

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

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FIVE DIE IN BROOKLYN WATERFRONT FIRE

RUSSIANS, JAPS NEXT?

That's the big question now as opposing armies line up on the Siberian frontier. Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the explosion that may occur any day.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIG news today (Thursday) as the curtain is drawn a trifle to reveal a part of what took place at the momentous Roosevelt-Churchill conference somewhere on the high seas.

WHAT we are permitted to see includes the first statement of British-American war aims. This statement is intended to convince the British and American people that they are fighting in a just cause. It is intended to stiffen the backs of the people in the German-conquered countries, where under-cover resistance to German rule is reported to be growing.

It is intended to say to the German PEOPLE that they have nothing to fear from a British-American victory.

(**N**OTE the coupling of Britain and America. America is now committed to support of the Russian-British cause on all fronts and to the reconstruction of Europe after the war.)

WHAT is not specifically revealed to us, although it is hinted at, is that Roosevelt and Churchill agreed upon a brass tacks policy toward Japan. What the AP describes as "competent observers" in London think it is probable the agreement included:

1. The exact point at which Britain and America will stop talking to Japan and START SHOOTING.

2. Mutual use of bases in the south Pacific.

3. A request to Russia to throw in her Siberian army of a million men if war starts in the south.

NOTE, please, that the stated war aims are to take effect AFTER THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE NAZI TYRANNY.

Two courses are open to America:

1. Use of all means necessary to prevent British defeat.

2. Joining with Britain to DEFEAT HITLER and reconquer Europe.

The first of these courses is relatively simple, and our minds are already made up to it.

The second is IMMENSE in its possibilities, involving expeditions.

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Bill Relieving Men 28 or Over From Military Duty Signed by President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed into law today legislation to relieve men 28 years and older from active military duty under the selective service act.

The new law provides mandatory deferment for men not yet inducted and directs that those of the specified age who request it shall be released from service "as soon as practicable and when not in conflict with the interests of national defense."

The chief executive was expected to sign later in the day a bill extending the service of the rank and file of the army 18 months.

The mandatory deferment applies to men who on July 1, 1941, or on July 1 of any subsequent year have reached their 28th birthday without being inducted into service.

The provision for release from service applies to men who were 28 or older when inducted, provided they had reached that age by July 1, 1941.

The law also amends the selective service act to require posting at the offices of local draft boards the names and classifications of men classified by each board.

RUSSIA IN COUNTER-ATTACKS HURL NAZIS BACK

Ukraine City Saved; Foe's Loss 20,000

Reds Forced, However, to Yield Nikolaev Port, But First Ruin Shipyards

By the Associated Press
Fierce Russian counter-attacks were reported today to have saved a Ukraine city identified as "K"—possibly Kiev, the capital—with 20,000 Germans killed and wounded after they had advanced within five miles of the town then were thrown back six to eight miles.

Red army troops still were advancing, soviet dispatches said, hitting savagely at the northern flank of the long German wedge into the Ukraine.

On the central front, Marshal Timoshenko's defenders of the road to Moscow were reported to have repulsed other Nazi columns in large-scale counter-attacks. Near a city identified only as "M," the German losses were put at 5,000 men.

The Russians acknowledged Nazi troops knifing across the heart of the southern Ukraine had captured the big port of Nikolaev, 60 miles northeast of Odessa, but declared that the city's shipyards had been blown up in the withdrawal.

Soviet officials also admitted the fall of Krivoriizh, rich iron ore center, 100 miles northeast of Nikolaev, which the Germans claimed last week.

New Nazi Drive Launched
With the 1,200-mile battlefield from the Baltic to the Black sea aflame in bitter night-long fighting, authoritative quarters in

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Hoodlum Gangs Battle; 2 Killed, 3rd Wounded

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Two youths were killed, one stabbed seriously and two were arrested as the result of a flare-up in rivalry between hoodlum gangs, police declared.

Officer J. E. Hamilton said Porfirio Vargas, 22, was held in jail on a charge of suspicion of murder after his automobile struck a coupe and killed Peter Barabarras, 16, and Peter Delago, 18.

The driver of the car in which the two boys were riding was held on suspicion of negligent homicide.

The collision occurred at an intersection where 50 members of rival gangs were fighting, Hamilton said. When police arrived they found Juan C. Flores, 22, bleeding from a deep stab wound. One policeman was cut slightly on the arm with a razor while attempting an arrest.

Internal Revenue Take Biggest in U. S. History

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The treasury said today internal revenue collections aggregating \$7,370,108,377 in the fiscal year which ended June 30 were the largest in American history.

