

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy and warmer to night and Thursday.
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PIRACY SPURS NEUTRALITY REPEAL URGE

ICE-BARLED GALE BOGS DOWN MOSCOW DRIVE

Peak of Nazi Onset Passed, Russians Say

Invaders Massing New Force at Smolensk for War's Hardest Smash

By the Associated Press
Soviet dispatches pictured Adolf Hitler's invasion armies as suffering enormous losses on the Moscow front today with "literally every meter of ground covered with the bodies of fascist soldiers and officers" as the Germans drove toward the Russian capital from the Mzhaisk sector, only 57 miles away.

Military reports reaching London said the 21-day-old German offensive had bogged down in an icy gale over all but impassable roads on the immediate approaches to Moscow.

A high-ranking neutral military authority in London said reliable information from Russia indicated that the German assault on Moscow and in the north was definitely halted and that the peak of the Nazi offensive had been passed.

"Undoubtedly Hitler will order and carry out new attacks," the source said, "but he will not again be able to muster anything like the strength he has used up in the past two weeks."

Other London advices, however, said the Germans were concentrating great new forces at Smolensk for an all-out frontal attack on the U. S. R. capital.

Premier Joseph Stalin remained in the Kremlin to direct the red citadel's defense, with the fiercest action centering around Mzhaisk.

Hand-to-Hand Combat
Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said today that the German forces were engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the Russian soldiers.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The navy announces that 21 men are missing and presumably dead as a result of the torpedo attack on the American destroyer Kearny.

The Kearny's attacker is described as a "submarine, undoubtedly German."

Berlin denies it.

BERLIN contends (for propaganda purposes that are obvious) that the torpedoing of the Kearny was a frame-up to inflame the American public and thus insure the passage of the amendment to the neutrality bill permitting arming of American merchant ships.

The contention, of course, is absurd.

TODAY'S (Monday's) dispatches tell us that Washington is "jolted" by the disclosure. There is no occasion for any jolt of surprise.

Loss of American lives is a contingency that has always been present somewhere along the route we are traveling.

Only wishful thinkers can have failed to see that.

MOSCOW is in grave danger. The Germans claim to have driven spearheads into its outer defenses that have not been cut off by the Russians. Stalin proclaims a state of siege and calls upon the civilian inhabitants to join the army in its defense. The seat of government has apparently been moved back into the interior.

If the nazis don't take Moscow it will amount to a serious German defeat. So Hitler may be expected to spare no cost in pushing his drive.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas the date of October 27 has been designated by order of the President of the United States to be observed as Navy day; and—
Whereas the people of these United States are urged to give special consideration to the splendid part the navy is taking as the first line of defense of this great democracy; and—
Whereas the free peoples of the world look today to this nation as the final stronghold of democracy, and the defense of the United States should be the most vital concern of each and every citizen;

Now, therefore, I, A. J. Young, mayor of the City of Roseburg, do hereby proclaim the date of October 27 as Navy day in and for said City of Roseburg, and urge all residents of this city to join in paying tribute to the navy of the United States and those brave men who comprise this great branch of our armed service and those who have given of their service in the past; and, I further urge that residents of the City of Roseburg pledge anew their fullest cooperation in each and every activity which has or may be undertaken for the defense of our nation.

Signed at Roseburg, Oregon, this 23rd day of October, 1941.

A. J. YOUNG, Mayor.



Los Angeles Area Rocked by Quake

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A strong rocking chair earthquake—it feels as if someone were violently rocking your straight legged chair—swayed Los Angeles county cities last night. Only slight damage was reported.

More than a score of burglar alarms were set off in Huntington Park. A large portion of plaster dropped from the city hall in Hermosa beach. Some windows were broken. One Los Angeles woman told weather bureau officials she was tossed from her bed.

Three distinct shocks, connected by a rocking chair motion, were felt at 10:58 o'clock last night, but were over within about five seconds. A mild after-shock followed at 2:33 a. m. today.

The shake was closely comparable to that of March 10, 1933, in which 90 persons were killed and hundreds injured, mostly in Long Beach and Compton, but did not have the sharp, bouncing jerks that proved so damaging in that quake.

Last night's shocks seemed more pronounced in Los Angeles and the area south and southwest toward the ocean. They were strong in Long Beach, Compton and San Pedro and noticeable in Huntington Beach.

Roosevelt Proclaims "Awareness" Period

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today proclaimed the period between Armistice day, November 11, and November 16 as a time for the American people to think about their duties and responsibilities in the "defense of this country," and to become better informed on the civilian defense program.

