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Rain tonight, Showers and cooler Sunday.

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MOSCOW

Today's dispatches indicate the Russian capital may be as good as lost to the blitzkrieg, but Russia herself is far from beaten. She's a big country with lots of resources, and winter is at hand. Read NEWS-REVIEW war news.

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JAPAN WARNED AGAINST ASIA WAR SPREAD

RUSSIA'S CENTRAL ARMY ERASED, GERMANS REPORT

Battles On Moscow Line Won, Claim

Trap Yields 648,000 Prisoners; Blasting of Convoy Announced

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Annihilation of the grand army of Marshal Timoshenko on the Russian central front was claimed today in a special war bulletin of the German high command.

The communique said the vast Russian force consisting of eight separate armies was wiped out in the huge battles of encirclement at Bryansk and Vyazma at the approaches of Moscow.

The battles have ended victoriously, the announcement declared.

The armies, the report from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters said, were made up of 67 infantry divisions, six cavalry divisions, seven tank divisions and 36 tank brigades.

Altogether 648,196 prisoners were taken in the huge encirclements, the communique declared. War material seized was listed as including 1,197 armored vehicles of all kinds and 5,229 pieces of artillery.

At sea, the German high command reported that Nazi U-boats had sunk 10 merchant ships and two escorting "enemy" destroyers in an attack on a strongly-protected convoy en route to

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BACK to the United States. Back through the corn lands of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, burdened now with a record-breaking crop that is nearly ready for harvest.

And so to the Missouri river, starting point of the thrilling story of the American West.

OVER the Missouri at St. Joseph—St. Joe to the hardy, crew of explorers, mountain men, fur traders, adventurers and such who wrote with their deeds the early chapters of the story of the West.

St. Joe still to the people of nearby Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Over, incidentally, on a FREE bridge, which is quite a novelty after the East and Canada. No more tolls clear to Carquinez and San Francisco bay, whose great bridges at 30 cents for one and two bits for the other seem such a bargain after the mere irrigation ditches whose passage has been costing up to half a dollar that one is tempted to turn around and cross them again just for the sake of getting such a lot for his money.

IT was here at St. Joe a few months less than a century ago that Fremont paused on the first lap of his epochal journey that took him over the prairies, the mountains and the deserts to Great Salt Lake and then on to the Columbia at The Dalles, down the great river of the West by boat to Fort Vancouver and back, south through the Klamath country and ultimately over the trackless Sierra in winter to the mild spring sunshine of Sutter's Fort, where gold was to be discovered half a dozen years later.

It isn't so much Fremont's first expedition as the REASONS BACK OF IT that make it an

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Co-Founder of Cudahy Packing Company Dies



Edward A. Cudahy, Sr.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Edward A. Cudahy, Sr., 81, a founder and the head of the Cudahy Packing company, died today of a heart ailment. He had spent 68 years in the packing business, starting as a lad of 13 employed in driving cattle from the pens to the slaughtering house.

He attained his first executive position in his early twenties when he was appointed by Armour & Company as superintendent of its Chicago plant. Later he was promoted to be manager of the beef department.

When the Armour-Cudahy company was organized and bought the South Omaha plant, then owned by Sir Thomas Lipton, Mr. Cudahy at the age of 27, was made general manager, with headquarters at Omaha. In 1880 the Cudahys purchased the Armour interest in the plant and formed The Cudahy Packing company.

Army Food Graft Charged to 6 Men

TACOMA, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Evidence federal bureau of investigation agents have obtained of the wastage of food supplies at the next session of the federal grand jury, Assistant U.S. District Attorney Frank Hale said today.

The investigation, under way a month, was disclosed yesterday when six civilian garbage collectors were bound over to the grand jury by a U. S. commissioner on charges of stealing government property.

The accused men were: P. W. Haines, 33; E. L. Hardin, 39; T. C. Rabun, 45; Francis McMahon, 43; Oscar Krogstad, 34 and James Wallace, 54.

