

THE WEATHER

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Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Friday. General changeable winds off shore.

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BRITISH STRIKE

Will it be a clean-up of axis power in northern Africa? It's a "must" for Britain to offset any plan to use Vichy's colonial army to aid Hitler. Keep your eye on NEWS-REVIEW news.

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REOPENING OF COAL MINES UP TO GOVT.

BRITISH HURL 750,000 MEN INTO NORTH AFRICA SMASH; REDS FACE NEW NAZI LUNGE

Recovery Of Former-Held Area Purpose

Axis Forces Reel From First Blow, But Decisive Battle Still Lies Ahead

(By the Associated Press) Britain's desert armies, 750,000 strong, were reported driving deep into Libya today after advancing more than 50 miles on a 140-mile front in a vast and secretly launched offensive aimed at knocking the axis out of North Africa.

British dispatches said the attack, which started at dawn on Tuesday, set German and Italian troops back on their heels in shocked surprise.

An authoritative London source envisioning a lightning campaign, said the climactic battle might come "within a few hours."

The new offensive is commanded on land by Lieut.-Gen. Alan Cunningham, the man who crush-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE Germans announce the capture of Kerch, where the Crimean peninsula thrusts out to the east between the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea.

The Russians (as these words are written) have not conceded it, but it is probable that Kerch has fallen. The red army has been fighting there with its back to the water, always a dangerous enterprise.

Its job has been to hold the Kerch side of the narrow strait that joins the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov while defenses were being organized on the OTHER side.

THIS strait is from four to ten miles in width, and the nature of the country on the east side is such that the Germans will probably have to attempt to cross it at its widest point—which is at the Kerch railroad.

The English channel between Dover and Calais is roughly 20 miles wide—about twice the width of the strait at Kerch. The progress the Germans make in crossing the Kerch strait and battering down the Russian defenses on the other side will be interesting and rather significant.

They took Crete, to be sure, crossing some 75 miles of water from the Greek mainland to do it, but Crete's defenses were weak—especially air defense.

It is certain that the Russians must have organized strong defenses on the east side of the Kerch strait. It is in the crossing the strait, rather than the defense of Kerch, that the real battle will come.

MILITARY men will watch this enterprise with acute interest, because it seems probable the Germans will uncover some of the methods they have been rehearsing for the attempted cross-

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His Removal May Sever U. S. Link With Vichy



A threat from Washington to sever relations with the Vichy government of France, has followed the announced removal of General Maxime Weygand, above, as pro-consul and Vichy army commander in North Africa.

Weygand Ouster Has Sequel in U. S. Warning to Vichy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The state department announced today the United States was reviewing its entire relationship with France because of the removal of General Maxime Weygand as Vichy's pro-consul in French North Africa.

The department announcement emphasized that Weygand's removal was an ominous development in growing Franco-German collaboration which might be seriously detrimental to American interests.

For the moment, it was officially said, all economic assistance to French North Africa has been suspended, and the United States will await action by the French and Germans before determining on this country's future course.

The announcement added: "It remains to be seen to what further extent Hitler will attempt to take over by force or threat of force the sovereignty and control of the French empire."

The notice carried a frank warning, informed sources said, which intimated that severance of diplomatic relations was a possibility.

As the supreme authority in Morocco, Algiers and Tunisia, Weygand has been one of the few Vichy officials to cooperate with the United States in seeking to keep complete control of those colonies in French hands.

Under an arrangement with General Weygand, the United States reestablished trade with the African colonies, shipping foodstuffs and articles required for civilian life in return for raw materials for national defense production here.

The United States, it was stated, would withhold decisive action concerning the renewed signs of closer Franco-German collaboration—pending a complete report, expected today, from American Ambassador Leahy.

Leahy conferred at length with Marshal Petain, the chief of the French state, yesterday.

Battles Rage In Regions Of Moscow, Tula

Russians Admit Kerch Evacuated, but Declare Nazis Paid Heavy Price

By the Associated Press The Russians were today reported resisting a new German offensive against Moscow, with especially heavy fighting under way at Volokolamsk, 65 miles west and slightly north of Moscow, at Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, and at Tula, 100 miles south.

The Germans also were pressing against Rostov, on the Don river at the doorway to the Caucasus.

In the Crimea campaign, a soviet war bulletin acknowledged that red troops had abandoned Kerch "for strategic reasons" but declared that more than 20,000 Germans had been annihilated in storming the city.

"Our troops evacuated Kerch in an orderly manner, to take up more advantageous positions," the Russian communique said. It described as "the usual lie" German reports that large numbers of prisoners and war ma-

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Logging Firm To Operate At Winchester

Lane-Linn Co. Begins Job Preparatory to Building 50,000-Ft. Capacity Mill

The Lane-Linn Logging company, which recently secured a 15-acre site on the Kendall Bros. holdings at Winchester, is making rapid progress on the construction of a log loading landing, office building, roadways and spur track, preparatory to further development work. The company, which has been operating for the past four years at Springfield and Sweet Home, plans to start construction of a remanufacturing plant and dry kiln in the near future, and in the early spring will install a sawmill of 50,000 board feet daily capacity, according to present plans.