The treasury statement was contained in a final revision and analysis of fiscal year figures.

The total collections last year after adding customs and other non-internal revenue receipts were \$7,607,211,852, also a record.

The internal revenue figure represented a 38 per cent increase over the preceding fiscal year, due partly to better business and partly to increased taxes. Expenditures, as a result of the defense program, however, gained even faster. Total spending last year was \$12,774,890,323 and the deficit was \$5,167,678,471.

In the previous year, spending was \$9,127,373,805 and the deficit was \$3,740,249,135.

Hotel Employee Sought In Missing Money Case

Sheriff Cliff Thornton announced today that search is being made for Glenn Davidson, a recent arrival here, who has been employed as assistant night clerk at the Grand hotel. A warrant for Davidson's arrest was issued this morning on incident with a reported disappearance of \$102 from the hotel safe and cash drawer, the sheriff reported.

Defense Program Support Doesn't Require Party's Surrender, Oregon GOP Head Tells Douglas Picnickers

National unity does not require the surrender of partisanship, Neil Allen, chairman of the state republican central committee, told party members of Douglas county at the county-wide G. O. P. picnic held Saturday at Winchester. Stressing the need for greater party spirit and individual responsibility, Mr. Allen urged republicans to work diligently toward a strong and closely knit party from the precinct through to the national organization.

The state chairman was the principal speaker at the picnic, a short talk also being made by Ernest Jachetta, Portland, president of the Oregon republican club.

The meeting was conducted by H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county central committee. Speakers were introduced by Harris Ellsworth and Harry Pinniger. F. L. Crittentend and Harris Ellsworth spoke briefly on the national defense bond sale.

Mrs. Grace Wells, Klamath Falls, state vice-chairman, was in attendance and was introduced to

the audience, as were the members of the county central committee and officers of the republican club.

The program was opened with a concert by the Roseburg Municipal band and the singing of "America," led by Paul Geddes, Backs National Defense.

Chairman Allen, in his address, introduced his message by citing the organization of the republican party, showing that it is a party which rests entirely in the hands of the people. It has been greatly weakened, he said, because of indifference on the part of the people and that it cannot continue to exist unless it reaches into the voting precinct for its strength.

Turning to the subject of national unity, he declared that the party in power had endeavored to jockey the republican party into unpopular positions and had tried to link the party with the isolationists and obstructionists.

"We are all of one mind on the need for defense and we are united," he said.

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Jacob Cordon Dies At His Home Here

Jacob Cordon, 89, resident of Roseburg for more than a half century, died Saturday night at his home, 906 E. Lane St., following a long period of ill health.

Born in Nottingham, England, May 26, 1852, he came to the United States at the age of 21 years. He located in Roseburg in 1890 and had made his home here continuously since that date, being engaged in the painting and paper hanging trade. For many years he operated a paint supply house here as a member of the firm of Cordon and Bishop.

Mrs. Cordon died in April, 1921. Surviving are five sons and daughters: W. O. Cordon, Eugene; W. H. Cordon, Roseburg; Mrs. Kate Raymond, Portland; Mrs. Nora Walsh, Eugene, and Guy Cordon, Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, Rev. Perry Smith officiating. Interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Fires Claim Seven Lives, Two Homes

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Six children, ranging in age from two to 11 years, perished early today as flames destroyed their farmhouse at Grange, near this western Pennsylvania community.

Merle Bush, 47, father of the children and a WPA worker, reported the fire started from an explosion of soot in a coal stove which he was firing. Bush, his wife and two other children, 14, and 4, escaped from the home.

HERMISTON, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Fire, believed to have started from a cigaret, burned Guy W. Callison, about 35, Colorado Springs, Colo., to death in his trailer home here Saturday.

Callison, who was asleep at the time, was a carpenter at the army munitions depot.

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A smoldering snag toppled near here Saturday, nearly claiming the life of Carp Edwards. A member of a crew called to fight a brief flareup in the Crabtree creek burn, Edwards suffered a fractured collar bone and leg and arm lacerations.

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Fields of drying grass around her house were a definite fire hazard, Dr. Alma Miller complained to the fire department Saturday.

Chief William Nusbaum dispatched a crew to burn off the grass.

Two hours later Dr. Miller put in another frantic call for firemen. An answering truck found her house burned to the ground.

Firemen disclaimed responsibility, but Dr. Miller insisted a brisk breeze whipped up embers from the grass fire after the crew had left.

