

Weather
Showers today; Wednesday, cloudy and colder, probably with showers. Snow in the mountains. Max. temp. Mon. 62, min. 38. River 3.6 ft. South wind.

German Raider Seizes American Freighter

English Claim Three German U-Boats Sunk

Warships and Bombers Given Credit for Nazi Attacks

British Government Says Air Raids of Germans Are Unsuccessful

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The British tonight reported the sinking of three German submarines by British warships and bombing planes.

These attacks on the Nazi undersea craft were announced as the government described German air raids on British naval bases and convoys as failures and continued its preparations for a waiting war.

The sinking of one submarine by warships was reported belatedly after the air ministry earlier told of the two successful attacks on U-boats by battle planes.

Warships Reported Summoned To Aid of Vessel

The report said the warships were summoned to the aid of a merchant vessel which engaged in a fight with the attacking submarine. It said both the freighter and the submarine were hit and that the latter, unable to submerge, was sent to the bottom.

Also announced were the sinkings of two British merchantmen, coinciding with the statement by naval authorities that submarine attacks on allied shipping had again become "considerable," but that losses were small in comparison with those of 1917.

The German submarines were reported attacked by Royal Air Force planes scouting from their home bases, one in the North sea, the other in the Atlantic.

Plane Pilots Say They Saw Bubbles

Pilots of the two RAF planes said they saw air bubbles and oil on the surface after bombing the submarines and expressed confidence they had been sunk.

In a naval press conference authorities said Germany had lost about 16 planes in last week's (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

Army Engineer Takes Over Wage Administration Tiller

Today, Minimum Wage Rate Under Law Is 30 Cents Instead of 25 an Hour, and Maximum Work Week Is 42 Instead of 44 Hours

Fleming Takes Andrews' Place

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Col. Philip Fleming, 52-year-old army engineer, took over administration of the wage-hour law today, on the eve of a statutory change in the law's standards.

Beginning tomorrow, the minimum wage rate under the law becomes 30 cents instead of 25 cents an hour, and the maximum work week, unless time and a half overtime is paid, becomes 42 instead of 44 hours.

Officials estimated the changes would mean pay increases for 690,000 workers and a shortening of the work week, or overtime benefits, for 2,380,000.

Fleming, at his first press conference, declared he had only one policy: "fair dealing" with industry and labor.

"I am not a crack-downer," he asserted. "I think you can achieve your ends in other ways. There comes a time when you might have to crack down, but you can sit down and talk to people across the table and achieve your ends without resort to drastic means."

Fleming had experience with executive work on FWA's 33-300,000,000 construction program and later on the Passamaquoddy tide-harnessing project.

Fleming will be the head of the wage-hour administration in fact, but not in title. He was selected by President Roosevelt to succeed Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, who resigned, but because federal statutes prohibit army officers on active duty from taking an elective or appointive position in the government, Fleming will not hold the title of wage-hour administrator.

Andrews' resignation, congress makes special provision for his case.

In the meantime, the title of acting administrator will be held by Harold D. Jacobs, who was deputy administrator under Andrews.

Fewer Than 800 Affected in Salem

Only Small Percentage to Receive Automatic Wage Increase

Fewer than 800 Salem workers are affected by the second-year provisions of federal wage-hour law going into effect today, according to an estimate made yesterday by Dan Hay, executive manager of the Salem Merchants association and only a very small percentage of these will receive automatic wage increases from 25 to 30 cents an hour.

Approximately 20,000 Oregon workers are affected by the 42-hour work week and about 900 Oregon workers will receive wage increases, it has been estimated by the wage and hour division of the U. S. department of labor at Washington, D. C.

Principal concerns in Salem which the law, applying to employees producing goods sold in inter-state commerce, will affect are the canneries, hams, woolen mills, paper manufacturing plants and lumber companies. Retail stores are not affected.

Although it is not known how many workers have been receiving the 25 cent minimum wage, it is stated that the number is probably negligible. When the 25 cent minimum went into effect, since all had been receiving at least that wage. Women cannery workers are probably the largest group which have been receiving the minimum and will, as a result, get the wage increase.

Propp on Panel
PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Alfred D. Propp, Salem, was named today to the jury panel for the November term of the federal district court.

Baseball Buddies of 31 Years Ago Meet and Talk Old Times

Baseball buddies of 31 years ago reminisced in The Statesman office last night.

