

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight. Rain Friday.

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WAR SITUATION

It's adding furrows to Uncle Sam's brow. How will he deal with the new Far East crisis created in Japan? The answer will make big news. Watch for it in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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JAPANESE CABINET QUILTS IN THREAT OF WAR WITH SOVIET OR BREAK WITH U. S.

HOUSE G. O. P. ABANDONING SHIP ARMING OPPOSITION

Neutrality Repeal Vote Due Friday

Home District Sentiment Causes Congressmen to Become "Open-Minded"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Well-informed house sources reported today increasing signs that republicans were slowly abandoning their opposition to President Roosevelt's foreign policies and would vote in surprising numbers to permit the arming of United States merchant ships.

These sources predicted that the final rollcall, probably tomorrow, on a resolution to repeal the neutrality act prohibition against putting guns on cargo vessels would show more republicans voting "aye" than on any recent foreign-policy legislation.

This shift in sentiment was reported as the house met today to start debate on the simple repeal.

Public Sentiment Heeded

The measure reached the floor without the approval of six of the ten republicans on the house foreign affairs committee. These critics called the measure a step in a campaign to "put us into war by subterfuge" but even some of them conceded that it would be passed by a substantial majority.

One of the minority party leaders, who declined use of his name, said that republicans who have visited their districts in recent weeks have returned to the capitol "a little more open-minded" on international policies the United States.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE was a time (surprising recent) when people thinking of driving from coast to coast asked: "On what routes are the roads best?"

That question now is needless. All routes are good. It's merely a question of where you want to go and what you want to see.

ROUTE 30, the old Lincoln Highway, is still the shortest and fastest road across the country.

That is due to the fact that over 2,000 miles of its approximate 3,200-mile length it follows the wide open spaces where long, straight stretches that can be driven at high average speed are the rule rather than the exception.

Over the remainder of its length a reasonably successful attempt has been made to avoid large cities and to bypass the smaller ones. From the Mississippi eastward, towns and cities are the great obstacles to speed.

FROM the Pacific Coast to the Mississippi river it is possible for a persistent driver to average close to 50 miles per hour, including such necessary stops as taking on fuel.

Across Iowa and Illinois and Ohio, the average will drop to 40 miles or less. From Indiana on, a general average of around 30 miles per hour is about the best that can be expected.

This 30-mile average will hold

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Green Elected to 18th Term as Head Of A. F. L.; Vice President Browne, on Trial for Extortion, Badly Defeated

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor yesterday reelected William Green president, a position he has held since 1924. He was unopposed for his 18th term.

By the overwhelming vote of 37,944 to 421, George E. Browne, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage employees, was denied reelection as 11th vice president and executive council member. His successful opponent was Edward Flore of Buffalo.

Browne is on trial with Willie Bloff, west coast theatrical labor leader, in New York city on a charge of extorting \$550,000 from motion picture companies in violation of the anti-racketeering act. All other vice presidents were reelected.

A strongly worded anti-racketeering resolution was adopted. Remaining as the major issue for disposition before adjournment this afternoon or tonight was the resolutions committee recommendation on aid to Russia. It was expected to follow the executive council stand that aid to Russia is advisable from the standpoint of military self-interest but "without the slightest pretense that the United States and Soviet Russia are friendly or can be friends."

Adoption of the recommendation has been predicted freely, in the absence of any show of opposition.



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Parricide Sent To Reformatory

ALTURAS, Calif., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Fourteen-year-old Charles McCoin, who testified he shot out his father's eyes while the man, already thrice wounded, rolled on the kitchen floor, will go to a state reformatory, at least for a time.

Superior Judge A. J. Wiley, at the conclusion of a juvenile court hearing, pronounced the indeterminate sentence but ruled that the youngster should remain a ward of the court.

"If you persist in your incorrigibility," the judge said, "I will have you brought back to Alturas and tried on a first degree murder charge."

A charge of that character, filed by District Attorney Charles Lederer, already stands against the boy, but he was not tried on it because, until he is 16, he cannot be sent to prison.

Young McCoin, who admitted in court he killed his father, R. E. McCoin, and wounded his mother three times to escape working after school on the McCoin mill pond at Adin, Calif., showed no evidence of remorse at any time during his hearing.

He granted that his father had paid him a dollar a day for the work and in addition gave him a dollar weekly for pocket money, but even so, he said, he couldn't stand it.

