

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with scattered thunder storms. Friday cooler.

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GERMANS PIERCE CENTER OF STALIN LINE

Electrical Storm Lets 60 Fires in Douglas, Damages Power System, Clogs Roads

Cascade Area Worst Hit By Night's Bolts

All Known Fires Reported Extinguished; Roseburg's Temperature Reaches 103

The most severe electrical storm to visit Douglas county in recent years last night left a string of 60 or more fires, damaged communication and power lines and left roadways clogged with debris. Following a day in which the temperature rose to a maximum of 103 degrees, the storm in the late evening spread over the entire county, but centered principally in the Cascade region, leaving fires burning behind strikes in the Bohemia and Diamond lake districts. Headquarters of the Umpqua national forest here reported that an accurate check so far has been impossible, but that from 40 to 50 lightning fires have been extinguished. So far as known, it was stated, no fires were left burning today, but all protection crews have been given orders to watch closely for "sleepers" which may lie dormant for a few days before breaking out into a blaze.

The Douglas Forest Protective agency reported 26 fires last night, scattered over all section of the county. Only one fire reached an acre in size, but, as it burned through grass and pasture lands in the Tyee district, caused no great damage.

Rainfall Heavy. The fire situation was partially eased by the fact that the storm brought a deluge of rain in many sections. Big Camas ranger station, in the heart of the Umpqua forest, reported a half inch of rain in less than one hour. The California-Oregon Power company reported a direct strike on a transmission tower in the Lookingglass district. The Rose-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S (Monday's) dope sheet: The Berlin press says the Russian armies are "falling apart." The Holland radio (German-controlled) says the fall of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, is expected "any moment." Ankara (under German influence) hears the soviet government is preparing to flee Moscow. The Russians assert that no significant changes in the situation have taken place.

REMEMBER that both sides, in putting out these reports, are primarily concerned with the morale of their people at home. Neither is concerned in the least with giving the world an accurate day-to-day picture of what is happening.

And there are NO FREE CORRESPONDENTS. It is dictator war.

BUT somebody is mistaken. If one has to guess, the safest guess is that German reports of progress are more nearly accurate than the Russian reports of resistance.

THE big question isn't whether or not Germany will win in Russia. Ultimate German victory has been taken for granted by nearly everybody from the beginning.

The important point is the PRICE Germany will pay.

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Fire Situation Calls for Rain, Forester Says

SALEM, July 17.—(AP)—More than 200 fires on state and private lands have been set by lightning on the west side of the Cascade slope, State Forester N. S. Rogers said today.

He said there probably are as many on federal lands. Rogers said, however, that the only serious fire is at Crabtree in Linn county, where 25 or 30 acres have been burned over. This fire was started Tuesday night, and controlled yesterday, but the high winds last night blew it out of control.

He said 125 fires were started Tuesday night, and more than 75 new ones were reported last night.

"The situation," Rogers said, "can become very serious if the weather stays like this. The fires are burning from Estacada in the north to Jackson county in the south. If we could have some rain with the lightning, it wouldn't be so bad."

Sixty of the fires are in Linn county.

3,000 Fight Fires Over California

By The Associated Press

Mountain thunderstorms started more forest fires almost as fast as others were controlled today in California. Nearly 3,000 men waged an unceasing battle on widespread fronts.

About 300 separate conflagrations were reported in 10 of California's national forests, but only a few were in valuable timber and no settlements appeared endangered.

The largest blaze was in the Modoc forest in the far northern part of the state, where 90,000 acres already had been burned over. The fire was still burning today but had not spread appreciably, the U. S. forest service said.

Most of the 300 conflagrations were in the five national forests near the northern fringe of the state—Modoc, Shasta, Klamath, Trinity and Lassen. Others were in five east-central forests—Stanislaus, El Dorado, Tahoe, Sequoia and Plumas.

The forest service estimated about 110,000 acres, mostly in grass, sage-brush or juniper, had been swept by flames since the series of lightning storms began last Sunday.

