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Will debate and vote on neutrality revision next week. Will the decision go further than arming of merchant ships? The answer will be of vital importance to the western hemisphere. Watch for it in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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KHARKOV, UKRAINE'S INDUSTRY KEY, FALLS

Roosevelt Plea Fails to Halt Strike Order

53,000 Coal Miners Will Quit Tonight

Fuel Shortage That May Close Mills Working On Defense Needs Feared

PITTSBURG, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Local officials of the CIO United Mine Workers received orders today that 53,000 "captive" coal miners of seven of the nation's largest steel corporations would go on strike at midnight tonight.

The orders were received from the union's national headquarters at Washington, where President Roosevelt yesterday asked UMW president John L. Lewis to postpone strike action pending further mediation efforts.

The national defense mediation board, after several weeks of conferences, had announced it could effect "no meeting of minds" on the stubborn problem of a union shop demanded by the union. The mines effected by the order are located in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama. Fears prevail that the scheduled strike, with its accompanying threat of a fuel shortage, might affect important defense production and eventually tie up steel plants.

Union "Must" At Issue
The only issue in the captive mine controversy was the United Mine Worker's insistence upon a union shop contract—that is, a requirement that any miner employed in the steel companies' coal mines join the UMW after a probationary period.

The president not only asked that Lewis call off the strike, but proposed that Lewis and Myron C. Taylor, former board chairman of the United States Steel corporation, take the lead in direct negotiations were required to settle the difference between

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN London today (Thursday) "informed source" speaks up. He says: "The Russians are turning Moscow into another Verdun and the Germans are finding the going increasingly hard there."

He adds: "It's 20 to one they'll never take Moscow this winter."

A word here as to these "informed sources," "authoritative quarters," etc.

They are high-placed men whose sources of information are exceptional. They don't want (or don't dare) to go out on a limb by permitting direct quotation, but they talk to the correspondents. The correspondents disclose what they have heard under the cloak of anonymity provided by such terms as "informed source."

The correspondents of the great newspapers and news-gathering agencies are themselves responsible and well-informed men and the fact that they quote these anonymous statements indicates their confidence in the reliability of the source.

GERMAN transport planes are reported today to be landing light tanks, armored cars and small field guns, as well as parachute troops, behind the Russian lines and Stuka dive bombers are raiding the Russian communication lines.

The weather is still reported bad, but don't put too much confidence in that. Bad weather may hamper both sides in this war of movement where the de-

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ROOSEVELT RAPS HOSTAGE SLAYINGS

Elder Held In Murder by Mail



Oscar L. Albertson, above, church elder and blacksmith of San Pedro, Calif., arrested by Los Angeles police in connection with the "postal-poison" death of John Kmetz, who died after taking "vigor-restoring" capsules sent him by mail.

Mother Draws Seven Years For Killing Her Baby

Margaret Hansen Pleads Guilty to Reduced Charge of Manslaughter in Court Here

Pleading guilty to manslaughter, after the charge had been reduced to that character from second degree murder, on which she was originally taken into custody, Mrs. Margaret Hansen, 37, was sentenced here Friday afternoon by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly to serve seven years in the state penitentiary.

The woman was accused of killing her infant son a few minutes after his birth August 4. Her husband, Paul Hansen, 42, in August served out a fine of \$100 when he pleaded guilty to an unauthorized burial, admitting that he buried the body of the infant in a shallow grave at the family home just north of the city limits of Roseburg, where officers discovered the body two days later.

In requesting permission of the court to reduce the charge from murder to manslaughter, the latter carrying a maximum penalty of 15 years, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court his action was based on the findings of two physicians who reported the woman to have the mentality of a child of 9 to 12 years. Attorney Ray B. Compton, appointed by the court as counsel for the woman, told Judge Wimberly the defendant would request a sterilization following her removal to the penitentiary.

Mrs. Hansen, questioned by the court at the time of her arraignment, said she was unattended at the birth of the child and that about 15 minutes after the son was born she caused suffocation by stuffing paper in the infant's mouth. The body then was placed in a cardboard box and buried in the garden by the husband, who was told that the child was still-born, the court was told.

