

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Roseburg, Oregon

Showers tonight, Sunday partly cloudy. Fog in morning.

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JAPAN HESITATES ON PEACE-OR-WAR CHOICE

HITLER HURLS 1,500,000 MEN INTO SMASH AT MOSCOW

Huge Array Of Tanks, Guns Used in Lunge

Reports of Progress of Terrific Battle Vary; Libyan War Is Renewed

By the Associated Press

Adolf Hitler was declared by the Italian radio today to have hurled 1,500,000 troops, 8,000 tanks and 1,000 guns into "the most terrific offensive of all times" against Moscow, and it appeared that the Red capital now faces its hours of deepest peril.

Fighting in deep snow, with the mercury sinking as low as 31 degrees below Fahrenheit, soviet ski troops were reported to have gone into action along the entire Moscow front as the Red armies smashed at the Germans in flanking attacks.

A British radio broadcast said "a message just received reports a strong Russian attack in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow. Red army units crossed over the ice of the Volga river at several points and captured two important positions on the opposite bank after fierce fighting."

On the Leningrad front, soviet dispatches said the Russians had cut off the highway linking German forces in the city of Tikhvin with their rear bases and that Red troops were slowly battering their way into the approaches on Tikhvin itself. The city lies 110 miles southeast of Leningrad.

Nazis Take Key Towns

The grave new danger to Moscow

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AN unpleasant thought: The chief business of the world today is WAR.

For the present, at least, the world has slid backward into the Dark Ages.

WHY? To that question, there can be but one answer: UNSOUND LEADERSHIP.

AT this point, another question suggests itself: WHOSE leadership has been unsound, and WHEN?

Answering that one isn't so simple. It is like trying to figure out which came first—the hen or the egg.

One is tempted to say flatly that it is Hitler's brutal, cynical leadership that has plunged the world into war. Whereupon someone will arise and ask:

"How about the treaty of Versailles, which so embittered the Germans that they were willing to accept leadership of the Hitler type?"

SOMEONE else will then put in: "If leadership in Britain, in France and in Russia had been wiser and more courageous, Hitler could have been STOPPED before it was too late."

And so on.

THIS fact, however, remains. Whatever ills the world must suffer are due primarily to the faults and shortcomings of leadership.

That is one of history's plainest lessons.

HERE is something to keep in mind in reading the war news from day to day:

With all the peoples of the earth at war, or momentarily in danger of being plunged into war, or suffering from the consequences of war, the world is now a vast chessboard and every move that

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Rock Creek Fish Hatchery Egg Take 2nd Largest on Record; Experiment Planned to Displace Racks in River

A record take of Chinook salmon eggs this year is reported from Oregon hatcheries, according to Lee McCann, superintendent of the fish commission hatchery on the North Umpqua river at Rock creek. Mr. McCann reports that seven and one-half million eggs were secured at the local hatchery this year, the second largest take on record, while between seven hundred and eight hundred fish, which would represent about two and one-half million additional eggs, were released to spawn naturally, due to lack of holding pond space.

All hatcheries operated by the fish commission, Mr. McCann reports, had a far more abundant egg take this year than in any recent season. The record locally, he states, is nine and one-half million eggs taken in 1939. This number could easily have been surpassed this season, he states, had space in holding ponds been available.

Another important factor, he reports, is that the eggs have hatched with only about five per cent loss, conditions for hatching have been unusually favorable.

Racks Out for Experiment.

Welcome news for sports fishermen, who have consistently objected to the salmon hatchery's racks across the North Umpqua river was given by Mr. McCann, who reports that plans are being formulated for a new method of salmon capture next year. The

Billions More For Defense, Aid Gets House Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—An \$8,244,041,531 appropriation bill, described by one member of the house as carrying "body blows for Mr. Hitler," was ready today for senate action.

The supplemental defense measure passed the house yesterday, 309 to 5.

It was designed to double armament production and if enacted into law will bring the defense expenditures and contractual authority up to \$67,990,256,596, which would be twice the amount of money the United States spent in the World War.

The measure set up \$1,556,496,246 for lend-lease purposes, and the war department authorized \$500,000,000 of transfer of supplies on a lend-lease basis if necessary.

Rep. Case (R-S.D.) said that because congress had approved the lend-lease program he saw no reason for "pulling the punches" now and that the bill carried the "body blows for Mr. Hitler."

The extra half billion dollar authorization was opposed by Rep. Johns (R-Wis.) who told the house the American people should know they would "never get this money back."

The measure was approved and sent to the senate after the legislators shouted down an amendment by Rep. Rich (R-Pa.) to strike out the lend-lease title of the bill. Two republican members who said they voted against the original lend-lease act opposed Rich's efforts. They were Rep. Mott (R-Ore.) and Rep. Case.

C. W. Redding Succeeds Stapleton as Judge

SALEM, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Governor Sprague appointed Charles W. Redding, 37, Portland attorney to the Multnomah county circuit bench last night.

The position was left vacant by the death of Judge James P. Stapleton this week.

Redding, an unsuccessful candidate for a Multnomah county circuit judgeship in 1932, was graduated in 1928 from Willamette university.

He was president of the Portland junior chamber of commerce in 1935-36 and a director of the national junior chamber in 1938-39.

Highway Job On N. Umpqua Faces Dispute

Delay in further improvement of the North Umpqua highway may result unless county road viewers and owners of property required for rights of way can reach a closer understanding on land values, County Judge D. N. Busenbark reported today.

The county court, preparing to buy approximately four miles of right of way, from the end of the section improved last year to the crossing of Little river, is faced with the problem raised by the report of the road viewers, who appraised the land affected at \$6,400 and the demands of the 17 property owners, who are asking approximately \$20,000. This wide separation of opinion, with the owners asking more than three times the damages fixed by the county's road viewers, creates a most difficult situation for the county court, Judge Busenbark declares.