A diminution in the brisk northeast wind allowed fire crews to make considerable headway in their fight last night and early today, but the new storms brought additional trouble and the situation in general changed but little in the past 24 hours.

Hopkins Reaches Britain, So Do U. S.-Made Bombers

LONDON, July 17.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, supervisor of the United States lease-lend program, arrived in London today, visited Prime Minister Churchill almost immediately and then attended a meeting of the British cabinet.

An authoritative announcement said Hopkins came to England in one of a fleet of U. S.-built bombers, all of which made the trip safely.

Youth Draws Jail Term On Petty Larceny Count

David LaChance, 19, Days Creek, arrested on a charge of petty larceny, pleaded guilty in justice court here today and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. Judge R. W. Marsters, who imposed the sentence, ordered that LaChance be admitted to parole after 10 days, conditioned upon good behavior.

Torrid Wave In Northwest Nearing End

New Heat Records Set in Most Cities; Woods Fires Increased by Lightning

By The Associated Press

The Pacific northwest's unprecedented heat wave, which has caused a critical water shortage in some cities and multiplied the forest fire hazard, is nearing an end, federal weather observers predicted today.

New heat records were established in most cities of the area yesterday. Seattle reporting a new all-time high of 100 degrees and six cases of heat prostration, one serious.

Two deaths at Portland were attributed to the heat as the temperature rose to 102.

In some cities officials ordered sprinkling halted entirely and in others cooperation of citizens in curtailing their lawn sprinkling was sought. Water officials pointed out that there was no shortage of water at the source but that the heavy drain on reservoirs had created a serious problem.

Forest Fires Numerous

Scores of fires were spotted over Oregon forests today in the wake of electric storms Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The forest service at Portland reported that most of the fires were not considered serious, although disrupted communications made an accurate estimate of the situation difficult.

Lightning flashed over Salem last night in the most intense

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Stone-Hurling Mob Routed By Tear Gas

Six Persons Hurt, Autos Battered in Battle at Jersey Aircraft Plant

BENDIX, N. J., July 17.—(AP)—At least six persons were injured today as police clashed with several hundred men and women who stoned automobiles and prevented day shift workers from entering the plant of Air Associates, Inc.

The firm is manufacturing aircraft equipment on national defense orders.

Reporting local authorities were unable to cope with the situation, Sheriff William R. Browne of Bergen county asked Governor Charles Edison to send state police.

"I expect to get them," Browne said.

State law provides that the troops cannot be used in labor disputes unless local and county officials are unable to preserve order.

Edison's office at Trenton declined comment on what action might be taken but said the governor was keeping informed of all developments.

Police used tear gas and fired revolvers into the air to disperse a throng that closed in on a bus carrying about 35 plant workers.

Automobiles were drawn up to block the only road into the plant and left there when the crowd retreated several hundred yards across tracks of the New York and New Jersey railroad.

Police unsuccessfully asked the crowd to leave the railroad property and avoid possible damage to the nearby Hasbrouck heights passenger station.

Picketing began Saturday by members of the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO) in a dispute with the company over dismissal of nine sheet metal workers.

Most of those injured received

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Emergency Edict Urged By Army Head

Military Needs Demand Retention of Draftees, Marshall Tells Senators

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, testified today that there was an "urgent necessity" from a military standpoint for congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, reserves and national guardsmen could be retained in service beyond the present one-year period.

From the strategic point of view, the army chieftain told the senate military committee, the efficiency of the war department and the military forces would be greatly improved if congress would act to clear away present prohibitions against longer service.

To release the emergency soldiers at the end of a year, he declared, would be "a fundamental and tragic error" which would increase the chances of war. The present danger to the nation was "far greater" than when congress inaugurated the selective service program last fall, he said.

At the same time, Marshall told the committee it was absurd to believe he had an American expeditionary force in mind when he recommended continuing in service beyond a year the selectees, national guardsmen and reserves.

Emergency Stressed

Testifying on legislation to lengthen the service of the emergency troops, the general said in reply to questions by Senator Austin (R., Va.) that he would much prefer that congress declare flatly that the nation was imperiled, thus giving the war department more "elbow room" in which to work.