John Glard of Eugene, superintendent of the company's three operations, reports that the concern will act principally as a marketing agency and buy rough-cut lumber from independent mills and also logs for shipment.

The site now being developed is located on the west side of the railroad track, about a half mile west of the Pacific highway and adjacent to the Winchester-Garden valley road.

S. P. Southern Spur.

The Southern Pacific company is engaged in the construction of a double-end spur track along which ground has been graded for the construction of the log landing. As soon as the landing has been built, the company plans the construction of a resaw and planing mill, a dry kiln and loading docks. An office building is nearing completion. Grading also is in progress for a roadway,

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Junior Women to Aid in Red Cross Roll Call



Members of the Roseburg Junior Women's club, pictured above, will canvass the residential district of Roseburg, starting Monday, in connection with the annual Red Cross Roll Call. Club members who will aid in the drive are: Seated, from left, Mrs. Clifford Smith, president; Miss Dorothy Crummett, Mrs. Benjamin DuFresne, Mrs. J. E. Henbest, Mrs. Carl Wassom, Miss Myrtle Erickson, Miss Patricia Turner, Standing, Mrs. Ralph Rodley, Mrs. Harold Haskins, Mrs. Perry Thiele, Mrs. Bernard Walsh, Mrs. Fletcher Gardiner, Mrs. Donald White, Mrs. Norman Hess, Miss Dorothy White, Miss Beatrice Cooney.

Redwood Empire Assn. Counters Secession Move

YREKA, Calif., Nov. 20.—(AP)—A spreading border secession movement now drawing support from four California and Oregon counties today was met with a counter proposal designed to satisfy in part the rebellious area's objection to its present status.

The Redwood Empire association offered its technical services, unofficially, in advising the counties as to the procedure in obtaining surveys and analyses of mineral deposits. Each claims great deposits of chrome, manganese and copper.

Alleged failure of the California and Oregon state governments to take proper interest in the development of mineral resources in the thinly populated border district is one of the chief grounds of complaint which has led to growing talk of forming a 49th state.

The frontier counties also contend that because their vote is small, their voice in state affairs has been ignored, particularly when the time comes for distribution of highway building funds.

Secession talk began in Del Norte county at the extreme northwest corner of California, and in Curry county, in Oregon's southwest. It then drew the semi-official support of Siskiyou county, and the provisional capital, so to speak, was established in Yreka.

Yesterday Modoc, the third northern California border county, joined in the movement.

Two other Oregon counties, Josephine and Jackson, have been urged to join the campaign.

Two Coos Fishermen Missing in Boat Wreck

CHARLESTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—The bodies of two fishermen, Charles Jacobs, 58, and E. "Slim" Christensen, 56, both of Coos Bay, were sought today on the beach near here.

Their 32-foot fishing boat was towed into port yesterday by the coast guard, its bottom gone, its stern crushed and the deck house swept away.

The men had gone on a shark fishing trip Tuesday and it was believed the boat struck the jetty.

Blast, Fire Hit Oil Field At Huntington Beach

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., Nov. 20.—(AP)—An explosion and spectacular fire destroyed two derricks and endangered the entire rich Huntington Beach oil field today. Firemen confined the flames to four other derricks, all of which were damaged.

Yule Seal Sale In Douglas County Will Open Tuesday

The annual sale of Christmas seals, sponsored by the National Tuberculosis association, will open in Douglas county next Tuesday. It was announced here today. The sale locally will be sponsored by the Douglas County Health association. Mrs. W. E. Sullivan will act as county seal sale chairman. Mrs. William Blumer will serve as chairman for the city of Roseburg, with the assistance of Mrs. G. C. Finlay.

An effort will be made to raise per capita contributions this year from the 6.3 cents per capita of last season to 8 cents per capita. In the event this goal is reached, the local association would retain 75 per cent of the funds raised for work in Douglas county.

The seal sale, it is stated, is the only means by which funds are raised to carry on anti-tuberculosis work in the county. Attention was focused on the need for this campaign in Oregon recently by the fact that 97 young men registered for selective service have been rejected because they were found to be suffering from tuberculosis.

Murder of Employer Charged to Woman Aide

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Police held a pretty 30-year-old secretary today on a charge of slaying her 60-year-old employer, but said they were baffled in piecing together the story of the crime for which there is yet no apparent motive.

Held was Miss Helen O'Keefe, who had worked for more than a decade for J. C. Franklin, Houston attorney and investment banker, whose charred body was found in his automobile on the bank of the San Jacinto river a week ago.

Police arrested Miss O'Keefe and two men and sought a third man. Miss O'Keefe was Franklin's secretary and treasurer of his investment firm, was questioned more than 24 hours before the murder charge was filed.

