

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Showers tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. Little change in temperature.

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WATCH US GROW

Local events of a military and industrial character have apparently started on the upswing, as today's issue of the NEWS-REVIEW indicates. Developments will be of all-city importance. Your home-city daily will keep you informed.

COOS LUMBER FIRM SEEKS ROSEBURG SITE

Army to Train Fliers at Roseburg Airport

Flight Program Awaited Job; Barracks, Repair Shops in Plan

The Roseburg airport is to be used by the army air force for training purposes following completion of improvements now under way, according to word received here. Units of 20 or more planes, with a complement of 200 or more men, will be flown to Roseburg in relays, each for two weeks of reconnaissance flights, it was reported. Preparations already are being made, it was announced, for barracks facilities, repair shops, etc.

H. L. Eppstein, city engineer, who is now being employed full time on the airport reconstruction project, informed the city council that army officers had detailed the plans for using the local field.

Squadrons of bombers will occupy the field, Eppstein said, with 20 planes in each group. The personnel will number about 200 officers and men. Each group of planes will remain here for two weeks, and will make flights to acquaint pilots with the terrain and to work out defense tactics. As one squadron leaves, it will be replaced immediately by another until the training program has been completed.

Barracks, Shops Included

Plans are being made, the council was told, to either build or rent barracks. Use of the hospital building of the old Oregon State Soldiers home was mentioned as a possibility. Construction of shops for maintenance and repair work on the planes, also will be undertaken, it was stated. The shops probably will be built at the airport.

In connection with the airport improvement, the city council was requested to contact owners of property located west of the field and to secure, if possible, an agreement for the straightening and grading of the waterway, which bisects the field, outside the boundaries of the city-owned tract.

It was explained that the present concrete culvert recently built to carry the water of the stream, is to be extended to a width of more than 500 feet. The culvert is covered, and runways have been constructed above it. The present grade of the water course makes it necessary that the ditch be straightened and deepened for a distance of 1,000 feet beyond the boundaries of the field, Mr. Eppstein stated, in order to prevent obstructions.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SATURDAY. The war (so far as shooting is concerned) is more or less at a standstill. (For this particular day, that is.)

At the moment, only the air forces appear to be active. In modern war, the airplanes are seldom idle.

GLANCE back over the war since its beginning. You will find it falling into a pattern something like this:

A few days of violent fighting, with the Germans invariably on the offensive and so far invariably victorious. Then a lull.

In the lull the DIPLOMATS go into action.

THE diplomats use the terror inspired by German military might to wring from neutrals the concessions that Germany wants. The choice they offer is to submit or TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

APPLY this pattern to the rumors of a German-Russian showdown that have been filling the air for days. You will find that it fits surprisingly.

Germany, facing American entrance into the war with consequent strengthening of the British blockade, wants what Russia has—oil, wheat, metals, raw materials of all sorts. To whatever extent she can obtain

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Leon McClintock Re-Elected Local School Director



Leon E. McClintock

Leon E. McClintock, candidate for re-election to the board of school directors for Roseburg district No. 4, received a unanimous vote in a very light school election held at the junior high school building Monday. Only 128 votes were cast, and all were for Mr. McClintock, who was the sole candidate on the ballot. No write-in ballots were cast.

Mr. McClintock's term will extend for a period of five years instead of the usual three years, as in the past, as a result of the law passed by the recent legislature for reorganizations of school districts.

Other members of the board, and the date of expiration of their terms of office, under the new organization are: A. J. Ellison, 1945; A. A. Wilder, 1944; C. J. Grimm, 1943; Roy O. Young, 1942.

American Birth Rate Increases, Census Finds

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Reversing all scientific forecasts, the census bureau said today the American birth rate was rising.

J. C. Capt, census director, asserted that in the first four months of this year alone, the crop of new babies was approximately 20,000 larger than in the similar period last year and indicated an annual birth rate of 18.5 per thousand population, the highest rate since 1930.

