



Still cloudy in the south Pacific, still threatening in the Atlantic, brighter in Russia; spring outlook uncertain. Cyclones are forecast, but dates not specified. Watch for the news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

RUSSIANS SNAGGING HITLER'S SPRING PLAN

Feint Suspected When Jap Naval Offensive Veers Off Toward Solomon Islands

Ruse Seen To Hide Plan To Hit Australia

United States Bombers Play Outstanding Part In Blows at Invaders

(By the Associated Press) Japan's offensive against Australia, still taking form in the wester of islands curving along the vast northern shore of the continent, has veered off in a tangent of naval penetration of the Solomon Islands.

The move was evidently either a feint to distract attention from establishment of New Guinea bases for the prospective lunge at Australia or actually a thrust toward the New Hebrides and New Zealand along the island chain pointed at the united nations sea route to Australia, ahead of any direct attempt to invade the continent.

The Japanese move was disclosed by Australian air reconnaissance over the Australian-mandated part of the Solomon group. The warship force was sighted three days ago off Kessa, on tiny Burka Island, a stepping stone from New Britain to the Solomons. There was no further indication that the Japanese had landed there.

Buka is 180 miles southeast of Japanese-occupied Rabaul, New Britain, and 900 miles northeast of Australia's northeastern extremity, the Cape York peninsula. Australian bombers smashing at the potential island route toward New Zealand attacked the enemy-held airfield at Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, yesterday.

"All our bombs fell in the target area and columns of smoke rose from the ground," a communiqué said.

U. S. Fighters' Score.

The Japanese offensive was crippled to some extent in the sinking of seven ships by air attack last Tuesday off Salamaua, a Japanese foothold in New Guinea. Closer at home for the enemy, a single United States submarine has picked off four vessels, boosting to 149 the total of Japanese

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Ira B. Riddle Is Recommended for Peace Justice Job

The Douglas county republican central committee at a special meeting last night voted to recommend to Governor Charles A. Sprague that he appoint Attorney Ira B. Riddle of Roseburg to the office of justice of the peace. The vacancy in the office results from the death recently of Judge R. W. Marsters. The position must be filled by appointment by the governor, and the appointee will serve until Jan. 1, next. Although Judge Marsters had served only two of the six years of the term to which he was elected, the law provides that an appointee shall serve only until the next general election following the creation of the vacancy, so that the office will be filled by a full term election this year.

It was reported here that Governor Sprague was awaiting a recommendation from the central committee before making an appointment to fill the vacancy. Attorney Riddle, who has been recommended for the office was justice of the peace from 1914 to 1920. He also has served as city attorney and as county clerk and is now a member of the Roseburg city council. He has been engaged in the practice of law here for many years.

On Roll of Uncle Sam's Top Fighters



At top—Rarin' to go again, diminutive Louis Van Aersel, who already has more medals than Sgt. Alvin York of World war fame, is sworn in at a marine recruiting station in Los Angeles as he returns to the service. He'll be assigned to the U. S. marine corps limited reserve this time.

Lower left—Robert A. Neale, squadron leader with American volunteer fliers in the Far East, credited with bagging 12 Jap planes. At right is Lieut. E. H. ("Butch") O'Hare, 28-year-old Missourian, who downed six Jap planes in a raid on one of the foe's bases in the mid-Pacific. Picture was taken when he was a military cadet.

No Race Discrimination, Portland Unions Pledge

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 13.—(AP)—There will be no discrimination against workers because of race—except Japanese—the Portland AFL boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' union has decided, Tom Ray, secretary, said today.

Ray said the membership voted to liberalize its policy at a meeting held at about the same time the Portland school board was criticizing it for excluding negroes.

Trusty Escapes From Washington Prison

WALLA WALLA, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Driving away in a penitentiary truck, George Leroy Wall, about 27, a trusty serving a burglary sentence from King county, escaped from the Washington state prison yesterday. He was the first inmate to escape this year.

Chance Poor for Liner Grounded Off Alaska

SEATTLE, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Doubt as to whether the Mount McKinley, Alaska steamship company liner, would be successfully refloated was expressed last night by officials of the 13th naval district here.

