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Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 81
Minimum 48
Precipitation03
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight
and Thursday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1945

FIVE CENTS

U. S. "Five Year Plan" Proposed

Truman Asks Three Billion Cuts

Reductions in Civilian War Agencies Seen

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (UP)—President Truman today recommended to congress cutback of \$3,500,000,000 in 1946 fiscal year appropriations and contract authorization of 28 civilian war agencies.

The White House said the cutbacks recommended by the president included \$2,755,981,394 in what were described as war-related appropriations for the current fiscal year and \$794,561,206 in contract authorizations.

To Congress
Military activities of the war and navy departments were not affected. Cutbacks affecting these activities will be dealt with by the president in new recommendations.

The White House did not release the full text of Truman's recommendations, but an announcement quoted from portions of what was described as his "letter to congress."

In addition to the cutbacks, the president proposed reductions of \$9,318,307 in the 1946 limitations on administrative expenses of several government corporations and agencies.

Caution
He also suggested a plan for returning to the treasury \$1,190,500 in certain government corporation funds and proposed provisions for extending the availability of certain national defense appropriations to June 30, 1946, and for facilitating the liquidation of war agencies.

The president cautioned against reducing appropriations without full consideration as to what bearing such action might have.

Major cuts involved OPA, OSS, WPB, FEA, ODT, censorship and the office of scientific research and development.

Quisling Feared Communist Plot

OSLO, Sept. 5 (UP)—Vidkun Quisling declared in court today he overthrew the Norwegian government and welcomed the German invaders in 1940 because he feared a communist plot to sovietize the country.

The treason trial was resumed after a four-day recess and the defense opened its case by calling on a life-long friend of Quisling who swore the accused man was "insane" in his fear of communism.

The witness, Vilhelm Ullman, testified Quisling accused a cabinet minister of receiving money from Russia in 1940 to finance a communist revolution.

Foley Last Seen Monday Afternoon

No further news has been obtained concerning Pat Foley who is reported down on a flight between Seattle and The Dalles Monday evening. Foley, an experienced pilot, is thought to have made a forced landing and as yet had not been able to contact outside sources. Young Foley is a former La Grande resident, son of the late Pat Foley.

Foley was last sighted at 7 p. m. Monday east of Spirit Lake, which would have put him directly on his course. But he has not been seen since. Search parties are at work. Col. Leo J. Devaney of Portland, CAP, told Capt. William S. Pearce here this afternoon.

Dairyman Finds Old Political Pin

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 5 (UP)—T. B. Ryder, Tillamook dairyman, was carried back 30 years from potatoes to politics when he unearthed a button while he was digging in a hill of spuds on his place.

It proved to be McKinley-Hobart campaign button of 1896. After nearly half a century it was so well preserved that names and pictures of the two candidates were still perfectly clear.

First Cavalry to Occupy Tokyo as Advance Guard

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HQS., YOKOHAMA, Sept. 5 (UP)—The crack U. S. first cavalry, one of the fightingest outfits in the Pacific, will occupy Tokyo Saturday, it was announced today.

First cavalry, veterans of the Admiralties and of Leyte and first American troops to sweep into Manila, will march into the Japanese capital within 48 hours. They will be the vanguard and will be followed quickly by transfer of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters from Yokohama.

18,000 More
Preparations for the formal entry went forward as another 18,000 American troops streamed into the Tokyo area.

The Japanese are hastening demobilization under orders from MacArthur.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, whose eighth army is in charge of the occupation of the Tokyo region, was handling plans for the first cavalry's move-up.

Not Disclosed
Admiral William F. Halsey conferred with MacArthur at Yokohama but the subject of the conference was not disclosed. The navy reported Kisarazu airfield, across Tokyo bay from Yokosuka, now is fully operational as a U. S. navy air transport base.

The navy announced, meantime, a considerable portion of the great American fleet which entered Tokyo bay last week either already had left or was about to leave for the United States with navy men qualified for discharge.

More Stories of Atrocities by Japanese Told

BY R. H. SHACKFORD
WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (UP)—United States today laid bare an unsavory and unbelievable story of Japan's "barbaric torture and wanton murder" of American prisoners—a story that included a detailed account of the decapitation of an American aviator.

