

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Roseburg, Oregon

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.
Heavy frost tonight.
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Roseburg News-Review

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COAL MINERS

Will the non-union faction have to join the union to hold their jobs? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news next week on the decision of the arbitration board named by President Roosevelt. It involves a national principle.

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TOBRUK GARRISON FREED FROM AXIS TRAP

Lewis Accepts Proposal of Roosevelt For Arbitration Of Dispute Over Coal Mines

Board Named By President To Begin Task

Return to Work of All Miners Urged; Railroad Wage Issue Unsettled

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—(AP)—The United Mine Workers policy committee accepted President Roosevelt's proposal to refer the captive mine controversy to a board of arbitration and recommended an immediate return to work of all strikers in both the captive and commercial mines.

The board was immediately named by the president to consist of John L. Steelman, head of the labor department's conciliation service, as the public representative, Benjamin Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, representing the steel industry, and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, representing labor.

Lewis informed the president of the policy committee's action. It was in reply to a letter sent him today by the chief executive announcing creation of the three-man board and saying the board would begin work immediately and stay in session continuously until their work is completed.

While the committee met to frame a formal reply to President Roosevelt's request that the union shop issue, which brought on the strike, be held in abeyance for the emergency or be submitted to arbitration, the CIO convention in Detroit called on "all employers

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The British have launched their long-awaited desert offensive in northern Africa. The war is moving south for the winter.

ONE guesses from fragmentary and carefully censored dispatches that they have taken a leaf from the German book and are thrusting out swift motorized armored columns in an attempt to encircle German and Italian forces between Salum in Egypt and Tobruk in Libya.

Get out your map here. The war in northern Africa has been dormant so long by this time you've probably forgotten the lay of the land.

If they succeed, they will relieve besieged Tobruk and build a strong defense against a German attack on Egypt from the west.

THE measure of their success (or failure) can not be guessed from today's (Thursday's) rigidly censored dispatches. So we'll have to watch and wait.

If the British make swift progress (as Wavell did about a year ago) it will be evidence that the Germans and the Italians have been unable to assemble and supply a decisively strong force in northern Africa. In that event, the British will push on with all the speed they are capable of making.

If they are checked, we will know the axis has been able to do pretty well in the way of getting troops and supplies across the Mediterranean.

SOMETHING is happening in Vichy.

The French are said (on reliable authority, the Associated Press thinks) to be getting ready to go all out in the way of collaboration with Hitler. There are

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To Head Federal Works Program



Col. Philip B. Fleming, above, of Iowa, was nominated by President Roosevelt yesterday to be federal works administrator, succeeding John B. Carmody, who has been named a member of the maritime commission. Fleming, an army engineer, has been wage and hour administrator.

Hitler Bids For African Area To Combat British

Outright Peace Offer to France Also Seen as Plan To Discard Italy as Ally

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—(AP)—Germany is prepared to transform her armistice with France into a formal peace settlement in return for sweeping concessions in north Africa, reliable quarters in Europe informed the Associated Press today.

These quarters said Germany's desire for air bases and routes for transport of men and supplies to help withstand the British offensive in Africa lay behind the vigorously pursued negotiations of the past ten days.

Although no word from Berlin was forthcoming on any aspect of the Vichy situation, one European political observer said he believed it was apparent the nazis attached more importance to winning France to their new order than to having Italy in the fold.

All-Europe Independence Scheme, New Nazi Move

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—(AP)—The white house announced today it had heard Germany was planning a conference promising some "high-sounding formula of economic rehabilitation and restoration of independence for all European nations."

England, the white house said, was excluded from the list of nations invited to the reported conference.

Stephen Early, white house press secretary, made the announcement and commented that the conference "should be discarded well ahead of time by people who really believe in democracy and oppose military domination not only of Europe but of the entire world."

He made the informal statement upon being questioned by reporters whether Hitler was promising some form of "economic peace."

The secretary said President Roosevelt and the state department had received such information from sources they could not reveal for obvious reasons.

