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Roseburg, Oregon

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.
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U. S. TROOPS WILL OCCUPY DUTCH GUIANA

War's Greatest Battles Raging on Two Fronts

Axis Giving British Hard Job in Africa

Moscow Facing Greatest Peril as Attackers Get Within 31 Miles of City

(By the Associated Press)
In the greatest battles of the war in Europe and Africa, the Germans claimed today that their Moscow offensive had carried to a point about 31 miles from the Russian capital—the closest yet—while the British, veering somewhat from past optimism over their north African offensive, acknowledged they had a tremendous fight on their hands.

The German high command said that among new gains on the central Russian front they had captured Solnetschnogorski, about 31 miles northwest of Moscow.

In London, an authoritative source said that the battle of Libya, now rounding out its first week, had entered the second stage—"defeat of the encircled enemy,"—but that the fighting was so confused it now was impossible to say how the struggle of men and machines in the desert was proceeding.

The first phase of the offensive, he explained, "was the moving forward of armored formations to where we wanted them and the start of this shoudering movement against frontier defenses." This phase, he said, had gone extremely well.

It was probable that the RAF still maintained air superiority

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war spotlight today (Friday) rests squarely on northern Africa and the Mediterranean. It will remain there for some time.

Big issues are at stake.

BEFORE Hitler can be licked, he must be STOPPED.

If he can get all of northern Africa, it is reasonably certain he will be able to go on and get the all-important oil of the Near East—Iran, Iraq and the Russian Caucasus. It will then be too late to stop him.

He must be prevented from getting Africa.

WATCH France. There's a hen on there.

The Vichy French have been leaning steadily toward collaboration with Hitler (working with Hitler is a shorter and more understandable term.) Weygand, French commander in Africa, has been understood to be anti-Hitler. Weygand is suddenly THROWN OUT. His successor is presumably a Hitler stooge.

TAKE a look at your map—better yet your globe. You will find French possessions sprawling all over northwestern Africa, including Dakar. German submarines and bombers based at Dakar would seriously menace British and AMERICAN supply lines around the southern tip of Africa.

There are French naval and air bases all around the western Mediterranean. There is what is left of the French fleet—still quite a naval force. France and Spain provide an almost-land route to Africa.

It is easy to understand why Hitler is putting the screws on France. The promises he is making in return for French help are undoubtedly rosy.

WHILE you have your map out, take a look at Turkey. You will see at once its great usefulness.

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Roosevelt Summons Congressmen to Conference on Anti-Strike Legislation

St. Louis Mechanics, Chicago Dock Men Quit Jobs; Trainmen Ready to Ask Govt. To Operate Roads, Union Chief Says

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt invited ten members of congress and two representatives of the labor department today to meet with him at the White House tonight to discuss labor legislation.

They included Speaker Rayburn, Secretary Perkins, House Majority Leader McCormack (D.-Mass.) and Chairman Norton (D.-N. J.) of the house labor committee.

A bi-partisan angle was provided by the inclusion of House Minority Leader Martin (R.-Mass.) and Representative Welch (R.-Calif.), a member of the labor committee.

There was no indication from the White House whether Mr. Roosevelt had some specific measure in mind or merely wished to obtain the views of the congressional delegation and the labor department on measures already pending.

3 Officers Killed, Fourth Injured in Crash of Vehicles

(By the Associated Press)

Four men and two women died yesterday in two violent traffic accidents, one north of Seattle and the other at one of Tacoma's busiest intersections.

With sirens screaming so loudly neither driver heard the other, a police emergency patrol and a Pierce county sheriff's ambulance collided with terrific force as both cars were rushing to answer calls, killing deputies Arthur Varco, about 50, and Lawrence Buncie, about 35, and Police Patrolman Paul Trent, 35. A second policeman, Marty Joyce, 40, was critically injured.

The police car was traveling north on Pacific avenue to answer a call to the home of Alberta Metzler, 27, who had been found dead in her residence of a bullet wound, and the other machine was proceeding down the steep Eleventh street hill to give aid at a three-way collision on the Puyallup river road.

Both trucks rolled across the street, sideswiped a taxi and crashed into a cigar store window in the Washington building. The impact virtually demolished the vehicles.