Dr. Halbert L. Dunn, chief statistician for vital statistics, said previous statistics indicated that not even enough babies were being born to keep the nation at its present size. Now, he added, it appears that the birth rate is sufficiently high to cause an increase in the population of 7 per cent per generation.

Major General Hinds of Artillery Fame Dies

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 17.—(AP)—Major General Ernest Hinds, 76, retired, Gen. John J. Pershing's chief of artillery in the A. E. F., died today at Fort Sam Houston.

General Hinds was paid tribute by German observers in the world war who were impressed by the deadly fire of the United States artillery.

Louis-Conn Bout To Be Broadcast Over KRNR

Radio Station KRNR, through its affiliation with the Mutual Broadcasting system, will realize its greatest sports scoop of the season with the release here Wednesday night of the Joe Louis-Billy Conn heavyweight championship fight at the Polo grounds in New York City. Marshall Pengra, manager, announced today.

Local fight fans who have experienced difficulty tuning in outside stations for principal boxing bouts in the past will now satisfactorily hear all of the major fights over KRNR and the Mutual system, Pengra reports. The fights are to be broadcast under new sponsorship and have been withdrawn from the network by which they previously were released.

The Louis-Conn bout will be heard starting at 6 p. m. Wednesday, and will be described blow-by-blow. Regular features heard on KRNR through that interim will be suspended.

District D. A. R. To Meet in Roseburg

The district meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in Roseburg at 3:30 o'clock Thursday at the Hotel Umpqua, with Mrs. Roy Lamb, as chairman. The state regent, Mrs. Howard P. Arnest, will be present and Mrs. Eueidas K. Scott, state chairman of national defense through patriotic education, will have charge of the six o'clock dinner program.

The evening's program will be on the subject of cooperation and development of the 21 American republics.

On Friday morning at 9 o'clock, the state board of the Oregon D. A. R. will meet at the Umpqua hotel, at which time reports of the state officers, state chairmen and chapter regents will be made. Mrs. Ray S. Petreguin is regent of Umpqua chapter here.

Saturday, the first new Oregon chapter in six years will be organized at Lakeview, Ore., by the organizing regent of the state, Mrs. Lora T. Conn.

Nazi Guilt in Robin Moor Destruction Not Changed

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, said today the government's basic charges against Germany for the sinking of the American merchant ship Robin Moor were unchanged by the arrival of 35 missing survivors at Capetown yesterday.

Welles said that with the evidence already available from 11 survivors landed last week in Brazil and a cabled summary expected on the testimony of those at Capetown, South Africa, the government very soon would be in a position to reach a final decision on the action to be taken.

The survivors at Capetown said the British ship picked them up purely by chance—not on wireless notification, as promised by the German submarine commander.

The 35 had spent 13 days in three lifeboats before they were found.

State Treasurer's Kin Badly Injured in Crash

PORTLAND, June 17.—(AP)—An automobile accident seriously injured Mrs. W. E. Walter Tigard, sister of State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, and her husband on the Columbia river highway yesterday.

Their car crashed into a railing after a collision with a truck near Bonneville dam. She suffered arm and knee, and possible rib fractures. Her husband had a skull fracture.

NAZI TROOPS FILL NORWAY

New Strike Threat Hits Auto Plants

Jurisdictional Row Ties Parts Factory; Shipyard Machinists Still Out

By the Associated Press
A jurisdictional strike at a Detroit auto parts factory today threatened enforced layoffs for 40,000 workers in automobile plants which depend upon the struck factory for parts.

A Michigan state labor mediator declared that employees of Plymouth, Briggs, Ford and Dodge truck plants might be made idle unless there was a speedy settlement of the walk-out of CIO United Automobile Workers at the Douglas and Lomason company. The UAW-AFL has a union shop agreement with the firm, and has contended that the rival CIO union has tried to raid its membership. This the UAW-CIO denied, describing the walkout as a "spontaneous vacation period."

