

THE WEATHER

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Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.
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DARK FOR HITLER

If he cannot stop aid to Britain and Russia, his chances of winning the war are slim. Will he attack U. S. convoys? Make your guess, then follow NEWS-REVIEW news.

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CARGO CONVOYING STARTED BY U. S. NAVY

LENINGRAD CRUMBLING UNDER NAZI BLOWS; 9 SOVIET DIVISIONS ERASED

City Doomed, Word Sent By Attackers

Reds Counter With Claim Of Tank Victory, Sinking Of Ten German Vessels

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's high command reported today the annihilation of nine soviet divisions and the crushing of nine other divisions "with the bloodiest losses"—a grand total of about 270,000 men—in fighting south of Lake Ilmen on the Leningrad front.
In a special bulletin, the fuchrer's field headquarters declared that strong forces of three Russian armies had been "decisively defeated," with the capture of 53,000 red army prisoners, 320 tanks and 625 pieces of artillery.
German losses, as usual, were not disclosed.
The nazis said the vast slaughter occurred "during the past weeks and indicated a smashing blow to Leningrad's defense army of 1,000,000 men.
Nazi military dispatches, picturing Leningrad as doomed, said the great network of steel and concrete fortifications ringing the old czarist capital was crumbling under blows of the most destructive weapons in the German arsenal.
More than 200 soviet bunkers and pillboxes in the Leningrad defense zone were reported smashed or captured, and German troops at some points were reported only 15 miles from the heart of the city.
On the southern front, the nazis high command asserted that German troops after several days' fighting had captured a series of "highly important bridgeheads" across the lower Dnieper river in the Ukraine, clearing the way

Ten More French Hostages Shot by Nazis In Reprisal for Attacks on Invaders; Civil Siege in Oslo, Norway, Lifted

PARIS, Occupied France, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A German non-commissioned officer was shot at here today after a German firing squad had executed 10 French hostages for attacks on other German soldiers.
At the same time it was learned that another German non-commissioned officer was seriously wounded Monday night before execution of the hostages. The German shot at today was not hit.
PARIS, Occupied France, Sept. 16.—(AP)—General von Stuelp-nagel, commander of the German occupying forces, announced today that ten more hostages had been shot in Paris in reprisal for attacks on German army men.
The executions brought to 13 the number officially announced. Three hostages were shot at dawn Sept. 6 for an attack on a sergeant.
The evening after these executions, a German officer was shot, another shot at but missed, a German military garage was fired and a German military official assaulted. Subsequently, a German officer was clubbed and another man hanged in Paris streets.
As far as is known, the actual attackers have not been apprehended.
The latest executions—any political prisoner of the Germans is considered a hostage—appeared to check the announced desire of Fernand de Brinon, the Vichy ambassador to Paris, to take charge

Cairo Suffers 1st Raid From Axis Planes

132 Civilians Killed or Wounded; Reprisal Blot At Rome Now Expected

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Cairo suffered its first air raid of the war today, when axis planes bombed the city heavily, killing 39 civilians and wounding 93.
The Egyptian ministry of interior issued a communique stating that there were alarms in several provinces and that anti-aircraft went into action. Property damage was described as slight.
This apparently opened the way for British bombing of Rome, for the British last spring warned that bombing of either Cairo or Athens would bring reprisals against Rome.
Cairo is a holy city to the Moslems, much as Rome is to Catholics.
Although Alexandria, site of a British naval base, has been bombed frequently, Cairo had escaped heretofore, and Athens proper was not bombed throughout the Balkan campaign.
The British government warning to the axis came from No. 10 Downing street, residence of Prime Minister Churchill, on April 18, and stated that once the bombing of Rome started "it will continue as convenient to the end of the war."
It added that the greatest care would be taken to spare Vatican City, but charged that the Italians were prepared to drop captured British bombs there.
German officials the next day angrily rejected the British

Douglas Logging Slash to be Burned

Approximately 8,000 acres of logging slash is to be burned soon in Douglas county, it was announced today by Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association. At a meeting of fire wardens held Monday to consider the arrangements for slash disposal, it was reported that logging operations have been in progress in 95 acres, where the burning of the brush and rubbish left from the logging work will be burned.
The burning will be conducted by the logging companies but will be supervised by the fire wardens to assure protection to adjoining timber lands.
Mr. Southwick reports that a recent law passed by the state legislature requires that five per cent of the stand of timber on any tract being logged shall be left uncut. The trees remaining must be of commercial species and of seed-bearing size. Special emphasis is being placed on burning so that the seed trees and second growth or reproduction timber left on the logged-off areas shall not be destroyed, thus insuring a continuous forest growth.