They told the commissioner they took edible food, found near garbage cans at the fort, and disposed of it at a store on the route to their garbage dump and even gave some to the Nisqually school near the hog ranch of their employer. They said mess sergeants told them the food was garbage and to take it away.

Hale said the men have been carting away this food for the past four months.

The district attorney's aide said his office was not satisfied the men were guilty of a criminal offense but would present the evidence to the jury.

The grand jury may not meet for a month.

Local Prisoner Turned Over to Yreka Officers

Harry Raymond Malosh, 22, a transient, was arrested here Friday by state police on a warrant from Yreka, California. Malosh was charged in the warrant, State Policeman James Maulding reported, with the crime of burglary. He waived extradition and was surrendered to California authorities who came to Roseburg to return the prisoner to Yreka.

Senate Speed On Neutrality Is Assured

House-Passed Bill Not to Be Changed; Issue of Ship Entry in War Zone Taboo

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The senate, geared for final action within two weeks, received the house-approved merchant ship arming bill today while administration leaders were reported discouraging any amendments in the interest of speed.

The measure, a simple resolution repealing the neutrality act ban against cargo vessels carrying protective arms, passed the house 259 to 138 yesterday shortly after word was received of the torpedoing of the American destroyer Kearny off Iceland.

(All members of the Washington and Oregon congressional delegates, except Representative Hill, Washington democrat, voted yesterday to amend the neutrality act to permit arming of merchant ships.)

Although President Roosevelt had recommended that early attention be given also to removing the neutrality act prohibition against American merchant ships entering belligerent ports, senate leaders were understood to favor pushing the armed ship bill through without injecting the other.

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Aged Hobo Held In Train Crash Probe

FINDLAY, O., Oct. 18.—(AP)—A 73-year-old man, arrested in a "hobo" camp on a vagrancy charge, was held here today as a suspect in the Harney, Nev., train wreck of two years ago in which 24 persons were killed and 117 injured.

Sheriff Lyle Harvitt of Hancock county described the suspect as "a floater with no address," and said he was being held for police of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Harvitt said the aged man's fingerprints checked with those found on tools near the scene of the wreck, which occurred near Harney on Aug. 12, 1939.

The sheriff said he checked with the FBI after noticing that the man was wearing a pair of trousers mended with "unusual stitches resembling those found on a baseball."

Investigators at the time the train, the City of San Francisco, was derailed found two jackets and some tools near a bent rail in the track, and one of these jackets was mended with similar stitching, Harvitt said.

The suspect denied ever having been in Nevada, Harvitt said. "He did admit, however, having thrown a switch on a railroad track near upper Sandusky, O., in the spring of 1940, but there was no accident as trainmen discovered the act," the sheriff added.

Harvitt said the man told him he threw the switch because he "got mad at a trainman."

Riddle Couple Denies Walnut Stealing Charge

Pleading innocent to a charge of petty larceny, Ralph M. Huffman and his wife, Opal, of Riddle, were released under their own recognizance today, pending trial set for Tuesday in the local justice court. They were arraigned this morning before Judge R. W. Masters upon a complaint filed by Robert Gilbreath, who charged that the couple had stolen walnuts from his orchard. They denied the accusation and entered pleas of not guilty in their appearance before the court.

Next Douglas Tax Levy To Show Slash

General Fund, Swollen Heavily, May Hold Half Year Tax to Road Item

Because of an unprecedented surplus of money in the county's general fund, it is possible that only a tax for general road purposes will be levied against Douglas county taxpayers for the first half of 1942, County Judge D. N. Busenbark reported today.

The levy to be imposed will be tentatively determined next week when the budget committee meets to formulate the short-term budget. Under provisions of the new state law, which changes the budget period from the calendar year to a fiscal year, beginning July 1, the new budget will be set up only for the period from Jan. 1 to June 30. A 12-months budget will then be set up for the fiscal year from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943.