To starving children internees the Japanese denied shoes and winter clothing in sub-zero weather... ordered all prisoners of war captured in the closing days of the Philippines campaign killed... tossed grenades into the hold of a sinking ship filled with 750 American prisoners... made a huge gasoline bonfire out of an air raid shelter containing 150 American prisoners and buried survivors alive.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes promised perpetrators of tortures and massacres of Americans will be dealt with.

The report revealed nearly 10,000 American prisoners were held by the Japanese in camps never visited by a neutral representative. Throughout the report only one incident appears of a civilized nature. It is praise for an unnamed Japanese doctor aboard a prison ship whose "humane and compassionate conduct... has won the commendation of the survivors."

Starvation, disease, lack of clothing, filthy shelters, virtual lack of sanitary facilities, no medical aid and Japanese theft of even meager medical supplies... these were commonplace.

British Troops Reach Singapore

LONDON, Sept. 5 (UP)—A Singapore dispatch said British and Indian troops landed without incident today at the great naval base, returning three years, six months and 18 days after having been ousted by the Japanese. The dispatch, broadcast by the BBC, said that the landings continued to go smoothly.

The harbor city's radio station was reported still intact and radio Singapore will return to the air very shortly under allied control.

Japanese troops and civilians have been evacuated for the most part to a single Singapore suburb and five sections of the city were cleared today when the British went ashore.

Second Day School Attendance Here Exceeds Total Last Year

With registration at La Grande schools still incomplete, the number of students who had settled down today to a year of study and recitation was already sufficiently advanced over first day registration to bring the total to a figure larger than that shown at the end of the first month a year ago.

Superintendent Fred Patton predicted today that by the end of a full month of school the registration will be considerably larger than it was at the end of a month in 1944.

Need Two More
As a matter of fact, he said, because of the increase of attendance the second day of school there will have to be two more teachers added to the grade school staff.

By the time the high school students, including freshman and upperclassmen who have transferred here from other schools and those who will return soon from summer vacations, have all been registered, Patton expects there will be 540 to 550 in high school.

Even those who attended the first day in many cases are not fully registered yet, due to revisions in their schedules.

One Grade
By grades in high school the enrollment today is: Ninth, 137;

Three Killed, Many Injured in Wreck Of Santa Fe Train

ARCADIA, Calif., Sept. 5 (UP)—Three passengers were killed and scores injured last night as the Santa Fe's California Limited split a switch and piled up near Santa Anita race track.

One train crewman was "unaccounted for" and hospitals treated more than 100 injured. Rescuers with torches worked all night cutting out passengers out of the twisted coaches. Blame for the derailment of the Chicago-bound flyer, travelling fast behind two engines, had not been placed.

A partial list of dead included Victor Hugh Schroeder, 41, of Boulder, Colo., Nobuo Itano, 57, Japanese of La Habra, Calif., and another unidentified Japanese.

The 17-coach train started to pull into a siding near fashionable Santa Anita race track at 7:15 last night to pass a section of the main line. It split the switch behind the second engine.

Both engines were yanked over their sides, one boiler exploded, two baggage cars and two coaches flipped over and piled up, and three coaches lay on one side.

The second passenger coach sliced through the first coach in the track ahead of it, pinning passengers in the car and giving rise to reports two trains were involved in the crash.

Railroad officials were investigating whether the switch was closed or whether the "double header" train hit the cutoff too fast. It was running about 40 miles an hour, they said.

MEDAL TO HOPKINS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (UP)—President Truman today will award the distinguished service medal to Harry L. Hopkins, confidante of the late President Roosevelt. Before his resignation this summer Hopkins performed some confidential assignments for Mr. Truman.

Schaad Urges Attention to Weed Control

Union county's recent rainfall makes possible the addition of aldicide weed control, R. W. Schaad, Union county agricultural agent, announced today.

The aldicide, he stated, may be secured through the county weed control, with farmers obtaining their requisitions from the office of County Treasurer Al Harlow. Chemicals may be obtained at the county shops.

10th, 133; 11th, 134 and 12th 107, for a total of 511.

Only one grade showed a decrease, which was not overcome by second day attendance, that is the fifth in all the grade schools. Attendance the second day, Wednesday, is: first grade 185, second 173, third 151, fourth 143, fifth 135, sixth 154, seventh 130, eighth 136. Total of 1,207 includes 647 boys and 560 girls.

Teachers will have to be added for the first grade at Central school and one teacher on one of the other elementary schools.

Two teaching vacancies were filled before school opened. Mrs. Mildred Hite is teaching the second grade at Riviera and Mrs. Nola Kohler is substituting in the fifth grade at the same school.