J. Latimer "Dolly" Gray, here for a brief visit, and H. V. "Harry" Collins, who played together with the Kansas City Blues back in 1906, '07, and '08—and later with Juneau, Alaska—were the oldtime baseball buddies who tossed a few tales of past diamond days.

"Dolly," who is an official of the city of Juneau now, and formerly its mayor, is back on the western coast after a vacation trip that very definitely included the world series.

Two baseballs, autographed by the members of the world championship Yankee club, and given him by Joe DiMaggio, were proudly exhibited by Gray as proof that he saw the series.

"It's a great ball club—it's a great baseball machine," said Gray. "Why they want to talk of breaking it up is beyond me."

Gray carried yet another autographed pellet. One he "wouldn't part with a \$1000 for." It carried the signature of Jos. E. Gunson, who played in 1883, while playing with the KC Blues, invented the catcher's mitt. Gunson is a friend of both Gray and Collins.

Collins, now president of the Oregon State Softball association, was the first baseman and Gray was the shortstop of the old Kansas City Blues. Both later went to Alaska to play ball.

Gray, and Mrs. Gray, stopped over with Mr. and Mrs. Collins at their 14th street home last night, and expect to continue on north today.

Goebbels Says British Ships Sank Athenia

Announcement Made Late as Eighth Week of Hostilities Begin

Move Reported to Stiffen German Opinion for Long War

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
The strange war in Europe took a new twist as the eighth week of hostilities opened.

Overshadowing the actual fighting was a large speech by Paul Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, that British warships sank the liner Athenia in hope of dragging the United States into the war.

It was an accusation without parallel even among all the World War I "propaganda" and neutral observers around the world groped for an explanation as to why it was made at this time.

Even Berlin dispatches pictured the Goebbels' flash as a move primarily to stiffen German public opinion for a long war with all its hardships for the civil population.

Another Motive Would Appear Possible
There would appear to be another possible motive. Goebbels launched his attack on Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, who personified the war-to-the-end spirit in England and France, at a time when a crucial test is approaching in the United States senate on the question of repealing the arms embargo.

It might represent a desperate hope of inflaming a sufficient element of American public opinion to offset the expected success of the administration in its repeal efforts.

Washington observers were inclined to discount the probability that the Goebbels' broadside would have any such effect. Among the eyewitness accounts of the sinking, the single item which lends any support to the contention is an affidavit of Gustav A. Anderson, an American survivor, made public by the state department.

Anderson told of the arrival of British destroyers on the scene and, in response to a question, said he had "learned later" that the Athenia had been sunk by the destroyers as a "floating derelict" the day after the explosion that wrecked her.

London, Washington Expected to Report Findings
Both the London and Washington governments are expected to make public their findings due course to make public their (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Nazis Reported Adding Pressure

Germans Get Ready for Drive on French After Calm

PARIS, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The Germans were reported tonight to be increasing pressure on the French advance line after five days of almost dead calm on the western front.

As the French strengthened their outposts to meet renewed German activity, reinforced groups of both sides skirmished briskly along the northern flank where the Nazis have been cautiously feeling their way with units as small as three and five men.

The French evening communiqué said there was "marked activity" west of the Saar river.

As the western front came to life, Premier Daladier announced he had decided to summon parliament to meet late in November to consider the 1940 budget for another war year.

The semi-dictatorial powers under which Daladier has been ruling expire November 30 and all decrees must be approved by parliament before then.

Steam Kills Five Nursery Infants

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Five unchristened infants died today after steam, escaping from a radiator valve, filled their nursery in the Perth Amboy hospital.

Acting Police Chief Frank Seiboth said the valve had been re-paired with adhesive tape.

Six infants occupied the nursery. Four died in the nursery. The fifth victim, six-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hatarick of Perth Amboy, died in the hospital several hours later.

Four physicians and internes worked several hours attempting to restore life to the tiny bodies. They thought they had saved two of the babies.

The death of the Hatarick baby, Dr. William C. Whitts, M. D., disect county medical examiner, to perform an autopsy to ascertain definitely the cause of death. After the autopsy he said death was caused by steam asphyxiation.

He Will Outline German Policy

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Von Ribbentrop to Speak in Danzig

Political Quarters Ponder Whether Hitler Will Make Peace Gesture

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Germany's interest centered tonight on a foreign policy speech Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop is to make in Danzig tomorrow before an organization of war veterans.

Officials would give no hint of what the foreign minister would say beyond declaring his speech, scheduled for 8:15 p. m. (11:15 a. m. PST) was important.

