

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Maximum 91
Minimum 52
Forecast: Clear tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy.

Decrease in farming? See Editorial, Page 2

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Reynaud Attacks Marshal

PARIS, July 24 (UP) — Pale and trembling, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain heard himself branded in court today by Paul Reynaud as an arch-apostle of defeatism who for 10 years was in league with the nazis and sought to establish himself as dictator of France.

Reynaud, who was premier in 1940 when France was collapsing, lashed Petain mercilessly for three and one-half hours in the stifling courtroom.

Preached Defeat He accused the 89-year-old marshal of blocking his plans to continue the struggle from North Africa, of plotting to seize power, of opposing an extension of the Maginot line along the Belgian border where the Germans broke through, and of preaching the gospel of France's inevitable defeat.

Speaking without notes, the wiry Reynaud pitilessly flayed Petain and with him Gen. Maxime Weygand, Pierre Laval, and Camille Chautemps as the men responsible for the fall of France.

Reynaud, testifying for the second day as the state's first witness in the treason trial, launched a bitter personal attack on Petain. The aged and nervous chief of state in the Vichy regime eyed his accuser closely and winced occasionally.

Myth Victor Dipping deep into the history of Petain, the "hero of Verdun" in the first world war, Reynaud thundered dramatically: "The myth of the victor of Verdun is sheer piffle."

He recalled Marshal Ferdinand Joffre had accused Petain of having no confidence in the defense of Verdun, and said Petain was preparing to withdraw his right flank but was prevented by orders from his superiors.

He accused Petain of heading a "plot" to get France's separate armistice with Germany signed in 1940.

Wheat Goal of 68,000,000 Acres Set Up For 1946

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson today announced a national wheat goal of 68,875,000 acres for harvest in 1946. The goal represents the combined acreage for all the wheat states. It compares with 68,808,000 acres planted for harvest this year.

It is in line with the recommendation of 67,000,000 to 70,000,000 acres made to state goal committees by war food administration several weeks ago. The final goal acreage was determined after meeting of state agricultural adjustment agency committees with farm leaders.

Anderson expressed satisfaction with the decision reached by the states on the first farm production goals for 1946 and said they "would continue the high wartime production of wheat."

At the same time, Anderson announced a national rye goal of 2,572,000 acres for harvest in 1946.

He said goals for other crops will be announced later, in "ample time for farmers to plan their 1946 operations."

Individual state wheat goals included: Arizona, 27,000; California, 600,000; Colorado, 1,850,000; Idaho 1,100,000; Kansas, 13,900,000; Montana, 3,900,000; Nevada, 20,000; New Mexico, 400,000; Oregon, 1,000,000; Utah, 300,000; Washington, 2,600,000 and Wyoming 300,000.

Burton Wheeler To Vote For Charter

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., announced today he will vote "reluctantly" for ratification of the United Nations charter.

He served notice, however, he will make a fight later against delegating to any source other than congress the power to send American troops abroad as contemplated in the new plan for a world security organization.

He announced his position in a Senate speech in which he severely criticized many aspects of the charter. The "real fight," he warned will come on subsequent legislation implementing the charter and putting this country actively into it.



MISSION DELAYED—Broken and burning, this P-47 of an AAF fighter group in the Ryukyus crashed during takeoff for a strike against the Japanese homeland. The engine, foreground, was thrown ahead of the wreckage, shown burning in background. Pilot escaped with minor injuries.

Building Gain In June Doubles In La Grande

La Grande showed a building gain of 100 percent in June, 1945, compared to June, 1944, according to a survey by the Equitable Savings & Loan association of Portland.

Oregon led the three Pacific northwest states in percentage increase of building volume during June. Building in Oregon, as recorded by 15 key cities, reached \$1,416,122.

Washington increased 90 percent over June, 1944, with \$2,912,136, and Idaho, 79 percent, with \$401,840.

Twenty of the 40 cities surveyed in the northwest showed building gains of 100 percent or better compared to June 1944. Those in Oregon were Astoria, Coos Bay, Corvallis, Klamath Falls, Medford, Sts. Helen, Salem and Portland.

War Memorial Committee Meets

La Grande committee for living war memorials met last night to organize and Charles H. Reynolds was elected chairman; Mike Lynch, vice chairman, and Fred J. Patton secretary.

Other committee members are Fred E. Kiddle, E. H. Ford, George Tiss and Bob Quinn. First consideration of the committee will be that of determining if the community desires to construct a memorial of any nature and if so what character. Publicity committee, Ford, Patton, Quinn and Reynolds, will meet at 10 a. m. Wednesday to determine and outline the program to be followed in learning the public's wishes in the matter.