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Youth Held Here Adds Bad Checks To Crime Story

Doyle Clark McCann, 17-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, youth, arrested Sunday night on a charge of armed assault and robbery, was ordered held for the grand jury today. Ball was fixed in the sum of \$2,500. McCann is alleged to have stolen an automobile from Fred Hurri, local canneryman, and to have wrecked the machine following a holdup at the A. A. Sandlin store in North Drain, according to the report by Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police.
McCann's fingerprints are being forwarded to the bureau of criminal identification to determine whether he has a past record, Sergeant Morgan reported.

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Tape-Masked Bandit Robs Band Theater Cashier

BEND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A man who concealed his features with tape robbed Monda Match, Bend theatre cashier, of \$400 Sunday, threatened another employee with a gun and escaped.
Miss Match was held up as she entered the office to place the night's receipts in the safe. John Anderson, projectionist, was threatened with the pistol.
Mott predicted that the United States would not formally enter the war because "Hitler is on his way out."

Hop Picker Killed as He Walks in Car's Path

SALEM, Sept. 16.—(AP)—An unidentified man, said to be a hop picker about 48 years old, was killed last night near Independence when he walked into the path of a car.
Roy Lee Pratt, 41, Hubbard, was in a critical condition at a Salem hospital today after a highway accident six miles west of Salem. Pratt's car ran into the rear end of a lumber truck, which had slowed down, state police said.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SITTING down to breakfast in the coffee shop of Fort Wayne's pleasant Keenan hotel. Outside, the sun is shining in a cloudless sky. A bright and comely waitress with a sense of the eternal fitness of things has just placed coffee on the table. In the morning air is the tantalizing odor of corn belt ham.
Look at my watch. It says a quarter to eight. Which means a nice start with no need to pound the road TOO hard to make the necessary quota of miles.
In all ways, the goose hangs high.
JUST then my eye falls on the coffee shop clock. It says a QUARTER TO NINE!
Holy mackerel! What's loose? It develops that Fort Wayne has daylight-saving time—which means that they turn their clocks up an hour in order to kid themselves into getting up an hour earlier and going to work so they can quit an hour earlier.
The idea is to save electric power for defense purposes.
IT'S a swell idea, of course. But to carry it to its ultimate and logical and effective conclusion they should go to bed with the chickens so the current that formerly was wasted in the form of bright lights can be employed in turning out guns and tanks and ships and planes to lick Hitler with.
Coming in rather late last

Coal Output Halt Facing Federal Quiz

Owners of More Than 30 Mines Called in Strike Of 40,000 Workers
By the Associated Press
The heads of some of America's largest steel companies have been summoned to appear before the national defense mediation board at Washington tomorrow in connection with a labor dispute which has closed more than 30 "captive" coal mines whose product is essential to the nation's armament drive.
The "captive" mines produce coal used exclusively by the steel companies which own the mines. Some of the mills have only three to six weeks reserve stock of coal.
Upwards of 40,000 United Mine Workers (CIO) have struck for a union shop. The mediation board stepped in quickly to take jurisdiction in the dispute, and asked that the strikers return to work.
The affected mines are in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Tennessee, and are owned by the U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic, Weirton, Wheeling, Crucible and Youngstown Sheet and Steel companies.
An unrelated dispute among anthracite miners stirred eastern Pennsylvania. About 16,000 hard coal miners, members of the CIO-UMW, spread a work stoppage movement in protest to an increase in union dues and assessments. Dues have been upped from \$1 to \$1.50 a month, assessments from \$2 to \$6 a year.
In Chicago, a fact-finding board named by President Roosevelt investigated the strike threat of 1,250,000 railroad workers.

Compromise Tax Bill Gets O. K. of House

Way Now Cleared for Final Action Expected in Senate Tomorrow
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The house gave prompt approval today to the \$3,533,400,000 compromise version of the new defense tax bill, clearing the way for final action tomorrow by the senate.
Without a roll-call vote the house adopted recommendations of a joint senate-house conference committee which worked out the compromise on changes made in the record-breaking flurry of criticism developed against some of those changes, particularly the reduction of the individual exemptions from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single persons and the elimination of the requirement that all married persons file joint income tax returns.
Rep. Crowther (R. N. Y.) protested that certain provisions of the bill, such as those lowering the exemptions and imposing a \$5 annual use tax on passenger

Argentina May Oust Nazi Envoy

Edmund von Thiermann
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The Argentine congress yesterday demanded the expulsion of German Ambassador Edmund von Thiermann within three days for "abuse" of diplomatic privileges.
The ouster resolution was addressed to the executive branch of the government for action immediately.
It was the outgrowth of an investigation by the Argentine congressional "Dies committee" which reported uncovering documentary evidence that the ambassador was a principal leader of subversive organizations of the nazi stripe.
The resolution censured Von Thiermann personally in a form that holds him persona non grata in Argentina.