North of Seattle on the Everett highway a Seattle-bound bus and a sedan collided, killing one right Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jensen of Seattle, formerly of South Bend, Wash., and fatally injuring Mrs. Arthur Jensen, of Seattle, and formerly of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The trio were occupants of an auto crash which Coroner Mittelstadt said eye-witnesses told him had driven onto the highway directly into the path of the bus.

Six passengers of the bus received only slight bruises while the driver, Robert B. Evans, 25, of Edmonds, received a minor leg injury and head bruises.

Lead and Tin Foil Face Federal Ban After Jan. 15

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Start saying goodbye to the lead foil on a package of tobacco, the tin foil on a bottle of ginger ale.

Effective March 15, they'll be forbidden in the interests of defense.

OPM issued the order yesterday, and it bans the use of tin or lead foil in the packaging of tobacco products, chewing gum, candy, beverages, typewriter ribbons, films and friction tape.

Foil manufacturers, OPM explained, were using about 6,500 tons of lead each month. The metal is widely needed for defense purposes, and only part of the required supply is produced in this country.

Manufacture of foil for such packaging purposes will be prohibited effective January 15.

Fire Sweeps Alaskan City Of Seward

Half of Business Zone Wiped Out, With Loss Estimated at Million

SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Army signal corps officers said fire of undetermined origin last night and today wiped out half the business district of Seward, Alaska, southern terminus of the Alaska railroad. Damage was unofficially estimated at around \$1,000,000.

They said the blaze broke out at 11:30 p. m. and was brought under control at 10:30 a. m. today after destroying all the buildings on the east side of Fourth avenue, main business thoroughfare, for a two-block distance.

Soldiers from Fort Raymond helped fire fighters battle the blaze, handicapped when the water main broke and a high wind sprang up early this morning. The fire fighters pumped water from the bay and used dynamite and bulldozers to halt the blaze.

Included in the destruction were the Alaska Steamship Co. office, the Gateway Publishing Co., the Arcade building, Northern bar, Cameron's restaurant, the Overland and Terminal hotel and cafe, Hollingsworth's cleaning establishment and numerous apartments in the business buildings.

Seward, main port army traffic, already was faced with loss of much of its business due to development of Whittier as rail head and the construction of a new southern railroad to Anchorage.

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Roseburg Streets Given Yule Garb

The work of decorating the city streets for the holiday season was started Sunday. The decorations are being placed by members of the city fire department. The retail merchants committee and chamber of commerce sponsor the activity.

Colored lights are strung across the business streets and intersections at frequent intervals, each string bearing evergreen boughs and an evergreen wreath. Baskets of evergreens and red berries will be hung on the lamp posts.

The Christmas opening will be celebrated Saturday evening when the city's principal stores will make displays of Christmas merchandise and will remain open during the evening to accommodate shoppers. The colored lights will be turned on for the first time Saturday and will continue to burn each evening during the holiday season.

Oregon GOP Appoints Carl Moser Secretary

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Oregon republican executive committee approved appointment Saturday of Carl R. Moser as executive secretary of the state republican party at a salary of \$350 a month.

Moser was replaced as Oregon department adjutant of the American Legion by June W. Vallant of Portland.

A motion to commend Oregon's four republican congressmen for votes against neutrality act revision was withdrawn by Claude Ingalls, Corvallis, after debate in which U. S. Senator Rufus Holman asserted, "I know that the future will justify my votes to date."

Tiller-Traill Cut-Off Link Action Asked

Completion to Jackson County Line Requested By Douglas Tax League

A resolution urging the state highway commission to use every effort to secure completion of the Tiller-Traill cut-off highway was adopted by the Douglas County Taxpayers league, in connection with the afternoon session of the annual meeting held Saturday. At the morning session, the league urged additional help in the office of the county agent, in order that the county agent might be relieved of some of the federal AAA activities and devote more time to local agricultural problems.

Urging completion of the Tiller-Traill cut-off route, it was pointed out that the road on the Jackson county side has been built on standard grade and macadamized from the county line to Traill. The road also has been improved from Canyonville to Tiller, leaving 43 miles of narrow and crooked road still to be graded and surfaced. As much of the timber from the upper Tiller district is now being trucked to Medford for manufacture, instead of being kept in Douglas county, the league contends that the road should be improved so that the timber may be handled over the shorter route to the mills in the Tiller, Canyonville and Myrtle Creek areas.

