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By U. S. Weather Bureau

Roseburg, Oregon

Rain tonight and Saturday.

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If the city falls to the nazis, Japan may be emboldened to continue her aggression in the far east, in defiance of the U. S. attitude. Watch the NEWS-REVIEW for startling news any day.

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U. S.-JAPANESE PARLEY NEARS COLLAPSE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NOT much news from Libya today (Wednesday)—either not much to report or not much getting through the censorship.

CAIRO says the Germans have rushed up reinforcements to Rezegh (some ten miles south of Tobruk) and a heavy battle is expected momentarily. The British are reported to have thrown in reserves of tanks.

(Where the German reinforcements are coming from is not stated. Presumably they are reserves already in Africa. There is as yet no indication that Hitler is getting new troops across the Mediterranean.)

BERLIN is optimistic. The story from there is that General Rommel (German commander in Libya) has succeeded in encircling British forces and is getting ready to finish them off.

German military sources in Berlin say the operation can no longer be regarded as a British offensive.

BERLIN is usually optimistic when it talks at all. If things don't look so good for the Germans, Berlin is apt to be silent.

THE situation today confirms the advice so often given in this spot—to jump to no conclusions and wait to see what happens.

The fighting in Africa is REAL, fighting, with much depending on its outcome.

THE fighting in Russia is also real fighting—bitter, bloody, determined. Both sides are putting into it everything they have. On the strength of today's news, the Germans are drawing steadily nearer to Moscow. Moscow says the German losses are terrible.

Losses on both sides are probably terrible.

RIBBENTROP today tells the signers of Hitler's new anti-commintern (anti-communist) pact that Germany already has won

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Yreka Handbills on Highway Advise Incoming Travelers They Are "Now Entering Union's Forty-Ninth State"

YREKA, Calif., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Yesterday this city was the provisional capital of the proposed 49th state of Jefferson; today it is merely the county seat of California's Siskiyou county.

Last night, sentinels posted along the highways leading to Yreka passed out handbills which read:

"You are now entering Jefferson, the forty-ninth state of the union."

Today, the sentinels have returned to their everyday tasks of earning a living as peaceful citizens of the Bear state.

This same unusual procedure will be observed each week until further notice, secessionist leaders said.

Four California counties—Siskiyou, Modoc, Del Norte, and Lassen—have joined the secessionist movement begun recently by Curry county, Ore., which wanted to attach itself to California.

The Lassen secessionists, in a telegram addressed to the state of Jefferson citizens' committee, offered to bring in the "only active volcano in the continental United States, Mount Lassen." State Denies Neglect

From Sacramento, officials of the state departments of natural resources and public works disputed the contention of the secessionist counties that they were being neglected by the state in the development of natural re-

AXIS FORCES STRUGGLE TO BREAK OUT OF LIBYAN TRAP; MOSCOW'S PERIL MOUNTS

British Drive Directed At Broken Units

Capture of Gondar Ends Italy's Colonial Rule In Eastern Africa

CAIRO, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The British Tobruk and Rezegh forces consolidated their junction today, trapped large axis forces to the east which immediately began to attempt to battle their way out, a British spokesman announced here.

Practically the entire Italian Bologna division was wiped out in the action, the spokesman said.

Bitter fighting was in progress today, it was said, as an axis column which had darted into Egypt two days ago as a diversion tried to get back to the axis main forces.

They were headed for a British wall, however, as the contact established the Tobruk forces yesterday was strengthened into an effective line.

This flying column on its retreat westward was able to join with some forces from the strong axis formations under the axis African commander, Gen. Rommel, which were entrenched along the Egyptian-Libyan border southward from Halfaya (Hell-fire) pass to Sidi Omar when the British drive opened eleven days ago.

Axis Forces Broken Up

However, it was said, most of the forces were scattered by combined British air and ground forces which worked in unison to keep them trapped and smash them into small groups for easier annihilation.

