

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau  
Roseburg, Oregon  
Scattered showers and cooler tonight and Saturday.  
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# Roseburg News-Review

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY DAILY

"SHOOTING" WAR

The U. S. is closer to it today by reason of the sinking of one of its destroyers. Open declaration may come any day, or will Uncle Sam wait for further attacks? Watch for big news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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# TORPELO SINKS U.S. DESTROYER IN CONVOY

# TWENTY KILLED IN CRASH OF AIRLINER

## Reuben James Lost West Of Iceland; Fate of 120 Aboard Unlearned; "Glad," Nazi Word

### Flames Ban Rescue of Any Of Occupants

Tragedy Occurs During Storm in Ontario; All Of Victims Americans

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Oct. 31.—(AP)—All 20 occupants of an American airlines transport were killed last night when the big plane plowed into the earth 14 miles west of here and burst into such fierce flames that no attempt at rescue could be made.

The 17 passengers and three members of the crew of the 21-passenger Douglas airliner were all from the United States, bound through a drizzling rain on the Buffalo-Detroit leg of a regular flight from New York to Chicago.

Twenty-seven-year-old Mary E. Blackley of New York city, the stewardess, was the only woman victim.

There was no immediate explanation for the disaster, the second within a day to befall an American air transport and the worst air disaster in Canadian history. It was the first crash of an American airlines plane since February, 1936.

With 20 dead here and 14 killed early yesterday morning in the crash of a Northwest airlines plane near Moorehead, Minn., 136

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The fighting in Russia today (Wednesday) appears to be nearing the end of its first phase.

Hitler's armies are pounding at the gates of Moscow, in the center of the 2,000-mile line that has held the attention of the world for four months. At the far south end of this line, the Russians are apparently preparing to abandon Rostov, at the mouth of the Don river. At the far northern end of the line, Leningrad is still holding.

Hitler now has firmly in his possession the rich agricultural and industrial Ukraine—what has been left of it, that is, by Stalin's scorched earth policy.

It is bad enough, to be sure. But go back four months. At that time, no military expert willing to be quoted would grant Russia more than a month of organized resistance to the Nazi power. She has held out FOUR months, and isn't finished yet.

Hitler has had to use up far more of his resources of men and material than he likes.

Of the first phase of the battle of Russia is nearing its end, what will be the next phase?

Only Hitler knows, but here is a guess:

The Germans will attempt to drive on into the Caucasus and thence into Iran and Iraq, where lies the oil that has been their chief goal and is probably their most pressing need. They will meet bitter resistance, with the British finally fighting side by side with the Russians.

It seems likely that in the course of this campaign Turkey will be forced off the fence. It's hard to look at the map and come to any other conclusion.

Another guess:  
Leningrad will be defended desperately.

With the better part of her manufacturing capacity gone,

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### Noted Educator To Direct Course At Institute Here.



Dr. Lois Meek Stolz, above, of Oakland, California, will be in Roseburg Tuesday, Nov. 4 to direct the group-study conference of the Douglas County Teachers. Dr. Stolz was for five years educational director of the program of the American Association of University Women and for 10 years director of the Child Development institute of Columbia university and professor of education at Teachers college. She has taught at summer sessions of universities of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Iowa, and in the west has been connected with workshops in secondary education under auspices of the Progressive Education association at Mills college, Reed college and Claremont college. At present she is working with the commission on teacher education of the American Council of Education. Local parents are urged by Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, to attend the Tuesday institute program, when Dr. Stolz will direct the study-group conference on the topic, "The Growth and Development of the Child."

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## Strike-Ridden Plane Plant in Jersey Seized by U. S. Govt.

### Troops Take Over on Order Of Roosevelt

Air Associates Disobeys Mediation Body Request To Reinstates CIO Men

(By the Associated Press)  
The army took over the plant of Air Associates, Inc., at Bendix, N. J., today and announced it would hire workers as rapidly as possible after inventories are made so that work on vital airplane parts may be resumed.

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### Nazi Lunge For Moscow Still Futile

Inensified Blows Fail To Crack Soviet Defense; Other Fronts Also Hold

(By the Associated Press)  
Soviet workers fought alongside Red army troops today in a bloody series of battles around Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, as the Germans stepped up the fury of their 30-day-old drive on the soviet capital from two directions.