RAF Raids Cologne, German Channel Bases

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The RAF attacked anti-aircraft ships, a gasoline dump and oil tanks in the channel and on the French and Dutch coasts, it was authoritatively reported today, after bombers last night raided Cologne and the docks at Boulogne.

One German plane was reported shot down and a British fighter missing.

"Yesterday afternoon," an air ministry communiqué said, "Hudson aircraft of the coastal command bombed and machine-gunned docks and shipping at Esbjerg (Danish west coast port)." Three bombers were reported missing from all the operations.

Man, Wife Face Charge of Larceny

Arrest of Gerald Ward, 30, local carpenter, and his wife, Dorothy, 28, a nurse, was announced here today by Sheriff Cliff Thornton, who reported the couple would be charged with larceny.

The arrest, he said, followed an investigation in which state, county and city police cooperated.

The two were accused, the sheriff said, of the theft of a trunk containing personal property belonging to Mrs. Adam Lyons, Los Angeles, who has a summer home at the head of Hubbard creek.

Clothing, a radio, jewelry and other articles, the officer reported, had been stored in the trunk, which had been placed in the open and covered with tarpaulins as a protection from the weather, pending removal. Mr. and Mrs. Ward, while on a hunting trip, were charged with theft of the trunk and its contents, the sheriff said. He reported that a part of the property had been recovered.

When officers went to arrest Ward this morning, they learned that he had suffered a broken kneecap late yesterday in a fall from a building under construction at the Roseburg Lumber company plant, and that he had been removed to Mercy hospital.

The warrant of arrest was served on him at the hospital and Mrs. Ward was taken into custody, the sheriff reported.

Marion Grangers Oppose Teachers' Pay Increase

SALEM, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A resolution opposing any increase in Marion county rural teachers' pay was adopted by the Marion Pomona grange Wednesday.

Last week-end, at their fall institute, teachers of the county asked increases in a letter directed to all boards following a discussion where it was said that some rural teachers of the county receive on a nine-months' basis salaries which average \$54 a month over a 12-month period.

Oregon's Air Defense Will Be Given Test

Roseburg Center Listed In Plans for 'Invasion' By Planes and Blackout

Western Oregon will be invaded by an "enemy" airforce on the dates of Oct. 28, 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1, according to word received here today by Lieutenant John Truman Runyan, who is in command of the air defense service filter center at Roseburg.

The "invasion" by approximately 135 planes will be staged for the purpose of testing the state's air defense system and training the hundreds of volunteer workers who are participating in the service.

The alert will be conducted from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. on the dates of Oct. 28, 29 and 30, while a 24-hour alert, coupled with a state-wide blackout, will be held from 12 noon, Oct. 31, to 12 noon, Nov. 1.

Preparations Outlined

Two bombardment groups, consisting of about 35 planes, and six squadrons of pursuit ships, about 100 planes, will participate in the test. One of the bombardment groups will be from the headquarters command of the 39th group at McChord field, and the other from the 42nd group at Columbia airbase, Portland. The 1st and 4th airforces will assign fighter ships to make up the pursuit squadrons.

General Harmon, commanding officer of the 2nd airforce, has ordered that the planes be conditioned for 35 hours of flying time each during the alert period. That the personnel be trained for over water flights, and that provision be made for rescue at sea in the event of accidents to the ships which will

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Pendleton Pair Hurt In Coos Road Accident

Mrs. W. E. Thorp of Pendleton was treated at Mercy hospital here yesterday for a fractured knee cap, suffered in an automobile accident on the Coos bay highway. Mr. Thorp was bruised and received a broken rib in the accident, in which his car was involved in a sideswiping collision. Mrs. Thorp did not remain at the hospital, but was removed to the home of relatives in Camas Valley.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

THE MEMBERS of the business office of the News-Review gradually emerging from a mass of bargain rate subscriptions mountain high. First a leg here, then an arm there, would show, until finally the whole crew stood revealed, disheveled and a trifle dizzy from the experience.

I would have taken a picture of the scene, only my camera was at the bottom of the pile and had been for two weeks—still is.

The response of our readers to this most recent of our bargain rates was unprecedented in volume and leaves us gasping. At first we were inclined to congratulate ourselves on what we assumed was a mighty friendly gesture thus being displayed by the said readers; but now, by crackie, I'm not so sure—it looks a little bit as if they deliberately were trying to smother us!