The vessel, a 373-foot ship of 4,869 gross tonnage, was reported Wednesday to be aground off the Alaskan coast. The navy gave no details. Last night's report, which said refloating efforts were continuing, added "success of the effort is in doubt."

Pullman Company Gets Permit to Boost Rates

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—The Interstate commerce commission authorized the Pullman company today to increase its rates, fares, and charges by 10 per cent.

The company was authorized to put the increase into effect within 10 days after filing the necessary tariffs with the commission.

Douglas Civil Defense Duty Lists 9,950

Various Services Cover All Major Phases of Protection Program

Douglas county, with a population of around 25,000 persons, has 9,950 civilians registered for civilian defense, according to a report by E. R. Walton, assistant defense coordinator. Out of the number registered, 8323 already are engaged in some defense or community service activity, leaving 1,627 on the reserve list awaiting assignment.

The report shows 5524 persons enrolled in the defense corps personnel, divided as follows: air raid wardens 278, auxiliary firemen 175, auxiliary police 175, bomb squads 20, decontamination squads 40, demolition and clearance crews 50, drivers' corps 186, fire watchers 70, emergency food and housing 70, emergency medical personnel 220, messengers 25, rescue squads 50, road repair crews 75, staff corps 125, aircraft warning service 400. The defense personnel is composed of 2468 men and 3056 women.

Air Warning Lists 4000
The aircraft warning service, in which 4,000 workers are participating, includes the numerous observation posts scattered throughout the county and the filter center at Roseburg. In this service there are 2750 women and 1250 men.

A total of 2799 persons, including 1207 men and 1592 women, are engaged in various community services. These embrace family security 20, child care 40, health 4, hospital services 435, recreation 37, consumers service 8, nutrition service 595, housing

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Death Chair Takes 'Mad Dog Killers'

OSSINING, N. Y., Mar. 13.—(AP)—William Esposito, 30, played dead on the cold pavement of a midtown New York street just off Fifth Avenue 14 months ago and then arose to shoot and kill Patrolman Edward F. Maher, 53, but today he was really dead—killed in Sing Sing prison's electric chair just five minutes after his brother Anthony, 37.

The brothers, who looked totally unlike in normal life, could hardly have been told apart as they were brought into the death chamber last night in wheel chairs.

Virtually 10 months of lying in bed, abstaining from all food except that which was fed them forcibly, had reduced the "mad dog killers" to skin and bone.

The brothers ran wild, blazing away with guns at mid-day on Jan. 14, 1941.

In an attempt to rob Alfred Kalusman, 55, of a \$349 payroll of the linen firm of which he was manager, they shot and killed him in the elevator of a mid-town building. The brothers then separated. William commandeered a taxi-cab, wounded the driver, dashed across crowded Fifth Avenue into a side street and was wounded by Patrolman Maher.

His leg wound was superficial, and while his brother was being arrested, he waited for Maher to lean over him then raised on one elbow and shot the officer.

Last night neither of the brothers accepted offer of spiritual solace before he died.

Fire-Ravaged Normandie Again Struck by Flames

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—(AP)—A fire apparently originating in rubbish aboard the flame-ravaged \$60,000,000 liner Normandie was quickly extinguished today.

Workmen engaged in salvaging the 83,423-ton craft sent an alarm that brought 190 armed coast-guardsmen, a fireboat and an engine. They brought the blaze under control in 15 minutes.

The liner, seized by the government last December and converted into the naval auxiliary Lafayette, was damaged by a blaze Feb. 9. She capsized after this fire was extinguished.

Long Prison Terms Dealt Nazi Spy Ring

Sentences Range From 20 to 12 Years; Jap in Toils at San Francisco

NEW YORK, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard today sentenced seven persons—defendants in the nation's first spy trial since the United States entered the war—to a total of 117 years in prison for espionage conspiracy.

Three were given 20 years' imprisonment each; three others, including a woman, 15 years each, and one 12 years.