New City Planned Near Portland

PORTLAND, July 24 (UP)—Plans for consolidation of a dozen or so communities in Multnomah county into a new city were inaugurated today as preliminary meetings reported the new group will be tentatively called the citizens incorporation committee of south-west Multnomah county.

The proposed new city would include such communities as Multnomah, West Portland, Glemullen, Maplewood, Collinsview, Ryan Place, Capitol Way, Hillsdale, Dunthorpe, and parts of Garden Home.

Funeral Friday For A. R. Biedler, Union

UNION, July 24 (Special)—Funeral services for A. R. Biedler, who died Sunday at Medford, will be held here Friday. The body arrived here late Tuesday.

A resident of Union during his boyhood and young manhood, he was well known here. His parents were prominent, his father having been connected for many years with the Eastern Oregon railway, as was his sister, Mrs. Helene Stearns.

His wife, three sisters and his mother survive. NEEDLESS CROSSHAULS WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP)—Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell, D., Wash., charged today that freight is being "needlessly" cross-hauled on the west coast.

Morgenthau Admits 'Quit by Request'

NEW YORK, July 24 (UP)—Henry Morgenthau, jr., said today his separation from the office of secretary of treasury "was not of my choosing — I would have preferred to stay along until V. J. day."

Morgenthau told a luncheon meeting attended by members of the New York state war finance committee he did not want the impression to spread he voluntarily quit his post while the war still was going on.

Geology Course Now Offered At Eastern College

A geology course which stresses the geology of eastern Oregon especially and the geology of the west in general is being offered at Eastern Oregon college of education, it was announced by the college today.

The course is designed to meet the science requirements for graduation and for help to those who will be teaching geography in schools. It is also interesting from the "leisure time" or hobby angle. The course gives three hours credit and is offered at 3 p. m. There will be films showing volcanic action, etc. Registration concludes Thursday afternoon.

Rush on Packers Result of Decision

PORTLAND, July 24 (UP)—The Monday OPA directive freeing utility, commercial and cull grade lambs from the ration list, precipitated a rush on packers and wholesalers in the Portland area.

Packers immediately quickly bought up all lambs available at the Portland stockyard, totaling approximately 2300. About 80 percent of the 2,300 lambs were of the point-free grade.

The United States department of agriculture marketing service reported that all of the day's saleable lambs were sold, including top grade lambs which still require points.

However, it was explained, it will be two or three days before the full effect of the point removal would be felt on the market. Farmer, it was said, didn't learn of the OPA's plan until Saturday night or Sunday.

75,000 Railroad Workers Needed

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP)—Director J. Monroe Johnson of the office of defense transportation told senate war investigators today the railroads need 75,000 more workers "right now."

Otherwise, he said, the army's 2,000,000-man redeployment program cannot possibly be carried out in the scheduled 10 months. "Extra engines and more equipment are no salvation now," Johnson roared, pounding the mahogany witness table.

"Manpower is our only problem. If they will give me the manpower, we can get this job done. But if they don't, we can't." At the same time, Johnson said if civilians keep on behaving as they are now he thinks "we can get by" without further travel restrictions.

"The public has really cut its travel," he said.

Minam Fires Under Control; Coastal Flames Still Spreading

'Critical' Stage in 3 States

A climactic battle between man and the elements for control of raging forest fires in three northwest states, enveloping nearly 150,000 acres of timber land, is nearing a critical stage today.

Forestry officials reported thousands of soldiers, sailors and civilian fire fighters had been given orders to prepare "last-ditch" fire lines in face of steady advancing fires.

Nearer Coast Week end rains temporarily halted the main blaze, the Tillamook fire in western Oregon, but rising winds today carried burning embers and set additional spot fires in rugged country near the junction of the Salmonberry and Nehalem rivers, extending the western battlefront four miles nearer the Oregon coast.

Falling humidity and a north-west wind threatened to spread the Wilson - Salmonberry fire. New wind direction tended to blow the Salmonberry - Nehalem river fires away from green timber. Spotters flew over the area today to determine whether to attempt fire trails around each major spot fire or to ring the entire area.

The Wilson river and Wolf creek highways were open to traffic despite smoldering snags and smoke. The Lodgson sawmill near Lorraine in western lane county was burned.

State Forester Nels Rogers received a delayed report the Van Fleet Logging company camp had been burned at the north fork of Cronin creek, at the extreme northwest corner of the Wilson River-Salmonberry fire. The fire damaged donkey engines and considerable felled and bucked timber.

The newest front was in an inaccessible area reached only by pack trail. Other crews on the eastern side of the Oregon Tillamook fire were trying to hold a line along the timber-Cochran railroad.

Nearly 90,000 acres have been burned in the Tillamook blaze, between Portland and the Oregon coast. The fire was largely on the site of the 240,000 acre Tillamook burn of 1933 and has covered 140 square miles in almost two weeks.

