

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Fair tonight and Thursday.
Little change in temperature.
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NAZIS REPEAT AIR BOMBING OF MOSCOW

FAR EAST

Japan's Indo-China concessions mean a springboard for an air attack on nearby British and Dutch possessions. What will be the role of the U. S. in such an eventuality? Watch for big news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE battle of Russia today (Saturday) is nearing its crisis.

The Germans appear to be breaking the 2,000-mile Russian line near its center—at the Smolensk gap.

ET out here your by this time well-thumbed map.

You will note that in the general neighborhood of Smolensk the north-flowing Dvina (pronounced Veena) and the south-flowing Dnepr (pronounced Neper) curve sharply, leaving an approximately 50-mile-wide causeway over which passes the main rail line westward from Moscow.

It was this causeway that was followed by Napoleon in his disastrous invasion of Russia a century and a quarter ago.

THIS is a time-tried military principle:

Apply maximum force to a given spot, break through, roll the enemy's wings back, spread out in his rear, capture, destroy and demoralize his army (or armies.)

END THE WAR by destroying the enemy's power to strike.

SUCH is a decisive battle. Such were the ten decisive battles of the world (up to his time) described by Creasy.

Such was the battle of Zama, where Scipio's cavalry broke Hannibal's too-thin line in the center, charged through and routed the Carthaginian reserves, then turned back and DESTROYED the demoralized enemy forces.

Zama ended Hannibal's amazing career. It ended Carthage as a world power.

THAT is what the German armies are trying to do to the Russian armies in the Smolensk gap. Whether or not they succeed will depend upon the skill of the Russian commanders.

The job of the German commanders is to destroy the enemy. The job of the Russian commanders is to save their armies from destruction, so that they may fight again.

Such are the outlines of the dramatic picture you are watching today.

MEANWHILE:

From Istanbul, Turkey, comes word that the Russians are holding in RESERVE behind Moscow a fresh army of FOUR MILLION MEN, ready to be thrown against the German forces in a counter-offensive whenever the moment appears.

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Carson Slated to Head Legionnaires Of Oregon; Auxiliary Nominates

EUGENE, July 23.—(AP)—Oregon American Legion delegates climaxed their annual convention with passage of resolutions and election of officers to-day. Klamath Falls appeared favored for the 1942 convention.

Joseph K. Carson, Jr., inspector-general of the Pacific coast civilian defense program and former mayor of Portland, was most prominently mentioned for state commander.

Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, Portland, was endorsed by the auxiliary for vice-president of western states. The women also voted creation of a state-wide child welfare commission and to expand the program, which now has child welfare centers at Portland and Roseburg.

The 40 of 8 organization elected Dr. F. J. M. Earnest, Portland,

Army's Chief Hits Holdover Dodging Plai.

Move to Have Draftees Petition Congress Held Dangerous Sabotage

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall denounced today as sabotage of a dangerous character what he said were organized efforts to have draftees petition congress against extending the service of selectees and national guardsmen.

The chief of staff, testifying before the house military committee in behalf of an extension, asserted there had been an organized effort by "countless outside forces" to have members of the first army sign petitions against the proposal.

Word of the activity, Marshall said, came from Lieutenant General Hugh Drum, commander of the first army.

"We cannot have a political club and call it an army," Marshall said forcefully, adding that the situation could not be ignored and that the men involved would have to be treated "as soldiers."

He did not amplify the statement.

At the outset of his remarks, Marshall told the committee he was now "stymied" on the question of reinforcing the army's small garrison at Trinidad by the one-year limitation on the service of draftees and guardsmen. Although he said he had been pressed for approval of plans to send additional troops to Trinidad, one of the southernmost of the new bases obtained from Britain, he had refused because of the legislative restrictions on the service of selectees and guardsmen.

Two telegrams dated Fort Dix, N. J., protesting against service extension have been released by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) It is against army regulations for soldiers to attempt to influence legislation but what else.

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World's Biggest Diamond Split Up by Expert

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—The first step toward the division of the 726.60-carat Presidente Vargas diamond into \$2,000,000 in cut stones has been completed successfully.

After months of study, Adrian Grasseley, a veteran diamond cutter, cleaved a 160-carat section from the fourth-largest diamond in history in a nerve-rattling operation that left him physically weak after striking three precision blows.

Prior to the cutting, the Vargas, rough and blue-white, was considered the largest uncut diamond in existence.

It was found in 1938 by Joaquim Evancia in the dry bed of the Rio Santo Antonio, near Comandante, Brazil. Later it was bought by the Hollandsche Unie bank-financed syndicate in Rio De Janeiro and sold to Harry Winston, a New York diamond merchant.