For the short time period, the first six months of 1942, with tax payments due in March, it is probable county officers state, that no levy for general county purposes will be required. It further is proposed to pay the county school fund and the school library fund from the existing surplus, leaving only the general road fund to be raised by levy.

Delinquents Paying Up

Due in large measure to the activity in the timber industry, the county has received large sums of money in the past few months from payment of delinquent taxes on timber lands. Many owners of timber lands had allowed taxes to lag, due to the weak timber market of the last few years, but with a rapidly growing demand on the part of the industry for sources of raw supply, timber holdings are now at high level and owners have been paying taxes and putting their property in shape for quick sale. A considerable sum also has been realized from sales of county-owned and federally-owned timber tracts, the former representing return to the tax rolls of properties foreclosed by the county for tax delinquency, while the latter was

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Ex-Ohio Senator Fined On German Agent Charge

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Frank B. Burch, 67, Akron, O., attorney and one-time member of the Ohio state senate who pleaded guilty to failing to register as a German agent, was fined \$1,000 in federal district court yesterday.

A jail sentence of eight to 24 months was suspended by Justice James W. Morris.

Burch was indicted on a charge of failing to register with the state department as a foreign agent. The indictment accused him of acting under the direction of Karl Kapp, German consul at Cleveland, O., and distributing literature throughout the country.

Enormous Army Tank Output Will Soon Roll From U. S. Automobile Factories

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—(AP)—If present plans of the automotive industry do not miscarry, late next spring may see scores of army tanks rolling daily off specially constructed production lines; they will be rumbling out under their own power in numbers undreamed of a little more than a year ago when K. T. Keller, president of Chrysler corporation, first was asked whether he could make tanks.

A few weeks ago it was being predicted in automotive circles that between 40 and 50 tanks a day would be delivered next spring. The number already has been boosted substantially, some estimates going as high as 100 a day.

Chrysler corporation, which initiated the industry to the job of building the mobile fortresses, already has three assembly lines turning them out steadily and, while exact production totals are a military secret, these lines are

Labor Rows Still Harass U. S. Industry

Warning Drawn From Roosevelt That O.P.M. Action Is Coming Soon

By the Associated Press Pittsburgh faced the possibility of a general AFL building trades strike in the near future, as the nation today pondered President Roosevelt's prediction that the O.P.M. soon would have something to say about labor strife.

The threat to Pittsburgh's vast national defense industrial setup came from the AFL building trades and construction council. The labor group's chief, J. Ahearn, said the strike call would be issued in 10 days "as a protest against incursions into the building and construction field by the Duquesne Light company and other outside organizations."

The utility firm has been awarded contracts for installation and other construction in Allegheny county and the council has struck on some projects, contending the company should not have been given the work.

At Hyde Park, N. Y., yesterday President Roosevelt gave no indication of what the O.P.M. pronouncement would be, but there was speculation that it might deal with the union shop question.

Dispute Hits Shipyard

Work at the Lake Washington shipyard at Kirkland, Wash., was delayed by a walkout yesterday of 300 welders at work on five airplane tenders for the navy.

The walkout was the result of a dispute between the Seattle Welders and Burners council and the AFL. Dave Basor, Welders' secretary, said a Welders' council member was pulled off the job by the boilermakers, and added that his group was withdrawing from the AFL because its national convention in Seattle refused to give it a hearing.

The union shop issue in the "captive mine" dispute has engaged the board's attention for weeks. The CIO's United Mine Workers want a union shop contract for so-called "captive"

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F. R. Asks 50 Million to Aid War Victims Abroad

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has asked congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 for foreign war relief in a move interpreted in some quarters as an answer to Herbert Hoover's demand that this country feed the starving people of Nazi-conquered nations.

The president sent the senate appropriations committee a budgetary request to attach this amount to the pending lend-lease bill, to supplement \$50,000,000 previously made available for relief expenditures in foreign countries by the American Red Cross.