While other strikes continued in important defense industries, CIO President Philip Murray issued a statement decrying what he termed "the current slander campaign against the loyal Americans who represent the CIO and its unions." He denounced as "malicious gossip" stories of "spits, purges and red-hunts" in the organization.

Sugar Refineries Hit

Labor difficulties broke out in a new quarter last night when 1,300 employees of two large Philadelphia sugar refineries walked out as a climax to a wage dispute. The AFL Longshoremen's association asked that the wages of laborers be increased from 63 to 80 cents an hour, with boosts of 10 to 20 cents for mechanics. The wage scale of the mechanics was not immediately made public.

With \$500,000,000 worth of ship

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Germany To Counter U. S. Freeze Order

Account Blocking Seen In Offing; Italy Gains In Capital Involved

BERLIN, June 17.—(AP)—Germany announced officially today that she will take "the necessary measures" effective immediately to counter United States action in freezing German funds in America.

"The government of the United States of America," the announcement said, "by executive order of the president dated June 14, blocked assets of German subjects in the United States. Accordingly, by order of the German government, necessary measures, effective immediately, will be carried out with reference to the assets of subjects of the United States within the German reich."

(The German radio said that there was no information immediately just what the German measures would be but that "obviously they too will consist of blocking accounts.")

All foreign assets in Germany already have been under strictest governmental regulation for years, with even stricter supervision under war conditions.

Telegraphic transfers went through government channels. Even a traveler entering or leaving Germany is restricted to 10 marks (about \$4).

Any foreign currencies in possession of an incoming traveler is counted and registered.

Whatever new measures are adopted observers here are inclined to believe the word "freezing" may be a misnomer.

President Roosevelt's order padding all German consulates in the United States and demanding the ouster of various Nazi agents

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Invasion Of Scotland May Be Planned

Warfare in Syria, North Africa Becomes Hotter; German Cities Blasted

(By the Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler was reported massing "large numbers" of German troops today on the west coast of Norway—a possible springboard for invasion of Scotland—and advances reaching London said a steady stream of troop trains and sea-going transports was moving coastal bases.

Only a few days ago, Soviet Russia announced officially that German soldiers were moving back into northern and northeastern Germany from the Balkans.

The Soviet announcement said "it must be assumed" that the Nazi troops movements were not directed against Russia, and the British declared talk of friction between Germany and Russia might be a feint to mask preparations for Hitler's long-awaited attempt to invade the British Isles.

Coincidentally, the Finnish newspaper Sanomat in Helsinki declared that the military situation in the Baltic was ripe for surprises likely to affect Finland.

"We have no right to shut our eyes to what is happening around us," the newspaper said, and Helsinki was alive with rumors of troop movements on both sides of the Russian frontier with Finland.

War tremors stirred again in the Balkans, too, as all Rumania was ordered blacked out, beginning tonight, for the first time since a general blackout was lifted a month ago.

Damascus Defense Tightens

In the middle east, Britain faced a rising tide of French resistance.

French military dispatches said French troops had counter-attacked and driven the British out of the strategic town of Merdjayoun, only six miles from the Palestine frontier.

British columns storming toward Damascus, the ancient capital.

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Senate Votes 250 Million for Roads

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—The senate passed yesterday defense highway legislation calling for expenditure of \$250,000,000 on a network of strategic defense roads with 400 highway "flight strips" to serve as emergency airports.

The "flight strips" authorized in the bill would consist of widened areas of highway in carefully-selected areas. They would be long and wide enough to permit emergency landing and take-offs of big bombers.

The measure also provides for access roads leading to military and naval reservations, defense production centers and sources of raw materials.

Japanese Official in Shanghai Assassinated

SHANGHAI, June 17.—(AP)—Chikayuki Akagi, Japanese special deputy commissioner of the Shanghai municipal council, was assassinated by a gunman today. Japanese officials immediately blamed terrorists of the Chinese Chungking government.