The state highway department has indicated that a contract may be let in the very near future for the grading and surfacing of the next section of the road from the Blakely ranch to Little river, providing the county furnishes the right of way, Judge Busenbark states. The road already has been improved to the intersection with the Dixonville road, a distance of about eight miles, being graded on highway standards and paved with all macadam. The proposed new section would extend as far as the crossing of Little river.

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Committee Heads Named By Sports; Turkey Shoot Set

Chairmen of permanent committees of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club were announced last night by Bruce Yeager, president, at a regular meeting of the club held at the chamber of commerce office. The chairman will direct their own aides, and will direct the standing activities of the club. Appointments were made as follows: Traps and equipment, James Bartley; membership, Roy Hebard; entertainment, Bruce Yeager; publicity, Charles V. Stanton; legislation, Maurice Hallmark; public relations, V. V. Harpham; fish, Dick Baker; birds, Ivan Pickens; shoots, Lee Miller; grounds and property, Ivan Pickens.

The club last night voted to hold a public turkey shoot at the club grounds at Umpqua park, Sunday, Dec. 21. Lee Miller was appointed to make arrangements. The date for the club's annual Dutch feast was set for Feb. 6.

Reports on the meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation at Corvallis, Dec. 1 and 2, were made by A. C. Marsters and Dick Baker, who attended as delegates from the Roseburg club.

Turkey, Germany Sign Railway Use Agreement

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Turkey and Germany signed an agreement yesterday looking toward the re-establishment of rail communications from Europe to Turkey.

The agreement, supplementary to the Turkish-German trade agreement of last June, provides for the running of Turkish trains over routes in southern Bulgaria interrupted by last spring's Balkan campaign.

Parole Denied Draft Dodger Grover Bergdoll

DOWNTOWN, Pa., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted World War draft dodger, has been denied a parole, his wife disclosed yesterday.

Mrs. Bertha Bergdoll, who had been anticipating a Christmas homecoming for her husband with their six children, said the war department had notified her of denial of the parole, "after long consideration."

Bergdoll, serving a seven and a half year sentence at Fort Leavenworth, was convicted of desertion, escape and draft evasion during the World War.

"I cannot understand why this has happened," the wife said tearfully. "We are all heartbroken."

Could Be

The Japanese are feared to be subservient to dignity; But I contend some loss of face would make a better looking race.

M. H. P.

Rail Unions Ratify Wage Compromise

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The annual Northwestern Turkey show, scheduled to start tomorrow, was dissolved last night.

Representatives of 350,000 union operating employees ratified terms of a compromise settlement worked out through mediation of President Roosevelt's fact-finding commission, and a contract embodying the provision was signed by all parties.

The settlement, announced Tuesday, provides wage increases of 9½ cents an hour or 76 cents a day for operating employees who have been receiving upward of \$5.06 a day and had called a strike to enforce demands for a 30 per cent boost.

Representatives of 900,000 union non-operating workers said negotiations affecting them probably would continue for several days. These unions did not call a strike although they refused to accept previous terms.

For non-operating labor, the compromise called for raises of 10 cents an hour or 80 cents a day. They have been paid an average of 63.4 cents an hour and had demanded increases of from 30 to 40 cents.

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Miss Bea Truitt Named Queen of Turkey Show

Miss Bea Truitt, popular Oakland high school senior, was elected queen of the annual Northwestern Turkey show to be held next week at Oakland, according to tabulation of the votes in the contest which closed Friday.

Runners-up in the close and spirited contest were Barbara Young, Phyllis Goff, Ruthella Truitt and Lois McCurdy, who will serve as princesses in the royal court.

Coronation ceremonies will be held in connection with the annual Turkey show dance to be held Wednesday night. The queen and her princesses will be guests of honor at the Turkey show banquet on Friday night, and preside over the principal public features of the show.

Indian Youth Killed in Klamath County Fight

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Merle Chocktoot, 21, Indian, died early today of injuries caused by a blow on the head with a rifle, special Indian Officer Thurman Wilson reported.

Wilson said he had arrested Lawrence Jackson, 17, on an open charge after Ivan Jackson, cousin of the prisoner, had called him to investigate a fight between the two Indians at the Beatty rodeo grounds at 3:30 a. m. yesterday.

Linfield College Wins Estate Suit

SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Heirs of Edward and Mary C. Ross were denied any claim to a block of downtown Spokane business property valued at \$100,000, when Federal Judge Schwelienbach ruled yesterday that Mrs. Frances E. R. Linfield was with in her rights in giving the property to Linfield college of McMinnville, Ore., in 1918.

The block had belonged to the defunct Ross Holding company, of which Mrs. Linfield was an officer, and the heirs contended that she had no right to transfer the title to the school, which was known as McMinnville college up to the time of the gift from Mrs. Linfield.

The heirs, nieces and nephews of Mrs. Linfield, include two nieces in Los Angeles, Mrs. Edna Ross and Mrs. Ethel Dunphy.

"Mrs. Ross was a competent business woman who dominated and controlled the Ross family and upon whom they so much relied that in 1915 they turned this property over to her to manage," Judge Schwelienbach wrote.

"This contention is so devoid of merit that it would justify no further discussion of it."

My, My, Has Ah Got De Miseries!



Features mirroring torment of his soul, Roosevelt Phillips, 22, Nashville, Tenn., reflects on his sins in a San Francisco city prison cell. The other night Roosevelt's sergeant assigned him to stand guard duty over 400 army trucks at the Port of Oakland. Next thing he remembers, he says, was waking up in the wreck of a truck, a partially empty bottle of gin by his side. Police said there was also a small matter of a holdup to be looked into.

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