

THE WEATHER

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Showers tonight and Thursday.
Little change in temperature.
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CONSULS' OUSTER PROTESTED BY GERMANY

WEAKER

The U. S.-German diplomatic link is due to break off entirely any day. Make your own guess as to what will follow. Will there be undeclared war or heavier aid to Britain? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the answer.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OVER the week-end, the only new shooting was started by the British, who launched an attack on the German and Italian forces in the neighborhood of the Egyptian-Libyan border.

ACCOUNTS differ. The British say the operation (probably a raid in advance of a possible larger-scale offensive) is "continuing."

The Italians say the British were "repulsed with losses." The Germans claim destruction of 60 British tanks or armored cars and 11 British planes.

Both sides agree this (Monday) morning the battle is still raging.

ON Saturday Washington "freezes" German and Italian funds in this country. Early Monday (before the banks open) Italy freezes American funds in retaliation.

Today the United States orders closing of all German consulates in this country. Sumner Welles, assistant secretary of state, explains that German consular officials have been engaged in activities harmful to the United States. He adds that the German diplomatic staff in Washington is not affected.

WHAT does it all mean?

Merely that TENSION between the United States and the axis powers (Germany, Italy and now Japan) is growing.

ADD to the rumor crop today a report (not verified) of a heavy Japanese naval concentration off the coast of southeast China.

Link to this rumor a statement by the governor-general of the Dutch East Indies that his government rejects "emphatically" any thought of inclusion in Japan's proposed "new order in Asia."

If shooting starts between Japan and the United States it will probably be over these Dutch islands.

IT develops today that all persons on the torpedoed Robin Moor are safe, those not previously accounted for having been picked up by a British ship and

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Draft Age Slash Proposal Affects 1,300 in Douglas

Passage of the bill now before congress to defer from selective service call all men over the age of 27 years, will take approximately 1,300 names off the list of registrants in Douglas county, Dr. C. A. Edwards, chairman of the local selective service board reports. The names will be continued in the files, but placed on the deferred rating, leaving about 1,550 names on the active list.

From the 2849 men registered in Douglas county, 54 have been inducted into federal service, Dr. Edwards reports. Fifty additional men have been classified in class 1-A and are awaiting call.

A survey of the rolls was made recently to determine age groups, in an effort to predetermine the approximate number to sign July 1, when all young men who have reached the age of 21 years since the first registration will be required to register. This survey indicates the number will be from 110 to 125, which is the average number of men in each year group covered by the original registration, Dr. Edwards reports.

Senator, Ex-Treasurer Dies Suddenly at Marshfield

Service to State Also Included Membership on Higher Education Board

MARSHFIELD, Ore., June 18.—(AP)—State Senator and former State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson of Portland died suddenly at 7:30 a. m. today in a Marshfield hotel of a heart ailment.

He was en route to his home from a one-week automobile trip through southern Oregon with Mrs. Pearson and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John B. Pearson of Bluefield, W. Va. The party arrived here Tuesday and spent the evening with friends. Pearson appeared in good health but while dressing this morning complained of feeling ill. Mrs. Pearson called a physician but her husband died before the doctor arrived. The physician said death was due to coronary thrombosis.

Pearson, who was born Sept. 23, 1874, entered the Oregon state senate in 1935 and served through the special session of that year and the regular session of 1937. He was a democrat.

In May of 1937 he was appointed to the board of higher education. He resigned in 1938, the year former Governor Charles H. Martin appointed him state treasurer on the resignation of U. S. Senator Rufus Holman. (He served until this year, when Leslie M. Scott of Portland, republican, became state treasurer. Pearson did not seek reelection as treasurer but ran for the state senate from Multnomah county and was elected.

Pearson, a native of Richmond, Va., was educated at Glade Springs academy and Richmond university. He came to Portland in 1908.

He was a member of the Portland insurance firm of Bates, Lively & Pearson.

He married Virginia Johnston in 1901 at Bluefield, W. Va. They had two sons and a daughter, Walter J. Pearson, now a Seattle insurance man; David William Pearson, now a traveling agent for a Kansas City underwriting company; and Mrs. Philip P. Werlein, Baton Rouge, La.

SALEM, June 18.—(AP)—The death of State Senator Walter E. Pearson in Marshfield today shocked state officials and employees today, because Pearson was one of Oregon's best-loved officials.