"The whole thing that re-

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Primrose Path Of Bank Worker Ends

CHICAGO, July 17.—(AP)—A man of 32, a trusted bank employee for 15 years, was held today for authorities of Lancaster, Pa., after police said he confessed embezzling and losing \$250,000 on slow race horses. He was charged with a total shortage of \$307,000.

William D. Sahn's story, as related by Detective John Murphy, had a familiar tone—the modestly paid bookkeeper, a passion for gambling, successful covering of a small speculation, repeated thefts "to get even and quit," the faithful, unsuspecting wife, and another woman.

Sahn, who fled Lancaster May 13 after bank examiners appeared at the Northern Bank and Trust company, was arrested yesterday in his \$8-a-week hotel room when police traced his telephoned appeal to Lancaster for a \$300 loan.

Eugene, Medford Not Off Cantonment Slate

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—The war department disclosed yesterday that the selection of an army cantonment site near Corvallis, Ore., does not mean abandonment of proposed cantonments either at Eugene or Medford, Ore.

The department said the proposed Corvallis cantonment would be in addition to the other two.

Most of 14 cantonments announced would be for divisions or anti-aircraft training centers, the war department continued. The department said it would not at this time announce the specific purpose of the cantonment at Corvallis, when questioned about an Oregon report that the cantonment might be for armored units. It also declined to comment on an Oregon report that an anti-aircraft cantonment would be proposed for the Bend-Burns central Oregon district.

Lindbergh Raps Ickes, Asks Apology, Defends Acceptance of Nazi Medal; Secretary Says He Hit Appeasement

NEW YORK, July 17.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh today advised President Roosevelt that he had no connection with any foreign government, that he received a German decoration while serving the American embassy and declared that he had a right to an apology from Secretary of the Interior Ickes for certain "statements and implications."

In a letter to the president, Lindbergh offered to open his files and testify before any committee appointed by the president to answer any charges that may be made against him.

He declared, however, that unless charges were made and proved, he felt he had the right to "expect truth and justice from the members of your cabinet."

Saying that he wrote an as American citizen, Lindbergh who recently resigned as colonel in the air corps reserve, wrote:

"For many months, and on numerous occasions, your secretary of the interior has implied in public meetings that I am connected with the interests of a foreign government, and he has specifically criticized me for accepting a decoration from the German government in 1938."

"Mr. President, it is too much to ask that you inform your secretary of the interior that I was decorated by the German government while I was carrying out the request of your ambassador

to that government? Is it unfair of me to ask that you inform your secretary that I received this decoration in the American embassy, in the presence of your ambassador, and that I was there at his request in order to assist in creating a better relationship between the American embassy and the German government, which your ambassador desired at that time?"

ICKES SAYS HIS TARGET WAS APPEASEMENT DRIVE

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes declared today he believed that if Charles A. Lindbergh "were an upstanding American he would have turned back his German decoration 'long ago, regardless of how, when or where he got it.'"

The interior department chief made his statement after being informed that Lindbergh had written President Roosevelt suggesting an apology by Ickes for his criticism of Lindbergh's position in the present international situation.

"I've never said at any time that he is connected with the interests of a foreign government," Ickes said. "I have said, however, that he has gone about the country preaching appeasement and disunity which is in the interests of a foreign government—namely Germany."

When handed a paper quoting from Lindbergh's letter to the president, Ickes read it aloud in a plaintive voice, and then commented "this doesn't sound like an expression from a Knight of the German Eagle."

Asked if he would apologize to the flier, in event he returned the German decoration, the secretary replied: "I would think a lot more of him."

Press Gets It First

A white house secretary said the flier's protest to the white house was intended more for the newspapers than for the president.

Stephen Early, press secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, said the Lindbergh message, made public in New York today, had not come to his attention. He asked reporters whether they had the text of the letter and was informed that they did.

"Well, he wrote it to you and addressed it to the president," Early declared.