Needless to say, the entire force is extremely grateful for this fine response. In lowering our subscription rates for the short length of time comprising our bargain days—an action which would benefit our subscribers, we were sure, and which, if successful, would benefit us—we asked for cooperation, and got it. I repeat, we are grateful.

Without in the least disparaging "foreign stuff," I have a sneaking notion that what our readers prefer chiefly to see in their News-Review is "home" news—stories and articles and features and ads dealing with what is going on right here in Douglas county, and of the people who cause it to "go on." There are other and innumerable sources of finding out about what the state, the nation and the world is doing; but nowhere else nor by any other means may a comprehensive picture of Douglas county and its activities be secured.

Or, at least, that's what we like to think!

Nation's Course Awaits Decision as Its Embassy Leaves Periled Moscow

Russians Reel From Blows Of Blitzkrieg

Non-Combatants Leaving Moscow as Soviet Lines Crack Under Onslaught

(By the Associated Press) The German high command today pictured the entire Russian defense line as reeling from the fury of two weeks of intensified assault with dive bombers, tanks and masses of infantry.

It declared that Kainin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, and Kaluga, 90 miles southwest of the capital, were in German hands. These apparently were the flanking forward points of the semicircle of steel being closed on the hard-pressed capital.

The German statement that Nazi troops were 62 miles from Moscow referred apparently to the sectors west of the city, where fighting had been reported along the old Napoleonic invasion road near Borodino, 70 miles from the capital, and Mozhaisk, 60 miles from Moscow.

Authoritative London sources declared the battle west of the soviet capital "now has reached its crisis" but added that although very heavy fighting continued "it would not appear that the Germans made any very big advance during the last 24 hours."

Non-Combatants Move Out

The Russians already have begun moving women, children and old men from the city.

The disclosure that the Russian lines had cracked was made in a communiqué this morning. It an-

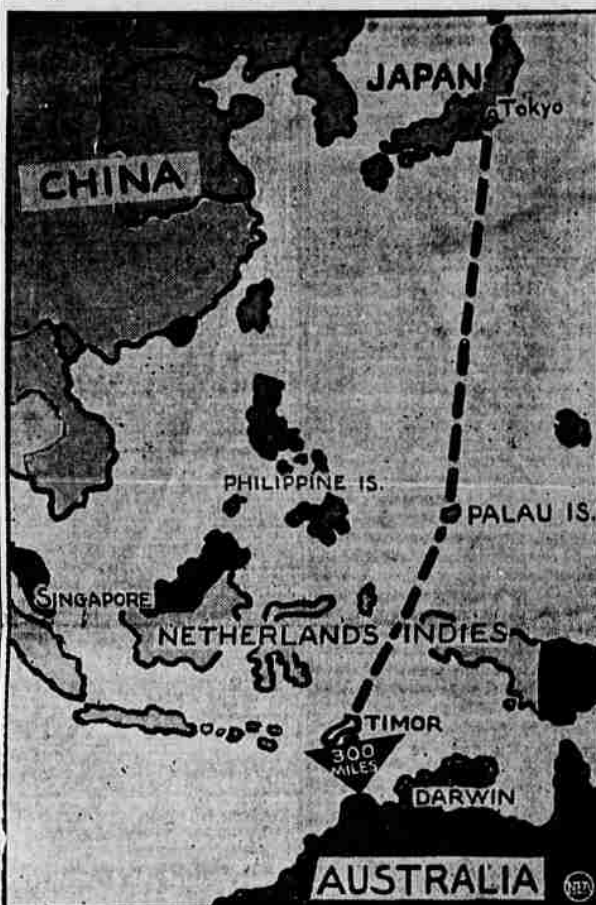
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Bank Cashier to Plead To Shortage Charge

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The U. S. district attorney's office announced today that Clifford Sedits, cashier of a Butte valley bank at Doris, near Klamath Falls, Ore., would be arraigned here today in federal court on an embezzlement charge.

The district attorney's office said Sedits was arrested several days ago at Doris charged with being more than \$1,000 short in his accounts.

Japanese Wing Toward Australia



"Deep significance," is attached to creation of a new Japanese airline between the Japanese-mandated islands of Palau, over the heart of the Netherlands East Indies to Dili, capital of Portugal's half of the island of Timor. There already is an air service from Tokyo to the Palau islands and the new airline brings Japanese planes within 300 miles of Australia.