Pearson, who went back to the senate last year after serving two years as state treasurer, was chairman of the powerful joint ways and means committee, which holds the purse strings of all state activities.

Although a life-long democrat, he was opposed to the Roosevelt administration's policies.

He was a member of the state emergency board, which makes appropriations between legislative sessions; and interim committees to study state institutions and fishing problems in the Columbia river.

July 4th Picnic at Idleyld Announced

The Roseburg Rod and Gun club will sponsor a public all-day picnic at Idleyld park, Friday, July 4, it was announced today. The entertainment for the day will include trapshooting, fly-casting, horseshoes and games and contests for children. Dancing will be enjoyed afternoon and evening.

The club will furnish free coffee and have other refreshments available on the grounds, but picnickers are expected to furnish their own and evening lunches, it is stated.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Bruce A. Yeager, Vernon M. Orr and Harris Ellisworth.

Notable Career In Oregon Ended



Walter E. Pearson, above, state senator from Multnomah county and former state treasurer and member of the board of higher education, who died suddenly at Marshfield today, aged 66.

Youth Faces Auto Theft Charge Here

Grover C. Mears, Jr., 17, Spokane, was in custody here today on a charge of auto theft, and Oliver W. Soles, 18, Fort Lewis; Walter L. Midkiff, 17, army air base, Portland, both soldiers, and Robert Kennedy, 18, transient, were being held for investigation. Mears was arrested last night near Canyonville driving a car reportedly stolen from a used car lot in Roseburg, according to State Policeman William Jantzen, arresting officer. Officers were called, Jantzen said, by a service station operator who reported the youths had driven away from the station at Dillard without paying for gasoline. The three youths accompanying Mears claimed to be hitchhikers, the officer reported.

Officers also were holding in custody today Arthur A. Thirion, 49, of Eugene, a travelling salesman, charged with drunken driving, the state police reported.

Navy Plans Major Drive To Man New Warships

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(AP)—The navy disclosed "stand by" orders to the last remaining reservists today and launched an intensive recruiting drive to assure adequate man power for the expanding sea forces.

The reservists not yet called to active duty include 6,564 officers and 14,313 enlisted men.

Secretary Knox last week issued instructions that merchant marine reserve officers might now be ordered to active duty without their consent.

Prior to June 11 they were ordered out on a voluntary basis. The new recruiting campaign is aimed at obtaining 12,000 to 15,000 men a month, instead of the present approximately 8,000.

Captain Abel T. Bidwell, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, told reporters "we think we can get all the men we want" without calling on the selective service for recruits.

Latest Draft Call Lists Two Douglas County Men

Harry Franklin, Sutherland, and Harvey Huntley, Dillard, have been drawn for Douglas county's selective service quota for the June 25 call, it was announced today at local selective service headquarters. They will report here for enrollment with the re-employment service prior to leaving for the army induction station at Portland.

Salum Battle Axis Triumph, Report Sent

British Assert Purpose Gained Prior to Retreat; Syrian War Undecided

By the Associated Press
Germany and Italy reported "complete and overwhelming victory" today in smashing a British counter-offensive after a violent 3-day battle in the desert around Salum, Egypt.

"The enemy, overwhelmed, is retreating," the German high command said.

An Italian war bulletin declared the British had thrown "ponderous masses of tanks supported by the best part of the middle eastern air force" into the conflict—only to be rushed by the "overpowering impetus" of axis counter-attacks.

The Italians said "hundreds of American tanks" were used by the British.

British middle east headquarters acknowledged that British advance forces—which had knifed as deep as 40 miles into Libya—had withdrawn to "forward positions" on the Libyan front.

This presumably meant that the British had fallen back to their original positions from which the drive was launched.

Objective Gained, British Say
The withdrawal was executed, the British said, to avoid an encircling movement by German reinforcements rushed from the Tobruk area and because "we had accomplished our object" of making the Germans disclose their strength.

Capture of "several hundred German prisoners" and the destruction of large numbers of axis tanks and guns was officially reported by the British.

London dispatches said the British had captured Fort Capuzzo, just inside the Libyan frontier from Egypt, and had encountered "serious opposition."

The Nazi bulletin pictured the British offensive as an attempt to rescue the siege-bound British garrison at Tobruk, 80 miles inside Libya, where British troops

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Property Seizure Power Assailed

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(AP)—Senator Downey (D., Calif.) protested today that "property seizure" powers asked by the war department would "create a military dictatorship under which tens of thousands of small businesses would be ruined."

