

THE WEATHER

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Has Hitler's blitzkrieg spent its force against Russian resistance? War dispatches are contradictory, but the slowing of the Nazi drive seems unmistakable. Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for a decisive blow on one side or the other.

ATTACKER OF U. S. DESTROYER IS SOUGHT

SPLIT TAX FILIN PRIVILEGE STANDS

Senate Kills Amendment For Abolition

Provision for Monthly Pensions of \$30 to Get Separate Attention

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The senate killed today an amendment to the record-breaking tax bill which would have prevented husband and wives in community property states from splitting income in order to reduce taxes. Such division, which usually operates to lower tax liabilities on joint incomes above \$3,500, now is permitted in Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Idaho and Washington. The projected prohibition would add about \$50,000,000 in revenue, some senators estimated. The restriction was recommended by the finance committee, but Senator Connally (D-Tex.), a committee member, termed it "a proposal which no senator from a community property state can accept without making known his opposition." Defeat of the amendment on a voice vote cleared the way for final action on the tax measure today. The amendment was rejected after leaders, confronted with an extended fight, abandoned their efforts to obtain its adoption. The amendment had been proposed by the senate's finance committee. Committee Chairman George (D-Ga.) announced that the proposal would be considered later on in another measure. Elimination of the proposal brought the total of the tax bill down to \$3,583,900,000. That still was a record high, however, and (Continued on page 6.)

Another Woman Held as Nazi Spy

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Federal agents today announced the arrest of 25-year-old Mrs. Helen Pauline Mayer on espionage charges, the second woman accused of being involved in a spy ring allegedly operated by Kurt Frederick Ludwig, who was arrested recently in the state of Washington. The other woman, Lucy Boehmmer, 18, and two men accomplices, have pleaded guilty. Mrs. Mayer lived with her parents in suburban Ridgewood, Queens, and worked as a secretary. A native of Brooklyn, she was graduated from a New York City high school and attended business school. She also had attended German script classes conducted by the German-American Bund in Ridgewood.

'Oregon Green' Campaign Success, Sprague Says

SALEM, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Asserting that the "Keep Oregon green" campaign is a success, Governor Charles A. Sprague said today that only 7,659 acres of state and private forest lands have been burned over this year. There have been only 312 man-caused fires, against a normal of 700. There were 524 fires caused by lightning, or 63 per cent of the total number. The normal figure is 15 per cent. Lightning caused more than 90 per cent of the damage.

Government Issues Green Signal For Railroad Tank Trains to Roll Out of West With Oil to Relieve Shortage

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The green signal was flashed today for railroads to send hundreds of trains rolling out of the west to relieve the oil emergency in the eastern states. Representatives of the oil industry gave the government a pledge last night to use every available railroad tank car, opening the way for the railroads to prove that their kind of transportation could eliminate the oil shortage within two weeks. Rail representatives and a committee of the oil industry agreed speedily on sharp reductions for rail movement of oil from the producing areas to the Atlantic seaboard. J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, told a senate committee Wednesday that the oil shortage could be ended within two weeks by utilizing all available tank cars. He said there now were 20,000 idle rail tankers capable of moving 200,000 barrels of oil to the east daily. The daily shortage is estimated by government officials at 174,000 barrels. Rate Charges Slashed No official statement was issued on the rate reduction agreement, but reliable reports said it embraced a flat 25 per cent rate cut on gasoline, 10 per cent on fuel oils, and reductions ranging up to 50 per cent on crude oil, for west-coast shipments. A 25 per cent slice in gasoline rates would mean the motor fuel would move at 1 to 1.5 cents a gallon under rates now effective. The present tariff runs up to 5.5 cents for the long haul from Texas to the New York area. The crude rate, it was understood, would be 13 per cent of the first class rail rate now in effect in the east, compared with 26 per cent of first class now charged. The charge for hauling oil by coastwise tank ships has run about one-sixth the rail tariffs. (Continued on page 6.)

Gas for Ickes



Oil Co-ordinator Harold Ickes, who put the east on gas ration, has a private pump on his Maryland estate. This is it, and underneath is a 500-gallon tank to supply Ickes' tractor, truck, station wagon, private sedan and government limousine.

Renegade 'Red' Journalist Slain

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Marcel Giton, a prominent communist journalist who had turned against his party, died in a hospital today from an assassin's bullet wound. He was shot last night by an assailant who escaped on a bicycle. Giton was secretary-general of the metal workers union before the war, when he was elected to the chamber of deputies from the Seine department. He refused to join other communist deputies in signing a letter opposing the war and was not unseated when the chamber voted to oust the signers. The assassination followed swiftly the wounding of a German army sergeant in Paris. German police still are seeking his assailant.

