Thursday with a double bill, which will include a first run feature plus a second run film. Shows Friday and Saturday will offer a double bill of action and western pictures. Mr. Radabaugh also announced that admission prices are to be reduced at the Rose theatre except on Pal nights, when the present prices will prevail, but will admit two persons for the price of one admission.

Three Navy Fliers Die When 2 Planes Collide

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 6.—(AP)—The navy reported today that three fliers were killed and one injured in a mid-air collision of two planes from the heavy cruiser Chester near San Clemente island yesterday.

The deaths brought to 24 the number of naval aviation men who have died since Jan. 1 in accidents involving San Diego-based planes.

British Defeats Sharply Scored By Hore-Belisha

EDINBURGH, Scotland, June 6.—(AP)—Former War Secretary Hore-Belisha today sharply criticized the government's handling of the defense of Crete, which he characterized as a military disaster.

"We suffer defeat after defeat," he said, "and always for the same reason—lack of appreciation, lack of preparation and imperfect execution of the project. Each reverse is glossed over by the same series of incompatible explanations, and the narcotic of false confidence in the future is invariably applied."

The bare description of what our imperial forces have undergone in Crete arouses not only the deepest emotion but the most serious foreboding."

Turning to the home front, he said "productivity in factories and docks is falling at an alarming rate..."

"When shall we be using to the full advantage our manpower to improve production and make available the constant flow of fully-trained recruits to industry," he asked.

Hore-Belisha proposed recognition of common citizenship by Great Britain, the British empire and the United States as the "most hopeful assurance of the determination of the democracies to establish a new order."

Hore-Belisha also suggested that "the industrial effort of the British empire and the United States, in order to reach its most intensive pitch and fullest scope, should be directed as the military effort of France and Britain was directed in the last war—by a single allied council fortified by expert knowledge."

Argentina Warm Up to Hemisphere Defense Plan

BUENOS AIRES, June 6.—(AP)—Argentina apparently abandoned today her lukewarm attitude toward intercontinental defense by inviting military leaders of seven American nations, including the United States, to tour her defense establishments.

Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Peru and the United States were asked to send delegations, headed if possible by war ministers, to this country July 9, when Argentina celebrates her 125th anniversary of independence from Spain.

Argentina has been the only American nation standing aloof from joint hemispheric action.

Peace Offer Talk Rapped By Roosevelt

Nazi Propaganda Blamed For Rumor Anent Winant; Ship Seizure Bill Signed

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that Ambassador John G. Winant had brought from England not even "a tenth cousin of a peace offer," and added that German propaganda was responsible for peace talk. He added:

"Absolutely nothing like it, provided you use this not as a denial by the president but as an accusation by the president."

Asked whom he was accusing, Mr. Roosevelt said persons being duped by Germany.

He volunteered the information that he had on his desk two orders which he said had been issued by the official German propaganda agency in Berlin to what he called nazis and fascists in this country.

The first order, Mr. Roosevelt said, told them to stress the idea that Germany had no thought of doing anything against any country of the entire western hemisphere.

The second, he said, ordered nazi and fascist sympathizers, as soon as Winant arrived back in the United States, to spread the story that he was bringing a scare-head story that Britain was about all in and was talking peace.

More Propaganda Cited

Mr. Roosevelt asserted further, more that it was an amazing coincidence that stories of the types recommended by Germany had appeared in a certain type of newspaper in the United States.

Told by a reporter that there was an impression being spread that Britain had said she could not last more than a few months without increased American help, the chief executive declared that this never had been said unless it was by Berlin. It did not come, he added, from a responsible source.

A reporter remarked that people would be shocked to hear that Germany was sending orders to this country, and he asked how orders were sent out and how the system operated.

Mr. Roosevelt declined to go

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Roosevelt Trying To Scuttle Road Plans, Mott Says

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt "is attempting to scuttle the federal-aid road program by fostering legislation to give him blanket authority to use highway appropriations as he sees fit," Rep. Mott (R-Ore.) said today.

Mott asserted that the president's message of Monday to congress ignored defense highway recommendations of Thomas H. MacDonald, head of the public roads administration, and the advice of the National Association of State Highway Officials.

Mott added that he would oppose passage of two bills which, he said, were intended to carry out the president's wishes "to curtail congressional jurisdiction over the federal-aid program initiated by congress."

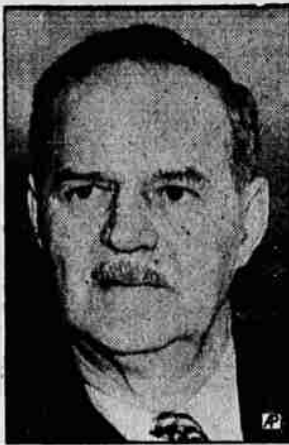
MacDonald recommended \$287,000,000 for the first year for the defense highway plan. The states would be required to contribute only a small sum toward \$100,000,000 for strategic roads. The other \$187,000,000 would not require matching funds.

