

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Roseburg, Oregon

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with scattered light showers tonight.

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SHOWDOWN

That's what impends for the far eastern crisis, involving Japan, Britain and the United States. Watch the NEWS-REVIEW for results of the conference set in Washington this week.

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NAZI DRIVE AIMS AT RUSS SUPPLY ROUTE

U. S. Always Ready to Fight To Retain Liberty, Roosevelt Declares at Armistice Rites

Dead of Past Wars Lauded By President

Supreme Sacrifices of 1917-18 Saved Nation in That Day, Hearers Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said in an Armistice day address today that we have a duty to ourselves and to those who died to gain our freedom "to make the world a place where freedom can live and grow into the ages."

The American people believe liberty is worth fighting for, he added, "and if they are obliged to fight they will fight eternally to hold it."

The chief executive spoke in Arlington national cemetery at services conducted by the American Legion. A few moments before he had stood solemnly at attention while an aide placed a wreath against the tomb of the unknown soldier of the last World war.

This year's observance of Armistice day, Mr. Roosevelt declared, has a particular significance because in the past we were not always able to measure our indebtedness to those who gave their lives in the first World war.

Sacrifices Pointed Out. If the Armistice of 1918 had not been signed, the world would have wondered why the war was fought, the president said.

"We would have known why liberty is worth defending," he explained, "as those alone whose

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In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
GENERAL Rokossovsky, Russian commander on the Moscow front, reports today (Saturday) that the nazis have been forced on the defensive by red army counter-attacks.

This follows reports to the same general effect yesterday.

MEANWHILE today the British Broadcasting Corporation (British government radio) asserts that the German will undertake in the near future a new assault on Moscow in a new sector.

ONE instinctively distrusts these government radio reports. Government-owned radio tends to be used everywhere as a propaganda vehicle.

Still, it is hard to believe Hitler will abandon for the winter his attempts to take the soviet capital. That would be an admission of his first failure.

Such admissions are dangerous:

SOME advice here: Don't get too enthusiastic over these reports of Russian successes. The Russians are putting up a tough fight, giving Hitler far more than he bargained for. They aren't out of the war yet, by a long shot.

But the distinctly favorable trend of the news in the past couple of days coincides a little too closely with the 24th anniversary of the bolshevik revolution. One suspects instinctively that the news is being colored to some extent for morale purposes.

REMEMBER always in reading the news that you must READ BETWEEN THE LINES. You can't accept ANYTHING as gospel. War and propaganda go

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Democracy's Greatest Danger is From Within, Due to Lethargy of Voters, Says Judge King in Armistice Address Here

Citizens of the United States must shake off their lethargy with regard to affairs of government, if the democratic form of government created by the Constitution of the United States is to survive, Circuit Judge Dal M. King declared today, speaking at the annual Armistice day program at Hunt's Indian theatre. Pointing to the fact that voters failed to exercise their right of franchise, and that, as a result, more and more power has been stripped from the people and placed in the hands of executive boards and administrations, Judge King declared that the greatest danger to democracy comes from within and not from without.

The speaker, a World War veteran, recently appointed to the office of circuit judge, was the principal speaker at the Armistice day program, and his address was carried to listeners throughout all of Douglas county by Radio Station KRNL.

The address was the highlight of a patriotic program appropriate to the day as presented under the sponsorship of Umpqua post of the American Legion.

The large audience heard the speaker outline the current situation and the dangers now faced by Democracy.

He said in part:

"Twenty-three years ago one of the greatest struggles of history was halted on the battle fields of Europe. A war which most of us thought was a war to end wars. But now in a short period of 23 years, the whole world is again engulfed in war or preparations for war—a titanic struggle which is rocking the very foundations of civilization and striking at the very essence and heart of democratic forms of government."

"We entered the first World War and sacrificed thousands and thousands of young men and women in the defense of democracy and the principles for which it stands—for the freedom of the seas, and the protection of our citizens and our property against the ruthlessness of the rulers of the Central Powers of Europe. Now, again, we are facing a clash between the individualist or democratic way of life and the philosophy of absolutism or dictatorship in government. This struggle, during this

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Europe Doesn't Pause in Bloody Strife To Observe Armistice of 23 Years Ago; Nazis Forbid "Degradation Day" Notice

By the Associated Press
Armistice day was just another day of work today for Britain and most of German-dominated Europe, where once the powers victorious in the World war observed the occasion with great pomp and solemnity.