Judge Goddard, in passing sentence, told the defendants he was "not only punishing you for your treachery," but "warning others like you that such acts will not be tolerated."

The illegal activities occurred before the United States entered the war—otherwise the defendants would have been subject to the death penalty.

Those sentenced to 20 years—the maximum possible penalty—were:

Kurt Frederick Ludwig, 36, native of Fremont, O., called by the government the "brains of the ring," he was arrested on a bus

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Girl Kills Father for Repeated Beatings

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Mar. 13.—(AP)—A motherless, 15-year-old farm girl calmly related today, District Attorney C. A. Whitehouse said, that she shot and killed her father with a shotgun as he lay on a couch because "he beat me once too often."

Peter Peolotti, 44, was found yesterday in his isolated Schuylkill county home near Valley View, the back of his head blown off.

Whitehouse said a charge of murder would be filed later today against the girl, Emma, who had lived alone with her father since her mother's death several years ago.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



EXCAVATORS busily engaged in removing dirt from one of Douglas county's farms, loading it into trucks, and transporting it to —

But let Mr. Jack Dough, owner of the farm I have in mind, tell the story in his own words:

"I'm taking my farm east, at least as far as Idaho and, perhaps, beyond the Rockies to Wyoming or Montana. No, I'm not taking it all at once—I will continue to operate the back forty here, as long as I can. But this eighty you are looking at I plan on having in production next year in one or the other of the three states I have mentioned.

"Why am I doing it? Well, I do hate to, if the truth is known. This is a mighty good country, and if I left my farm here in its entirety I would reap the benefit of this year's crop on the whole acreage. As it is, I'll have to sacrifice the major part of this year's production.

"But you know how it is," he continued. "The government is removing the aluminum mills to the interior, where presumably they will be safe from Japanese raids and possible invasion. Airplane factories here are expected gradually to remove their plants inland, much in the way I am doing with my farm, unit by unit, until they establish their main plants beyond the Cascades.

"You see," he said, "it looks to me as though the government was planning on making a kind of No Man's Land out of the Pacific coast country. I don't know what they're doing to defend it, but I reckon from all indications they expect it to be a mighty unhealthy place for Americans to be in one of these days. So—I'm heading what I read, and getting the hell out of here."

(Note to Northwestern states: Mr. Dough has a good farm, and both he and it will be assets to any locality he picks out. We hate to lose him; but understand his point of view, backed up as it is by authoritative government observations.)

House Prunes Farm Aid Bill By 25 Million

Entire Measure Facing Veto Threat Because of Provision on Parity

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—(AP)—The house tentatively slashed \$25,000,000 from the agriculture appropriations bill today, cutting in half the allotment for administrative expenses and grants in the farm rehabilitation program. The vote was 142 to 119.

This followed house action of yesterday, tentatively trimming \$20,000,000 for loans under the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act by a vote of 120 to 104.

An attempt to eliminate the entire \$45,000,000 allotment for loans in 1943 under the act was defeated by standing vote of 116 to 93.

Today's action came as President Roosevelt was reported reliably as considering a veto of the entire measure, carrying \$695,000,000, because it bans disposal of government-controlled stocks of farm products at less than parity.

The president was beaten both in senate and house on his plea that the prohibition be eliminated to help prevent a further rise in the cost of living. He was reported to believe that only by a veto could he win his point.

The senate recently passed and sent to the house a simple bill containing the ban. The house has refused to remove a clause to prohibit the commodity credit

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Anti-German Riots in Rio De Janeiro Halted

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Shots fired into the air by police and riot squads dispersed a crowd of about 500 persons gathering today in front of German stores, apparently intent on resuming yesterday's anti-Nazi disorders.

Newspapers and radio stations told nothing of yesterday's riots except the official announcement that "special measures were taken to maintain order."

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MALDEN, Mass., Mar. 13.—(AP)—An 18-year-old college student, son of a prominent physician, died this Friday the 13th of a bullet wound inflicted by police as he emerged from a drugstore that had been robbed of \$13.

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Police Sergeant John J. Buckley said Special Officer William J. Butler fired the shot after watching the boy rob Joseph Epstein, proprietor of the Elmwood pharmacy, at gun point.