Better Yields Than Expected Congest Elgin Storage Space

ELGIN, Sept. 5 (Special)—Contrary to reports field crops in the Elgin section would be short this harvest, local storage houses and elevators are filled to capacity. Trucks from nearby farms stood all day Sunday waiting to unload and unless freight cars are made available immediately for moving out some grain the congestion promises to be serious. Only a

Menace of Forest Fires Ended by Heavy Showers

PORTLAND, Sept. 5 (UP)—Forest fire menace in Oregon has been ended by heavy rains of the past two days, State Forester N. S. Rogers reported today.

Men were being taken off the fire lines, as the outlook was declared "optimistic" for completely quenching the last traces of the timber-destroying blazes in the next few days.

Rogers said the Tillamook burn, which had raged most of the summer over 160,000 acres, had been put out.

L. F. Cronmiller, assistant state forester, added the situation was better than at any time since the start of the disastrous Wilson river fire in western Oregon nearly two months ago.

Rogers, pointing out even if more dry weather should follow it is now so late in the season the menace is over, summed it up: "There will be no more trouble."

Five Scouts Get Merit Badges at Board of Review

Five boy scouts received merit badges last night at a board of review held at the Presbyterian church, with H. I. Hetrick, Leslie F. Smith and Lee Reynolds as members of the board.

The scouts are James L. Hetrick, troop 111, who received a merit badge for home repairs; Rod French, troop 112, for camping; Garth Sanderson, troop 112 for home repairs; Robert Zimmerman, troop 113, for life saving; and Larry Veal, troop 113 for life saving.

Don Smith, troop 112, made application for his Gold Palm, which is awarded for earning 10 merit badges besides the 21 required for the eagle award.

The boy scout board of honor will convene later this month, it was announced.

few carloads of grain and peas have been moved out and when spring sown wheat begins arriving in volume there will be no storage space for it unless railroad cars are made available within a few days.

The new storage house for sacked grain and peas of the Union County Grain Growers is filled. The large new elevator is also filled, with the exception of portions of two bins which are reserved for two special varieties of wheat.

A similar condition prevails at the elevator of the Elgin Flouring Mill company, which has left limited space for sacked grain and peas.

The congested condition, coming comparatively early, is attributed to the fact fall wheat is yielding much better than anticipated, many fields running 40, and some 50 bushels to the acre. The total acreage is also larger than estimated, and while peas are not up to the normal yield, the total crop is large.

Architect Revises Plans for Dorian Hall Addition

Though still in the tentative stages, plans for the addition to Dorian hall, Eastern Oregon college girls' dormitory, have been again revised and are being examined today by Dr. Roben Maaske, college president.

The plans were submitted to Dr. Maaske, by C. Howard Kable, Portland architect, who brought them here again after making changes suggested. The plans are not yet definite enough for specific information to be revealed about them. After Maaske has passed on them, they still will be approved by the state board of higher education.

The addition to Dorian hall will be the first phase in the postwar building program on the campus. It is expected to be ready for use next year. Men will possibly be housed in one wing until the men's dormitory has been completed.

Portland Police Hope to Prevent Big Tong Wars

PORTLAND, Sept. 5 (UP)—Police reinforcements today patrolled the Portland Chinese district after San Francisco authorities warned that 25 gunmen were en route here to start a tong war.

Chief of Police Harry M. Niles said he had been notified by San Francisco Police Chief Charles Dullea, Dullea said his Chinatown squad had picked up a tip differences were to be "settled" between the Suey Sing Kong societies.

Niles said there had been differences between the tongs for years but the dispatching of 25 gunmen in one group would violate the usual tong procedure of sending out only one tong warrior at a time.

Capt. James Fleming, chief of Portland detectives, said he talked with Fat Wong, secretary of the Sey Sing society, after receiving the tip. Wong promised to maintain order among his tongs.

Wainwright Will Arrive Sunday at National Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, recently liberated from the Japanese, was nominated by President Truman today to be a four-star general.

The 62-year-old survivor of more than three years imprisonment under the Japanese is scheduled to arrive here Monday on the last leg of his journey home from the Pacific.

Mrs. Wainwright will fly to Washington Sunday to meet her husband.

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The tax commission had filed notice it would withdraw the suit. The commissioners expect a new suit to contest the law will be filed soon.