Fire in western Washington covered more than 7,600 acres but rising humidity was helping firemen. Biggest blaze was in the North river area.

WAR PEAK PASSED SALEM, July 24 (UP)—Oregon's pack in wartime industry appears to have passed, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today. Upward trend in payrolls for trade, financial and service groups continues, however.

Planes Pound Japan's Fleet

GUAM, July 24 (UP) — More than 2,000 American planes pounced on a concentration of Japanese warships at the Kure naval base today and left it a holocaust of burning wreckage. Japanese ground gunners and fighter planes fought back desperately.

The invasion-marked Japanese homeland rocked under unprecedented aerial blows from 2,000 American warplanes. They included a record armada of more than 600 Superfortresses, which loosed a torrent of bombs on Nagoya, Osaka and five Japanese war plants.

Fleet dispatches revealed the carrier planes swarming all day over Kure scored direct hits with heavy bombs on two Japanese warships and set fire to a number of others.

Early reports indicated task force 8 of Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet finally had found a big part of the surviving Japanese fleet — perhaps the major part — and was pounding it to pieces.

The air force hoarded by the Japanese for the showdown battle of the homeland was stung to action in the defense of Kure and its warships.

Airmen returning to their carrier bases reported numerous dog-fights swirling through the smoke-clogged skies over Kure. They said the anti-aircraft fire was the most intense they ever saw. But the Helldivers pressed home their attacks.

One veteran squadron alone tangled with 12 speedy Japanese fighters trying to intercept them as they came out of their dives over the Kure anchorage. One enemy plane was downed and one U. S. plane was lost.

Ensign Glenn M. Even of San Diego said he hit a warship with a 1,000 pound bomb on his second run over Kure.

JAPS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN KANGSI PROVINCE CHUNGKING, July 24 (UP)—Japanese troops taking the offensive in Kangsi province have swept to the Kan river, a Chinese communicant admitted today, while American headquarters announced 14th air force planes had destroyed or damaged more than 120 enemy river craft yesterday.

The Chinese said Japanese forces have captured Wanan, 15 miles east of Suichwan and across the Kan, in an apparent effort to relieve pressure on embattled Kweilin, 260 miles to the south-west.

The Japanese were driving on Taiho, 25 miles north of Wanan, when they were intercepted by hard-fighting Chinese troops 16 miles from the city.

JAPS IN BORNEO FLEE IN CONFUSION MANILA, July 24 (UP)—Japanese forces in the Mount Bapochampar area of southeastern Borneo retreated in continued confusion today. Their columns pulling out to the north were mauled by seventh division Australians, who knocked out several truckloads of enemy units.

Anderson Says 'No Soap Rationing' Appeals to Housewives to 'Stop Raids'

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP) — Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said today there will be no rationing of soap.

He also promised civilians a 100,000,000 pound increase in their next year's supply of heavy duty laundry flakes, chips and granulated soap.

"If we were to have soap rationing," Anderson said, "It would be necessary for me as secretary of agriculture, to authorize it. And I do not plan to issue such authorization."

He explained a recent statement by Herbert Helman director of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration, describing large soap needs of Europe apparently led to rumors that soap soon would be rationed.

Anderson appealed to American housewives to buy soap in normal quantities and stop "raiding the shelves of stores" as soon as a new shipment arrives.

Girls 4-H Club Camp at Station Set For Aug. 7-8

Four-H club girls' camp will be held Aug. 7-8 at the Eastern Oregon experiment station at Union, Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent, announced today.

The program is being organized now, Miss McWhorter said, and if any girls or leaders are interested in having some particular item on the program, they should contact the home demonstration office within the next few days.

The program will probably consist of taking some 4-H club project for the coming year, and discussion groups will be organized to see "what can be done to make the best better."

Plastic leather craft classes will be organized in order to enable the girls to make souvenirs, and there will also be swimming, it was announced.

Bad Weather Blamed For Tuna Deficiency

ASTORIA, July 24 (UP)—Bad weather off the Oregon coast was blamed today for small deliveries during the current Albacore tuna season here.

Dogfish liver catchers were coming in, however, and the heaviest catch of the season was registered at 37,000 pounds. Hubert Ursch, skipper of 92-foot Liberator, was credited with the catch.

Dallas Dealer Out Of Grade A Skunks

DALLAS, July 24 (UP)—Mrs. Sadie Reddekopp of Dallas is fresh out of grade A deodorized skunks. All nine of her charges have been sold to buyers who promised the certified scentless kitties good homes and loving care. Now she's looking for more of the little stinkers to deodorize and domesticate.

The publicity given her unique way of making the world a better place in which to live has swamped her with mail, she says.

Conzelman, Riding Horseback First Time on Pack Trip with Douglas, Has Mixed Emotion

James Conzelman, first vice president of the St. Louis Browns baseball club, under the tutelage of Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court has added several more "firsts" to his career in the last week, he confessed on a brief visit here last night.