Lease-Lend Supplies To Be Protected

Warships Under Orders To "Capture or Shoot" All Axis Raiders Met
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Stripped for action, the United States Atlantic fleet took under the protection of its guns today all lease-lend cargoes in transit on the Atlantic between the North American continent and Iceland.
The widely accepted view in authoritative quarters here was that it meant the start of actual convoy duty by U. S. naval vessels along a 2,000-mile stretch of the north Atlantic.
Literally, the new naval policy as enunciated by Secretary Knox was to provide protection "as adequate as we can make it" in the designated area, with all fleet units under specific orders "to capture or destroy by every means at their disposal" every axis raider encountered.
With the Atlantic fleet safeguarded with the responsibility of safeguarding British and all other cargo vessels in the expanses west of Iceland, the royal navy could concentrate its efforts on guaranteeing safe passage through the precarious 800-mile stretch between Iceland and the British Isles.
Trade ships to carry arms to Britain's shipping burdens, American merchantmen were given explicit permission to carry arms and munitions to many parts of the vast British empire.
The state department announced a ruling by Attorney General Biddle last night which held that President Roosevelt's neutrality act proclamation at the outbreak of the war in 1939 did not bar American ships from transporting implements of war to any portion of the British empire except the United Kingdom, India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa and areas blocked by neutrality act "combat zones."
The effect of the ruling was to clear the way for the flow of munitions in American ships to numerous British colonies and possessions, some of them of strategic proximity to theatres of active operations and others of potential future importance.
Neutrality Law Mullied
Meanwhile, administration leaders in the senate were mulling over the whole broad question of the existing neutrality law and

Ex-U. S. Ambassador to Britain, Germany Dies

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, Mass., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Alanson Bigelow Houghton, 78, former ambassador to Germany and Great Britain, died here today of a heart attack.
He was president of the Corning glass works of Corning, N. Y., prior to entering the diplomatic service, and was republican candidate for the U. S. senate from New York after leaving the ambassadorship in 1928.

Ex-Convict Author Held in Murder of Benefactor's Wife

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A literary ex-convict, who came out of prison with tuberculosis, was held for questioning today about the bludgeoning of the wife of the doctor who cured him.
Her skull crushed, the body of Mrs. Florence Stricker, 42-year-old heiress, was found Saturday night by her husband, Dr. George H. Stricker. She had been slugged, then shoved in a closet.
The house was topsy-turvy, indicating a hasty search for valuables, and Dr. Stricker said diamond rings which his wife was wearing were missing.
Ernest G. Booth, 43, who began writing in prison, was taken into custody Sunday. Yesterday he was booked on suspicion of murder. He denied any knowledge of the death, told how Dr. Stricker had treated him for three years, how the Strickers had invited the Booths to their home, and how he and the doctor were collaborating on a book. Then he said:
"Anyone who thinks I'd repay kindness with murder doesn't know me."
Booth penned "Ladies of the Mob," later made into a movie starring Clara Bow, "We Rob a Bank" and "Stealing Through Life" while he was still behind bars. He has written magazine articles and worked as a scenarist at movie studios in recent months.
The officers were stationed in front and on top of buildings as the two escaped gunmen drove up at 9 a. m., the bank's opening time.
One of the two fugitives evidently recognized the officers, drew his gun and fired once but as he fired the officers' guns answered back.
Both bandits were dead in a moment. There were five bullet holes in the windshield of their car and others riddled the sides.
Hight and Wutcherik were two of five men who fled the state prison on May 27 by tunneling through a sewer. Two of the five still are at large.
Wutcherik was sentenced from Shawnee county in 1933 and Hight from Pratt county in 1927, both on robbery charges.
Officers found three rifles, three pistols and two sawed off shot guns in the fugitives' car.

Fugitives Slain in Bank Robbery Trap

MACKSVILLE, Kas., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Trapped by Kansas bur- eau of investigation officers who had waited all night, George Hight and Frank Wutcherik, fugitives from the Kansas Penitentiary were shot to death today as they drove in front of the Macksville State bank.
Five K. B. I. officers led by Lou B. Richter, director, and accompanied by Sheriff Logan Stanford and Undersheriff Wesley Wise were waiting on an advance tip the bank would be robbed.
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By Paul Jenkins



A PROUDLY BEDECKED CHIEF, sitting astride his equally bedecked horse at the Pendleton Round-Up, which concluded its performances last Saturday. The photograph appearing above was taken by Bert Shoemaker, who visited in Pendleton the past week.
"The Round-Up was great, as always it is," Bert told me. "It certainly causes all who see it to re-live the old west. I suppose there are very few exhibitions at the present time which so vividly portray those exciting old days."
One of the many disappointments of my life has been that I never have seen this big show. In fact, it's a double disappointment—my wife was raised in Pendleton and never tires of telling me what a swell cowhand and Indian display the show is, until I am about ready to put on hair pants and grab a guitar and lasso, or in the light of the moon, go out