Political quarters speculated whether Adolf Hitler, with the military and diplomatic war fronts quiet, had commissioned Von Ribbentrop to make another peace gesture.

Italy Is Reported Pushing New Bloc

Mussolini Is Said to Be Seeking Organization of Balkan Neutrals

BUDAPEST, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Reports that Italy was pushing formation of a bloc of southeastern European nations were interpreted by Balkan diplomats tonight as foreshadowing better relations between the fascist government and Britain and France.

Pointing out that such a bloc, composed of Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania and Turkey, would resist expansion of Soviet or German influence in the region, diplomats declared it would provide a common ground for a meeting of the fascists with the western allies.

There were widespread reports that Premier Mussolini intended to call a meeting of the interested states at Rome or Belgrade, perhaps as early as next week.

Diplomats said that formation of a Balkan neutral bloc would be made easier by the fact that Turkey already was allied to Britain and France while Greece and Rumania had French-British pledges for defense of their independence.

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Mishap Series Causes Salem Area Blackout

Power Trouble Is Started When Motorist Snaps Pole Near Mulino

Total Service Interruption During Day Amounts to Six Minutes

Some idea of what a European blackout is like was gained by residents of an area extending from Molalla to Salem last night as the concluding act in a series of mishaps which interrupted power service intermittently from noon until 8:50 o'clock last night.

It all began when a motorist snapped a pole of a 57,000 volt line near Mulino in Clackamas county at 11:55 a. m. From then on it was one thing after another for employees of the Portland General Electric company tracing the trouble.

Interruption of Service Totals Six Minutes
Total interruption of service during the day aggregated six minutes, but at no time were the power lines dead for over a minute.

Industrial activity was slowed by low voltage conditions which existed from 4:22 p. m. until 8:50 p. m. Many electric motors would not run while voltage was at a low point and police radio stations had some difficulty staying on the air.

Within three minutes after the Mulino line was shorted the power company had located the section in trouble and by 4 o'clock had the line repaired.

The 57,000 volt line was cut in at 4:05, held a few minutes and then "kicked out" due to trouble elsewhere, later found to be a broken insulator.

Called to Aid
Meanwhile the PGE company had called on the Mountain States Power company to aid in feeding power here and the Oregon Fuel & Paper company dropped 400 kilowatts of its normal output to relieve the load on the one transmission line in service.

At 4:22 the Mountain States company developed trouble on its own lines and was unable to continue to feed the local system continuously. This resulted in low voltage here and in Molalla and several short "kick-outs" until 6 o'clock.

Albany, served by the Mountain States Power company, also had brief "kick-outs" during the time the two systems were connected as the result of load variations.

Power Employees Find Broken Insulator
The broken insulator which power company employees believed broken by power surges when power was returned to the line after the original break, was located at 8:30 o'clock. The Mulino line was restored to normal condition at 8:38 and voltage became normal by 8:50.

Trouble resulting from a defective switch motor at the Salem powerhouse also caused two "kick-outs" during the afternoon.

Company employees believed the trouble originated in the main 12,500 kilowatt transformer.

Several thousand telephone calls were received on the company's five trunk telephone lines during the time voltage was low.

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City of Flint, Owned by United States Maritime Commission, Was Enroute From New York to Liverpool

Grounds for Seizure Not Announced, But Assumption Is Germans Thought She Carried Contraband

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The freighter City of Flint, owned by the United States maritime commission, has been captured somewhere on the Atlantic by a German raider, and, according to reports tonight, has been taken to Kola Bay, near Murmansk, Russia.

The 4,963-ton vessel was en route from New York for Liverpool and Glasgow when taken. Reports to the maritime commission, which announced the seizure, did not say on what grounds the ship was taken, but it was assumed that the Germans considered she was carrying contraband to Britain.

News dispatches from Russia described the cargo as tractors, grain, fruit, leather and wax. These dispatches said the ship arrived at Kola Bay under the German flag and manned by a German crew. The dispatches made no mention of what became of the American crew.

The United States government immediately started inquiries to learn just what goods were carried by the craft, which is operated under charter of the United States lines, private organization subsidized by the government. Officials said that if 51 per cent or more of the cargo consisted of contraband, international law permitted the Germans to seize the vessel.

Commission Informed Ship Taken First to Norway
The maritime commission was informed the vessel was taken first to Tromsø, Norway, on Saturday, and that same day set sail from that port for an unknown destination. Although the commission received no official information as to where she went after that, the dispatches from Russia said she was at Kola Bay.