United British, U. S. Navies Ready to Act, London Report

New Premier Says Japan Going Ahead

Axis Treaty Obligations To Be Fulfilled, Asserts Tojo in 'Prosperity' Aim

TOKYO, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Tojo, premier and head of the war and home ministries of Japan's predominantly military new cabinet, pledged his government today to go ahead firmly with its east Asia and axis adherence policies despite increasing tension in the Pacific.

Even as the army-trained premier announced his course, the newspaper Nichi Nichi told Japanese "the attitude of the United States has stiffened so much as to arouse great indignation of the Japanese nation."

"It is not too much to say that there is being developed a very critical situation in which any unexpected contingency may occur at any time," the newspaper declared.

General Tojo told the press after his first meeting with his cabinet that Japan would follow her three-point course: continuing her efforts to create a co-prosperity sphere in east Asia, pressing for completion of the China affair, and adherence to her treaty obligations.

Reich Approves

An information board spokesman added that "in view of the unprecedentedly grave situation prevailing at present the government intends externally to promote cordial relations with friendly powers and internally to perfect the national defense of the state."

(The German radio expressed the reich's approval of the new cabinet which a Berlin broadcaster said "strengthened the position of the powers marching into the new age under the sign of the tripartite pact heedless of British and American opposition.")

Tojo gave the navy ministry to

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Truck-Auto Crash Kills 3 Soldiers; 4th May Die

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Three Fort Ord soldiers were killed today as their automobile and a truck hit head-on. A fourth may die. Two others were injured gravely.

The dead, Darby Joseph Laughlin, 23, Anaconda, Mont.

Robert Ray Lynch, 22, Los Angeles.

An unidentified man.

There was little hope held for the fourth, Joe Tatka, a physician said.

The other two men, Eddie A. Ascani, 25, of Salt Lake City, and Frank T. Grogan, 27, probably will survive.

The soldiers, all members of the 75th quartermaster corps at Fort Ord, were returning to their station after a trip to San Jose. The accident occurred near Coyote.

Oil Explosion Kills 2 Men, Injures Three

VENTURA, Calif., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Two men perished and three others suffered severe burns late last night in an explosion that wrecked a 30,000 barrel crude oil tank owned by the Shell Oil company.

Dead were Russell Baker and Bert Miller. Those critically burned are Lon May, Harvey Boyce and Richard D. Fir.

The crew of 15 was preparing to dismantle the tank, in which there was only a foot of oil. Police Chief T. W. Neel theorized that a spark from a riveting machine ignited gasoline fumes, which blazed spectacularly into the early morning hours. The explosion shot the huge tank 12 feet into the air.

Destroyer Blow Draws Sarcasm From Germany

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Authorized German sources said today they found it "interesting" that the reported torpedoing of the U. S. destroyer Kearny happened at the very moment when the neutrality debate was at its height in congress.

Saying they had no information from the German admiralty on the incident and thus no official reaction could be given, they added that President Roosevelt "and his whips in congress undoubtedly find the incident most welcome in order to hasten their aggressive program."

These sources then produced a collection of American editorial comment and excerpts from speeches by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox which they said showed that the "American official policy is hankering after just such an incident to support the administration's program of running after war."

Digressing on the neutrality law changes proposed by the American administration, they said the German government was not surprised in the least.

"As we know the aims of Roosevelt and his Jewish wire-pullers, namely, by every means possible to bring about the involvement both to help Britain's tottering prestige and to incite the war spirit among the American people, this request for repeal of certain sections of the neutrality law merely confirms our sizing up of the Roosevelt administration."

To a question whether in the German opinion this charge means that America will become a belligerent, the reply was "we don't do Roosevelt the favor of telling him what we think about that."

Golf Star Murder Role Is Confessed

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Police Chief Austin B. Price announced today that Raymond S. "Skeeter" Baxter, 27-year-old Lexington country club employee, had admitted taking part in the robbery-slaying of Golf Star Marion Miley and her mother at the club Sept. 28.