It was business as usual, too, for part of official Washington. The office of production management, directing center of the vast effort to fill the supply chests of Britain and Russia with American war materials, asked its staff to appear voluntarily at their desks.

The British, anxious not to lose a single day in the production of vital war material, observed the 23rd anniversary of the armistice in unobtrusive fashion Sunday.

Nazis Ban Celebration
The anonymous "Colonel Britton," leader of the British "V" campaign, broadcast from London last night, however, an appeal to the peoples of German-occupied countries to make the anniversary "Dead March Day" and thus slow down Nazi war industries.

The Germans themselves, who regard November 11 as the "day of degradation," forbade under pain of punishment any demonstrations in areas under their control.

Memorial services for the dead of all wars were arranged in Vichy, seat of the government in unoccupied France.

Pierre Pucheu, French minister, said in a communique that "by silence, meditation and dignity the French people must commemorate their war dead."

Italy celebrated on November 4 the anniversary of the end of fighting against Austria-Hungary in 1918. Today is the 72nd birthday anniversary of King Vittorio Emanuele, who remained quietly with his family at his country home on the Riviera.

On the occasion of the third war-time Armistice day in London, U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant said in a message to British school children that "if peace could have been pursued as selflessly as men gave generously in the war, permanent peace might have been a reality."

The ambassador told the students to "carry on."

Bomber's Crash Kills Pilot, Injures Three Men
RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 11.—(AP)—An army dive bomber crashed into a maneuvers camp last night, killing its pilot and injuring three men.

The plane, which cut a half-mile path through a pine forest as it approached for a landing at the municipal airport here, smashed into a tent encampment of the 25th air base group and burst into flames. Two of the men hurt were in the recreation tent. The other was the radio operator in the plane.

The dead pilot was Second Lieut. H. P. Taylor of Mankato, Minn., about 24 years old.

Valuation Of Douglas Goes Up \$800,000

County Total Raised to \$30,344,000; Cities Get New Property Appraisal

An increase of more than \$800,000 in assessed valuation has brought the total assessment in Douglas county to \$30,344,260, the highest in more than five years, County Assessor Barton Hellwell reported today. Mr. Hellwell has been furnished with the assessment made by the state tax commission on public utilities, and while the ratio of valuation between the utilities and privately owned properties is down from 64 to 61 per cent, the total amount shows an increase of \$278,110.

Public utility valuations in Douglas county were fixed by the tax commission at \$6,692,700, as compared with \$6,414,590. The increase largely is due, it is reported, to construction of power lines for distribution of electricity into rural districts. Lines built under the REA set-up are taxed the same as those of private utilities, the assessor reports.

The assessment of lands, improvements, machinery, etc., recently completed with regard to privately owned property, showed a material increase over recent years, largely due, Mr. Hellwell stated to new sawmills, logging equipment, etc., as well as advances in livestock and farm improvements.

City Property Revalued.

Revaluation of all municipal property in the county now in progress, Mr. Hellwell states, and will be used in compiling assessments in 1942 for the 1943 tax. The work is being done under the direction of the state tax commission, which is endeavoring to set up a uniform valuation of municipal properties throughout the state. The work is being done by men trained by the tax commission, so that all business and residential properties in cities and towns will be assessed and taxed on a uniform basis. It is the first revaluation in Roseburg for 15 years. Robert

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Portland Meatcutters Spurn Arbitration Bid

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Portland meatcutters voted against an employers' arbitration proposal, 237 to 11, last night, Secretary J. D. McDonald said.

"It's hard to arbitrate a lock-out," McDonald said.

The union struck last week at the Portland Provision company, and claims 12 other firms locked employees out.

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Coal Mines Take-Over By Govt. Looms

Army Begins Vigil After Mediators Vote "No" on Demand for Union Shop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Apparently in preparation for an emergency in the "captive" coal mine situation, the army has established an intelligence center in Pittsburgh to survey the coal fields and keep in touch with miners and operators.