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### New Tax Plan Dwarfs Total Of Last Law

Administration Heads at Work on Program Aimed To Produce Six Billion

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—High administration officials disclosed today they have in preparation a huge new tax program, designed to collect approximately \$6,000,000,000 of "excess purchasing power" from the nation's collective pocketbook.

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### Firm Moves Sawmills To Douglas, Coos

Fairhurst Lumber Co. of Tacoma Plans Extensive Operations in Timber

The Fairhurst Lumber company, which has been operating 152 small sawmills in the Tacoma, Wash., area, has moved 25 of its sawmills into Douglas and Coos counties, and plans during the next few months to transfer the major part of its business into southern Oregon, it was announced here today by Archer Chase, who has been named manager here. The company, he reports, has purchased the planing mill and loading facilities of the Weeks company at Dillard, eight miles south of Roseburg, and will expand that plant as needed.

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### Secesh Group of Curry Advised to Get Oregon's O. K.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—California's Governor Olson suggested yesterday to a Curry county, Ore., secession group that Oregon's approval should be obtained before the county tried to join California.

The self-styled "Cinderella county" was represented by Mayor Gilbert E. Gable of Port Orford, Collier H. Buffington of Gold Beach and Elmer Bankus of Brookings.

They presented the county's complaint that Oregon had failed to cooperate in development of mineral resources.

Governor Olson promised every cooperation in assisting the county to attract the attention of officials in Washington to the mineral resources, but indicated that annexation would be a bit difficult.

Club-waving Grants Pass cave-men appeared in protest. They discovered the land a long time ago, they said, and Curry county had no right to give it away.

The Curry county group declared that the county has the longest coast line of any in Oregon and is the only county without a road to the interior. They said Curry has 10 per cent of the standing timber of the United States and deposits of chrome, manganese, copper and coking coal.

### Logging Truck Driver Dies in Flaming Wreck

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Clarence Stith, 32-year-old logging truck driver, died in the flaming wreckage of his truck at the outskirts of the city late yesterday.

The truck and a switch engine collided. Stith was pinned in the cab and before he could be rescued fire enveloped it.

### Gen. Blethen, Publisher Of Seattle Times, Passes

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Death after a prolonged illness closed last night the long and distinguished newspaper and military career of Maj. Gen. Clarence Bretton Blethen, publisher of the Seattle Times.

The 62-year-old publisher died at the family home on the east shore of Lake Washington with his wife and two of his four sons at the bedside. The latter were Frank and William K. Blethen, both associated with the Times.

### Handicap of Clouds Awaiting Bombers Scheduled for Night "Raid" on Roseburg

Civilian Defense Units Ready for Various Roles in Blackout Program

Civilian defense units were in a state of complete preparedness awaiting the simulated air raid tonight upon the city. It was problematical whether the planes would be able to locate the city through the blanket of clouds and in face of the blackout for which thorough preparations have been made.

The exact hour of the raid is not known, but it will probably be between 7:30 and 9 p. m.

When word is received that the "enemy" flight, which will be composed of a fleet of large bombers, is approaching the city an "alert" signal will be given. The signal will be in the form of repeated short blasts of the air raid signal whistle installed this week at the S. P. roundhouse.

Upon the sounding of this signal, all defense units will report immediately.

### Special Session Opposed By Some of Legislators

SALEM, Oct. 31.—(AP)—State Sen. Ronald Jones (R-Marion) said today he opposed the proposal for a special legislative session to study Multnomah county's tax assessment problems.

Speaker of the House Robert S. Farrell, Jr. (R-Multnomah), who visited Salem yesterday, also said there is no need for the session.

### Alleged Army Deserter Lodged in Jail Here

DONALD Pudril, 29, was taken into custody here last night by state police on a request from federal authorities on a charge of desertion from the U. S. army.

He is being held in the county jail pending arrival of federal officers.

### Daniels, Ambassador To Mexico, Resigns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico.

The chief executive, in announcing this today, said that of all the people who had been at foreign posts in Latin America in the last 31 years, he thought Daniels had done more to encourage and live up to the good neighbor policy than any.

The president said there had been a great improvement in American-Mexican relations, which he declared were now on a basis of understanding and friendship, since 1933.

The ambassador, who was navy secretary in the world war and had the president as his assistant, said he submitted his resignation because of the poor health of his wife.

### Blackout Instructions

Public cooperation in observing the following regulations issued by the Douglas county defense council concerning air raid defense tests to be conducted Oct. 31-Nov. 1 is requested:

### ALERT

SIGNAL: Series of short blasts of whistle at S. P. Roundhouse.