Byrnes Sails for Britain

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (UP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth when it sailed at 6 a. m. today for England.



RESCUE WORK BEGINS WITH POWs—Sgt. Harold T. Hedges, Oklahoma City, Okla., tall gunner on B-29 and only crewman to survive when Jap suicide plane hit his superfort over Nagoya Jan. 3, 1943, is rescued from Jap prison camp. U. S. medical officers aboard USS Benevolence, look over his scarred wounds (left) to right Capt. S. T. Allison, New York City; Sgt. Hedges and Capt. F. L. McDaniel, Alexandria, Va. Photo by Tom Shafer. Acme photographer for WPP, photo transmitted by Acme transceiver from USS Iowa via navy radio telephoto.

McCain Says Japs 'Not Half Licked'

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 5 (UP)—Vice Admiral John S. McCain, commander of famous task force 38, declared the Japanese "are not half-licked" and suggested drastic remedies to correct the situation.

He said that Japanese officials who signed the formal surrender terms Sunday aboard the U. S. S. Missouri looked at American officers "the way a man measures you when he's going to hit you."

Rotarians Discuss Significance of Victory in East

Aspects of the significance of V-J day were discussed again today by La Grande Rotarians, with George Cochran, Fred Patton, Rev. Clarence Kopp and W. C. Perkins taking part in the discussion today noon during the regular weekly meeting.

Dr. Roben Maaske, club president, reported on the Rotary assembly at Eugene. Senator Wayne Morse and district Rotary president George Peavy spoke at the sessions, he said.

He announced a meeting of the board of directors and committee chairmen to be held Friday evening at 6 o'clock at the Stein club.

W. C. Perkins, Julius Roesch, Roland Schaad and A. T. Hill were given recognition for effort put forth during the Rotary picnic last week.

Visitors were Glen Houle, high school student body president, honorary member during the school year, and C. Howard Kable, of Portland, in connection with planning of the new dormitory at Eastern Oregon college.

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To Raise Standard, Not Cost

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William H. Davis, economic stabilization director, said it looked as though we will make it if we keep our shirts on and our courage. He gave his first survey of the nation's economy since the sudden end of the Japanese war in an informal discussion with reporters.

No Inflation
Neither inflation nor deflation has appeared in the three weeks since the war's end, he said, but we must keep a watchful eye on winds and currents and move either way quickly.

He said the country must face the imperative need of increasing its standard of living 40 to 50 percent.

Toward achieving end, Davis soon will issue new wage-price regulations which will require the war labor board to consider the effect of a wage increase on costs.

Higher Costs
Office of price administration will be required to determine whether a proposed wage boost necessitates a price increase or whether it can be absorbed.

Part of the policy will require distributors and retailers to absorb higher labor costs. OPA will be directed to exclude any voluntary wage increases under the new wage policy if an employer subsequently seeks price relief.

Davis is convinced higher wages do not necessarily call for a direct price increase. He pointed out the cost of living in 1919 and 1944 was substantially the same. Yet average hourly earnings rose from 47 cents in 1919 to \$1.02 in 1944 and average weekly earnings from \$22 to \$46.

Keep Prices Up
Davis also believes the general level of prices must be maintained if the nation is to pay off its anticipated \$275,000,000,000 debt.

Davis revealed that he, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson had worked out a procedure for handling labor disputes involving agriculture workers.

The new procedure provides Schwellenbach will refer these disputes to special panels which he will appoint if the conciliation service is unable to settle the case. The panels will make public recommendations and findings of fact.

Davis said a forthcoming period of rapidly expanding production will reduce reconversion unemployment. He said the country couldn't stand for 8,000,000 involuntarily unemployed persons very long.

WLB meanwhile amended its orders to permit wage increases up to 55 cents an hour without board approval.

South Forty Club Outlines Program

Program for the next three months was outlined at the South Forty club executive meeting in the county agent's office last night, it was announced today. Those present were: Clayton Fox, president; Harlow Speechart, Dale Standley, Homer Case, Robert Becker, and R. W. Schaad, Union county agricultural agent. The club's next meeting will be held September 18, and will be a general meeting.

Three New Members Admitted by VFW

Three new members, Don Severson, Robert H. McClay, and Talbert M. Bennett, were admitted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night.

Approximately 15 members were present at the meeting, with talk on the history of the organization being given by M. M. Fullens.

District meeting will be held 1 p. m. Sunday at the Legion hall in Union.