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Trouble With Alley
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La Grande Evening Observer

HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum: 84
Minimum: 41
Forecast: Partly cloudy with
scattered thundershowers in south
and east tonight and Wednesday.

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FIVE CENTS

AFL Predicts Stoppage of Building

Krug Sees Decline In 'Idleness'

WASHINGTON, October 9 (UP)—War production chairman J. A. Krug predicted today unemployment will decline by spring and that reconversion will be completed by the end of 1946—unless strikes or other disturbing factors interfere.

Krug's final report also forecast the decline in industrial production, and national income will be halted early in 1946 with the gross national output leveling off at a rate of around \$155,000,000,000 a year. WPB said the war peak was \$207,000,000,000 a year and the 1939 rates was \$88,500,000,000 a year.

"It should be emphasized," Krug warned, "that whatever forecasts are made in this report are based on the assumption of an orderly reconversion and would have to be modified in the event of prolonged and widespread labor disputes, extensive inventory hoarding, serious disruption of the price structure, and other unforeseen circumstances."

The reconversion release of some 17,000,000 workers and potential workers from the armed services and munitions plants, he added, will involve "far-reaching adjustments" that "will inevitably hurt."

Yanks Seize 250 Millions Worth Of Gold, Silver

TOKYO, Oct. 9 (UP)—American occupation forces have seized \$251,800,000 worth of Japanese gold, silver and platinum in the past 36 hours, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

More than \$12,000,000 in gold and silver reserves were confiscated by the sixth and eighth armies in an hour at Japanese army headquarters and the navy ministry.

Other rich hoards were found in military arsenals in Tokyo and Osaka, precious metal companies and in scattered warehouses.

Altogether, the seized treasure totaled 58,000,000 ounces of gold and silver bullion and coin worth a quarter of a billion dollars plus 33,400 ounces of platinum and silver coins worth more than \$1,800,000.

Financial experts already were searching for clues would confirm suspicions it had been looted from China, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies or other countries plundered by Japan.

The American occupation forces struck swiftly while Premier Baron Kijuro Shidehara and his new government were being sworn in and were announcing their program for restoration of Japan.

Peron Resigns to Seek Presidency

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9 (UP)—Col. Juan Peron, strong man of the Argentine military regime, resigned as vice president and minister of war and labor tonight, presumably to clear the way for his presidential candidacy next April.

Peron's resignation came in the midst of the most turbulent political crisis the present government has faced since it swept into power by a military revolution in June, 1943.

It climaxed a week of spreading popular demonstrations against the government during which universities, high schools and financial exchanges throughout the country closed their doors. Speculation that Peron had stepped down because of spreading popular resentment against him appeared to have been at least premature, however.

Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9 (UP)—Pacific Greyhound officials and representatives of striking drivers who have tied up bus operations in seven western states for five days agreed to resume negotiations at 10 a. m. tomorrow in an attempt to settle the strike.

Failure to Realize Importance of Chest May Cause Drive to Fail, Asserts Gray

Failure of La Grande citizens to realize the importance of making prompt and adequate contribution to the Victory Chest may result in failure of the drive to raise \$12,200 quota set for the city, Raymond Gray, city chairman of the campaign, said today.

"Larger contributions have increased their contributions to meet the increased quota in most instances," Gray said, "but the smaller contributors, who are asked to take their money to the banks are not contributing as fast or as much as the serious-

Army Surplus Butter to Go To Civilians

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (UP)—Eighty million pounds of butter, declared surplus by the army, are being turned over to the department of agriculture for disposal to civilian agencies, the war department announced today.

The butter will greatly increase civilian supplies during the next few months during the normal short season in production.

The butter will be released as soon as possible.

The army bought butter for all of the armed forces and the war relocation authority. It followed the practice of getting its supplies during the heaviest production season from April through August. During the procurement period, needs were estimated at 25,000,000 pounds to last until the spring of 1946.

The sudden cessation of hostilities radically reduced requirements. The army quartermaster corps undertook to transfer surplus butter held in warehouses to the department of agriculture for disposal through civilian channels.

OPA Raises Hog Prices at Some Terminal Points

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (UP)—Office of price administration today revised ceiling prices on hogs at numerous terminals, interior markets and country buying stations to halt a diversion of live animals from customary trade channels.