The British also were pushing westward from Tobruk farther along the Mediterranean coast, heading toward the strong axis centers at Gazala and Derna.

The British commander General Cunningham, however, ap-

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Italy, Britain Trade Blows In Sea-Air Warfare

ROME, Nov. 28.—(AP)—British planes caused "notable damage" during raids on Naples last night, an Italian communique said today.

Italian anti-aircraft batteries and night fighters shot down three planes, the communique reported.

British bombs were reported to have started a number of small fires which were promptly extinguished.

Five civilians were injured. Italian submarine chasers have sunk three British submarines in the Mediterranean, the high command announced today.

The Italian government also announced that two correspondents with the British forces in Libya, Geoffrey H. P. Anderson of the Associated Press, London, and Harold Denny, New York Times, have been taken prisoner.

The British bombed objectives in northwest Germany during the night, with the Germans acknowledging slight property damage and several persons killed or wounded.

Woman Accused Here Bears Long Criminal Record

Mrs. Rose Alma Sloan, 52, who was returned to Roseburg the first of the week from the state penitentiary to answer to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, has a record of 25 arrests and more than a dozen convictions in all parts of the United States and dating from 1922, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported today. The woman's record was furnished the sheriff by the department of criminal identification.

The arrests principally were for bad checks, obtaining money by false pretenses, possession of narcotics and drug addiction.

Mrs. Sloan was arrested at Medford Jan. 8, 1941, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, after having escaped from Roseburg a few brief minutes ahead of officers carrying a warrant of arrest. She was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of one year, which, counting time for good behavior, expired Monday of this week. Then she was brought to Roseburg to answer to the charges filed against her here. These allege, the sheriff states, the obtaining of money on worthless checks, by pretending that she was preparing to open a nursing home and that she was anticipating arrival of money from the east.

Following her arrest at Medford, the sheriff said, she was found to be a drug addict but during the term in the penitentiary was freed of the habit.

Her arraignment here has been awaiting the return of Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly, who has been holding court in Lincoln county, and District Attorney J. V. Long, who is attending the conference of the Oregon District Attorneys association in Portland.

Two of "Duchess" Gang Die in Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Nov. 28. (AP)—After laughing heartily and chatting over a robust breakfast one hour before their death hour, two members of the notorious "Duchess" gang were executed in the prison gas chamber today.

They were Mike Simeone, 33, and 22-year-old Gordon Hawkins.

Nazis Only 36 Miles From Red Capital

Hitler's Forces Drive Wedge Into Defense But At Heavy Loss in Men

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Nov. 28.—(AP)—German forces smashing head on toward Moscow from the Moshaisk region to the east were reported today within 36 miles of the soviet capital.

(This was the closest advance to the capital the Russians yet have acknowledged. The Germans have claimed advances within 25 miles of Moscow.)

The Russians declared, however, that German attacks from this region, as from Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles southwest of the capital, had been stopped at least for the moment.

They acknowledged that the danger to Moscow was grave, but said the most dangerous situation now was in the Stalingorsk section, 120 miles southeast of the capital.

Here, the Russians said, powerful German forces had been thrown into the battle in an all-out attempt to flank Moscow to the east.

Besides a slow Russian withdrawal northeast of Tula, latest reports from the front said the red army also was being forced back slowly in the Volokolamsk

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Pay Boost Strike Hits Brooks-Scanlon Plant

BEND, Ore., Nov. 28.—(AP)—One of the largest pine mill operations in the west closed yesterday as Brooks-Scanlon company mill and woods crews struck.

The CIO international woodworkers of America called the strike after break-down in negotiations for a 7 1/2 cent-an-hour wage increase and a week's vacation with pay. The present wage scale was not announced.

Struck Plant Seizure Bills Get 1st Okays

Committees of Both Houses Act to Assure Defense Production

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Senate and house committees gave their approval today to separate bills which would empower the government to take over a defense plant when strikes impede production.