"If this is absolutely necessary, then let's face the facts," Downey, a member of the senate military affairs committee told Under Secretary of War Patterson.

Patterson, appearing at the military committee's hearings on the legislation, urged its early approval.

The California senator said both army and navy officials had informed him that they intended to seize machines and tools of many small southern California industries as soon as the property seizure measure was law.

"I look with horror on this," Downey said. "Within 24 hours after this is passed many small industries in my state will be destroyed."

Patterson explained that the war department was not opposed to changing language of the broad-trimmed bill but needed power to acquire materials and machines necessary for national defense.

Bank Embezzler Handed Two-Year Prison Term

PORTLAND, June 18.—(AP)—Federal Judge Fee sentenced Cyril L. Lindley, 43, confessed embezzler, to two years in a federal penitentiary and fined him \$19,000 yesterday.

U. S. Attorney Donough said the former assistant cashier of the Hood River branch of the First National bank of Portland took amounts totaling \$14,000.

Speed Put In Law On Tax Collections

Personal Property Levy Judgment Broadened to Include Any Realty

Collection of personal property taxes is expected to be speeded by the new law, passed by the recent legislature and made effective June 14, according to H. C. Darby, special tax collector for Douglas county.

The new law makes it possible to enter delinquent personal property taxes together with penalty and interest, upon the lien docket of the county. The lien thereupon becomes in effect a judgment against the property owner and may be collected, as other judgments are collected, through attachment or as foreclosure on any real estate which may be owned at that time by the property owner or to which he may secure title at later date.

"The procedure established by the law provides that when personal taxes are unpaid and become delinquent, and including as well personal property taxes delinquent upon the date the law became effective, the tax collector shall issue a warrant citing the name of the owner, nature of the property and other required information. This warrant must be served upon the property owner, either by personal service or through publication, and copies of the warrant and proof of service shall be filed with the county clerk."

Broader in Application
In the event the taxes are not then paid, the clerk is instructed.

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Troops Leaving Plane Plant; 2nd Factory Tied Up

By the Associated Press
A further reduction was ordered today in the number of troops on duty at the Los Angeles plant of the North American Aviation corporation, with production back to 10 warplanes a day after a strike which lost its punch with arrival of several thousand soldiers.

One battalion of 900 infantrymen left yesterday and another 900 were ordered to depart today. About 2,500 soldiers remained on guard in the wake of the bitter wage dispute.

Wages were the issue in a strike still in progress at another plane factory, the Lock Haven, Pa., plant of the Piper Aircraft corporation, makers of light planes used in government civil pilot training.

A government mediator was assigned to the dispute, while pickets patrolled the entrances to the plant, turning away production workers although permitting the entry of office employees and engineers. AFL machinists want present minimum wages of 30 cents an hour for semi-skilled employees and 50 cents for skilled employees and 55 and 75 cents respectively. The firm has offered a flat 10 per cent wage increase.

Vinson Bill Assailed
In Washington, heads of the AFL and CIO found common ground: Both issued statements in opposition to the pending Vinson bill which would bar workers from striking within 30 days after disputes were referred to the national defense mediation board.

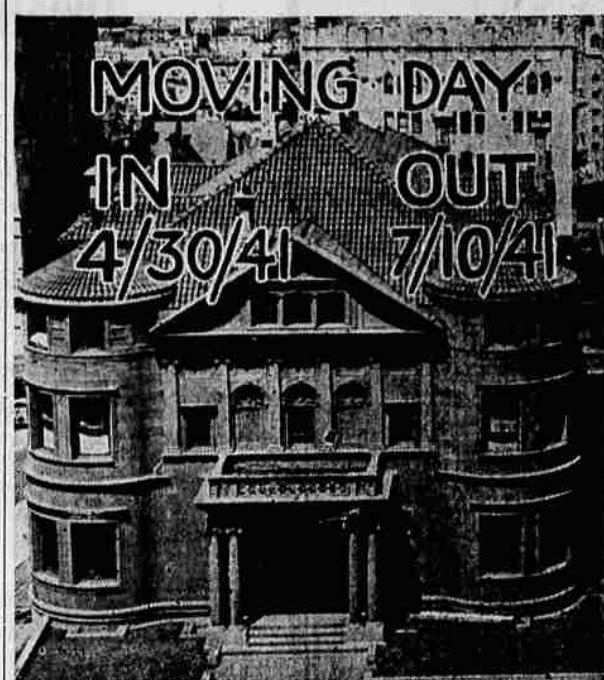
CIO President Philip Murray declared the bill would "force workers to refrain from acting to protect their rights while allowing employers to proceed with attacks on the union."