Former Harney Sheriff Kills Self With Rifle

BURNS, Ore., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Lon Richardson, sheriff of Harney county for four terms, died Thursday of a rifle wound which Coroner H. Z. Smith said was self-inflicted.

Richardson, 41, for the past five years, served as sheriff from 1906 to 1915.

He also was a sawmill operator and merchant until 1923, afterwards operating mortuaries in eastern Oregon cities.

Retribution For Brutality Predicted

"Slaughter of Innocent" Called Act of Men Who "Know They Can't Win"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt assailed Nazi reprisal executions in Europe today, declaring them to be revolting to the world and the "acts of desperate men who know in their hearts that they can not win."

In a formal statement, the chief executive said the Nazis were developing a "new order" by "depths of frightfulness which even they have never approached before."

The statement was released by the White House without any explanation of its purpose. It did not mention any specific country, but spoke of the German practice of executing scores of innocent hostages in reprisal for isolated attacks in countries under Nazi domination.

Following the killing of two German officials in France, 50 hostages were shot at Bordeaux, and scores more were scheduled to be executed in the next few days.

The president's statement follows: "The practice of executing scores of innocent hostages in Germany in reprisal for isolated attacks on Germans in countries temporarily under the Nazi heel revolts a world already inured to suffering and brutality. Civilized people long ago adopted the basic principle that no man should be punished for the deed of another."

"Unable to apprehend the persons involved in these attacks the Nazis characteristically slaughter 50 or a hundred innocent persons. Those who would 'collaborate' with Hitler or try to appease him can not ignore this ghastly warning."

"The Nazis might have learned from the last war the impossibility of breaking men's spirit by terrorism. Instead they develop their 'lebensraum' and 'new order' by depths of frightfulness which even they have never approached before."

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Tot Found O. K. After Night in 40-Degree Cold

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Chubby 19-month-old Joseph Prato was found at noon today after wandering for 24 hours through underbrush near his home at the foot of Bald Eagle mountain.

Rushed to a hospital, the child did not appear to be seriously affected by his overnight stay on the mountainside in 40-degree weather.

Joseph's brother Pete was in a party of four searchers who came upon the husky youngster asleep about two miles away from his home.

He was clad only in a sunsuit and sweater.

Yule Opening Heads to Be Named at Luncheon

A forum luncheon, sponsored by the Roseburg chamber of commerce, will be held at noon Monday at the Umpqua hotel, in charge of Harry Pinniger, secretary. The chamber of commerce is inviting the general public to attend and is particularly urging the attendance of all merchants, as appointments of committees for the Christmas opening will be announced and general plans for the holiday season activities discussed. Navy day recognition will be given and feature a talk by B. J. Ball, naval recruiting officer, who will show reels of motion pictures.

Ship Arming Wins, 13-10, In Committee

Further Revision of Law On Neutrality Unlikely to Be Attempted in Senate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee voted 13 to 10 today to broaden the armed ship bill so as to permit American merchant vessels to sail anywhere on the high seas.

Opponents of administration foreign policy were prompt to declare that the expanded bill would stir up more prolonged senate debate than the house-approved legislation confined to the arming of merchant ships.

Senate leaders arranged to start consideration of the revised measure Monday.

The broader revision proposal was sponsored by Democratic Leader Barkley, who had conferred on it yesterday with Chairman Connally (D-Tex.).

Here is the committee roll call: Democrats for expanding the bill—Connally, George, Wagner, Barkley, Murray, Thomas of Utah, Pepper, Green, Guffey, Glass, Lee, Tamm.

Republicans against—White. Democrats against—Van Nuys, Reynolds, Clark of Missouri, Gillette.

Republicans against—Johnson of California, Capper, Vandenberg, Shipstead, Nye. Progressive against—La Follette.

Just prior to the final vote, the committee voted 12 to 11 to substitute the amendment drafted by Barkley for a similar one previously offered by Senators Pepper, Green and Lee. On that tally Senator White voted against making the substitution.

Repeal May Be Limited
There still was some talk of complete repeal of the neutrality law, but Barkley and Connally were understood to have decided that some provisions should be

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Army Plane Crashes; Four Others Lost

Flaming Tragedy Occurs In Sierra Forest; Fog, Storm Beset Squadron

FRESNO, Calif., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Burned wreckage of a plane, apparently one of five missing army pursuit ships, was sighted from the air today on the west side of Gray's Peak, in the Sierra national forest.