He said the conference was

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League Raps AAA Use Of County Agent

Full Time Required for Local Duty, Taxpayers Declare in Protest

A request that the county agricultural agent be relieved of work connected with the federal agricultural adjustment administration in Douglas county was made today in a resolution adopted by the Douglas County Taxpayers league, meeting here in its annual session. The resolution, addressed to Dean Schoenfeldt, Oregon State college, head of the AAA for Oregon, declares that the services of the county agent are needed for local duties, but that he had been required to give all of time to the work of the federal agency, thus handicapping the county's agricultural program.

Taxpayers discussing the resolution contended that the services of a county agent in connection with purely local problems needed far more than ever because of the demands of the federal government for defense production. The agriculture, it was claimed, demands the inspection of dairy services of the county and, if the county is to ward the maintenance of the fee, that service should be able.

Full Time Required.

Under present conditions, it was claimed, the full time county agent is required

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Nazis Capture Rostov, Soviet "Oil Spigot"

Loss of Supply Source Blow to Reds; Moscow Offensive Renewed

BERLIN, Nov. 22—(AP)—The capture of Rostov-on-Don, which a German military spokesman called "the spigot to the Russian oil barrel," was announced by the high command today.

A special communique said that German forces, helped by powerful air blows, stormed into the northern gateway to the Caucasus, in a final assault.

Capture of the port, industrial center and communications hub where the Don river flows into the Sea of Azov, stops the direct flow of Caucasian oil into central Russia, the military commentator asserted.

Baku and other Caspian sea ports still are available for the Russian oil supply, but Germans said that was the longer way around and inadequate to meet urgent needs for oil in Moscow and the northern sectors.

Rich Prizes For Navy.

That, they say, is high command. Rostov is a key point in the defense of the Caucasus.

Cunningham Brothers Running British War In Africa



Meet the brothers Cunningham—Admiral Sir Andrew Browne, left, and Lieutenant General Sir Alan Gordon, right—who are running the current "show" in Africa for the British. Sir Andrew is seen in a military uniform, and Sir Alan is in a suit. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera.

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Besiegers In Turn Caught In Tank Vise

British Report Decisive Victory in First Major Battle in Libyan Drive

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 22—(AP)—The long-besieged British garrison at Tobruk has broken out of the axis semi-circle around the port and German and Italian armored forces—split and partly cut off in eastern Libya—are being ground between British tank columns, the eighth army headquarters declared today.

The thrust from Tobruk was pointed by tanks which British ships had carried into the beleaguered port over a period of many weeks.

The garrison force had some difficulty negotiating minefields which the Germans had laid but by last night had reached a point only seven miles from the nearest troops of the main British force.

U. S. Made Planes in Action

At the same time the British announced that American-made fortress planes were taking a prominent part in the air battle of Libya in which 10 axis planes were destroyed yesterday by the RAF's five.

The Tobruk garrison, cut off by land since April 11, was said to be making steady progress in the face of heavy opposition to a drive started yesterday to join British spearheads holding Rozeh, on the inland plateau 10 miles outside the perimeter of Tobruk defenses.

By nightfall of the first day, the British said, the Tobruk forces had seized positions three miles southwest of their old defense line.

The army communique said: "In all the areas the situation is developing to our advantage although further intensive fighting can be expected before it is possible to assess the full results of the heavy blow dealt the enemy in the opening phase of this campaign."

One high army officer asserted that "the aim of the British command is to destroy the German tank force in Libya," and added "that is what we are doing momentarily."

Axis Loses Half of Tanks

The whole campaign, British spokesmen emphasized, hinged on the war of tanks.

The British reported that by last night they had destroyed half of the axis tank strength in Libya. This has been estimated as at least two German tank divisions and one Italian tank division, exclusive of other mechanized units.

British tank losses were not

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Mrs. W. H. Bowden Dies in Roseburg

Mrs. William H. (Sylvia L.Y.) Bowden, 60, died at her home at 328 E. Commercial Ave., Roseburg, this morning following a long period of illness.

Born at Rock City, Utah, Feb. 2, 1881, she came to Roseburg in 1911.

She was an active member of the Christian Science church. Surviving are her husband and four sons, Stanley K. Bowden, Klamath Falls; Linton O., Eugene; and Gaylord C. Bowden, all residing in California.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel. The body will be taken to Portland for cremation. Intimate friends of the family are invited to call at the parlors prior to the service, as the casket will not be opened.

Whose Plans?

