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Floods Take Twelve Lives In Midwest

Forecast of More Rain Threatens to Increase Heavy Property Damage

(By the Associated Press)

Overcast skies held the ominous threat of more rain for the flooded midwest today, giving little surcease from rampaging rivers which caused 12 deaths, forced thousands from their homes, washed out vast acreages of crops and snarled rail and highway travel.

Six persons were listed as missing and believed dead in Kansas, five in Missouri and one in Illinois.

The Missouri, the Kaw and other streams in western Missouri and eastern Kansas were falling this morning, but the weather bureau said "substantial rain" was likely tonight and tomorrow.

Five persons were feared dead in the Winfield, Kas., area, where high water was receding after causing property damage estimated at \$1,000,000 in that city's worst flood of record. At one time, between 40 and 50 city blocks were under water.

Both the Big and Little Arkansas rivers were falling at Wichita after giving that city its greatest flood. More than 2,000 persons were quartered in temporary shelters, schools and churches and Red Cross officials predicted it would be several days before most of them could return to their homes.

The Arkansas river's tremendous burden of water rolled into Oklahoma to sweep the big U. S. highway 60 bridge east of Ponca City and partly inundate Ponca City. The river covered miles of farmland over that section.

The Kaw river's crest passed Kansas City last night without doing serious damage, although leaking dikes had to be repaired. Although all trains were operating behind time, the large crowds of stranded travelers were beginning to thin out.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE highlights of the recent news is the disclosure that U. S. CARRIERS participated with the British Indian ocean fleet in the raid on Jap installations in far northern Sumatra (Dutch East Indies) last week.

There are indications in the dispatches that these carriers left Pearl Harbor at about the same time as the fleet that raided through the Carolines as far as Palau island. Presumably they steamed around Australia to the south to join the British in the Indian ocean.

Anyway, they got there.

THE attack on Sumatra was only a raid, but it was a well-planned one.

First, American bombers based in India smashed the Jap Andaman islands as a DIVERSION, the idea being to decoy Jap planes away from northern Sumatra. The scheme seems to have worked, for when our carrier-based planes struck there they encountered very light Jap air resistance.

In fact, the Japs seem to have been caught flat-footed and even their anti-aircraft guns were unmanned.

THERE was one dramatic incident.

Our SOLE loss was one U. S. plane shot down. Its pilot took to his life raft and a British submarine (which apparently had been watching through its periscope) promptly surfaced to rescue him. Thereupon a Jap destroyer bore down on the British sub. INSTANTLY a squadron of U. S. planes closed in and bombed the Jap destroyer to a stop. The submarine completed the rescue of the floating pilot and crash-dived beneath the surface.

Our planes then returned to

Prominent Figures in Sedition Trial at Washington



Outstanding figures among 30 defendants in the war's biggest sedition trial are pictured in Federal district court, Washington. Charged by the government with "actively co-operating with each other and with leaders of the nazi party" in a "systematic campaign of propaganda" to undermine the morale of the armed forces were Joseph E. McWilliams, left, above, of New York and Chicago, who organized the Christian Mobilizers, and Eugene N. Sanctuary (center) of New York, former colonel in the army reserve, anti-Semitic author.

At top right is Lois De Lafayette Washburn of Tacoma, Wash., who gave photographers a fascist salute. Pictured at lower left are Lawrence Dennis, New York publisher, and Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," whose listed "Reds" included many prominent Americans.

Rejection of Levy For Schools Would Mean Bond Issues

Unless voters at the special school election Wednesday afternoon give approval to the pay-as-you-go plan submitted for a decision, the Roseburg school district will be forced within the next few years to resort to bond issues to meet demands for increased school facilities, members of the board of directors asserted today.

The proposal submitted for a vote is a levy of six mills annually for a period of five years, to be utilized for construction of new buildings, additions to existing structures and general expansion and development as needed.

The immediate and pressing problem, it is stated, is for additional accommodations in elementary schools. All of the grade school buildings are overcrowded, and a large increase is expected at the fall term. The board of directors plan, as soon as the first tax installment is collected, to erect a grade school building in Edenbower. This would accommodate the pupils in the north part of the district and would also take care of those being brought into the district by busses, thus taking the surplus from the existing grade schools.