Fence-Jumping Dog's Mistake Ends His Life

BEND, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The \$500 police dog of Mrs. L. B. Wallbridge of San Francisco was fond of jumping fences. Yesterday state police revealed that he mistook the guard wall at the Peter Skene Ogden park for a fence and jumped it, falling to his death in the 300-foot-deep Crooked river canyon. Mrs. Wallbridge asked officers to determine whether the animal might have survived the fall. They found the dog crushed on the rocks in the gorge bottom.

Murder Charge Faced By Slayer of Indian

DALLAS, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—First degree murder charges were filed here yesterday against Dewey Jackson, 45, logger, by District Attorney Spaulding, and Jackson was bound over to the grand jury. Jackson is charged with the fatal shooting Wednesday of Joe McCoy, 40, Indian, at Grande Ronde. Sheriff T. B. Hooker said Jackson confessed the shooting. Jackson charging that McCoy had been giving attentions to Mrs. Jackson.

Rail Unions' Vote Favors Strike Call

Last Chance of Averting Tie-Up for Wage Boosts Rests With Roosevelt

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Mediation of the wage dispute between the nation's major railroads and their 1,250,000 employes ended in failure today, less than three hours after the employes had given a general strike authorization to their 19 unions. In announcing that attempts to reach an amicable settlement of the dispute had ended, the national railway mediation board disclosed that an offer of arbitration had been rejected by the unions. This brings the controversy to President Roosevelt, who has the authority to appoint an emergency fact finding board. No strike may be put into effect until at least 30 days after this board has made its report.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Chieftains of 19 railroad unions announced today that they had been authorized to call a nationwide strike in an effort to enforce demands for wage increases. Heads of the non-operating unions with a membership of approximately 900,000 met Sept. 11 as the date for a strike. Officials of the five operating groups said that 98.7 of their 350,000 members voted in favor of a strike. The leaders of the operating unions reported that preliminary figures on a strike authorization vote showed that out of 287,000 votes cast, 283,429 were for a strike and 3,571 were against. Stanley Johnston, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that the operating unions would announce a date for a strike within three days. Johnston said that the operating unions undoubtedly would reject a proposal to arbitrate the dispute. He added that they were eager to have a fact-finding board, appointed by the president, investigate and report. This is the final step in the procedure established by the railway labor act to avert strikes. Johnston said the carriers made a final wage offer before the strike votes were announced. He said that it was so complicated "we consider it no offer at all."

Boy Wounded By Accidental Shot

Wendell Haughn, 14-year-old boy living a short distance north of Roseburg, was accidentally shot with a .22 calibre rifle while shooting at stumps yesterday afternoon, with another youth as his companion. The bullet penetrated his abdomen and liver, and lodged against the spine. It was removed in an operation at Mercy hospital, where it was announced that the boy would probably recover. Johnston said the carriers made a final wage offer before the strike votes were announced. He said that it was so complicated "we consider it no offer at all."

Mrs. C. G. Stanton Dies in Roseburg

Mrs. Charles G. Stanton, 64, of 702 S. Pine street, Roseburg, died last night following a long illness. Born at Rochester, Minn., August 17, 1877, she came to Roseburg as a child with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Patterson. She was married in Roseburg June 1, 1894. Mrs. Stanton had made her home in Roseburg throughout the greater part of her life, except for a few years spent at Portland and Timber, Ore., where Mr. Stanton was employed by the Southern Pacific company. They returned to Roseburg from Timber in 1937, following his retirement from the railroad company service. Mrs. Stanton was a life-long member and active worker in the Christian church. Surviving are the husband, two sons, Charles V. Stanton, city editor of the Roseburg News-Review, and George L. Stanton, Toledo, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. L. W. Myrick, Portland, and three grandchildren. Services will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 2 p. m. Saturday, Rev. John A. Barney officiating. Interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Nazi Siege Churches Of Christian Science

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Confiscation of the property of nine Berlin Christian Science churches was announced in the official Gazette today. Christian Science has been banned in Germany.

Younger Men To Lead Army Units Planned

Reduced Age Limit Set by War Dept. Will Remove About 5,000 Officers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The army, intent on developing its fighting punch, put another billion dollars worth of combat equipment on its buying list today and simultaneously began shifting field leadership to young, hand-picked officers as tough physically as the men they command. Both steps, announced by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, at his press conference yesterday, were expected to raise soldiers' morale to a higher pitch. The extra money, Patterson said, is needed for tanks, anti-tank guns, and anti-aircraft weapons. The request will go soon to congress, which recently trimmed about \$550,000,000 off a \$1,300,000,000 request for additional weapons which army men said would be needed for a force of 3,000,000 men. Patterson made it plain that neither then nor now did the department contemplate immediate creation of a 3,000,000-man force. But the tanks and artillery pieces will require a long time to manufacture, should be ready when needed, and new plans call for a denser assignment of such weapons among the present forces. The undersecretary told newsmen that the trend was "clearly in favor of an increased density of these weapons in any troop units."