Sierra national forest headquarters at North Fork said the men who had sighted the wreckage reported a fire was burning in brush and pine needles near the remains of the plane.

Ground parties were converging on the scene reported to be 22 miles from North Fork. Gray's Peak is in the vicinity of Sequoia Meadows, is nine miles from Bass lake and has an elevation of 5,500 feet.

Discovery of the plane followed the report of a CCC watchman near Sequoia yesterday of hearing a plane, followed by the sound of a crash, and then seeing flames.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Five army pursuit planes, missing overnight in fog and stormy weather, were hunted in widely spaced parts of California and Nevada today.

The army received a report that at least one of the five missing pilots, Lieut. J. H. Pease, parachuted to safety in the Tehachapi mountains of south-central California.

All of the ships were known to be down somewhere, because they had gasoline for only three hours' flight.

The planes vanished yesterday afternoon from a formation of 19 that left March Field in southern California en route to Mc Clellan Field at Sacramento.

Over the Tehachapi the fog was thick and the ships were

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Local Signal System Ready For "Raiders"

Installation Completed For Civilian Air Defense Test Slated Next Week

Installation of the air raid precaution signal system was completed at the chamber of commerce office here today as the last step in completing equipment for the test of army and civilian air defenses to be conducted on a large scale in Oregon and Washington next week.

The ARP signal system is the link which connects the air raid warning service with the civilian defense system.

The air raid warning service is the activity controlled by the army and represented in Roseburg by the filter center at the armory, one of three such centers in Oregon. Although manned principally by civilians, directed by a group of army men, the warning service is a direct department of the army. Its purpose is to locate all aircraft, both enemy and friendly, and to report types, number, direction, speed and altitude of all flights. This information, relayed to a central office, is used in directing flights of defense planes, and also to warn civilians in time to permit blackouts of cities and mobilize air raid defense units.

Efficient Staff Ready
Lieutenant John Truman Runyan, commanding officer of the filter center at Roseburg, reports that the personnel here is showing exceptionally good efficiency in the operation of the plotting equipment, and, in fact, he says, he firmly believes the volunteer workers in Roseburg are fully as proficient if not more expert than in any similar center in the Pacific northwest. Approximately 85 women have been trained and are available for operation of the filter center, he states.

The observation posts are yet to be tested, as is the system of communication between the observation posts and the filter center, but Lieutenant Runyan states that from the nature of questions received by him from chief observers, he believes they have the work well in mind and thoroughly understand the instructions which have been given all persons assigned to the observation system.

Actual tests of the entire de-

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Fire Damages Docks But Fails to Reach Vessels

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Fire that raged through two docks of the huge Robins dry dock in Brooklyn today threatened two ships—an American-owned tanker and a British freighter—which were undergoing repairs.

The Robins company holds millions of dollars in defense contracts.

The ships, neither of which was reported seriously damaged, were identified as the British merchantman Empire Coral and the tanker, F. W. Abrams, operated out of Wilmington, Del., and owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

Fire officials said damage appeared extensive to two Robins docks, but the flames never reached the ships.

One workman expressed belief the fire had started by sparks from welding equipment.

Woman Dies Two Days After Husband Drowns

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Irene Wiek, 46, died yesterday, two days after her husband, Carl, drowned in the Willamette river.

A brother-in-law, H. W. Perry, Eugene, discovered her body in her houseboat. Cause of death was not determined.

New Defender Of Moscow Named



General Gregory K. Zhukov, above, chief of the Soviet general staff and commander of the western army before Moscow, has replaced Marshal Timoshenko in command of all the western zone by order of Premier Joseph Stalin. Timoshenko was entrusted with the task of organizing reserves.

Blockade of Jap War Needs Urged By Sen. Pepper

Action Proposed to Back Up Secretary Knox' Remarks, Branded by Tokyo as Bluff

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—(AP)—An immediate American blockade of Japan was proposed today by Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) as an answer to Tokyo's expansion plans—plans that Secretary of the Navy Knox said might lead to a "collision" in the far east.

Agreeing with Knox's statement that the situation in the Pacific was "extremely strained," Pepper told reporters he believed the time had come to institute a blockade cutting off all war supplies that might be consigned to Japan from any source.