Reserves would then be created as future collections are made to meet the demand for more room in high schools and for facilities needed in connection with anticipated changes in the teaching program, particularly in line with the modern trend for instruction in mechanical and agricultural trades.

Tomorrow's election will be held at the junior high school building between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m. Only taxpayers are qualified to vote. No advance registration is required.

Burning Truck Saved On Roseburg Street

Alert service station and garage attendants saved a truck belonging to I. D. Short, Edenbower, from damage this morning when the vehicle caught fire near the Stephens and Oak streets intersection. While the fire department was being called from the Lockwood garage, attendants from nearby garages and filling stations converged on the furiously blazing truck armed with chemical extinguishers and had the blaze subdued before the fire truck reached the scene. Only minor damage was done.



Lull Hits Russian Land Front; Ships Sunk at Sevastopol

MOSCOW, April 25.—(AP)—The red army has smashed a German attack west of Dubno, 85 miles northeast of the big communications center of Lwow, which at first had succeeded in driving the Russians out of two localities, a soviet communique said today.

More than 400 nazis were slain in the Russian counterblow which dislodged the enemy from both places and "restored the situation," the bulletin declared.

In the Carpathian foothills more than 100 miles to the south, more than 200 Germans were officially reported killed after they crossed a stream southwest of Stanislawow by night and were routed by soviet troops in the morning.

Except for these actions, however, a stalemate continued along the land front as the Red air force tightened the blockade of Sevastopol, blasting ships which attempted to carry axis troops out of the encircled Black sea base.

The communique said the warplanes sank seven transports totaling 16,000 tons as well as a landing barge, a torpedo cutter and three patrol boats between Sevastopol and Romanian ports.

Russian planes also struck "concentrated bombing and strafing blows" against axis troops in Sevastopol itself, causing heavy losses, the communique said. Thirty-seven German aircraft were reported destroyed in the Sevastopol area.

(A Berlin broadcast last night said the Russians had unleashed their "final assault" on Sevastopol and that fierce land fighting was raging once more around the city.)

Red bombers also blasted Lwow again, striking at concentrations of troop trains at the railway yards, the communique reported.

Police Nip Burglary Act Of Nine-Year-Old Boy

SEATTLE, April 25.—(AP)—Seattle police captured a nine-year-old boy this morning while he was in the act of burglarizing a radio firm.

Firemen stationed across the street from the building said they watched the boy break a window and carefully remove shattered glass before entering.

Turned over to juvenile authorities, the boy said he had run away from a Seattle children's home, and that his parents were Vancouver, Wash., war workers.



Allies Hammering Japs in Drive to Lift Kohima Siege

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 25.—(AP)—Long columns of men, tanks and guns of the 14th army are moving toward Kohima to hurl an assault against the Japanese near that Japanese objective on the Assam-Burma front, it was reported here today.

The tanks are advancing as a protective screen for British troops tagged for the task of clearing away the last threat to Kohima.

Some eyewitnesses said the bomber exploded in the air, while others said it blew up after striking a building, sending fragments 50 feet into the air. Parts of the wings and engines settled over sections of a block bounded by Colborne, Ottawa, Shannon and Smith streets—not far from the Canadian national railways' old Bonaventure station.

The plane apparently struck coming in over Shannon street, wrecking two tenement houses. Its fuselage came to rest in a mass of wreckage in which bodies could be seen.

One eyewitness said a member of the crew who parachuted was badly injured and taken to a hospital.

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Two hundred soldiers were brought into the area as firemen brought the flames under control.

Big Gas Stamp Supply Puts Negroes Under Check

Three negroes, Andrew Clay, 25, Ed Williams, 18, and Grover T. Kelley, 22, all of Los Angeles, are being held in the county jail for investigation, it was reported today from the Roseburg office of the state police. The trio, it was reported, was arrested while driving in an automobile fitted with a sawed-off shotgun and a large number of gasoline ration stamps. Information has been given the OPA and the FBI which are cooperating with state police in checking the origin of the ration coupons.

