

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature.

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Everyone talks about it and nobody does anything about it—so they say. But at least you can learn by reading the Roseburg News-Review each day, the official facts concerning the weather.

RUSSIA CLAIMS HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUR Harry Hopkins hobnobs in Moscow today (Thursday) with Stalin.

Stalin tells Hopkins Russia will play her part in crushing Hitler. Hopkins tells Stalin the U. S. will help Russia against Hitler. The talk is described as "cordial," with a general impression on both sides of confidence in the general war situation.

(Public expression by Stalin and Hopkins of LACK of confidence would have been hot news.)

HOPKINS watches an air raid then takes a ride around Moscow. They have a flat tire and Hopkins gets out and offers advice to the soviet chauffeur, telling him: "I've had a lot of experience with flats."

BOTH the Russians and the Germans are talking a swell war today.

Berlin says: "The Russians are losing in their frantic efforts to save Leningrad even with such desperate measures as walls of flaming forests set against the advancing Germans." Seven Russian divisions are reported destroyed.

Moscow says: "The Germans are held to a standstill and are wearing themselves out in futile assaults on the soviet's unyielding defense. It is a battle of attrition, with the red army using their weight to sap German strength."

YOU know the old Chinese story:

Japs and Chinese fight. Japs lose 10,000, Chinese lose 50,000. Fight again. Japs lose 100,000, Chinese lose 500,000. Pretty soon Japs all gone.

SOVIET military circles in London today predict a Russian counter-offensive by 3,000,000 red army soldiers on the whole front from Leningrad to Kiev. Maybe in two weeks—at any rate whenever the German armies have expended their reserves of strength in attempts to smash the red army around

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Strikes Delay Work On Ohio Arsenal

SANDUSKY, O., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Work holidays by AFL unions delayed construction today at two giant Ohio arsenals—the \$32,000,000 Plum Brook Ordnance Works and the \$35,000,000 Ravena Ordnance plant.

At Plum Brook, outside Sandusky, 600 AFL carpenters refrained from work today to enforce demands for a 25-cent increase in their \$1.12 hourly wage. Twelve hundred other AFL craftsmen, such as electrical workers and plumbers, took a holiday in protest against reduction of the rate for overtime pay. Captain Frank Ray, construction quartermaster, said the 1,200 were not at work pending official confirmation from Washington that the rate for work over 40 hours had been cut from double time to time-and-a-half. The time-and-a-half rate for defense work was agreed upon at a recent conference of AFL international officials.

Meanwhile several hundred skilled workers failed to report at the Ravena arsenal, in protest against reduction of the overtime rate. Electricians and painters came to work today, a survey indicated, but plasterers, plumbers, bricklayers, cement finishers, carpenters and iron workers did not.

Silk Mills U. S. Close by Freeze Order

Huge Industry Is Forced to Suspend to Give Stock For National Defense Use

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The nation's silk and hosiery mills prepared to close the doors tonight on a \$250,000,000 industry, in obedience to a government order to cease production at midnight, and 175,000 or more silk workers looked to the federal government to provide means of support.

The effect of economic warfare in the Pacific was brought home to Americans with stunning force and suddenness last night as the office of production management issued a stop-order on silk processing, to conserve the supply of raw silk for the armed forces.

The order had the result of "freezing" every bale of raw silk in the hands of mills and warehouses, preparatory to possible requisitioning by the army and navy, who would thereby gain a two-year supply of silk for parachutes, powder bags and other defense necessities.

In southern states, as in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and other hosiery centers, the action of Priorities Director E. R. Stettinius, Jr., raised the threat of widespread unemployment.

The action, resulting from restrictions on trade with Japan, source of virtually all clean silk, left manufacturers with no alternatives but to shut down or to switch over, as rapidly as possible, to the use of rayon, nylon or other synthetic fibre.

Mills having stocks of "thrown" silk—semi-processed fibre, ready for weaving—may continue to function, but only until their supply of thrown silk is used up. Otherwise only firms which hold army and navy orders and which obtain specific permission from Stettinius may operate.

Jap Cargo Unloaded

SEATTLE, Aug. 2.—(AP)—

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Harbor Defense Tests Held at Fort Stevens

FORT STEVENS, Ore., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Three-day harbor defense tests by the 249th and 18th coast artillery units closed at noon today at Fort Stevens, Ore., and at Forts Canby and Columbia on the north side of the Columbia river.

Problems included repelling landing parties, tracking enemy vessels, and air raid and gas attack precautions.

Battery G of the 249th, Salem outfit, manned the harbor defense and anti-aircraft searchlights at the Washington forts. Battery G of the 18th, made up mostly of selectees trained at Camp Callan, San Diego, underwent its first war maneuvers.