A Japanese informant said the Japanese were watching with great interest the attitude of the municipal council, administrative body of Shanghai's international settlement, would take toward the affair.

Remanufacturing Plant To Be Established if Pending Negotiations Successful

City Council Pledges Vacation of City-Owned Lots in Cooperative Action; Agreement Reached with S. P. Railway Company to Use Former Shops Location.

Cooperation with the Coos Bay Lumber company by donation of land needed for a site for a large lumber remanufacturing and loading plant was pledged here last night by the city council, meeting in its regular mid-monthly session. The council agreed to vacate city-owned lands desired by the company, and will aid the company in securing additional property needed for the plant, which, when fully established and operating at capacity, is expected to provide employment for from 100 to 200 men.

The plant, which will include storage yards, sorting sheds, planing mill and dry kilns, according to the proposal submitted to the city council, would include a part of the Southern Pacific company yards and take in a small strip of land along the west side of the railroad yards. The greater part of the land desired is city or county-owned and located from Hoover street south to the South Umpqua river. The donation proposed by the city would include a group of lots lying between the alley paralleling Fullerton street and the railroad right of way. The city also would vacate that section of Flint street south of Hoover street, and the ends of the cross streets, between the alleyway and the railroad yards. The site also would include a portion of the McCall property, located across the tracks from the Douglas Ice and Storage company plant.

Officials of the Coos Bay Lumber company met with the city council last week and announced the company's plans. The council was furnished with a map showing the property desired and a committee was named, headed by W. F. Harris, president of the council and acting mayor, to determine ownership of the various lots involved and to contact the owners to determine the prices asked for the lands.

It was reported that the Coos Bay Lumber company, one of the largest lumber concerns on the Pacific coast, now is cutting a large body of timber in the Eden valley area south of Camas Valley and plans larger operations in that district. The company officials state they intend establishing a loading station at Roseburg. The company also plans to buy lumber from local mills for remanufacture, it was stated.

An agreement has been made with the Southern Pacific company, the council was told, for the use of the land formerly occupied by the railroad company's car repair shops. The shops have been vacated for several years, and that section of the S. P. yards has not been in general use.

However, the space provided within the S. P. yards is not sufficient for the plant proposed by the lumber company, and additional adjoining land will be needed.

No Financial Aid Asked
The company asked no financial aid of the city, but requested that aid be given in locating the

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Oregon Grange Master Opposes Appeasement

NEWPORT, June 17.—(AP)—This country must send all possible aid to Great Britain, Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon grange, told convention delegates here yesterday.

"There is no appeasement with Hitler for his word is not reliable and his purpose is contrary to all the things America stands for. One American-made bomber in England is worth more than 10 in the United States," he declared.

Gill recommended increased income and inheritance taxes, a one-house legislature and increased old-age pensions.

He opposed the sales tax, corporation farming, fall primaries and reciprocal trade treaties.

Ickes Asks Full Ban On East Coast Oil Exports

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—A complete ban on exports of oil from the east coast of the United States, without prior government approval of individual shipment, was proposed to the petroleum industry today by Secretary Ickes, defense petroleum coordinator.

The action followed close on the heels of the stoppage yesterday of a 240,000-gallon shipment of oil from Philadelphia to Japan, because of the threatened oil famine on the eastern seaboard.

Prayers Fail To Save Ailing Girl

GILROY, Calif., June 17.—(AP)—Fourteen-year-old Louise Ford died today in a hospital, where she was taken on court order from the home of her parents, who believed in healing by prayer alone.

The girl was suffering from double pneumonia with less than one chance in ten to live, said Dr. Leon Melkonian, when sheriff's deputies pushed through a crowd around her home last night and carried her to an ambulance.

The order for the girl's removal to the hospital was signed by Juvenile Court Judge William F. James at the request of a newspaper, which furnished an ambulance and arranged for hospital facilities when the girl's delirious speech and the prayers of her parents were audible on the street outside the home. The girl had a temperature of 106 degrees.