Warning will be given in advance of arrival of planes and is signal to make all preparations for blackout.

### BLACKOUT

SIGNAL: Siren effect of whistle. Immediately extinguish all exterior lights. Draw shades or cover windows with blankets. Make inspection outside of house or building to be sure no lights are showing. Traffic to halt immediately both in and out of cities. Cars to be halted at curb or side of road, lights extinguished and motors stopped. Pedestrians and observers remain stationary. No smoking, lighting of matches or other display of light. Do not cross streets. Remain in darkened areas.

Duration of blackout is not expected to exceed 15 minutes.

### ALL CLEAR

SIGNAL: One long blast of whistle. All lights and signs may be restored. Normal traffic to be resumed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The United States destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed and sunk west of Iceland last night, the first American warship lost since the European war began, and President Roosevelt crisply told a press conference the attack would not change United States policy.

The hours passed with no news of the fate of the men aboard, but the navy department said the Reuben James carried life-saving equipment sufficient to meet the needs of many more officers and men than comprised her complement.

Ordinarily the Reuben James carried 6 officers and 114 men. The 21-year-old destroyer was on convoy duty, the navy said and Mr. Roosevelt, in his discussion of policy, noted the specific fact that she was carrying out a duty assigned to her.

"Glad" of Torpedoing, Nazi Official Says  
In Berlin an authorized source said that if the destroyer was participating in a convoy "it was no wonder that she was torpedoed."

"A convoy is an English affair and whoever participates in it becomes part of an English formation," it was declared. "I am certainly glad it was not our U-boat that was sunk but rather the American destroyer that was torpedoed," the spokesman added. "American destroyers have no business entering the war zone."

In London an authoritative British spokesman took the view that Germany had declared "indiscriminate submarine warfare against the United States."

### Neutrality Vote Prediction Made

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Administration leaders today set next Wednesday as the deadline for senate action on the neutrality revision bill permitting the arming of merchant ships and allowing them to sail anywhere.

Still confident they have ample votes to pass the important measure, the leaders said they had arranged a speaking program which they believed would insure a vote by the middle of next week.

Vote predictions—these were almost as numerous as senators—were included:

Democratic leader Barkley (Ky.)—at least 50 votes for the bill.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the foreign relations committee—a rock-bottom total of 50.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky.), administration supporter—44 certain democratic votes. Six or seven republican.

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), a leading opponent of administration foreign policy—42 votes for eliminating the provision permitting American ships to sail to non-forbidden belligerent ports and combat areas with a substantial group of senators still doubtful.

(A vote of 49 would give the side polling it a majority of two if all the 96 members of the senate voted.)

### Reuben James Was the Third American Warship Fired At, the Second to Be Hit and the First to Be Sunk in the Increasing Tempo of Action at Sea in the Past Two Months. President Roosevelt on Sept. 11 Ordered the Navy to "Shoot on Sight" Any Axis Warcraft Encountered.

Congress was stirred by the news. Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) who ranks among the leading opponents of the administration's foreign policy, told reporters that "America will protect her seamen, no matter what mission they are on."

Senator Capper (R-Kas.) said, "this apparently brings us closer to a shooting war." And Senator Gurney (R-N. D.) declared "this clinches the argument" for wiping out the neutrality act.

"We can expect such things when our ships are in war zones," Senator Truman (D-Mo.) commented.

Whether the Reuben James or any accompanying ships were able to wreak any damage was undisclosed. Secretary of the Navy Knox said this week that the navy probably would not disclose any submarine sinkings by

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### Standstill Order Ignored by French

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The population of Vichy, capital of the Petain regime, today virtually ignored the Free French request for a five-minute standstill strike in protest against the German execution of hostages.

The call for the demonstration was issued by Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Free French leader, in London last Saturday. For five minutes today, beginning at 4 p. m. Frenchmen were asked to stand still at their occupations in silent protest against the German punitive measures.

The ministry of the interior reported that it had made a check-up of various sections in the unoccupied zone and that the De Gaulle appeal had had no apparent results.

Shortly before the deadline Gen. Von Stuepnagel, commander of the German forces in France, announced the release of two French prisoners of war in compensation for the supplying of information to the German authorities by their relatives.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Thirteen Greeks have been executed by hanging at Salenika following the slaying of two German soldiers, authorized Germans said today.