The road committee also recommended that the county court give logging operators every possible assistance in opening up county roads to timber tracts, but that the operators be required to maintain these roads following construction.

Budget Excesses Taboo

The charge was made that some county officers have exceeded the amounts budgeted for their respective offices, and it was the sense of the meeting that such officers should be held personally responsible for the excess.

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Revamped Bill On Price Control Exempts Farmers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The house banking committee in an eleven hour reversal, restored licensing provisions to the administration's drastically revamped price control bill today but specifically exempted farmers from the provision.

The administration fought for weeks to get the licensing authority replaced in the bill, contending it was essential to enforcement, but the committee made several changes from the original language.

In addition to prohibiting the licensing of any farmer to sell any of his own products, the revised version also would forbid the licensing of radio time. "The selling and distribution of newspapers, books and other printed matter likewise would be exempted, the same as under the original provision.

Chairman Steagall said the committee would meet again tomorrow and it was understood the question of restoring authority for the government to buy and sell any commodity in order to maintain price stability would be considered at that time at the administration's request.

Death Claims Maj. Gen. George A. White, 41st Division Commander, Veteran of Two Wars, Nationally Known Novelist

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Geo. A. White, 60, commander of the 41st division died at his Camp Clackamas home near here last night.

He had remained on duty at Fort Lewis, Wash., until a few weeks ago, despite a stomach ailment that had afflicted him since summer.

A former Salt Lake City and Portland newspaperman, he was a prolific fiction writer. Articles under the name "Ared White" appeared in a number of nationally circulated magazines, the best known probably being "Attack on America," picturing the possibility of an invasion of the U. S. west coast.

Born in Long Branch, Ill., he moved with his parents to Salt Lake City when 7 years old, and became a reporter here when 16.

He volunteered in the Spanish-American war as a bugler, but resumed his newspaper career afterwards. In 1915 he resigned as Sunday editor of the Portland Oregonian to become adjutant general of the Oregon national guard.

In 1916 White was captain of a cavalry troop on Mexican border service. He became a major in the 41st division when the U. S.



Maj. Gen. Geo. A. White.

entered the World war, and emerged as a colonel on the staff of General Pershing, AEF commander.

He reorganized the Oregon national guard after the war, becoming a brigadier general in 1923. In 1929 he was named major general and commander of

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Fugitive Here to Be Returned To Michigan Prison

Walter L. Wilson, inspector of state prisons for southern Michigan, arrived here today to return Arthur Lawrence Collier, alias Richard Thompson, 35, back to the Michigan penitentiary from which he escaped last July 8. Collier was arrested here a week ago on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and state police learned of his escape from the Michigan prison.

Collier, Inspector Wilson reports, was serving a sentence of one year for contempt of court in connection with non-support and for perjury. He had served seven months of the sentence and had been made a trusty. He left the prison farm and went to the home of a brother-in-law, 40 miles from the penitentiary. He secured a butcher knife and with the knife as a weapon forced the relative to drive him to Toledo, Ohio, Inspector Wilson said.

As a result of the escape attempt, the inspector reports, Collier, who probably would have been released in September, must now serve out his full sentence of one year and will probably be sentenced for escape, for which the Michigan law provides a penalty of from 18 months to four years.

Pretty Model, Fiance Found Shot to Death

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Janet Wood, 23, pretty model found shot to death with her fiance Saturday night as an aftermath of a lovers' quarrel, has been identified as the daughter of Clement Wood widely known author whose works include "The Tabloid Murders."

Wood, author, lecturer and poet, said last night he had known his daughter's fiance, Frederick Rabe, 36, a writer, for 12 years, and always had considered him a "splendid chap."

Police listed the tragedy as a murder and suicide, theorizing that Rabe killed his intended bride in a jealous rage.

The bodies were found in Miss Wood's apartment.

Passenger Train Wreck Kills One, Injures Eighty

CORINTH, Miss., Nov. 24.—(AP)—One passenger was killed and more than 80 injured, three so seriously they may die, when eight cars of the Illinois Central's fast passenger train, the Seminole, left the tracks and hurtled down a 30-foot embankment a mile south of here yesterday.