Funeral Services Set Lieut.-Colonel Mulkey

Funeral services for Lieutenant-Colonel O. A. Mulkey, 49, former Myrtle Creek resident, will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at San Antonio, Tex., according to word received today by his sister, Mrs. C. C. March. Colonel Mulkey spent his early life in Myrtle Creek, but, following graduation from Oregon State college in 1925, had been on active duty with the army. He had made his home in San Antonio in recent years. He was retired a year ago because of ill health.

Strike-Tied Shipyards May be Seized

Navy's Request Studied By Roosevelt; Batch of Other Disputes Settled

By the Associated Press
President Roosevelt had under consideration today a navy recommendation that he sign an order for the government to take over the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock company yards at Kearny, N. J., idle since August 7.

A strike there by the CIO Industrial union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers has halted production on \$493,000,000 of naval and merchant ship construction.

The union, claiming its members numbered 16,000 of the company's 18,000 workers, called the walkout after the management declined to grant a contract clause for maintenance of union membership, recommended by the mediation board.

Other week-end developments in the defense labor field:

Federal conciliators persuaded the Association of Communication Workers, an independent union, not to walk out in support of demands for a working agreement with Western Electric, Inc. The government representatives

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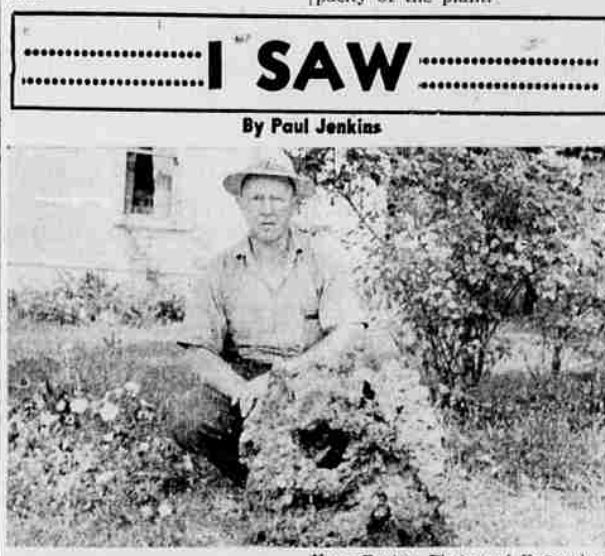
Four Soldiers Hurt in Crash Near Gold Hill

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Four soldiers attached to the 7th divisions headquarters, Fort Ord, were injured when an army truck was involved in an accident today on the Pacific highway east of Grants Pass. They were rushing north to help defend the northwest against a mythical enemy in war games.

The injured: Seymour Garter, Vernon Bassett and Henry C. Cortney, bruises and abrasions; Corp. Andrew J. Emery, bruises and back injury.

Hospital attendants said Emery and Cortney were the more severely injured and might remain at the hospital.

Unconfirmed reports said the accident occurred on Blackwell Hill, near the community of Gold Hill.



A DOUGHNUT-SHAPED substance which Mark Elliott, pictured above, thinks is a meteorite. It was found by Mark's son-in-law, Ralph Hoskins, on Thomas creek, about four miles from Mark's home in Canyonville.

"We think it is a fragment from the meteor which passed over Roseburg and through here four or five years ago," Mark told me. "Most everyone either saw or heard that one, and most of us thought it fell somewhere to the south of us, and not so far away."

Mark and Ralph sent a specimen of their find to the University of Oregon, and were informed by the scientists there that it

Huge Soviet Army Massed in Siberia Opposite Japanese

(By the Associated Press)
There are indications that Russia has fully mobilized a far east army of great strength on the Siberian frontier, opposite Japanese forces massed in Manchukuo. Tokyo dispatches said late today, while Tokyo newspapers warned the Japanese public that war threatened on all sides, as the result of encirclement by hostile nations seeking to strangle the nation economically.

Casting new emphasis on the far east crisis, Secretary of State Hull declared in Washington that Japan had given no satisfactory explanation for refusing to allow 100 American citizens to leave the island empire.

Japanese newspapers splashed reports that Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would visit Moscow, resumably to confer on what the Japanese charged was a plan by Russia, China, Great Britain and the United States to "encircle" Japan.

Previous reports have said Japan had concentrated upward of 500,000 troops along the Manchukuo-Siberia border, opposite nearly 1,000,000 Russian soldiers.

United States Ambassador Grew conferred for more than two hours with Japanese Foreign Minister Toyoda amid an atmosphere of tension in the Japanese capital.