Rendezvous With Death Kept by Tacoma Man

TACOMA, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Oscar Ruestein kept his rendezvous with death today.

A letter received this morning by Undersheriff Clyde Knowles, read:

"Will you please send an ambulance to my home Saturday morning. You will find my body right behind the house where I live all alone."

Two deputy sheriffs kept the appointment and found the body, shot with a rifle. They said Ruestein, about 70, had pinned a note to himself, reading "this is strictly a suicide."

McNary Returning to Washington for Debate

SALEM, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Senator McNary planned today to leave for Washington, D. C., by air tonight or Sunday for the debate over the price-control legislation pending in congress.

Mrs. McNary and their daughter, Charlotte, will remain here, and the senator said he would return later to complete a vacation.

Chief Operator



—News-Review Engraving.

The promotion of Mrs. Esther E. Goodwin, chief operator for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, to Portland, and the appointment of Mrs. Isabel D. Fisher, pictured above, as her successor here was made known today by F. L. Crittenden, telephone manager.

Mrs. Fisher began her telephone career in Roseburg as an operator in December, 1928, and since March, 1940, she has been evening chief operator.

Mrs. Goodwin, who has gone to Portland on special duties, has been with the telephone company since 1919. She began her work as an operator in Eugene, where she was successively a supervisor and evening chief operator. She has been chief operator in Roseburg since December, 1935.

Longer Training Period Favored

Senate Leaders Working to Roll Up Impressive Vote To Influence Lower House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Senators who advocate extending the training period of soldiers worked today to roll up an impressive vote of approval in the senate next week on legislation making the army's rank and file liable for 18 months' extra service when their present active duty period expires.

Confident that the opposition could muster no more than 30 of the chamber's 96 votes, sponsors strove to whittle this still further. Several said privately they wanted a substantial senate majority for the effect it might have on the house.

While Senator Thomas (D.-Utah) said concessions had been made in the hope of winning over some doubtful senators, opponents made it plain they were not satisfied by an administration compromise move.

Backed by a bipartisan majority of the military committee, leaders proposed yesterday an amendment which would permit selectees, national guardsmen and reserves to be kept in uniform 21 years, instead of the present limit of one year. If congress, however, decided that the national defense required longer service, the president could extend the additional service indefinitely.

Men who enlisted for three years could be retained for a total service of 41 years. As previously drawn the bill would have retained all army personnel in service indefinitely or until congress terminated the act.

County Jail Is Praised By Federal Inspector

The Douglas county jail is far above the average in facilities and methods of operation, according to Bernard Anderson, prison inspector of the bureau of prisons, Washington, D. C. Mr. Anderson, whose home is in Darwin, Minn., spent several hours in Roseburg yesterday inspecting the county jail. He reports that he found the jail to conform in every way to standards, that it is well maintained and that prisoners are efficiently handled.

"Douglas County is to be congratulated on its jail and the efficiency of the officers charged with its operation," Mr. Anderson declared.

Statement By Welles Hits At Acts by Vichy

U. S. Attitude to Be Fixed By French Effectiveness Against Axis Aggression

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Chief of State Petain was reported tonight to have insisted before a lengthy cabinet meeting that France stay within the limits of her present agreements for collaboration with Germany, despite pressure for a military accord with the reich which would extend to the African port of Dakar.

As a result, informed sources believed there would be no immediate change in the composition or policy of the French government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The United States served notice today that its attitude toward the French government at Vichy would be governed hereafter by the "effectiveness with which France defends its territories against the axis powers' aggression."

In a statement assailing French "collaboration" with the axis powers, the acting secretary of state, Sumner Welles, declared that France's failure to resist Japanese aggression in French Indo-China menaced American security.

"The French government at Vichy," Welles said, "has given repeated assurances to the government of the United States that it would not cooperate with the axis powers beyond the obligations imposed on it by the armistice and that it would defend the territory under its control against any aggressive action on the part of third powers."

This government has now received information of the terms of the agreement between the French and Japanese governments covering the so-called "common defense" of French Indo-China. In effect, this agreement virtually turns over to Japan an important part of the French empire.

No Justification

"Effort has been made to justify this agreement on the

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Changes In Tax Bill Rejected

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Chairman Doughton (D.-N.C.) announced today the house ways and means committee had rejected three suggestions from President Roosevelt for last-minute changes in the \$3,529,000,000 tax bill, including a proposal for lowering individual income tax exemptions.