Mayor LaGuardia of New York, civilian defense director, recommended issuance of the proclamation to "stimulate the people to awareness for the need of civilian defense" and the many specific ways in which the people can participate.

The proclamation requested state governors and the governing heads of the territories and possessions to issue similar appeals.

Social Security Tax May be Upped

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Treasury sources said today the administration was considering a request to congress to hike the employee's share of social security taxes from 1 per cent to 5 per cent of his pay check.

Under this plan, if adopted, employers would increase their contribution to old age pensions from 1 to 2 per cent, and would continue paying 3 per cent for unemployment insurance, making their total also 5 per cent. At present, the employees pay no federal unemployment tax; only 1 per cent for old age pensions.

Exact details of proposed social security revisions were withheld, officials said, pending the president's reaction to suggestions of the treasury, federal security agency and others.

The increase in taxes, however, was represented as the principal change. Other recommendations deal with possible methods of making farm laborers, domestic servants, government employees, self-employed persons and employees of educational and charitable institutions eligible for old age pensions.

Another step would federalize the unemployment compensation systems now operated by the 48 states.

The proposed change in taxes would boost the federal revenue from social security from the \$700,000,000 collected last fiscal year to approximately \$5,000,000,000 a year, officials estimated.

Boy's "Nerve Test" Put Him in Hands of Police

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A 14-year-old school boy's plan to test his nerve landed him in jail on a delinquency charge yesterday when he coolly entered the office of a Seattle physician and handed him a note demanding \$1,000 under threat of harm to "one of your kids."

Dr. Brien T. King, to whom the note was given, merely commanded the boy to remain while a receptionist called police. Detective Capt. Claude Fortner said the boy told of having written the note 10 days ago in a plan to "test my nerve."

Dr. Brien's two "kids" are grown.

City Defense From Mimic Raid Planned

Roseburg Members of Various Units Map Their Roles in Blackout Test

Plans for a defense blackout of Roseburg were discussed last night at a meeting of local members of the county defense council and chiefs of the several units to be engaged in civilian defense operations during the blackout. A most realistic test of the state's defense system has been arranged for the last week of the month, culminating in the blackout and a 24-hour alert period from noon, October 31 until noon November 1.

Arrangements were made last night to give all of the local units a workout under simulated attack conditions during the blackout on the night of October 31. Police and fire reserves will be called into service. The women's motor corps will operate as will the rescue, transportation, supply and communications departments, while air raid wardens and air raid patrols will be operated as if

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Army Ready To Take Over Steel Plant

Detroit Strikers Warned Of Federal Plan After Refusal to Resume Work

(By the Associated Press)
Strikers at the Great Lakes Steel corporation refused to return to work today in Detroit after CIO union chiefs refused demands agreed upon by the strikers last night in a vote to resume work and warned that the army would take over the plant if it remained closed.

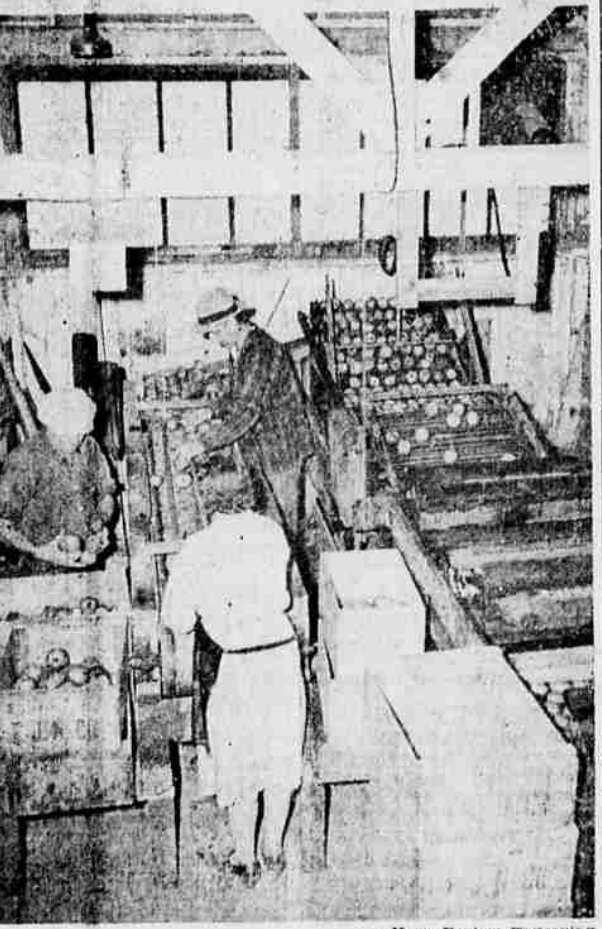
In the meantime, however, CIO strikers at a Birmingham Steel plant returned to their jobs as disputes continued in airplane industries in California, New York and New Jersey.