The senate judiciary committee voted 12 to 2 to recommend the bill of Senator Connally to take over such plants and freeze the open or closed shop status in them.

This action followed only by minutes house labor committee approval of legislation which, besides the seizure clause, would create machinery for voluntary arbitration of labor disputes.

Acting Chairman Ramspeck said it was a "middle-of-the-road bill" which "undertakes to settle disputes on a voluntary basis." If that should fail the government could take possession of the defense plant after a 60-day cooling off period, he added.

Measure Explained.

Ramspeck said that the plant seizure section was similar to legislation proposed by Senator Connally and gave this explanation of it:

"Whenever a labor dispute is not settled by collective bargaining, conciliation or mediation and the president finds that continuance of the dispute imperils national defense, he may in his discretion take possession of the plant and operate it under provision of the selective service act."

Ramspeck said the committee did not take up at its meeting today a provision in another bill giving the president power to invoke compulsory arbitration of defense labor disputes and carrying stiff penalties against both management and labor if either refused to accept an arbitration

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Reminds Wife to Take Medicine, Dies in Fall

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Biagio Martino, 50, admonished his wife today, "Don't forget to take your medicine."

She returned from the medicine chest in the bathroom to find her husband gone. Blind for 20 years, Martino had fallen to his death from an open window in the fifth-floor apartment.

Turkey Show Entries Point To Fine Event

Douglas Growers Urged, However, to Evidence More, Needed Interest

Entries from Washington and from Willamette valley points for the annual Northwest Turkey show, which will open at Oakland, Dec. 9, are coming in and indicate an exceptionally large show, E. G. Young, manager, announced today. Everything is in readiness for the opening, Mr. Young states. Much interest is being shown and every breed of birds will be represented. Entries in the live show will be accepted until Thursday.

E. F. Strong, president of the Northwest Breeders association was concerned by an apparent apathy on the part of Douglas county turkey growers.

"Outside breeders actually are showing more interest in the show than are the turkey raisers in Douglas county," Mr. Strong declared. "If the show should fail to show a gain this year, it will be the fault of the local turkey raisers who will not take the trouble to make entries."

"These growers should remember," he said, that prize money set aside exclusively for Douglas county exhibitors will cover the expense of exhibits if four or more birds are entered. Many outsiders believe this exhibition is one of the finest advertising mediums for the Umpqua valley, as well as the state of Oregon, and for this fact alone the show is worthy of support.

Other Cities Bid For Show

"If Douglas county fails to keep this show up to standard, there are other places that are anxious to secure the event," Mr. Strong asserted. "McMinnville," he said, "already is a competitor. There has been a very creditable exhibition there for three years, and McMinnville is putting on the pressure every year to secure re-

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Crash of Naval Bomber Kills Both Occupants

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 28.—(AP)—A naval scout bomber crashed and burned shortly after taking off from North Island naval air station yesterday, and both its occupants were killed.

The pilot was Russell L. Garner, 33, of Orlando, Fla. As a passenger, Garner had Theodore H. Church, 19, a marine private from Olympia, Wash.

A navy board is investigating the circumstances leading to the accident, fifth this month involving navy planes based at San Diego.

Georgia Governor Hears Floggers Scored At Hearing



Cracking a whip "you could kill a bull elephant with," Dan Duke, assistant prosecutor at Atlanta, Ga., argues against clemency for six convicted floggers in a hearing conducted by Gov. Eugene Talmadge, left. The floggers, sentenced to various prison terms, were charged with being members of the Ku Klux Klan and responsible for a series of suburban night floggings. —(NEA Telephoto.)

Masons to Greet Oregon Master Here Tonight



Members of Masonic lodge in Douglas county will gather at the lodge temple in Roseburg tonight to welcome the grand master for Oregon, Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay, above, of Lakeview. Judge Hay, on an official tour of state lodges, will address the assembly, at which Laurel lodge, No. 13, of this city, will act as host. A lunch will follow the business session, which will open at 7:30.