Six of Orchestra Killed in Crash

OWATONNA, Minn., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Collision of an orchestra van and a cattle truck near here cost the lives of six young men early today. The crash occurred in a fog just before dawn.

The dead included Edmund G. Slevers, leader of the group known as "Red" Slevers' orchestra. Slevers and four of the victims were from Minneapolis. They are: Gordon Dunham, Melvin Gilberg, Roger Johnson and Donald M. Simmons. The other, Vernon Mollerstrom, was from Hennepin, Minn.

Four other members of the band which was en route to Minneapolis from an engagement at Marshalltown, Ia., escaped serious injuries. Two occupants of the truck were unhurt.

Coroner O. W. Roberts said he determined the truck was one foot over the center highway line. He added there will be no inquest.

Two U. S. Submarines Transferred to Britain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox announced today that two recommissioned navy submarines would be transferred to Great Britain under provisions of the lend-lease act.

The navy department said that the ships, both of which now are operating in the Atlantic, would be manned by British officers and crews before leaving American waters.

Douglas Fir Stand Near Drew Bought

Eighteen million feet of timber has been sold on Elk creek, near Drew, Oregon, by the Umpqua National forest, it was announced here today. The opening of competitive bids revealed that Freeman E. Fairfield of Long Beach, Calif., was the successful purchaser, having bid more than \$3 per thousand for the Douglas fir. The timber will probably be cut in the Johnson mill located in the vicinity.

Forest Supervisor V. V. Harpham points out that the stumpage value in this sale amounts to more than \$50,000, of which 25 per cent, or more than \$12,000, will go to Douglas county as a federal government contribution in lieu of taxes. An additional 10 per cent will be used on roads within the national forests.

The administration of the sale will be handled by District Ranger A. E. Berry, assisted by Junior Forester Jack Saubert.

Serbian Rebel Army Placed at 80,000

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A Yugoslav legation spokesman said today that Serbian resistance to German rule had reached the status of rebellion with an armed force of 80,000 led by army officers opposing German rule.

Armed bands are making travel impossible on Serbian roads by firing on every automobile. One group fired a munition dump in an attack on Smederevo, 20 miles from Belgrade, he said.

He asserted that Italian tactics of burning villages suspected of sheltering the rebels have failed and that axis garrisons control few cities.

Peace Bond With America Moot Issue

Tokyo Press Demands End To Attempts to Reach Accord With Washington

(By the Associated Press) The Japanese cabinet resigned today in disagreement over issues of empire as Japan stood apparently at the crossroads weighing peace against a possible open break with the United States or war in soviet Siberia.

Her choice seemed linked closely with development in the war of the west where half-ringed Moscow had come to its hour of peril with the mechanized assault forces of Japan's axis ally, Germany, reported only 62 miles from the soviet capital—their oh-rush still unstemmed.

Embassy Leaves Moscow

Authoritative sources in British and Russian-guarded Iran said the soviet government and foreign diplomatic missions had completed arrangements to move 450 miles east of Moscow to the crowded provincial city of Kazan if Moscow could not be saved. The Japanese embassy already had quit Moscow for an undisclosed destination, reportedly at the advice of the Russian government.

The resignation of premier prince Konoye's cabinet came out of a welter of high government conferences just three months after his previous government fell.

Peace Hope Retained

The exact issues of their disagreement were not disclosed immediately but it was known that the ministers were not in accord on the empire's relations with the United States or its course toward Russia.

Konoye and some other leaders were reported reliably to be holding to the hope of diplomatic

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Markets Upset as F. R. Summons Military Aides

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Financial and commodity markets were unsettled today by news President Roosevelt had called in his military advisers.

Whether this step was taken because of developments in the far east, or the Nazi success in Russia, was not clear, but Wall street was inclined to the opinion the far eastern outlook had worsened.

In Chicago, wheat dropped 10 cents a bushel, the limit permitted in one day's trading in futures. Corn dropped the limit of 8 cents, and grains generally were heavily liquidated.

Cotton futures at New York dropped \$5 a bale, and wool, hides, cottonseed oil, and several other sensitive staples immediately declined.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press) TULSA, Okla.—This fellow got in trouble because he kept his mouth shut.

Policeman Jimmy Jackson, suspicious of a tight-lipped robbery suspect who kept answering questions "hmm-mm" and "mm-hmm," ordered: "open up!"

Under the man's tongue he found a \$1 bill. The rest of the money taken from J. A. Layton—six cents—was found in a pants pocket.