The office of production management in Washington declared in a new formal statement of labor policy that "the interruption of work by strikes or slowdowns is the greatest help the aggressors can get." It urged "a patriotic support" by labor and management of the defense program and pointed to existence of machinery within the govern-

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



BILL BAILEY and his crew of assistants washing and grading apples at the Bailey orchards on South Deer creek, where a crop of over 3000 boxes has been harvested this season.

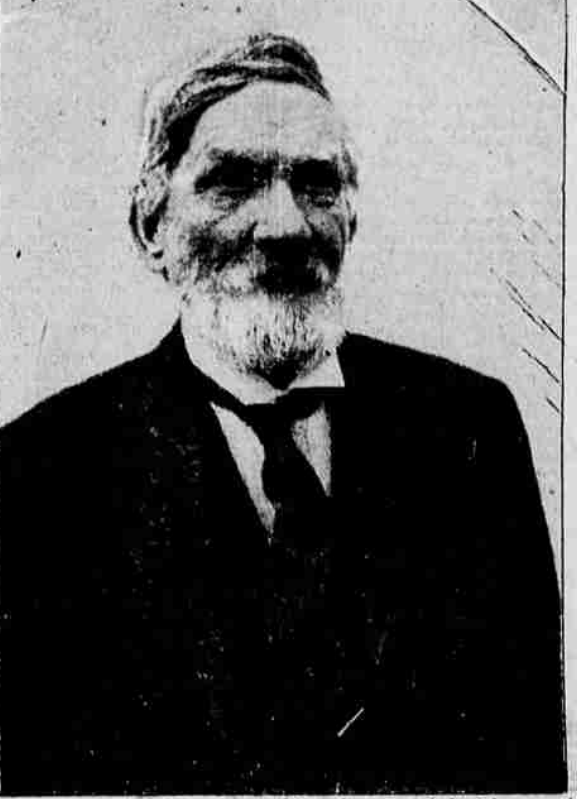
In the photograph appearing above Bill is shown at a conveyor or grading the apples prior to their being packed for shipment. They have just passed through a bath of one per cent solution hydrochloric acid, and two rinse waters, which remove the spray from them, leaving them glossy and clean.

The washing and grading machine is a most effective labor-saving unit, designed and built by the Baileys. It handles 50 boxes of apples per hour.

This year's has been a fine crop, both as to quantity and quality. Thirty acres of the Bailey orchards are devoted to apple culture, and nine varieties are grown—the Gravenstein, Winter Banana, Standard, Golden and Starking Delicious, Stayman Winesap, Spitz, Newtown and Baldwin.

The variety now being graded, ripe and crisp, is the Delicious. Certainly it is well named—it is delicious. It might well be called the Beauty, too, for it truly is beautiful. I like almost any variety of apple; but right now (it being in season) my favorite is the Delicious.

Scottsburg's John Hedden Passes



Death Monday claimed one of Douglas county's best known pioneers, John Hedden, 85, pictured above, a life-long resident of Scottsburg. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hedden, were among the early settlers at Scottsburg, where he was born May 1, 1856. Mr. Hedden for many years conducted a general merchandise store at Scottsburg and was one of the county's best authorities on early day events concerning the lower Umpqua country. Funeral rites are to be held Thursday afternoon.

50 French Pawns Shot, Another 50 To Meet Like End

Second German Officer Slain In 48 Hours After Nazis Avenge Killing of First One

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Marshal Petain, chief of staff, announced to the French nation today that 50 of their countrymen had been shot by German occupation authorities this morning in retaliation for the assassination of German officers.

His broadcast followed news that the second German officer assassinated in 48 hours met death yesterday in Bordeaux.

Admiral Darlan, vice premier, followed his chief on the radio, in a series of emotional appeals to the populace by France's highest authorities.

Both the marshal and the admiral accused "foreign powers" of having caused the recent series of assassinations.

There were no details on how the first 50 hostages were shot at Nantes. Another 50 are scheduled to die if the two men who shot Lieut. Col. Paul Friederich Holtz, chief of the Nazi field gendarmerie at Nantes, are not captured by midnight tomorrow.

The second officer was reported to have been shot dead by two youths on the boulevard St. Georges in occupied Bordeaux last night.