Withholding Tax On Payrolls Held To Be "Inevitable"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will call treasury experts and congressional leaders to a White House conference, probably next week, to seek an agreement on the substance of proposed new tax legislation.

Plans for the meeting were disclosed today by chairman George of the senate finance committee, who told reporters he expected any new revenue program to provide for a payroll withholding tax.

George expressed the opinion that consideration of a new revenue measure was likely to be delayed until January, despite urgent treasury appeals for speedy action.

While the Georgia senator would not predict the form to be taken by the new bill, he said he looked upon the inclusion of a payroll withholding tax as "inevitable" and believed that it might be accompanied by a general all-around increase in corporate and individual levies.

The treasury has suggested several types of withholding taxes as measures to forestall threats of inflation, including an increase in the present social security levies. But Senator Taft made it clear that there would be strong opposition to the latter proposal.

"If we are going to have a payroll tax," Taft declared, "let's make it an out-and-out tax and not disguise it as a social security levy."

The Ohio senator said he has little patience with the theory that withholding a portion of the pay of all salaried workers would prove an effective brake against inflation, remarking that it would entail hardships for the 70 per cent of workers he said had received no increases despite the industrial boom created by the defense program.

Five Persons Perish in Rooming House Fire

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Five persons, all members of an Omaha, Neb., family were burned to death, and two others were seriously injured in a fire in a rooming house early today.

The dead are Melton Wedgewood, 17; Mrs. Dale Wedgewood, 23; Gary Dale Wedgewood, 18-months old; Virginia Wedgewood, 13; and Dale Wedgewood, 23.

E. R. Wedgewood, 48 jumped to safety after being badly burned but his wife was trapped in the building. Her condition was undetermined. She suffered greatly from shock, a sanitarium attendant said.

China Not To Be Sacrificed; Tokyo Told

Compromise Impossible, U. S. Says; Japan Ready To Pounce on Thailand

By the Associated Press
With the fate of peace in the Pacific hanging in the balance, Japan's press today voiced belief that Japanese-American negotiations were near an end and Washington reports said the Far East crisis had reached a point of extreme gravity.

The United States government, it was reported, has sternly ruled out any possibility of a compromise with Japan on the China war and has raised the possibility that American merchant ships in the Pacific may be armed.

The administration was described as seeking to remove the present aggression in the Far East but being definitely aligned against any agreement with Japan which would sacrifice the interests of China.

Two highly placed senators, while not minimizing the grave state of affairs, voiced the belief that Japan was playing a bluffing game which could end in peace more easily than in war.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, put it this way:

"I think the Japanese now are doing some more bluffing. The situation in the Far East is coming right up to the boiling point but it isn't going to boil." He referred to reports that Japan had sent more than 100,000 troops through occupied French Indo-China to the Thailand (Siam) border.

Marines Quitting China

In Canberra, Australia's advisory war council met in special session to discuss latest developments in the situation.

In Hongkong, the British crown colony underwent defense exercises closely simulating war conditions.

In Shanghai, to the farewell strains of "Aloha," thousands of

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Roseburg Ready To Open Christmas Buying Season

The Christmas buying season will be formally opened in Roseburg Saturday night by illumination of the streets in the business district and by brilliantly lighted windows in stores displaying Christmas merchandise. The streets have been decorated with strings of colored lights intertwined with evergreen and with twin hanging baskets of evergreen and holly on lamp posts. The lights will be turned on Saturday night and will be continued each night during the holiday season.

Christmas buying, merchants report, already is well under way, particularly on toys, wheel goods, household appliances, wearing apparel, etc. Many shoppers, it is stated, are buying earlier than usual, anticipating shortages. Despite heavy buying by all merchants, many lines of toys and metal articles, it is stated, are short, due to the national defense demand for vital materials, largely justifying the early buying by those who desire to be sure of certain articles.

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

DON'T FORGET HOSE FOR HATTIE!

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Buy Christmas Seals