Doughton said that although the treasury had opposed any broadening of the income tax base, the president had suggested that the exemption for single persons be lowered from \$800 to \$750 and that for married persons from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

The president's suggestions, contained in a letter to Doughton, also included a proposal for modification of the requirement that all married couples file joint income tax returns so as to give each spouse complete credit for his or her earned income and the substitution of the treasury's excess profits tax plan in place of that approved by the committee.

Doughton said he had been instructed by the committee to inform the president that the group had decided not to make any changes in the bill at this time.

Magazine and Tobacco Stand Sale Announced

Purchase of The Papoose, the tobacco and magazine stand at 112 North Jackson street, by Ethel Guile and "Jackie" Weiss, was announced today. The two ladies are taking immediate possession of the business. The stand has been under the ownership and management of the Uppquid Amusement company.

Embargo Adds To Crisis In The Far East

Japanese Mass Troops; Move Into Thailand Is Expected Within Month

By the Associated Press Japan defied American-British economic pressure today, after President Roosevelt's embargo on aviation fuel to Japan, and her minister of commerce, Vice-Admiral Seizo Sakonji, declared bluntly that the situation was "so tense a single spark would be sufficient to cause an explosion."

Simultaneously, foreign military circles in Shanghai, which predicted Japan's current move into French Indo-China, said they expected a crisis in Thailand within a month.

Japanese troops were reported massed in Cambodia, near the Thailand frontier, and Japanese planes were poised within two hours' flying time of Bangkok, the Thai capital.

Usually reliable Japanese sources in Shanghai said Tokyo had tentatively approached Thailand already with the object of welding that country into Japan's so-called "co-prosperity sphere."

Bases Demanded

This further supported a statement by authoritative quarters in London yesterday that Japan had demanded military bases in Thailand, within 400 miles striking distance of Singapore, and control of the country's rubber, rice and tin production.

In Tokyo, the Japanese Times and Advertiser, organ of the Japanese foreign office, said flatly that British and United States moves to cut off Japan from vital supplies of oil, tin and rubber would only speed her program to win economic self-sufficiency.

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Quinault Fire Out of Control

By the Associated Press The big Quinault Indian reservation fire, which cast a foggy pall over parts of western Washington yesterday continued to run out of control last night but remained in slashings and burned-over land with no present danger either to marketable timber or to towns in the area.

Some 1,100 men, aided last night by a special flying squadron of national forest service firefighters from Montana, were on the lines today and were working with three new caterpillar tractors rushed to the blaze yesterday.

Firefighters called the situation yesterday the "best in four days" but were not agreed on whether the big blaze could be brought under control in present weather conditions. Fears for the Indian town of Tachah and the lumber town of Moclip were lessened yesterday; but the spruce orchard, a 3,600-acre tract of planted trees, was still in danger.

A blaze in Washington's largest stand of yellow pine, 12 miles northwest of Goldendale, was controlled late yesterday.

Wool Pool Still Being Held For Better Price

Bids still are being received by the Southern Oregon Wool Pool, but no offer so far has been acceptable to the directors, according to John Rohr and V. J. Phillips, members of the executive board. The pool contains about 300,000 pounds of wool, owned by approximately 400 members.

The wool market has been slow, it is reported, and mills have been buying only in limited quantities to fill actual orders. The board is of the opinion that the price will advance and the pool is being held until an offer is obtained in keeping with the value of the wool, Rohr and Phillips state.

The pool remains effective until August 31, after which, if it is not sold, will be turned back to the individual growers.

New Draft Boss



Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey was named by President Roosevelt to succeed C. A. Dykstra as director of selective service.

Price Fixing Bill Meets Objections

Legislation Would Permit President to Set Ceiling On Rents and Services

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A price fixing bill which would affect every American pocketbook began running into objections today immediately after its introduction in congress.

The legislation, presented in both the senate and house yesterday, would authorize the president to fix price ceilings for commodities and rents, but would give him no authority over wages or utility rates, and would grant special treatment to farm commodities. Regardless of the latter concession, some farm state legislators expressed discontent with the measure as it stood.

The bill designates the price level on last Tuesday, July 29, as one to which the chief executive should give "due consideration" in fixing other price limits. The president, however, could make adjustments to compensate for speculative fluctuations, changes in cost of production or transportation, and similar factors.

He would be empowered to establish price ceilings, to fix rents in designated defense areas where rents had increased 10 percent since last August 31, to "eliminate and prevent profiteering" and to "protect persons with relatively fixed and limited incomes." He could require licenses for engaging in transactions covered by the measure, except that he could not compel licenses for distribution of newspapers, periodicals, books and other printed matter.

Drunken Driver Draws Fine and Jail Term

Morris R. Duncan of Riddle was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on drunken driving charges today in justice court.