Although the move was explained in Pittsburgh today as purely precautionary, it immediately aroused speculation that the government might be getting ready to take over the captive mines should John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, call a strike.

Lewis withheld comment on his next move following the defense mediation board's action last night in rejecting the UMW's demand for a union shop in the steel company-owned captive mines, which supply coal for taxed mill furnaces.

Who declined the use of his name, said the present situation reminded him of an occasion in 1922 when, he related, 1,000 striking miners marched up to an American flag at a coal mine, saluted it and said:

"We love you, we'll fight for you, but we'll be damned if we'll scab for you."

Lewis, Aides to Confer.

Moving quickly yesterday after the national defense mediation board recommended by a vote of 9 to 2 against such a union shop, Lewis summoned members of the UMW scale committee to a special meeting here Friday.

That committee has the power to decide whether to bow to the board's recommendation, or to renew last month's strike which affected 53,000 miners in

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Churchill's Talk Rouses Japan's Fury

War 'Challenge' Seen in London Speech Declared Inspired by America

(By the Associated Press)
The newspaper Yomiuri declared today the Japanese people are burning with anger over prime minister Churchill's statement yesterday that a British war declaration would be made within the hour if Japan went to war with the United States. The paper added that "Britain is dancing to the tune of the United States and digging her own graveyard."

Cautious silence, however, enveloped official circles and authoritative circles said never in recent years has Japan received such a direct challenge as Churchill's speech. Hence it was held likely some hours would pass before any official reaction would be available.

The delicate situation in the Pacific was emphasized today by comment in Washington as Kurosu, special Japanese envoy here on to continue negotiations with the United States.

Taft Offers Reason

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), a persistent opponent of administration foreign policy, asserted he had information that President Roosevelt had rejected a definite rapprochement proposal because the Japanese refused to promise not to attack Vladivostok, soviet Far Eastern port on the sea of Japan.

Other administration opponents accused Winston Churchill of seeking to prod the United States into war with Japan, a charge which administration supporters dismissed as ill-founded.

Ishii, Japanese cabinet information board spokesman, discounted Churchill's statement. He declared Churchill was "only following the example of (U. S. Navy Secretary) Knox, who said the British would enter within 24 hours, except that he improved it a bit."

'Challenge' To Japan Seen

In Shanghai, Lieut. Col. Akiyama, spokesman for the Japanese army in China, declared Churchill's statement could only be interpreted as a challenge to Japan and said that if the latest Washington-Tokyo negotiations failed, Japan was prepared for the worst.

British and American circles in Shanghai, however, said the Churchill speech was well-timed amid the growing crisis and would cause many Japanese to reconsider the situation seriously.

Naval Power Compared

The Tokyo newspaper Nichi

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Yule Shopping Season Here To Open Nov. 29th

Formal opening of the Christmas shopping season in Roseburg will be observed here Saturday, November 29, it was announced today by D. E. Carr, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee on annual events.

The committee, Mr. Carr reports, has outlined a new plan for decorating the streets. Merchants will be asked to decorate their store interiors and make window displays of Christmas merchandise. All stores will remain open as usual on Saturday nights for the convenience of shoppers.

The plan for street decorations, Mr. Carr reports, includes the hanging of strings of colored lights, which will be turned on for the first time on the 29th and will be kept burning each night until the close of the holiday season.

The committee in charge of arrangements, in addition to the chairman, includes Mabel Lewis, Mrs. Wallace Rapp, Walter Fisher, George Wharton, Glenn Owen, Wm. Machen, E. S. McClain, H. D. Carstens and Tom Parkinson.

Ground Soldier Must Win War, Sgt. York Asserts

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Sergeant Alvin C. York, outstanding American hero of the 1914-18 World war, looked back over 23 years today and told an interviewer the war was lost "in the peace."

Famed for his single-handed capture of 132 Germans, York said that "we should have gone right through Germany and conquered her."

The 53-year-old Tennessee mountain farmer, here to observe the 23rd anniversary of the armistice that closed the World war, repeated "we should have gone right through Germany and conquered her," adding, "and this war never would have happened."

This time, he said, "we are going to have to take Germany off the face of the earth and put all the other little warring nations under a protectorate of the democracies."

He expressed belief Germany's only hope for victory over Britain and Russia lay in her air power.