When Hitler announces With malice toward man, "Events are proceeding According to plan." Don't jump to conclusions And say that he lied. For he may mean the plans Of the opposite side.

M. H. P.

4-Power Parley On Pacific Crisis Called By Hull

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—(AP)—A four-power conference on the Pacific situation in the Pacific was arranged at the state department today. Secretary Hull met with the British ambassador, the Australian minister, and the Dutch minister.

Department officials said the meeting was for a general exchange of information and it was expected that any decisions would be made.

It was generally understood conversation would revolve around the recent Japanese-American talks.

No time has been set for the next meeting between Secretary Hull and the Japanese envoys—Admiral Nomura, the ambassador, and Kurusu, the special minister. They have been conducting discussions in an effort to achieve a formula leading toward a peaceful settlement of all problems which have disturbed relations between the United States and Japan and threatened a major crisis in the Pacific.

TOKYO, Nov. 22—(AP)—Failure of the mission of Saburo Kurusu, special Japanese envoy to the United States, was foreseen by the Tokyo newspaper Nichi Nichi today in an interview telephoned by its Washington correspondent.

It reported that United States officials saw no room for further negotiations if Japanese policy continued to be based upon the three points made by Premier Gen. Tojo in his recent speech before the diet, and drew the conclusion of a stalemate from this.

Van Nuys said he could see no reason for the navy to withhold announcements of U-boat sinkings. He said it was not a valid argument that such a policy would keep Berlin in the dark as to the whereabouts of German submarines.

Nye renewed his earlier predictions that between 30 and 35 senators would vote for a declaration of war if Mr. Roosevelt requested it. But I think it a hopeful sign that the number has not increased in the last six months," he said.

Fire Suffocates Tots During Parents' Absence

CAMAS, Wash., Nov. 22—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newman returned from a neighbor's last night to find their home in flames and their two children suffocated.

Newman dashed into the smoke-filled structure to carry James, 1 year old, and Patricia, 2 1/2, outside. They were rushed here but pronounced dead on arrival.

California's Gas Tax in 1941 to Yield 60 Million

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 22—(AP)—A record of \$60,000,000 will be collected as California gasoline tax this year, state board of equalization officials predicted yesterday.

The three-cent-a-gallon tax, netted \$56,723,286 last year.

"Confession" Of Train Wrecking Not Yet Believed

SUSANVILLE, Calif., Nov. 22—(AP)—Questioning the "confession" of a young railroad worker that he wrecked the \$2,000,000 streamliner City of San Francisco, Sheriff Olin S. Johnson arranged to take the man today to the scene of the wreck which killed 24 persons and injured 108.

Thirteen of the crack Southern Pacific passenger train's 17 cars left the tracks near Harney, Nev., on Aug. 12, 1939. An official report of the interstate commerce commission blamed a deliberate plot in which a section of rail was removed.

Johnson identified the section hand as Clarence J. Alexander, 24, Cleo Springs, Okla.

"He says he wrecked the train, and sticks to it even after hours of questioning, and being told the penalty," Johnson said.

"Maybe he did, and maybe he didn't. I have my doubts about his story. It may be just another screwball yarn."

Alexander, a laborer for the Western Pacific railroad near here, was arrested Thursday night for being drunk and disorderly.

During the routine questioning, the sheriff said, Alexander told him that he wrecked the train to rob the passengers, but lost his nerve and ran away when he heard the screams of the injured in the twisted, overturned cars.

He said he stole the needed tools to disconnect the rail—a crowbar and spike maul—from a toolhouse at Harney, four miles from the Humboldt river bridge where the train left the rails, Johnson reported.

Johnson made ready to leave for the wreck scene by auto this morning with Alexander and Dan O'Connell, chief special agent of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Whittaker Building Is Purchased by M. A. Paul

Purchase of the Whittaker building, 114 N. Stephens street, opposite the federal building in Roseburg, by M. A. Paul, was announced here today. Mr. Paul, proprietor of the Roseburg Cycles and Motor Appliance shop, reports he is preparing to move his business to the new location December 1. He is now located in the Davison building, immediately south of the Deer creek bridge.

The building which he has purchased was constructed by J. C. Whittaker, now residing in Klamath Falls, and was occupied as a grocery store for several years.

The sale was negotiated by G. W. Young and Son, local realtors.