Drunken Driving Conviction Brings Fine, Jail Term

Jack L. Smith, 44, express messenger of Portland, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail following his conviction in a justice court trial yesterday in which he contested a charge of drunken driving.

Smith allegedly was the driver of a car which was involved March 21 in a collision near Winchester with a truck driven by L. A. Webber of Roseburg. Webber suffered a broken arm. Smith also was injured and was permitted to go to the veterans hospital at Portland for treatment.

Following his recovery, the case was called for trial and was heard by a jury which included James Hume, Carlos Page, A. J. Starnes, Ethel Hughes, Helen Ogilvie and Mertilla Emmitt.

The state introduced evidence of a blood test made at the state police laboratories, showing a sufficient alcoholic content to indicate intoxication.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty after hearing the testimony and sentence was imposed by Judge R. W. Marsters.

Inn Proprietor Drowns In Willamette Slough

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—Stanley Dickinson, 34, drowned in the Willamette slough near Burlington yesterday. He was the proprietor of Fishermen's Inn on the lower Columbia river highway.

His widow and a son survive.

RUSSIA

Looks like she's due to lose Moscow and Leningrad to the nazi blitzkrieg. After that—what? The only safe guess is that Russian resistance will not halt, but will it be effective? Follow the war through NEWS-REVIEW news.

Nine Million Men Battling For Decision

Critical Hour Strikes for Moscow; Invaders Within 150 Miles of Leningrad

Adolf Hitler's high command declared that 9,000,000 troops were locked in a "tremendous struggle for a decision" on the eastern front today and that the Russians had thrown their last reserves into the 26-day-old conflict in an attempt to stem the nazi blitzkrieg.

Hitler's invasion forces, storming through the center of the Stalin line, have captured Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, DNB, the official German news agency said. It also reported that Polotsk, by-passed by onrushing nazi vanguards, had been taken by later enveloping tactics.

"Great successes are in the making," Hitler's field headquarters proclaimed, casting off its reticent mood of the past week.

A Moscow communique acknowledged violent all-night fighting in which German and Russian troops contended for mastery of the road to Leningrad.

The battle raged in the Pskov-Prokhorov sector, 150 miles southwest of Leningrad. Details were lacking.

"In other sectors, no major operations took place and no significant changes in the positions of our troops occurred," the soviet high command declared.

Moscow in Grave Peril

But on the all-important central front, guarding Moscow, a critical hour had struck.

The Russians officially conceded that tank-led nazi legions had broken through to the vicinity of Smolensk, key railway town about halfway along the Minsk-to-Moscow motor highway, but they made no mention of the fall

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U. S. Plane Patrol World Wide, Navy Chief Says

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics, told the house naval committee today that United States navy planes "are doing patrol work all over the world."

Rep. Cole (R., N. Y.) asked Towers whether the navy was doing patrol work in the Pacific. The admiral's reply was that the navy was patrolling by plane in "the Atlantic and Pacific, the Philippine area and the Panama area."

Towers also told the committee that "all our patrol planes are not just in practice work. I'm sure this committee knows it was one of these patrol planes, an American-built patrol plane, which located and trailed the Bismarck."

Chamber Issues Warning On Soliciting 'Rackets'

The Roseburg chamber of commerce recently has received reports regarding several solicitors who have been working various "rackets," Harry Pinniger, secretary, reported today. Some of the solicitations have to do with advertising schemes and others are conducted as alleged chicanery. Persons solicited for any sort of advertising or printing scheme by unknown agents, should immediately contact the chamber of commerce, Mr. Pinniger states. The chamber will advise whether solicitations are legitimate.

Oregon Freight Lines Face Pay Demand Deadline

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—Tonight was set as the deadline by 130 AFL mechanics for acceptance of their demands to the Truck Operators' League of Oregon, operating 40 freight lines.

The union asks wage increases from \$1 to \$1.061 an hour, a week's vacation with pay and a promise of \$1.121 an hour if freight rates are increased 10 per cent.