"I know of absolutely nobody who is in favor of the president's recommendations," said Mott.

"The MacDonald report is specific and acceptable; the president's proposal is not."

"This is an important matter to the west, particularly, because out there the federal government owns large percentages of the land, long roads are required, the population is thinly distributed and the tax burden on the people for roads already is heavy."

Chevrolet, Noted Auto Designer, Speedster, Dies



Louis Chevrolet

DETROIT, June 6.—(AP)—Louis Chevrolet, 62, pioneer motor-car designer and in his earlier days one of the greatest of all racing automobile drivers, died at his home here today.

Chevrolet was born in Switzerland. He drove a Fiat racing automobile over a measured mile at Sheephead Bay, New York, in 52.8 seconds for a new world's record in 1905. He regarded as his greatest achievement, however, the designing and building of two consecutive Indianapolis speedway winners—in 1920 and 1921—the first driven by Chevrolet's brother, Gaston, and the second by Tommy Milion.

Gaston Chevrolet was killed at the Los Angeles speedway in a collision in 1920.

Louis Chevrolet built the first Chevrolet automobile in 1911 in cooperation with William C. Durant. The Chevrolet company became part of General Motors corporation in 1915.

In addition he was the father of the "Fronty-Ford," a popularly priced racing car of bygone years.

Draft Act Amendment Sets Deferment at 28

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—The senate military affairs committee approved an amendment to the selective service act today authorizing the president to defer the induction into the army of draftees who have reached their twenty-eighth birthday.

No provision was made to excuse from service men over 27 years old who already have been inducted into the armed forces under the selective act.

SALEM, June 6.—(AP)—State selective service headquarters today asked all selective service registrants to listen to a radio broadcast on the Columbia Broadcasting network at 2 p. m. Saturday, the broadcast to be sponsored by national selective service headquarters.

Tax Study, Bid for Industries Urged By Sprague at Commission Meeting

SALEM, June 6.—(AP)—Governor Sprague, addressing the Oregon industrial development commission at its first meeting here today, said its principal job would be to determine why some industries have located in Washington instead of in Oregon.

"This is a subject of very great concern to the people of Oregon, and particularly to the city of Portland, which has been anxious to realize on the development of Bonneville," the governor said.

Asserting that studies by the Bonneville administration "showed a very reasonable equality as regards industrial taxes in the two states," the governor said that "since the time these studies were made, Washington has increased its sales tax by one percent. That should weigh the scales in our favor."

He also recommended that the commission study the effect of a state tax commission ruling that all assessments must be uniform, which, he said, would create a "grave problem" in Portland, which has been giving a differential in favor of resi-

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The nation expects President Roosevelt to do something toward ending the strike epidemic. He's the only one apparently who has the necessary power. When and how will he act? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the answers.

Axis Planes Hit At Malta, Gibraltar

British Bomb Island of Rhodes, Ports in Africa; Nazis Pour Into Syria

ROME, June 6.—(AP)—Italian planes attacked the British stronghold of Gibraltar, which guards the western gate to the Mediterranean, last night and struck simultaneously at British airports on Malta, in the central Mediterranean, the high command reported today.

The bombardment of Gibraltar was the first to be officially announced by the axis command. The daily war bulletin, however, made no mention of results in either attack.

British planes, in turn, bombed Bengasi and Derna, Libya, and bombed the Italian island of Rhodes, in the eastern Mediterranean, on Wednesday night, the high command said. One British plane was said to have been shot down in Africa.

Linked with Wednesday night's heavy assault on the main British naval base at Alexandria these reports indicated that an axis campaign to bottle up the British Mediterranean fleet may already be in motion.

(London radio said casualties at Alexandria numbered 150 killed and 200 wounded.)

British middle east headquarters reported today that RAF bombers attacked Italian planes yesterday at Aleppo airdrome, in Syria—the first official British disclosure that fascist aircraft were in the French middle east colony. One plane was destroyed, it was said.

The attack was the fourth on Aleppo and the 17th against Syrian objectives since the British first asserted the Germans were using airdromes there as way stations en route to Iraq.

Besides hitting planes on the landing field, today's war bulletin said hits were registered on hangars and runways.

The Turkish government-controlled radio said Germany was moving troops into Syria "by land, sea and air almost daily."

Amid indications that British troops might move into Syria at any moment, NBC's correspondent in Ankara, Turkey, said German soldiers were reported to have occupied Damascus, the capital of Syria, only 60 miles from British-ruled Trans-Jordan.

Blows Struck in West Area

In the western air war, London had its first daylight air-raid alarm since April 22. It lasted half an hour, while a small formation of naz planes flew over, wheeled and returned south. There were no reports that bombs had been dropped.

German aerial activity last

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