Conzelman and his wife have been guests of the Douglases at their home on the Lostine; and Conzelman, former football coach, musician and much sought after, dinner speaker, described with some enthusiasm and some ruffled his experiences.

First Ride "I took my first pack trip, rode a horse the first time, caught a fish with a fly rod the first time and saw a mountain almost for the first time," Conzelman revealed.

Justice Douglas added another "first": "Since Jim had never ridden a horse before we made things even and got him a horse that had never been ridden before."

Conzelman admitted somewhat ruefully he had walked part of the way to Francis lake. They also visited Baker and Eagle creek. Fishing, the justice said, was good in most of the areas except they were too early for Francis lake.

Douglas has been in the supreme court for six years now. He has been familiar with Oregon country for many years and his wife is the former Mildred Riddle from La Grande.

For Charter Although Douglas is on vacation and did not discuss serious matters much, he did declare he is highly in favor of the San Francisco charter and hopes the senate will ratify it.

Conzelman was enroute to Portland, where he will speak tonight. He has been a member of the Browns' staff for a little over two years. Before that, he had been coach of the Chicago Cardinals football team and had coached at a university in St. Louis. He has written many magazine articles and like his fellow Missourian, Harry Truman, is an accomplished pianist.

Justice Douglas will speak here in La Grande early in September.

Smaller Blazes in Check

Fires on the Little Minam river and on the Minam river near Elliott creek have been brought under control, U. S. and state foresters reported here today.

The 800 acre burn on the Little Minam had been brought under control by fire ditches by late yesterday, Charles Arlington, federal fire control assistant at Baker, said this afternoon. Many of the 200 men who have been used to fight the blaze have been released but will be available if the fire should break out again.

No More There have been no more fires reported in the Whitman national forest, which was the scene of the blaze. High humidity yesterday helped to bring the fire in hand but hot dry weather would increase the danger, Arlington said.

Today the crews are "mopping up" in the burned over area, extinguishing smoldering patches and live flames.

The state forestry department said the 100 acre fire near Elliott creek on the Minam river had been controlled yesterday, as had a two acre fire near the mouth of Squaw creek. Both started Saturday and were near large slash areas.

Used 20 Men The first was reported at 3 p. m. and the men were on it at 4 p. m. The other didn't show up until 10 p. m. but by Sunday both were controlled and are now mopped up. Even terrain permitted use of bulldozers in throwing up fire breaks. About 20 men were engaged in the operations.

S. R. Weimer, technical assistant in the state forestry department, again urged caution upon people in the forests. He said neither of the fires were from natural causes.

Cannery Workers Under WLB Order

PORTLAND, July 24 (UP)—Cannery employees of Libby, McNeill and Libby who walked out 11 days ago in protest of a worker's dismissal, today are under national war labor board orders to return to work.

WLB authorities in Washington, D. C. said the strike was "seriously interfering with processing of critically needed food."

Meanwhile, A. F. Hartung, CIO director, said tentative plans have been made for a meeting of strikers tonight. Efforts are being made to settle the dispute he said.

Fire May Close Up Deer Hunting Areas

PORTLAND, July 24 (UP)—It was a possibility today some 100,000 acres of the best deer hunting grounds in Oregon may be closed soon due to destruction wrought by the Tillamook fire.

Oregon state game commission authorities hinted if the deer hunting areas are closed, the closed territory will include thousands of acres adjacent to the fire-blackened Tillamook sections.

John Snider, game commission biologist, who led a survey into the fire area, estimated practically the entire crop of fawns has been destroyed, or about 1,500 animals.

Maritime Union Maintains Pickets

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP)—The national maritime union (CIO) maintained its picket lines at the war shipping administration today despite an appeal from Chairman George W. Taylor of the war labor board for its removal.

Union members indicated the pickets would not be withdrawn until the WLB acts on their demand for a 55-cent minimum hourly wage for able bodied seamen to compensate for the recently reduced war risk bonuses.

PREPARE MISSIONARIES PORTLAND, July 24 (UP)—With preparation of missionaries for postwar work as the aim, a graduate school of missions and evangelism will be started this fall at the western Baptist theological seminary, Rev. Harold C. Etter, founder, announced today.

Auto Caravan Will Commemorate Trek To Great Salt Lake Automobile caravan will commemorate the trek of the pioneers across the plains at the annual July 24 Pioneer day Latter Day Saints picnic at 6:30 p. m., Bishop Walter A. Lindsay announced today.

Various sites will be used to indicate the actual places where the pioneers stopped in 1847. Direct descendants of the pioneer will give speeches at the stops, and verses of songs sung by the pioneers then will be sung by their descendants tonight.