The stone was named after President Vargas of Brazil.

German Newspapers Sidetrack War News to Unite in Blast at Roosevelt, Derogatory Criticism of Freemasonry

BERLIN, July 23.—(AP)—Attacks on President Roosevelt pushed the German war off the front pages of the entire Berlin morning press today.

Although the luftwaffe in the past 24 hours carried modern technical warfare to Moscow, which had not heard the din of battle with a foreign foe since 1812, editors gave the whole of their front pages to a rejuvenated anti-Roosevelt campaign.

The president was charged with intriguing against Germany in Bolivia. DNB, the official German news agency, said he was trying to bring Bolivia into the status of "colonial dependence" in the United States.

Also under attack was his message to congress, and the press branded as lies his remarks concerning German threats to the United States.

Without exception, the newspapers also published on their front pages a picture of President Roosevelt with his sons James, Franklin and Elliott, at a Masonic lodge session.

According to Nazi tenets, being a Mason is almost a cardinal sin and the picture is supposed to be particularly damning evidence, as the Voelkischer Beobachter said in a two-line banner headline, that "Roosevelt is the Main Tool of Jewish World Freemasonry."

(Freemasonry in parts of continental Europe years ago developed activities, including interference with politics, which led many governments to declare it a danger to the state and to suppress it within their jurisdictions. Freemasonry in the United States, as well as the "mother grand lodge" of England and Anglo-Saxon lodges generally, has no connection with such Freemasonry. Among the fundamentals of the United States grand lodges, for instance, are non-sectarianism in religion and the forbidding of political activity.)

The picture was reported found in Masonic headquarters in German-occupied Oslo, Norway. It was described as taken November 7, 1935, and as depicting President Roosevelt at the initiation of his sons James and Franklin.

Forest in Coast Range is Closed

Formal announcement was made today of the closing of the Coast range area from Reston north to Elkton to all entry except by permit. The proclamation closing the area was made earlier this week by Governor Charles A. Sprague and legal notice is given by publication in today's issue of the Roseburg News-Review.

All persons entering the area must first secure a permit from the Douglas Forest Protective association. These permits are obtainable at the stations listed in the formal notice to be found in today's News-Review. All persons travelling within the area under permit will be required to carry a shovel, axe and water bucket.

The area is being thoroughly posted along all roads and trails.

Escaped Convicts Make Way Into Portland

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Police searched Portland today for two escaped Oregon penitentiary convicts believed to have made their way from Salem by threatening a motorist with butcher knives.

Francis Lindquist of Mission Bottom, 10 miles north of Salem, said two men, fitting descriptions of the escapees, forced him at the point of a knife, to drive to Portland.

The convicts, Virgil J. Akin, 38, and Loren F. Wallace, 33, were blamed for burglary of a Portland home, from which four suits of men's clothing were taken.

Akin, serving three years for larceny, and Wallace, serving five years for burglary, escaped yesterday. They were trustees.

Oregon Prunes May Be Purchased for Britain

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—The surplus marketing administration advised Senator McNary it was considering purchasing northwest prunes to be converted into pulp and solid pack canned fruit for jam stock.

The senator had urged purchase of Oregon prunes for jam stock for Great Britain. McNary said he understood the British government was working with the SMA instead of purchasing fruit through private interests.

Klamath Shooter Draws Sentence of 20 Years

KLAMATH FALLS, July 23.—(AP)—A plea of guilty to assault with intent to kill resulted in a sentence of 20 years in a federal penitentiary for Floyd Fisher, 47, yesterday.

Fisher admitted shooting Thurman Wilson, Klamath Indian reservation official. Wilson is expected to recover.

Fall of Tree Limb Kills Melrose Man

Blow Fractures Neck of Wallace Spokely While On Camas Valley Job

Injuries suffered late Tuesday when he was struck on the head and neck by a large limb, which fell while he was engaged in cutting a tree, caused the death here today of Wallace Spokely, 26, a resident of the Melrose district. Spokely was engaged in falling timber on the Ada Denn place in Camas Valley at the time of the accident. He was brought to Mercy hospital here, where he was found to have a broken neck.

He was born in Montana and came to Douglas county from Deer Park, Wash., about 15 years ago and has made his home near Melrose continuously. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

Unmarried, he is survived by his father, John S. Spokely, Melrose; his mother, Mrs. Anna Spokely, Choteau, Mont., and two brothers and four sisters, Arlie Spokely, Melrose; Ernest Spokely, Redding, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Gendreau, Balf, Alberta, Can.; Mrs. Gladys Cloverdale, Black Diamond, Alberta, Can.; Mrs. Irene Redmond and Mrs. Esther Groot, both of Choteau, Mont.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and arrangements for services are awaiting word from relatives.