Record Navy Fund Bill Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Demands that the United States retain its full battle fleet after the war accompanied unanimous senate passage today of a record \$32,644,729,701 navy appropriation bill.

Halt On Jobs Turnover Aim Of Senators

New Bill Sponsored to Induct Men 18-45 Who Dodge Essential Labor

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Advocating a new work-or-be-drafted law that would cover 4-F's and men up to 45 who refuse to take essential jobs, Senator Brewster (R., Me.) declared today congress must move promptly to halt an "alarming" labor turnover in industry.

Brewster joined with Senator Bailey (D., N. C.) in sponsoring a bill which would:

1. "Freeze" men between 18 and 45 in essential work by requiring them to get local draft board approval before taking other jobs. If they shifted without draft board approval, they would be subject to immediate induction.

2. Empower selective service to conscript 4-F's or any other registrants up to age 45 for war-essential jobs whenever a government manpower committee found that manpower needs

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Bomber Falls Into Montreal; Nine Die, Homes Destroyed

MONTREAL, April 25.—(AP)—An RAF bomber exploded and crashed today in a block of old brick dwellings in downtown Montreal, leaving piles of flaming debris in which rescuers found nine bodies.

Three of some 14 dwellings in the block were flattened and others were badly damaged. Shrieks of horror arose in the area. Adults and children ran about the streets hunting for kinfolk. One woman screamed that she had lost two daughters.

A high air official said the bomber, operated by the RAF transport command, was a four-engined Liberator.

The craft apparently carried a crew of five, one of whom was reported to have parachuted to safety. Dorval airport said identity of the crew would not be known pending a check of all planes that left there today.

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Lt. R. J. Young's Body to Arrive Here Wednesday

The body of Lieutenant Richard J. Young, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Young, Roseburg, is expected to arrive in Roseburg Wednesday with military escort. Lieutenant Young was killed Sunday when a marine scout dive-bomber crashed in flames about two miles north of El Cajon, California. Corporal Dan F. Billing, 19, Smiley, Texas, who occupied the plane with Lieutenant Young, also was killed in the crash.

Mrs. Young, the former Patricia Quine, is en route home from San Diego and is expected to arrive in Roseburg tonight. She will be brought from Klamath Falls by an uncle and aunt of the young flier.

Mrs. Young's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Woodford, Salem, arrived in Roseburg today.

Overseas Travel Curtailed by Britain in Another Move to Guard Invasion Plans; Germany Said Braced With 325 Divisions

LONDON, April 25.—(AP)—Britain halted all but the most urgent travel overseas in another invasion-secrecy step today, while the Germans predicted the invasion hour was near and declared their most seasoned troops stood ready to meet the assault.

The travel ban, "except for business of urgent national importance which cannot be postponed," will run indefinitely and was taken "for military reasons," a home office announcement said. It followed orders restricting movements of diplomats, tightening control over coastal areas, suspending travel to Eire, and other recent steps to prevent leakage of information.

Persons now holding exit permits can use them to leave Britain until midnight Thursday. Thereafter only "urgent" permits will be issued. No permit to leave the country will be valid unless issued on or after April 19.

Nazis Boast of Defense
Berlin broadcasts told the German people to expect the invasion and boasted of defense and counter measures.

Experienced German troops from the Russian front now are guarding the Atlantic coast, one German commentator declared, and they "are ready for a hard fight."

DNB said the allied air blows had weakened "potential German countering strength" but that the luftwaffe "with many of its plane

Senate Agrees to Boost Forest Fire Protection Fund

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Legislation introduced by the late Senator Charles L. McNary was completed in congress yesterday when the senate agreed to house amendments to a bill authorizing an increase in cooperative forest fire protection funds from \$2,500,000 to \$9,000,000 a year.

McNary's original measure would have made the increase effective immediately, but the house amendments call for graduated increases over a four-year period.

Sen. Cordon, who succeeded McNary, called up the bill and moved senate agreement with the house amendment.