Price said Baxter, arrested on a murder warrant yesterday, listed both Tom C. Penney, reported by Lexington authorities to have confessed at Fort Worth, Texas, and Robert H. Anderson, 36, Louisville night club operator, as participants. Anderson consistently has denied any part in the case. Penney and Anderson are under grand jury indictments charging murder.

Penney pleaded innocent when arraigned today in circuit court on the grand jury indictments but Detective Captain Joe Harrigan said that it was a formality and didn't mean that Penney had repudiated his purported Fort Worth, Tex., confession and accusation of Baxter and Anderson and his accomplices.

Asst. U. S. Atty. General Shot in Hunting Mishap

WOODBRIDGE, Conn., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Samuel Clark, 41, assistant United States attorney general, was accidentally shot in the head and shoulders today while pheasant hunting here with his brother, Theodore Clark, of Woodbridge, and another man.

He was taken to a hospital, where attendants said that on the basis of a preliminary examination his wounds did not appear to be critical.

Judge Charles E. Clark of the federal circuit court of appeals, another brother who hurried to the hospital, reported that the accident occurred when Theodore Clark, following about 100 feet behind his brother as they moved through a wooded section off the Ansonia road, stumbled and his shotgun went off.

Press Speaks For Plans To Check Tokyo

U. S.-Japanese Talks at Washington Continue as Senators Demand Action

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—London newspapers, commenting on the Tokyo cabinet shakeup, warned Japan today that any attempt to spread the war in the Far East would be met by the combined powers of the British and United States fleets.

Hands-off signs with respect to embattled Russia were posted editorially in declarations such as the afternoon Star's assertion that any move against the soviet would bring down upon Japan "a punishing war."

"No Japanese should be left in any doubt," the Star said, "that if his government tries to carry the flame of war into the Pacific the fire will be put out by the combined force of the British and American navies."

The News Chronicle expressed belief that "a single fleet action could decide the issue."

"If the allies gained the day," it said, "an ever-present threat would have been finally removed from the Pacific."

The Mail said British Imperial action must conform to United States leadership in the Pacific.

The Herald suggested also that the first step was up to the United States and went on to say the "paths of duty and expediency" forced Britain to concentrate upon her current endeavors, "now more vital to the outcome of the war than any other factor."

"For Great Britain, as for the United States, the limits of compromise have long been passed," the Times said. "x x x an attack upon Russian territory in the far East would be a direct assault on the cause to which both Britain and the United States are committed."

PEACE EFFORTS CONTINUE IN WASHINGTON TALKS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The state department disclosed today that Secretary Hull and Undersecretary Wells conferred yesterday with Wakasugi, Japanese minister to Washington.

There was a "general interchange of views" on American-Japanese relations, a department spokesman said without elaboration.

Some officials expressed the belief that Wakasugi, recently returned from Tokyo, informed the department that the long pending negotiations looking toward a solution of differences between the two countries would continue despite formation of a new Japanese cabinet believed pledged to a firm policy toward the United States.

Senators Demand Action

Three senators demanded today that the United States adopt a hard-fisted policy toward Japan in what they viewed as an explosive situation in the far East.

Senators Norris (Ind-Neb.), Pepper (D-Fla.) and Gillette (D-Ia.) outlined their views on the subject to reports after navy department officials here disclosed ships, presumably in oriental waters, had been ordered to port for instructions.

"We can't appease Japan any

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**TODAY'S TOP ODDITY**

(By the Associated Press) NEW HAMPTON, Ia.—Farmer Fred Welch was combining soy beans when he accidentally stepped on the power takeoff.

He found himself standing in the field wearing a hat, one sock and his shoes.

The combine had ripped off two pair of overalls, underwear, shirt, jacket and one sock.

Welch suffered only a gash on his right leg.