Diverted Exhaust Fumes End Life of Motorist

HEPPNER, Nov. 20.—(AP)—An exhaust pipe bent against a roadside bank in a minor accident cost the life of Edgar Dykstra, Condon salesman, one mile from Lexington yesterday.

His car skidded into the ditch, bending the pipe. Sheriff's officers said Dykstra apparently left the motor running to keep the heater on while waiting for help and the exhaust fumes entered the car.

His widow and three children survive.

Storm-Driven Boats Sought In Lower Umpqua

Local sports fishermen are searching the lower Umpqua river for their boats lost during last week-end's storm. Seventeen boats were reported lost at The Forks when the North Umpqua river rose approximately eight feet in 24 hours during the torrential rains Friday and Saturday. The swirling water struck with full force on the club float built last spring on the west side of the river, where nearly a score of boats were moored. Nearly all of the boats tied to the float were either carried away or badly damaged. At various other anchorages along the river boats were torn loose or were overturned, except in the few rare cases where owners were able to get to their craft before the high water had submerged them.

A steady string of derelict boats was reported early this week at Umpqua, where some were said to have been recovered. Others have been reported stranded at various points below Umpqua, while still more are believed to have gone as far as tide-water. Some owners have been floating the river in borrowed boats during the past few days in an effort to recover their boats, but few have been successful.

4 Hurt in Two Traffic Accidents Near Salem

SALEM, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A head-on collision on the Pacific highway nine miles south of Salem last night sent Mrs. Earl Weimer, Klamath Falls, to a Salem hospital with cuts and bruises. The drivers involved in the crash were Earl Weimer, Klamath Falls, and Ubbe Poppen, Raville, S. D. They were not hurt.

Three other persons were injured last night in a head-on collision near Woodburn when a pickup truck struck a delivery truck.

Lester Gayler, Canby, driver of the pickup, suffered a deeply cut knee, while his passengers, Daniel Schultz of Canby and Kenneth Wachtman of Hubbard, were brought to a hospital here. Schultz received a broken jaw and broken collar bone, and Wachtman scalp wounds and cuts and bruises.

Trucker Killed When Struck by U. P. Train

PENDLETON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Ulrich Kaufman, 39, was instantly killed here yesterday when his pickup truck was struck by a Union Pacific freight train and dragged two and a half blocks.

Lewis Spurns Peace Plans Of Roosevelt

Army Expected to Seize Collieries; 3 Men Shot In Clash in Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Hopes for settlement of the captive coal strike without government action reached the vanishing point today, as John L. Lewis refused to budge from his no-compromise position despite a fresh effort by President Roosevelt to end the walkout.

In flatly rejecting the new peace formula, the chief of CIO's United Mine Workers said that he spoke solely for himself and that no formal reply was possible until the union's policy committee meets Saturday. However, no one in labor or government circles doubted that the committee would uphold his verdict.

When the committee officially confirms Lewis' refusal, informed sources believe, it will make federal intervention virtually inevitable—although there was still some difference of opinion what form this intervention would take.

What Will Government Do?

Some authoritative sources seemed convinced that the President would have the army take over the mines with the 50,000

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Wrecks Occur on 4 Railways; 2 Persons Killed, 9 Injured

SELMA, Calif., Nov. 20.—(AP)—A train wreck today injured three persons and caused minor cuts or bruises to 20 others.

The Southern Pacific's West Coast, bound from Los Angeles to Portland, struck a freight train at the Selma station.

Those hospitalized were: Mrs. Paul Hollis, of Sacramento, shock and bruises.

Elisworth Golt, Seattle, sprained back.

Mrs. Nellie Peters of Los Angeles, bruises.

Both trains were slowing to a stop as they collided. The two locomotives and several freight cars were derailed.

A Southern Pacific official said the freight had not pulled far enough into a siding and fouled the main track.

Two Killed, Six Hurt In Train-Collision

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and six injured, four seriously, in the collision of a streamline passenger train and a steel-laden trucker at a grade crossing on the outskirts of Dallas today.

The truck driver, identified by police as Arthur Spearman, was killed instantly. The engineer of the train, D. E. Sewell, died later in a hospital.

The engine and several cars of the train, en route to Dallas, overturned and went into a ditch.

The injured included four passengers and two crew members.

Fruit Train Cracks Up, But Crew Said Unhurt

BRONCHO, N. M., Nov. 20.—(AP)—A fast eastbound Santa Fe Green Fruit express, carrying a mixed load, was derailed a short distance east of here at 4:15 a. m. today and 30 cars left the rails or overturned.

There was no immediate explanation for the accident.

None of the train's crew, believed to be five men, was injured, it was officially reported.

Damage to the train's load of grapes and celery from California was believed to be extensive.

REDMOND, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Eleven Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad freight cars left the tracks here yesterday and from one of the overturned cars eight transients crawled unhurt.

Officials said they believed a broken rail caused the wreck of the 64-car train.