"We ought to see to it," Pepper declared, "that Japan gets no materials from outside sources that will fatten her for further conquests."

This could be accomplished, he predicted, by halting all exports to Japan, closing the Panama canal to ships bound for Japanese ports, and launching a naval patrol of the Pacific sea lanes.

Knox told a group of defense manufacturers yesterday that American officials were satisfied in their own minds that the Japanese had no intention of giving up their plans for far eastern expansion, adding bluntly:

"If they pursue that course, a collision there is inevitable."

Knox Criticized
However, another member of the senate foreign relations committee, Senator LaFollette, said he was at a loss to understand Knox's statement in the light of recent developments.

"If the situation in the far east has reached the point described by the secretary," LaFollette said, "the American people and congress are entitled to know what the issue is before they are flung into a war on two oceans simultaneously."

In a similar vein, Senator Nye said he hoped that "Secretary Knox's war with Japan is wishful thinking on his part."

KNOX'S TALK BRANDED BY JAPAN'S PRESS AS BLUFF

TOKYO, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The assertion by Frank Knox, United States secretary of the navy, that a collision with Japan is inevitable unless she abandons her "plans of expansion" was characterized by the Japanese press today as a bit of American bluffing.

"Knox is trying to bluff Japan," declared an editorial in the newspaper Hochi. "We are carrying on Japan's decided policies regardless of bluffing by Americans."

"Knox's speech is his usual blun-

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Nazis Deal Blow to Reds' War Needs

Moscow Defense Holding, But Invaders Get Closer To Caucasus Oil Fields

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's high command today reported the capture of Kharkov—Russia's "Pittsburgh"—in the heart of the Donets river industrial basin, and simultaneously German war reports declared that Moscow's zero hour was near.

Unconfirmed elsewhere, a British exchange telegraph dispatch quoted the Vichy (French) radio as broadcasting a German report that Nazi troops were now less than 20 miles outside Moscow.

This roundabout report contrasted with official Soviet dispatches which described the fighting as more than 50 miles away at the nearest point.

German capture of Kharkov, a severe blow to Russia's war foundries, gave the Nazis control of almost the entire Ukraine except for a tiny corner bounded by the Donets river from Kharkov to Rostov-on-Don.

One of the key cities of Soviet war supplies, Kharkov is the site of big smelting, engine and tank factories and a main rail outlet for the basin's coal and metal production.

The city fell yesterday, a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters said, while to the south, German and allied troops were reported driving closer to Rostov-on-Don, vital gateway to the Caucasian oil fields.

Roughly about the size of St. Louis, Kharkov lies 400 miles south of Moscow and 260 miles east of Kiev, the German-held capital of the Ukraine.

Moscow Battle Bitter
There was little specific news, even from Berlin, to support the vague Nazi claim that Moscow's zero hour was approaching.

German military dispatches reported only that Gen. Von Bock's central front armies had "battled further forward" in the 24-day-old drive on the U. S. S. R. capital, and they acknowledged that the Russians' bitter resistance in deeply-staggered positions made progress difficult.

A Red army bulletin said fierce all-night fighting raged in the familiar sectors of Moshaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, and Maloyaroslavsk, 65 miles southwest of the capital, and that new German assaults were "beaten off with heavy losses for the enemy."

Other reports indicated that mud, snow and rain had bogged down fluid action in the gigantic conflicts around both Moscow and Leningrad.

An official Soviet spokesman declared that the present German drive "if not the last, is one of the last large-scale German offensives" and that Adolf Hitler's objective of quick victory in the east could not be realized.

"We know our strength continues to grow while the Germans' goes down," said S. A. Lozovsky, vice commissar of foreign affairs and press liaison.

Establishment of government offices at the Volga river trading center of Kulyshev, 550 miles southeast of Moscow, Lozovsky said, meant that "the basic aim of Hitler to end the war on the

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Short-Circuited Lamp Electrocutes Infant

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Michael Thomas, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, crawled onto a furnace floor register yesterday. He reached for a metal floor lamp that had short-circuited, and was electrocuted.

Going Up

The eagle views with mounting fear the swift invasion of his sphere. With prices soaring ever higher. What chance has any feathered flier? —M. H. P.