Duncan was picked up Friday night near Riddle by state police. Ed James, fifth member of a group of men who were charged with spotlighting in the Gleggery district last Sunday night, was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters for his part in the spotlighting.

Chamber of Commerce Gets Bucket of 'Wampus'

"Here is a bucketful of wampus," Jim Mess, local Myrtlewood craftsman informed Harry Pinniger, secretary, as he responded today to the chamber of commerce appeal for additional funds. Mess submitted his check in an aluminum bucket to aid both the chamber of commerce and the scrap aluminum drive. A very fine response has been given the appeal for funds needed by the chamber of commerce, Pinniger reports.

Nazis Said to Be Retreating Before Red Forces; Germany Declares Army Still Gaining

Conflicting Reports Are Released as Rumors Increase of Revolt in German-Conquered Areas; State of Civil Siege Reported in Norway Where All Radios Were Confiscated by Nazi Officers.

By the Associated Press

Russian armies defending the Smolensk gateway to Moscow reported the slaughter of four German divisions (about 60,000 men) today and soviet military dispatches declared that naz advance forces were retreating with heavy losses under red counter-attacks.

"From isolated defensive blows, the red army is going into consecutive counter blows which are hurling back the impudent enemy," said Pravda, the communist party newspaper.

German reports said naz infantry moving up to the advance fighting lines in the Smolensk salient had freed swift panzer columns for a new break toward Moscow.

On the southern front, Adolf Hitler's high command said that "another destructive battle is under way" about 150 miles south of Kiev, capital of the Russian Ukraine, and that naz speed troops had knifed deep into retreating red army columns.

The German high command asserted that soviet divisions trapped east of Smolensk, on the central front, were "being further hemmed in."

A Russian communique said that bayonet-charging red troops killed hundreds of Germans of the 137th naz infantry division, trapped in the Smolensk sector, and that soviet artillery accounted for other hundreds slain.

"In order to help retreating German forces," the communique said, "the German command threw into the battle the 137th German division which entered the fighting straight from the march."

Before the foot-weary nazis could swing into action, the Russians said, red troops struck in a flanking attack and cut them off from support.

Division Annihilated

The entire German division was said to have been annihilated. Soviet dispatches also reported that the 99th red army division, an organization of picked veterans, had destroyed three other German divisions. The Russians said immobilized German tanks, their fuel exhausted, were being sunk in the ground and used by the nazis as pillboxes.

While the Russians pictured the 42-day-old conflict as turning in their favor, the Germans asserted a heavy onslaught against Moscow itself was imminent. Germans Claim Gains

Informed quarters in Berlin took a German vanguard overtook retreating Russian forces on

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Expansion of Air Base At Portland Announced

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A \$1,250,000 expansion of the Portland army air base was announced yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. Strommen.

He returned from Washington, D. C., with authorization to increase total strength from 2400 to 3600 men and construct 90 barracks and warehouse buildings.

Expansion of other bases in the northwest will follow, he predicted.

Dr. McKaig, Yoncalla Resident, Dies in Eugene

Dr. Richard F. McKaig, of Yoncalla, died early this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Yoncalla Monday at 10 a. m., with interment at Riverside cemetery in Albany. Arrangements are in charge of Stearns Mortuary of Oakland.

Farmer Killed by Bus While Walking in Road

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 2.—(AP)—A. B. Benedict, 86-year-old Ridgefield farmer, was killed by a North Coast line bus on the Pacific highway south of Pioneer last night.

Coroner Ronald DuFresne said Benedict was walking across the highway. R. B. House, Longview, was driver of the bus.

Sen. Lumpkin Of S. Carolina Dies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Senator Alva M. Lumpkin of South Carolina died last night, the second senator to die in recent weeks shortly after assuming office.

The 54-year-old democrat was sworn in less than two weeks ago to succeed James F. Byrnes, who was appointed to the supreme court.

Senator Andrew Jackson Houston, 87-year-old Texan, died June 26 after taking office June 2 to succeed the late Senator Morris Sheppard. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi also died this year.

Lumpkin was stricken with a gastric hemorrhage Wednesday night and was unconscious almost until his death. Mrs. Lumpkin and a son, Alva, Jr., were at the hospital bedside, as was Justice Byrnes.

Pursuit Squadron to Train at Arlington

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—With machine guns pounding, army airplanes will swoop on targets in the sagebrush near Arlington as field training begins for the 55th pursuit group Sunday.

The 37th squadron from Portland will be followed in 10 days by the 54th and other squadrons as opportunity permits. Besides target practice, the airmen will simulate combat under war conditions.