Copeland Creek Rock Point Will Be Blasted

Due to the fact that a rock point on the Copeland creek section of the North Umpqua road is to be blasted early Thursday morning, the road will be closed to traffic all day, it was announced this morning at the local headquarters of the Umpqua National forest. It is expected to have the road cleared by nightfall, but it is possible, it is stated, that the opening may be delayed until late Friday and persons planning to pass over the section should obtain advance information. The route, however, will be cleared for travel over Saturday and Sunday, so that week-end traffic to Diamond lake may make use of the North Umpqua road.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



HUGH WHIPPLE, U. S. forest service employee, packing a half-case of eggs at the forest warehouse near town, for parachute delivery from a plane to fire-fighting crews in the Umpqua National forest.

Humpty Dumpty's fall wasn't in it, compared to the one these eggs were destined to make—a 400-foot plunge through the ether to hard ground. Humpty Dumpty, according to legend, never was quite the same again; but it is extremely doubtful if more than one or two eggs, out of the fifteen dozen, were cracked after making this startling descent into the hills.

The case, in this instance at least, was cushioned by means of a layer of bread—half a dozen

loaves, I estimated. Sometimes, I was told, the bread took a beating; but scrambled bread is a lot easier to re-assemble into edible food, than scrambled eggs in the shell.

"Aren't you afraid," someone inquired of the foresters, "to drop these bundles in inflammable country? When they light, they might start a fire, don't you think?"

The man who asked that question, I will add for your information, later was taken over the forest in a plane, and dropped overboard in place of a food package, and without a parachute, into the middle of a deep, rugged gorge. It seemed to be the only fitting thing to do, under the circumstances.

Scores Die in Raid Branded By Russians as "Fizzle"

French Yield To Halt Blow At Indo-China

Japan, With Force Poised For Attack, Granted New Concessions, Is Report

HANOI, French Indo-China, July 23.—(AP)—It was generally accepted here today that Japan has made sweeping demands for further concessions in southern Indo-China and that the French virtually have accepted.

This followed two days of conferences between Admiral Decoux, governor of Indo-China, and Major General Sumita, chief of the Japanese military mission here.

A tight censorship has been clamped down on the reported Japanese demands and the French reaction to them.

It is forbidden to disclose their origin or discuss their nature, but the Japanese are pictured here as having made broad demands in southern Indo-China and the conferences as concerned only with details for carrying out what is assumed to be another Japanese expansion program in this French colony.

The conferences are continuing and their end is not yet in sight.

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Hanoi, French Indo-China, said today it had

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Band Announces Concert Program

The Roseburg Municipal band, which last week started its summer concert season, playing to a capacity crowd at Library park, will give the second of its programs at 8 p. m. Thursday. The selections to be offered tomorrow night are announced by Director J. D. (Snapp) Gilmore as follows: March—"In the Army Now," Decker; "London Salute," Vail; March—"Dunlap Commandery," Hall.

Request for Wanda Armour Althaus at the piano. Popular—"Are You From Dixie?" Cobb.

Waltz—"Sounds From Erin," Bennett.

March—"Fairest of the Fair," Sousa.

Harmonica playing by Mr. David Wood.

March—"Militaire," Talbott.

Waltz—"My Wild Irish Rose," Oleott.

March—"Royal Hussars," King.

Popular—"Ferryboat Serenade," Lazarro; "Old Favorites," Serady.

Roseburg girls' drum corps, who are going to Eugene on Friday to take part in Trail-to-Rail pageant.

Finale—"God Bless America," Berlin.

26 Injured When Auto Crashes Into Crowd

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., July 23.—(AP)—An automobile rocketed into a crowd of nearly 1,000 watching an outdoor movie in the main street of nearby Lyons last night, injuring 26 persons and scattering the others in panic.

Four ambulances took 18 of the injured to a hospital, where three were released after treatment. James Brown, 12, of Marco, suffered such severe injuries to his left leg that it had to be amputated.

Sheriff Charles Blanton jailed the driver, Pete Mengedoh, 24, residing near Lyons, and said the charge to be placed against him depended on the outcome of the inquest.

The movie, a weekly offering of the Lyons Merchants association, was being projected onto a screen stretched on a rope high above the street level.

U. S. Navy Ready For Pacific Duty, Knox Announces

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox today said there was "no question" but that recent developments in the far east, including the Japanese government's establishment of radio and cable censorship on information from that country, meant new military movements in the far east.