The OPA order, effective today, will have no effect on retail pork prices.

OPA said "widespread and growing practices of country buying" had by-passed terminal markets and brought hardships on both stockyard companies and slaughterers.

It increased ceiling prices at 43 terminal markets and two interior markets and added three new terminal markets. It also reduced ceilings for buying stations in the eastern half of Montana by 10 cents a 100 pounds and reduced the price for stations in 22 Kentucky counties by the same amount.

At the following terminal markets, ceiling prices were increased five cents a 100 pounds: Kansas City, Mo.; Kansas City, Kas.; Denver; Oden, Utah; North Salt Lake; Spokane and Seattle; North Portland; South San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Explosion of Gas Causes One Death

BELLE PLAIN, Kas., Oct. 9 (UP)—A gas explosion today wrecked several buildings on the main street of this central Kansas community of 900 persons and caused at least one known death.

Harvey Lee, 37, farmer, was known to have lost his life in the blast. Mrs. Earl Chapman was injured and another woman, Mrs. Alvin Root, was missing. Two buildings were destroyed and several others on the main street were damaged badly.

COUNTY AGENT DIES

PORTLAND, Oct. 9 (UP)—Ross B. Cooper, 69, Multnomah county purchasing agent, died today from a head injury received Sunday when he fell in the basement of his home. He served overseas as a captain in the first world war.

ness of the situation warrants." "Our quota has been raised this year to help meet the expenses of the Donut hut, a La Grande contribution to the boys who have won the war which has done a marvelous job in welcoming the servicemen here when trains have stopped in the city."

"The question is: are we going to shirk our responsibility to servicemen now that the war is won? Do we feel that we no longer need them? Or are we, as good American citizens going to carry through to the end, until

First Fall Court of Honor Completed Star, Life Scout, Merit Badges Given

Mt. Emily district's first court of honor of the fall season was held in the high school gymnasium last night.

Chairman Frank Schiro opened the court by calling upon the color guard from troop 111, led by Scoutmaster Art Fowler. Bob Quinn led the pledge of allegiance.

Tenderfoot scouts who received recognition were: Virgil Brown, Delano Detrick, LeRoy Pyle, Robert Rau, and Emmett Long, all of troop 112. Melvin Westenskow congratulated these boys on their fine start in scouting and urged them to continue on to Eagle.

Merit Badges
First class awards were received by Glenn Steele and Alvin Madsen, both of troop 112. Art Fowler, scoutmaster of troop 111 made the presentation.

Scouts receiving merit badge cards were: Jim Hetrick, Bruce Patton, troop 111; Garth Sander, Roderick French, Leslie Smith, Jr., Richard Madsen, troop 112; Larry Veal, Dick Zimmerman, Frank Welch, troop 113; Bob Wilkins, Reed Hansen, troop 114; Clayton Glenn, Billy Davis, Larry Wilson, Larry Kohler, Frank Baum, Duane Bateman, Stuart Zaugg, troop 128. Presentation was by Claire Cahill, field executive.

Life scout awards were presented by Osmond Orton, troop 111, to Bob Quinn, troop 111; and Avery Glenn, troop 128.

Get Palms
Scoutmaster Clem Wallace presented Eagle palms to: Bill Wells, troop 114, bronze palm; Leslie Smith, Jr., and Don Smith, troop 112, gold palm.

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Greek Government Resigns Offices

ATHENS, Oct. 9 (UP)—The government of Premier Petros Voulgaris resigned today after the EAM protested against its decision to hold elections in Greece.

Leaders of the leftist EAM revealed they had called a protest against the election decision to President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The joint message said the EAM held the United States, Britain and France responsible for the Greek government's position on the elections.

Patton Submerged In 'Paper Work'

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany, Oct. 9 (UP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who once sought more tanks, ammunition and gasoline from the quartermaster, today had a new request—an "eye dropper."

Assuming command of the United States 15th army, a "paper army" which is studying American accomplishments in Europe, Patton said:

"I am so engulfed with paper-work the most essential piece of equipment I need is an eye dropper."

BUILDER DIES

PORTLAND, Oct. 9 (UP)—Harry T. Capell, Portland builder and contractor since 1908, died yesterday while waiting for a bus near his home. He was 72.

our servicemen no longer need special consideration.