Their discussion was described as of the utmost importance.

Some qualified observers saw a situation even more delicate than during the reciprocal credit freezing by the United States and Japan, although developments still were obscure.

Today the newspaper Nichi Nichi indicated Japan would not budge from her recent course and added: "If Britain and the United States are dead set against Japan's course Japan has no other way than to break through obstacles by her own power."

Home Property Here Traded for Glide Farm

Exchange of residential property at 221 East Commercial Ave., in Roseburg by Lee Engles for 400 acres of farm land near Glide formerly owned by Mrs. H. C. Witham, was announced today by Mrs. Engles, who was a business visitor here today. Mr. and Mrs. Engles are now residing at Sitkum, Coos county, where he is employed by the California Oregon Power company.

Mrs. Witham has taken possession of the residence, which now is occupied by Dr. W. H. Wilton.

Mr. Engles is preparing to make extensive improvements to the farm property, which consists of 100 acres of bottom land and 300 acres of pasture. He will erect a modern home and barns at some future date, and plans to stock the farm with purebred sheep.

Man Drowns in Rescue Try in Ten Mile Lake

MARSHFIELD, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A Long Beach, Calif., teacher was in a hospital today, seriously ill from the accident which claimed the life of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Bertsch were passengers in a scow on Ten Mile lake, which was swamped by a passing speedboat yesterday.

Bertsch dived for two children tossed from the scow, and failed to reappear. Another passenger, Vincent Arrington, North Bend, aided the others in reaching the partially submerged scow, to which they clung for 30 minutes before help arrived.

Doctors said Mrs. Bertsch was threatened by pneumonia.

Eugene Gets National DAV Rally Next Year

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Eugene, Ore., was selected Saturday for the 1942 convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.

Part of the cost of the convention will be paid by a \$10,000 appropriation by the 1941 Oregon legislature.

Score Taken To Hospitals; Liner Burned

Several Aiding Vessels Damaged, Cargoes Lost; Sabotage Suspected

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Five men were killed, considerable property damage was caused and a number of seamen were feared dead today in a fire which swept a section of the Brooklyn waterfront.

The blaze, touched off by a series of lightning-like explosions, damaged the Cuba Mail line freighter Panuco, a 1,000-foot Cuba Mail line pier, and damaged an adjoining pier and several craft assisting in the unloading of a highly inflammable cargo from the Panuco.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine said he feared "many more men or bodies" were aboard the flaming Panuco which was towed into the East river after she caught fire.

He said 26 men were fished out of the river, three of them dead—longshoremen—and 22 were taken to hospitals. Some of the latter were believed dying.

E. S. Sackett, special agent in charge of the Manhattan field office of the federal bureau of investigation, and Kings County (Brooklyn) District Attorney O'Dwyer began investigations of the possibility of sabotage.

Valentine said he believed the fire started on the pier, No. 27, but the fire department was unable immediately to determine the cause of the blaze or estimate the damage. The adjoining pier, No. 26, has been used by ships carrying supplies to the British.

An hour and a half after a tongue of flame licked out of pier 27, ripping it apart and igniting barrels of oil on nearby barges, injured longshoremen and others were still being rushed to a hospital.

Meanwhile, firemen scoured the New York harbor waters at the foot of pier 27 picking up stevedores and many others who either were hurled or jumped into the water at the time of the blast.

Valuable Cargoes Lost
The flames quickly engulfed the Panuco, heavily loaded with quicksilver, minerals and hemp. Cut loose from the burning pier, she drifted crazily down Butter milk channel opposite Governor's island and burned into a smoking empty hulk within an hour. Five barges, several of them loaded with steel cables destined

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British, Germans Trade Air Blows

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—British bombers which pounded Germany and occupied France by day and night during the week-end were reported today to have concentrated last night on Bremen and the important industrial area around Duisburg on the Rhine.

Indicating a large-scale daylight offensive against some continental objective, a big formation of RAF planes roared high over the channel from the south-east coast this afternoon.

The air ministry said more than 100 British bombers ranged over western and northwestern Germany during the night despite unfavorable weather, and that only one British plane was lost.

Large fires were said to have been touched off among the docks at Bremen and in the industrial districts at Duisburg. A few German planes retaliated over Britain last night, the air ministry said, bombing several coastal points. One plane was said to have been downed.

Nine persons were killed and several injured when the raiders bombed a densely populated residential district of Hull. Many others were said to have been trapped for hours.

Large numbers of German planes approached the port, these reports said, but all but a few were prevented by RAF fighters from getting through.