There was some question among legal experts as to Germany's right to take the vessel into neutral ports. They said only exceptional circumstances, such as stress of weather, lack of supplies, or need of repairs, could warrant such action.

In such exceptional cases, the neutral is supposed to allow the necessary repairs to be made, or if it sees fit, to give the ship the necessary supplies and to tell it to move along. If the ship falls to do so, it must be interned, together with the prize crew.

American Crew Must Be Released
The American crew aboard the City of Flint, if in a neutral port, must be released and allowed to return to their home country. They cannot be interned unless engaged in hostile activities.

It is presumed here that the case of the City of Flint will be taken under consideration shortly by a German prize court. This prize court must sit in Germany and not in the neutral country to which the City of Flint has been brought.

If the prize court finds that the City of Flint carried a contraband percentage of 51 or more it can condemn the ship, whereupon it becomes German property. If, meantime, the ship has been interned owing to the inability of the prize crew to take her into a German port, the interned ship remains the property of the German government, to be released to the account of the German government at the end of the war. The cargo can be kept in the neutral port.

No Passengers Aboard
Captured Freighter
The skipper of the City of Flint is Captain J. A. Gairdner. There were no passengers aboard.

The state department announced that it had asked the minister at Oslo and the ambassador at Moscow to make inquiries of the Norwegian and Russian governments concerning the circumstances of the freighter's seizure.

It was expected that a similar inquiry would be directed to Berlin tonight or tomorrow.

Macomber Sent To Penitentiary

DALLAS—Glenn Theodore Macomber was sentenced to 39 years and 360 days in the Oregon State Penitentiary by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker here Monday afternoon. The sentence was given under their provisions of the habitual criminal act.

Macomber was convicted of grand larceny here recently and was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary last Thursday by Judge Walker. Following the sentence, District Attorney Bruce Spaulding filed an information charging Macomber under the habitual criminal act with three felony convictions.

In sentencing Macomber Monday afternoon, Judge Walker stated that the maximum sentence in this case as given in the law was for 80 years with a minimum of 40 years. Judge Walker gave the minimum sentence and deducted the five days already served in the penitentiary since the last sentence, which is required by the law, making the sentence for 39 years and 360 days.

Centennial Plans Body Books Meet

First meeting of the Salem centennial planning commission will be held at the chamber of commerce at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, Daniel Hay, chairman, announced last night.

Hay and the other 14 members of the commission were appointed by Mayor W. W. Chadwick last week following a mass meeting at which a temporary centennial-sponsoring organization was set up.

Summer Lake Popular

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Summer lake and the Chewaucan river marshes in Lake County and shooting areas of Klamath county were attracting many migratory bird hunters today, the second day of the season.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

The Sage of Salem is still dispensing his homely philosophy and mellowed wit, but the old "mill" on which he used to lap it into the shape for The Statesman is pretty quiet these days.

As for the Sage, who is D. H. Talmadge, veteran prizefighter and newspaper man who isn't quite sure whether he's "74, 76 or 100," he's feeling fine.

D. H. Talmadge thank you, and hopes he'll soon be back on the next beat.

His eyes for which he underwent an operation some months ago, now permit him to read newspapers. He hopes pretty soon he'll be able to venture back into the movie palaces, for he was the most ardent movie fan this side of Kookuk.

"Maybe," says the Sage, "that's the reason my eyes went bad," but since he also blames the quantity and quality of the coffee he used to drink and a few other things, too, his statement is open to question.

When the weather is good the Sage walks a little around the quiet neighborhood where he now lives, but he misses the pavements and the coffee spots and the hundreds of people he used to chat with every day.

Take it from us, he'll be back before long.

C'EST LA GUERRE

Rationaling, undoubtedly due to war conditions, has hit the sport world. The international six-day bicycle race will be held in five days.

We are no more scared of the dark than the next man. We want that fully understood before we start in, but under ordinary circumstances, we don't care to be any more in the dark than we usually are. So when darkness came last night just as we had a spoonful of soup poised for action the results were not entirely satisfactory. The lights went out, but the soup didn't go in. It didn't go around, either.

We have nothing against the power company, but we were a bit unhappy with them last night. Just as we were set on returning to the life of the power lines had hanked our shades three times hunting for a candle and had the candle lit, the lights came back on. That happened three times. They (Turn to page 2, col. 7)