"But you can drop all the bombs you want to and you can't conquer anything," York went on. "It takes the soldier on the ground to hold it. And they can't get that into England."

"We can get along better without declaring war," he said of his own nation. "We have to get guns, food and equipment to the allies. That means we have got to deliver it, see that none of it is sunk."

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Displaces .45 Calibre Revolver in U. S. Infantry



It's new and it's the army's best. After exhaustive service tests of five different types of short, light rifles, U. S. army experts recently adopted this Winchester carbine. The gun, which is four and a half pounds lighter, seven and a half inches shorter than the Garand, present basic rifle, will largely be used to replace the .45-calibre pistol among infantry troops. It's advantage over the pistol, which is primarily a defensive weapon, is that it is effective either on offense or defense.

Chilean President Hands Over Rule to Follower

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 11.—(AP)—President Pedro Cerda, 62, who had stoutly weathered an army revolt and two plots against his government since 1938, gave way last night to illness and handed over his office temporarily to Dr. Jeronimo Mendez, a loyal follower. In a move which surprised virtually all Chile.

The acting president, second such official now in power in South America, quickly assured the nation by radio that he would carry on the policies of the ailing president, who headed the first and only popular front government in the western hemisphere.

Pharmacy-Liquor Agency Loses \$500 in Hold-Up

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Two hold-up men robbed E. W. Shellev, Troutdale, of \$500 last night and locked him in the back room of his pharmacy.

Shellev, whose pharmacy is also a state liquor agency, had just finished counting the money.

Murmansk, Archangel Main Goals

Elsewhere Reds Appear Holding On; Destroyer Loss of Italy Increased

By the Associated Press
German troops driving east of Leningrad were reported threatening to cut off the Arctic as a route of soviet supplies from the United States and Great Britain today, while on the central front, official Russian dispatches said large Nazi forces had been trapped near Volokolamsk, 65 miles northwest of Moscow.

As pictured by a Berlin military spokesman, German forces advancing in Karelia were impeding supply lines both from the ice-free Arctic port of Murmansk and the White sea port of Archangel.

Nazi strategists said the German armies were steadily progressing toward their objectives.

Presumably, however, they were hundreds of miles away from Archangel itself, with a long, hard trek over the frigid northland still ahead before they would be in a position to isolate that port.

Official soviet advices said German troops captured recently in the 40-day-old battle before Moscow showed signs of utter exhaustion.

Nazis Blast Own Troops

In a side phase of the bloody Russo-German struggle, the Norwegian telegraph agency reported from London that hundreds of German soldiers were blown to pieces when Nazi torpedoes, hunting down a submarine which had sunk two German transports off the coast of Norway, dropped depth charges among troops in the water.

The agency said fewer than 200 of 3,000 Germans aboard the torpedoed liners were rescued by a Norwegian ship which reached the scene shortly after the torpedo attack.

Beside the big German contingent trapped near Volokolamsk—victims of the same encirclement tactics exploited against red army troops—the Russians said a major soviet counter-attack had been launched in the Serpukhov sector, 65 miles south of Moscow, against German panzer units attempting to break the central defense arc.

Reuters, the British news agency, declared German forces trying to cross the river Oka there had been annihilated.

Violent all-night fighting was also reported in the Tula sector, 100 miles south of the U. S. S. R. capital, with soviet troops holding their ground against repeated Nazi tank assaults in the southern suburbs of the town.

Leningrad Peril Increased
Defenders of siege-girt Leningrad were reported holding fast against 60,000 fresh German shock troops striking from Kare-

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Roosevelt Urges Big Tax Program

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today weighed a request from President Roosevelt for immediate action on a big anti-inflation tax program, but members seemed disposed to defer the problem until after the house acts on pending price control legislation.

In private expressions of opinion, committee members said that the price control measure was anti-inflationary in purpose and that the regulations it finally contains would help to decide what further precautions against inflation should go into a new tax bill.

President Roosevelt appealed for speedy consideration of a tax program in a letter to Chairman Doughton of the committee, which decides on all new revenue measures. The committee last week postponed consideration of the treasury's proposed new \$4,850,000,000 tax program, but Mr. Roosevelt did not refer specifically to this set of recommendations.