AFL President William Green said passage of the legislation would "aggravate industrial unrest."

Harvey W. Brown, president of the AFL International Machinists union, predicted that a strike at 11 San Francisco bay shipyards would end tonight. He said there would be a secret vote on going back to work, but local union officials declared no ballots had been printed or other arrangements made.

Flat Rejection Indicated by Departure Arrangements

Weidemann's Lair Faces Padlock



Occupancy of the Nazi consulate in San Francisco, headquarters of German Consul General Capt. Fritz Weidemann, reputed Hitler's No. 1 man in America, appears destined to be short lived. Consul Weidemann moved on April 30 against protests of neighbors in the exclusive district. The state department's ban decrees the consulate must be closed July 10.

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After conferences with officials of the Sun Oil company and the Standard Oil company of California, Ickes, who is defense petroleum coordinator, announced he had made recommendations whereby three huge tankers now engaged on routes between California and east coast ports would be switched to runs from gulf ports to the east coast.

The coordinator emphasized, however, that this increase in the east coast supply did not greatly lessen the dangers of a prospective shortage in that populous area, where he has said restrictions on civilian use of automobiles appeared "inevitable."

"Many additional steps must be taken," Ickes said, "if a serious east coast shortage is to be averted."

Fehl, Paroled, to Demand Unqualified Discharge

SALEM, June 18.—(AP)—The state hospital paroled Earl Fehl yesterday, but the former Jackson county judge protested the action.

He insisted he was entitled to an unqualified discharge, and said he would appeal to the U. S. supreme court for one.

Fehl, who was imprisoned, originally in the state penitentiary on a ballot theft conviction, was committed to the hospital in 1937.

"I issued the parole despite Fehl's protests for the reason that he has showed considerable mental improvement and should be given an opportunity to rehabilitate himself," Dr. John C. Evans, hospital superintendent, said.

Tighter Ban Against Alien Influx Looms

Immigrants Face Closer Scrutiny to Halt Entry Of Fifth Columnists

WASHINGTON, June 18.—(AP)—A strong German protest on the expulsion of Nazi consuls from the United States was delivered to the state department today, and Sumner Welles, under-secretary of state indicated it would be flatly rejected.

Welles declined to disclose the contents of the note except to say that it was a protest against the state department's order Monday that all German consular officials leave the country by July 10, on the grounds that they had engaged in activities inimical to the welfare of the United States.

Welles added, however, that arrangements were being made for the departure of the consuls.

This was considered tantamount to an announcement that the German note would be rejected outright.

Freezing Not Protested
Welles explained that under the usual procedure the United States would ask other belligerents for the safe conduct of the consular officials on their return direct to Germany.

This indicated the arrangements made by the United States would assure that the consular officials return directly to Germany rather than go to Latin American countries, where they might continue the activities which prompted the order that they leave here.

Welles said the German protest related only to the expulsion order against the consuls and not to a previous order freezing all German and Italian assets in this country.

It was indicated also that the protest did not apply to the order closing three semi-official German agencies—the German Library of Information in New York, the German railway and tourist agencies and the German trans-oceanic news service.

The protest was understood to contend that the blanket order expelling German consuls violated a German-American consular treaty of 1923 and amounted to a denunciation of this treaty

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Turkey-Nazi Pact Affects Russia

LONDON, June 18.—(AP)—Well-informed foreign sources reported the signing of "some sort of an agreement" between Germany and Turkey was imminent today and said Britain had been kept informed of the negotiations throughout.

The agreement is expected to provide for mutual respect for the inviolability and integrity of national territory, these sources said.

They also said the Germans expected the impending pact to "leave Russia with a feeling of still greater isolation and encirclement and consequently to lessen her will to resist German demands."

Turkey for some time has been resisting more extreme German demands which would have meant a reversal of her policy of friendship with Britain, one source declared.

"There appears to be nothing in the proposed agreement which would open the way for passage of German troops across Turkish territory," it was said.

The Turks, it was said, apparently take the view that, by signing a "seemingly innocuous plea of paper," they hope to relieve the pressure to which they have been subjected by Germany without nullifying any of their present engagements particularly that with Britain.