Division of the committee memberships held by McNary placed Cordon on the commerce, Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation, and library committees.

In addition to the four regular committees, Cordon was recommended for the following special committees: conservation of wildlife resources, silver and postwar economic and policy planning, where McNary also served.

Marriage Annulment Is Baby Kidnaping Sequel

Sergeant Jessie A. Wright, 30, soldier stationed at San Francisco, was granted an annulment yesterday of his marriage to Catherine Morgan Wright, 26, Albany, who was committed to the state hospital at Salem last November, following sanity hearings. Mrs. Wright was charged with stealing Judith Gurney, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gurney, Albany, to present the child as her own. The case attracted much local prominence, as the mother of the stolen infant was a former Lookingglass resident, a daughter of Mrs. Alma Montgomery and sister of Mrs. Grace Montgomery Smith, former residents of Lookingglass and Roseburg.

DAV Convention to Be Held in Roseburg June 23

E. N. Sundell, Oregon department commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, has announced at Portland that the date for the state convention, to be held in Roseburg, has been set for June 23. A school for service officers will be one of the features of the state meeting.

Fires From RAF Bombs Grip Munich

Karlsruhe, Other Large Manufacturing Centers Targets of Air Raiders

LONDON, April 25.—(AP)—Well over 1,000 American bombers and fighters bombed three German airfields in France today, the 11th consecutive day of the war's greatest aerial offensive. The German radio said other allied raiders had penetrated into the southern sector of the reich.

While American Liberators and Fortresses were returning from attacks on air fields in eastern France, another formation of Eighth air force Liberators smashed at military installations in the Pas-De-Calais area under a Mustang escort.

Lightning fighter-bombers also made a forenoon attack on an air field in northern France, with other P-38s escorting them.

A preliminary announcement of daylight activity, which appeared again to be on a gigantic scale, said Fortresses and Liberators from Britain smashed at German airdromes at Nancy, Metz and Dijon in the continuing all-out effort to scramble Hitler's air forces ahead of the western invasion.

German Cities Lashed.

The daylight attacks followed attacks last night by probably 1,000 planes of the RAF which blasted industrial Munich and Karlsruhe.

In a reconnaissance report on the Munich raid the air ministry said whole blocks of buildings were left ablaze in the city. Hitler converted from a nazi shrine to an aircraft center and the heart of an important railway system. Smoke rose four miles as scattered fires merged into one glowing core.

American airmen back from Metz said at least 40 planes, mostly fighters, parked on the ground there were plastered with bombs and there was no fighter opposition. The raiders of Nancy also caught German aircraft parked on the ground.

While the heaviest and their escort thundered into eastern France, American Marauders and Havocs with British Bombers attacked military objectives in northern France which have been pounded repeatedly in recent days by every type of day-bomber. Waves of planes of all types drove forward the campaign that has poured 40,000 to 50,000 tons of explosives on Hitler's war machine since mid-April, and shortly before noon the German radio reported strong bomber formations over the southern, western, and southwestern portions of the reich.

Air Tilt Favors RAF

Thirty British planes were lost last night, when the main blows aimed at factories and communications in Karlsruhe and Munich.

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Sweden's Note Not Pleasing to U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull said today that Sweden's reply to an allied request to stop sending ball bearings to Germany was not satisfactory.

Sweden is reported to have told Britain and the United States that it cannot break its commitments to Germany to send ball bearings, which replace those destroyed by allied air raids.

Text of the notes have not been made public, but it is understood that Sweden's refusal was polite though firm.

Hull declined to say what the next move in the attempt to choke off strategic German imports might be. His reply clearly indicated, however, that this government does not consider the matter closed.

At the moment, economic pressure similar to moves taken against neutral Ireland, which refused to comply with a request to eject German agents, are not anticipated for Sweden.

Diplomats feel certain that discussion of the matter will be renewed.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenbaum

New commander-in-chief of the axis armies in Russia is named Jodi—pronounced "Yodel". This may indicate Hitler's intention to offer a swan song with Alpine embellishment.