"We are in this drive aiding a number of organizations, all of them worthy of the highest community support."

Gray revealed that of the total quota only \$4,343 has been taken in to date.

"Every one who is going to contribute, and certainly every American citizen should, should go immediately to the bank and make his donation, remembering that the need is greater today than ever."

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Belsen Beast Confesses to Many Killings

LUENEBURG, Oct. 9 (UP)—Joseph Kramer, burly overseer of the German death camp at Belsen, broke down under cross-examination today and confessed to the atrocious murder of countless concentration camp inmates.

Kramer went on the witness stand for the second straight day to testify in defense of himself and 44 other accused German prison guards.

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Mill Fires Out First Time in 20 Years

Steam Power Turbine, Fire Pump 'Out' Too

For the first time in 20 years, since its opening in November, 1925, all fires are out with no steam up at the Mt. Emily Lumber mill.

Failure of negotiations and difference in the interpretation of a strike maintenance clause for emergency protection during strikes between mill management and union representatives after a union vote resulted in the complete close-down this week, with the union failing to provide fuel from the company woodyards for the boilers, stoked by firemen.

Unable to operate is the large steam turbine which furnishes emergency auxiliary power for La Grande when regular power is out. The mill fire-system pump, which backs up the city water hydrant supply in case of emergency, is also down and unable to operate.

Death of Nurse

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9 (UP)—A coroner's jury today charged Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfield with the murder of Mrs. Vada Martin, the nurse she suspected of having an affair with her husband, Dr. John Mansfield, who killed himself.

The coroner's jury verdict was returned shortly after District Attorney Edmund Brown said he had witnesses who asserted they had seen Dr. Mansfield and Mrs. Martin "kissing and embracing" on several occasions.

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Laval Convicted, Sentenced to Die Before Firing Squad Soon

PARIS, Oct. 9 (UP)—Pierre Laval, France's arch-collaborator with the Germans in World War II, was convicted of treason in the high court of justice today and sentenced to death.

The jury which heard Laval's five-day trial deliberated exactly an hour before returning its verdict.

Laval, who refused to attend the last two sessions of his trial, was found guilty of plotting against the security of the state and of intelligence with the enemy.

Had Rebelled
The former chief of government at Vichy was not in the courtroom when his fate was announced. He rebelled against the tumultuous court procedure and sulked in his cell.

The conviction had not been left in doubt since the early sessions of his trial in the paneled courtroom of the palace of justice.

Two months ago Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was convicted and sentenced to death.

When the jury trooped back to the courtroom, Judge Pierre Mongibeaux read the verdict and the sentence in brusque formalities lasting only four minutes. The courtroom was deathly still.

Indignities
Laval also was sentenced to national indignity and confiscation of all his property.

When court reconvened to hear the verdict, Mongibeaux warned against any demonstrations. Then he read the sentence and verdict, and in a cold, matter of fact voice declared: "The session is ended."

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PIERRE LAVAL: He wasn't even in court to hear his own death sentence.

Bevin Also Puts Blame for Parley Failure on Reds

LONDON, Oct. 9 (UP)—British labor government was challenged to a general debate on the foreign ministers' council today after foreign secretary Ernest Bevin disclosed the conference floundered on a sudden reversal of Russia's stand.

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill arose at the close of Bevin's statement and demanded that the government debate its handling of the conference.

Churchill left the timing of the debate to the government.

But he branded the results of the three-week foreign ministers' meeting as "disappointing," and made it clear he will press for a full explanation.

Bevin's statement joined Byrnes in laying the blame for the conference failure on Russia and Premier Stalin.

On that point, the conference broke up, despite a last-minute effort to keep it going by referring the dispute to the big three leaders in London, Washington and Moscow. The big three government heads, Bevin said, also "failed to agree."

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Lumber Supplies Hit Low

By JOHN W. DUNLAP
PORTLAND, Oct. 9 (UP)—A national tieup on major construction projects was predicted today by AFL lumber union strikers in the Pacific northwest unless the two-week-old work stoppage is settled.

John Christensen, chairman of the strike policy committee of the lumber and sawmill workers, pointed out lumber inventories were at a critical low when the war ended and the strike is further draining supplies.