Knox told his press conference: "I look for movement out there—and very soon."

He declined, however, to discuss the possible direction of such a move, saying that "no one can tell at this point whether it will go north or south."

Knox was asked whether the United States fleet was in position to do "whatever is necessary to carry out our policy in the far east."

Knox said "yes," and declined to elaborate.

Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, arranged to receive the Japanese ambassador today amid increasing signs that the United States was preparing new notice to Japan on the threat of military moves in the far east.

Welles was expected to ask Admiral Nomura to clarify Japanese intentions, making it clear at the same time that the United States was vitally interested in maintenance of the peace in the Pacific.

RAF Gives Nazis No Rest in Raids On Cities, Ports

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—RAF bombers, two high to be seen but with a roar indicating they were in mighty force, swarmed out over the channel today in another British daylight air offensive.

The French, and possibly the Belgian and Dutch, coasts apparently were the targets of these attacks following a second straight night in which, the air ministry said, the German industrial cities of Frankfurt and Mannheim were hit.

Other forces of British bombers struck at docks at Dunkerque, Rotterdam and Ostend, the ministry said, adding that planes from all these operations returned safely.

During the night German raiders confined their activity to the east and northeast coastal areas of Great Britain, injuring a few persons and causing superficial damage, the British said.

British fighters on a night offensive patrol were credited with strafing a number of German airbases in northern France.

BERLIN, July 23.—(AP)—British raiders admittedly dropped a large number of high explosives and incendiaries in southwest Germany overnight, but the high command said damage was negligible and British air assaults cost the attackers 15 planes throughout yesterday.

In new German air assaults on Britain's seaborne commerce, it said, a 5,000-ton merchantman was sunk off the English coast and port establishments on the Humber and in southeast England were bombed. Several English airports also were reported attacked.

Oscar Weeks Barn Near Myrtle Creek Burns

The Oscar Weeks barn, located about three miles north of Myrtle Creek, was completely destroyed by fire, which apparently started about 7:30 o'clock last night. The fire is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion of hay recently stored in the structure. The fire destroyed a large quantity of hay and some small tools and implements. All livestock was saved, except three pigs. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Fires Set In Heart of City, Germans Say

Attackers Lose Fifteen Planes; Land Units Still Locked in Bloody Battle

By the Associated Press
Dispatches from London late today said the impression was gaining ground there that Germany's 10-day-old second big offensive against Russia was exhausting itself in the face of formidable soviet resistance and the difficulties of maintaining supplies.

A British news agency report said German vanguards which reached the outskirts of Smolensk, key city 230 miles from Moscow on the central front, had been driven off.

By the Associated Press
German bombers left scores killed and wounded in Moscow today and reported that "vast flaming seas" engulfed the soviet capital, while on the fighting front Adolf Hitler's high command declared Russian troops were suffering "extraordinarily sanguinary losses" everywhere.

It was Moscow's second successive night raid.

The Russians, while admitting casualties, fires and bomb-wrecked homes, declared the Moscow assault was a failure. They also insisted that soviet troops were still fighting in the same

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Warfare Renewed By Ecuador, Peru

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, July 23.—(AP)—Official Ecuadorian reports said Peruvian troops started a general attack on a 12-mile front on the southern frontier of Ecuador today, but were repulsed and driven out of several of their own outposts.

Eight Peruvian planes bombed Puerto Bolivar three times this morning, the Ecuadorians said.

The Peruvian foreign office charged that Ecuadorian troops fired on Peruvian outposts which began July 5. Fighting spread later to the vast area east of the Andean range in the Amazon jungles which had been disputed territory for more than a century.

The latest outbreak followed recent indications that determined efforts by the United States, Argentina and Brazil to get the two countries to settle their dispute peacefully were about to bear fruit.

The three neutrals have been working toward creation of a neutral zone along the frontier to prevent future clashes until sovereignty of the territory in question is settled.

Lad Admits Fire-Setting That Killed Half-Sister

COLUMBUS, O., July 23.—(AP)—A boy of nine who said "I like to see the flames" was held in a detention home today after admitting, Coroner E. E. Smith said, that he set three fires—the last one burning to death his four-year-old half-sister at their Canal Winchester home.

Donald Hedrick fired a church parsonage, a paint store and his own home yesterday afternoon, the coroner said the boy told him.

Mary Lucille Hedrick, sleeping on the second floor of the home, was trapped.

Donald himself reported the first of the three fires, rushing into the office of the Canal Winchester Times and urging an employee to sound the village fire siren atop the building in which the paper is located.