Mrs. Dovie Robertson, 72, of Selmer, Tenn., died in a hospital here two and a half hours after the accident. Listed as critically injured were Mrs. J. W. Garman of Chicago; James Madison Spurlock of Eufaula, Ala., and Mrs. J. T. Evans, 67, of Jackson, Tenn.

The fast train, bound from Florida to Chicago, was loaded with persons returning from Thanksgiving visits with relatives and friends. A transverse fissure in a rail was described by railroad officials as the cause of the wreck.

Eight of the train's twelve cars left the tracks as the Seminole, northbound from Florida to Chicago, approached the Corinth station.

Rescue groups rushed to the lowlands to drag screaming passengers from the wreckage after Engineer "Buck" Townes of Jackson, Tenn., uncoupled the locomotive from the derailed cars and pulled into Corinth to seek aid.

A dining car caught fire as it fell down the railroad embankment. Flames from it brilliantly lit the scene as ambulances from Corinth, Jackson, Tenn., and other nearby towns worked into the night carrying the injured to Corinth's two hospitals.

Two Autos Plunge Down Yamhill Bank; No One Hurt

MEMPHISVILLE, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The second automobile in 24 hours plunged down the bank of the Yamhill river a mile north of here yesterday. No one was injured in either wreck.

A pickup truck and two-wheeled trailer yesterday, but was stopped short of the river by boulders. J. N. Frost, Oregon City, the driver, escaped injury.

Sergeant Ralph Grenfell of the state police said a car that left the road yesterday was found unoccupied. The car was registered to Carl Bernergh, Oregon City, he said.

Protection Of Vital Bauxite Mines Object

Netherlands, Brazil Give Consent to Move That Means Ample Aluminum

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The White House announced today that a contingent of American troops would move into Dutch Guiana to protect valuable bauxite mines which supply the United States with large quantities for raw aluminum.

The arrangement was made by the United States and Netherlands governments, with the wholehearted approval.

Dutch Guiana lies on the northeast coast of South America and is bordered on the south by Brazil. It lies between British Guiana and French Guiana. The capital is Paramaribo, an Atlantic ocean port. The population approximates 170,000 and the area that of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Vital to U. S. Defense

A formal White House statement, referring to the country by its Dutch name of Surinam, asserted:

"The bauxite mines in Surinam furnish upwards of 60 per cent of the requirements of the United States aluminum industry which is vital to the defense of the United States, the western hemisphere and the nations actively resisting aggression.

"It is therefore necessary that the safety of these mines should be as completely assured as present conditions demand."

Normally, the statement said, the Netherlands government would draw on Netherlands Indies forces to strengthen the defenses of Dutch Guiana but in view of the "present situation in the southwestern Pacific, it is

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"Anti-Okie" Law Of California Gets High Court Kayo

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The supreme court held unconstitutional today California legislation which prohibited anyone from assisting non-resident indentured persons to come into the state.

Justice Byrnes delivered the decision on what was popularly known as the "anti-Okie" law, intended to discourage the movement into the state of persons believed likely to become public charges.

Twenty seven other states were said to have similar statutes. Byrnes said in the decision—his first since taking his seat last October—that the legislation "imposes an unconstitutional burden upon interstate commerce."

The litigation specifically involved the conviction of Fred F. Edwards of Marysville, Calif., on a charge of violating the statute by driving his jobless brother-in-law, Frank Duncan, from Spur, Texas, to Marysville in 1939. Duncan was given assistance by the Farm Security administration after his arrival.

Edwards was given a six months' suspended sentence in the justice's court of Marysville. The verdict was upheld by the Yuba county superior court.

C. O. Nelson, Founder of Myrtle Creek Bank, Dies

Cyrus O. Nelson, who started the Myrtle Creek bank over 30 years ago, and a brother-in-law of C. H. Arundel, of Roseburg, died Thanksgiving morning at a hospital in Inglewood, Calif., following a stroke of paralysis, according to word received here by relatives.

Mr. Nelson was well known in Roseburg, having made his home in Douglas county for many years, before moving to southern California. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Helen. Funeral services were held at Inglewood, Calif., this afternoon.