The youth, a freshman at Boston college and a graduate of Somerville high school, had been home during the evening, playing a piano.

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2 Dead, 2 Wounded As FBI Duo, Army Deserters Battle

ABINGDON, Va., Mar. 13.—(AP)—An FBI agent was slain and another seriously wounded today in a gun fight in a restaurant where they had gone to arrest a pair of army deserters.

Agent Hubert J. Treacy, Jr., 28, was shot to death and Charles L. Tignor, 29, was wounded five times. They were attempting to arrest two soldiers from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Charles J. Levett, 21, and James Evans Testerman, 22.

The soldier pair, who blazed away as soon as the agents identified themselves in the all-night cafe, had been sought since Thursday when, according to H. I. Bobbitt, special agent in charge of the Richmond FBI office they stole a supply of pistols and ammunition from the fort, kidnaped a taxi driver and fled into Tennessee.

The soldiers ran off on foot in the direction of Lebanon and throughout the morning were the objects of an intensive search.

Markets Tied As Meatcutters Quit

SEATTLE, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Eight hundred union meatcutters struck today closing 400 or more retail meat markets in this area. I. W. Ringer, secretary of the Seattle Retail Meat Dealers' association, estimated 1,200 men were on strike, affecting at least 1,000 shops in Seattle, Bremerton, Olympia, Renton, Auburn, Enumclaw, Kent, Bellevue, Kirkland, Bothell and Charleston.

J. S. Hofmann, business agent for meat cutters' Local No. 81 (AFL) said the strike was voted last night after employers had declined to discuss proposed wage increases for journeymen. The present scale, he said, is \$45 a week for cutters and \$55 for those performing managerial duties. The union also requested a two-dollar increase in the daily pay of men working as extras or relief men. Cutters work a six-day, 48-hour week.

He said many employers were getting in touch with him in the early hours today to agree to the new scale but added that the large chain groups were among those which had not done so.

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New Drive Of 90 Divisions Batters Nazis

British Air Forces Again Raid Kiel, Other Places In Northwest Germany

MOSCOW, Mar. 13.—(AP)—Red Star, voice of the soviet army, declared today that the offensive this spring would be Russian, not German, and described the nazis military machine as worn out from its costly fall drive and the battering it has received this winter.

Dispatches from the front said that the Germans were trying desperately to hold on, counter-attacking repeatedly and at heavy cost, but that the red army still pushed steadily, if slowly, to the west.

Reports from the southern front said Marshal Timoshenko's big Donets basin offensive of 90 divisions, instead of being halted by the counter attacks, had wiped out two strong points and swept on into an unidentified town where German bodies littered the streets after a fierce fight.

Elsewhere on the southern front Russian artillery fire was said to have broken up a Romanian counter attack.

Bloody Blows Continue

The German counter blows were described as hardest in the Staraya Russa area where the 16th nazi army is trapped and desperate, but that these, too, were said to have failed.

On the central front, where the red army is driving past Vyazma and Rzhev toward Smolensk, three companies of the one regiment of the German 211th infantry division were killed attempting a counter-attack and a reserve battalion of the same division, was wiped out, the Russians said.

They also reported a German ski battalion destroyed. "The enemy is sustaining heavy losses in war equipment and manpower," the soviet information bureau reiterated.

(Spring is a week away by the calendar, but its advent across the steppes, marshes and forests of Russia is normally a chilly

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Training Program Adopted for Civil Air Patrol Here

A program of training for the members of the Roseburg Civil Air patrol was adopted at the first meeting of the civil defense unit at the courthouse Thursday night. The members of the patrol will meet at 7:30 p. m. each Thursday for training and will receive 20 hours of first aid instruction together with classes in flight missions, terrain familiarization, aerial navigation and meteorology, observation and reconnaissance, aviation, crash procedure, air port protection, organization of army aid forces and military drill. The courses were outlined by Ira Byrd, executive officer, following an explanation of the aims of the organization as presented by Walter I. Edmonds, group commander.

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