Berlin Version Given

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Traffic Mishap Victim Dies; Inquest Ordered

MEDFORD, Sept. 5.—(AP)—William A. Maxwell, 59, injured Monday in a traffic accident, died yesterday. He suffered a skull fracture. District Attorney Neilson ordered an inquest for tonight.

Douglas-Coos Bull Elk Kill Reported at 104

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The bull elk kill in the Coos-Douglas area since the season opened Aug. 31 was reported yesterday by the state game department as 104. Eight hundred seventy-eight hunters checked into the area and 355 have checked out.

Submarine Will be Erased If Found, Roosevelt States

Artillery Of Nazis Pounds Leningrad

Fresh Troops Join City's Defense; British, Italians Battle in Mediterranean

By the Associated Press German artillery shells screamed into Leningrad today, the Nazis said, highlighting the gigantic struggle on the Russian front. The Germans, who previously have claimed to be within 20 miles of Leningrad, easy range for the biggest cannon, gave no details about action on any of the widespread fighting fronts. The Russians, however, acknowledging that the hot pace of the life-or-death battle for that city of 3,000,000 was increasing, claimed recapture of three villages and destruction of a heavy gun battery. The defenses of Leningrad were said to have been bolstered by the arrival of troops from Tallinn, evacuated successfully before the Germans took the Estonian capital. These forces were reported already back in battle against the Nazis. Berlin Version Given Informed sources at Berlin said long-range guns were firing on bridges and rail facilities in and between Leningrad and Schulusselburg, 20 miles to the north. (Continued on page 6.)

Defense Work For Army, Navy Hit by Strikes

(By the Associated Press) Labor troubles have caused a serious stoppage at the Crucible Steel company's Harrison, N. J., plant, making \$10,000,000 worth of ammunition for the army and navy. The company closed down the works, making 3,000 employees idle, as the result of a strike of 500 CIO maintenance men. A company spokesman said the maintenance men, members of the steel workers organizing committee, were vital to operation.

Torpedo Fails To Hit Greer, Iceland-Bound

Result of Depth Bombs in Reply Unknown; Greer Frequently Assailed

REYKJAVIK, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Officers and crew members of the U. S. destroyer Greer, which was attacked by a submarine near here, said today they believed that they at least damaged the attacking craft. They based this belief on the fact that their instruments indicated that their vessel was over the submarine when they dropped their depth charges. WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that the United States destroyer Greer had been attacked more than once, that steps were being taken to track down the marauding submarine, and that the vessel would be eliminated if found. The president's statement was an official answer to the first challenge to the U. S. navy's extended Atlantic patrol—an attempt by an unidentified submarine to sink the Greer, which replied with depth bombs. The navy itself remained silent after issuing this communication last night. "The navy department announced that the U. S. Greer, en route to Iceland with mail, reported this morning that a submarine attacked her by firing torpedoes which missed their mark. The Greer immediately counter-attacked with depth charges. Results unknown."

Murder Indictment Faced by Canby Youth

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E. A. Rhoten, Former Douglas Resident, Dies

Word was received here this morning of the death at Salem today of E. A. Rhoten, 63, former resident of Douglas county. Prior to 1902, Mr. Rhoten was for a number of years a resident of the South Deer creek community. Since 1902 he has resided at Salem. He leaves a widow and five sons and daughters. Mrs. Rhoten is a daughter of Mrs. R. L. Cannon of Glendale.



Andrew (Tony) Hogan

Andrew (Tony) Hogan, ninety-nine years old the 14th of last August, Tony makes his home at the county hospital, and in the picture of him above, he was pointing his hand unmistakably at the clock, which very nearly indicated the lunch hour. Tony, although he is not as advanced in years, admits that he is enjoying himself at the hospital as well as could be expected, and proved it by stowing away a good square meal at noon. He invited me to join him, but I was a trifle put out with him, because he has the room there that I've always felt hopeful of securing for myself; so I sincerely hope not.

Oakland Man Accused By His Wife of Assault

Hugh Copeland, 28, of Oakland, was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff Bill Manning, of Oakland, on a warrant charging assault and battery, signed by his wife. According to Sheriff Cliff Thornton, the officers are investigating the case relative to the report that Copeland had made threats against his children. He was arraigned this morning before Judge R. W. Masters in the justice court and bail was set at \$100. His trial was set for September 9.

Drunkness on Highway Draws Fine of \$25

Forrest McKay, of Roseburg, pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of drunkenness and paid a fine of \$25 in the justice court here. Sheriff Cliff Thornton arrested McKay near Deady, after the car in which McKay had been riding had struck a concrete culvert and then stalled a short distance beyond.