The Germans immediately arrested 50 hostages in Bordeaux, indicating a determination to continue the policy of stern reprisal.

The marshal, recalling that France laid down her arms against Germany with the armistice of June, 1940, declared: "The stream of blood is again flowing over France. The ransom is frightful. It does not reach the real culprits directly. Frenchmen, your duty is clear. Put a stop to the killings."

"By the armistice we laid down our arms. We have no right to take them up again to strike the Germans in the back."

Missing Hunters Sought in Douglas

Check was being made today on two missing hunters, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported. The sheriff was advised, he reported, that three sailors from a boat docked at Marshfield had been hunting at Yellow creek, and that one of their number, Clayton Keene, had failed to report back at camp at a given time. The other two members of their party were forced to return to Marshfield as their boat was scheduled to sail. Whether Keene also had gone to Marshfield was not learned here, but a check was being made with port officials this afternoon to determine whether he had reported to his ship or was still in the woods.

The officers also were advised that Joe Sornberger of Roseburg was missing from a camp in the Landers lookout district. Sornberger was lost in the same area for two days last year. Residents of that locality were conducting a search today.

New Defense Highway Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Without a dissenting voice, the house passed a \$170,000,000 defense highway bill yesterday and sent it back to the senate for approval of amendments.

The measure, substituting for one vetoed recently by President Roosevelt, would authorize expenditure of \$150,000,000 for access roads to military reservations and defense plants; \$10,000,000 for construction of so-called landing strips for aircraft beside public highways and \$10,000,000 for surveys of additional highways.

O. D. Newhard Suffers Broken Hip in Fall

O. D. Newhard, retired butcher, was in Mercy hospital today suffering from a fractured hip, which was reported to have resulted from a fall. Newhard was said to have dodged an automobile and in doing so slipped and fell.

NEUTRALITY

It appears headed for the junk pile at Washington under spur of resentment over continued torpedoing of ships. Congressional action may hurl U. S. into war, eventually if not immediately. Keep your eye on dispatches in the NEWS-REVIEW.

Quick Action By Congress Called For

Campaign to Scrap Law Intensified by 2 New Torpedoings of Ships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The White House emphasized today that President Roosevelt wanted early attention by congress to further neutrality act revision to permit American vessels to enter belligerent ports.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, told reporters that the president in his message asking lifting of the ban against arming American merchantmen did not close the door to eliminating another section which bars such vessels from combat zones and belligerent ports.

In the senate, a campaign to scrap the act completely and authorize American ships to go anywhere was given impetus by the record of six America-owned ships sunk in as many weeks.

From New York, meanwhile, came notification that Wendell L. Willkie and more than 100 other republicans representing all sections of the country had joined in a demand for outright repeal of the neutrality law.

"Millions upon millions of republicans are resolved that the ugly smudge of obstructive isolationism shall be removed from the face of their party," Willkie said in a statement accompanying a telegram to members of congress.

Senator Gurney (R-S. D.), and of three republican senators sponsoring an amendment calling for outright repeal, told reporters that he had acted "from a non-partisan point of view."

Hull Scores Nazi Piracy
Secretary of State Hull today labeled the torpedoing of the

Airplane Crashes Kill Five Fliers

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 22.—(AP)—A Kelly Field instructor and a cadet were killed and an observer critically injured early today when two night patrolling army airplanes collided, one of them finally coming to rest in the center of a main highway 12 miles north of here.

The dead were Lieut. Harold H. Jensen, instructor, of San Antonio, Texas, and cadet A. B. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Critically injured was George Meador, of Narrows, Va.

The operations office at Kelly Field said the crash occurred while the ships were returning to their base because of weather conditions.

PANAMA, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Military authorities said today that three second lieutenants in the U. S. Caribbean air force were killed last night when their planes crashed in Ceremeno peak, about 50 miles from Balboa, during a night training flight.

The victims were H. G. Halderman, 24, of Pasadena, Calif., L. M. Harrington, 26, of Winter Park, Fla., and D. M. Lewy, 27, of Greenville, Miss.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press)
SALEM, Oct. 22.—(AP)—An Albany man, who had a guilty conscience because he took two Christmas trees off state highway property, sent three well-worn dollar bills to the highway commission today to pay for the trees. The money will go into the highway fund.

The letter, unsigned, said: "In the past I have cut 2 fir trees off your property for Christmas trees. I feel I should make it right, so I am enclosing \$3.00 which I hope will cover the cost of the trees."

Highway commission officials said that would be more than enough to pay for the trees.