

Weather
Cloudy with showers followed by clearing Saturday; Sunday fair; temperature below normal. Max. temp. Friday 70, min. 58. River at Ft. Southwest wind.

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NINETEENTH YEAR

In One Ear ..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Golf is a funny game. There are those that say it is funny, not a game. At times we are inclined to believe with them. Yesterday was one of the times.

Yesterday we went golfing. It was a funny game, which is as good a word as any to express what we did yesterday, though not strictly accurate. Technically, you can't go golfing unless you are a golfer. We are not. At least, no one who has ever seen us brutally beat a golf ball has ever called us that.

We not only went golfing (pardon the misuse again), but we went golfing in the rain with a trio of happy maniacs who seemed to enjoy rough weather and wind, rain and pine cones in the hair. We will furnish names on request. In fact, we won't even wait for the request. The names were "Spec" Keene, of whom you may have heard, Bruce Williams, of whom you may have heard, and Ron Gemmill, whom you may have heard. (He does a mighty fine Comanche yell in rain or out.)

This was at the beach. Why go, with our golf game, should go 70 miles, to show how bad it is we can't figure. On the other hand, the farther a way from home we get our golf game the better we feel. That's reason enough, maybe. After all, you've got to protect the home industries and the home golf courses. We can make a golf course look like Dunkerque beach in little under 55 minutes with favorable circumstances. With unfavorable circumstances our time is somewhat shorter.

Need we say it rained. We can think of better places to take a swimming lesson than on a golf course. We were ready at any time to trade in our bag of battered and tooth-marked golf clubs for a pair of water wings or even a kapok cushion and a paddle. There were numerous times when we figured we had certainly earned our Junior Lifesaving badge and should be let out of the pool. No Saint Bernard appeared with water wings or even more welcome rations and all we could do was keep swinging in our ineffectual way.

With the aid of numerous candy bars (it is a theory of ours and a doctor somewhere in the east that candy bars on every other hole are the secret of success in golf) we finally made it. In fact we made it in par, not counting putts and a few of the less important brassie shots.

We concluded, as we always do, that anyone who plays golf for love, money or potato chips is crazy in the head. Everybody knows we're crazy in the head. That's probably why we had so much fun.

Impasse Evident, Plywood Dispute

TACOMA, July 26.—(P)—An impasse which threatens to tie up nine plywood and door factories in Tacoma, Everett and Coquitlam, Ore., tonight appeared no nearer a solution, despite a day-long conference of mill executives at which Earl Hartley, northwest business manager for the lumber and sawmill workers' union (AFL) was reportedly present.

Hartley has announced the nine plants "will fail to open Monday" if the union's demand for an hourly wage of 70 cents for common labor is not met. The business agent said employers had offered a "supplementary wage" of 2 1/2 cents per hour, amounting to one-third of the increase asked by the union.

Three Tacoma plants employing approximately 1300 men had closed today, two of them by virtue of strikes and the third suspending when workers decided to take a "recess." Three other Tacoma mills, two in Everett and one in Coquitlam will be affected if the Monday walkout materializes, Hartley said.

Prison Ball Team Benefit Game for Red Cross Backed

Approval of the local Red Cross chapter's plan for a baseball game between the Oregon state prison team and the best state club from Carl May's baseball school was expressed yesterday in a letter received from H. C. Neill of the Walla Walla Red Cross chapter.

Neill wrote that his organization has sponsored a game in which the Washington state prison's ball club participated, and reported that the Red Cross had netted more than \$1000 on the contest.

The local chapter's game will be held at Waters field here on August 12.

Our Senators Rained Out

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Italian Bomb Gibraltar, Two Raids

Mandate Plan May Yet Gain Full Support

Peace Commission Holds Conference; Group to Meet With L. Melo

Japanese Allow Soldiers Into Foreign Areas; Incidents Feared

HAVANA, July 26.—(P)—A compromise which would maintain continental solidarity on the controversial question of European possessions in the western hemisphere appeared nearest tonight after a meeting of the peace commission of the conference of 21 American foreign ministers.

A sub-committee of the peace commission, headed by US Secretary of State Cordell Hull, will meet tomorrow with Leopoldo Melo, head of the Argentine delegation and the chief objector to proposals for a joint mandate for threatened European possessions in the Americas.

A meeting of the full peace commission tonight was brief. That indicated to some observers that the Argentine delegation might be waiting to hear further from its government on how far it might go in joining the other American republics in measures to keep the European colonies in the new world out of unfriendly hands.

On leaving the session, Secretary Hull would say only that he was hopeful. One Argentine said he thought progress was being made.

Earlier today a three-point compromise solution of the problem. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Bill for Refugee Transport Backed

May Depend on Assurance of No Molestation, FDR Indicates

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(P)—Legislation authorizing the use of American ships to bring children here from Europe's war zone, if the bill's passage will promise safe passage, was approved unanimously today by the house foreign affairs committee.

It acted after President Roosevelt said at a press conference that the United States had a deep desire to do all possible to remove children from England, but that it would be a big responsibility to send ships for them without assurances that there would be no molestation.

The committee-approved bill, in addition to requiring a pledge from the warring nations that the ships would not be molested, directs that each ship have an American flag painted on each side and a statement that such. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

Stream Pollution Topic of Waltons

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 26.—(P)—William L. Finley of Portland, national vice-president of the Inland Waterways, told the 18th annual Oregon convention today that a federal law is necessary to stop pollution in streams crossing state boundaries.

He declared it impossible to obtain sufficient cooperation from the states to clean up the Mudd, amendment, carries sufficient authority to compel industry to stop pollution, he said. The measure is before the senate.

James Cellars of Astoria, said the Columbia river was detrimental to fish life and urged a state investigation.

"Democratic Unity Party" Is Considered by Willkie

BY WILLIAM B. ARDERY
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 26.—(P)—The possibility of forming a new party in which dissident democrats could join in support of Wendell L. Willkie was discussed among the republican nominees' associates today.

Willkie told a press conference that he would make an aggressive fight in the democratic south. Persons close to him made it clear that he was studying the advisability of attempting to set up a new party—possibly a "democratic union" or a "democratic unity party" as a means of uniting democrats to vote for a republican nominee without losing their party affiliation.

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Selective Training Bill Fight Looms

Stiff Penalty Proposed for Draft Evasion

LaGuardia, Owen Young Favor Plan, Norman Thomas Opposes

Mobilizing of 400,000 in October Forecast by Army Official

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(P)—Congress approached a history-making battle over compulsory military training today as the senate military affairs committee agreed upon final details of a measure granting the president broad powers to conscript an army from among 42,000,000 men.

Chairman Sheppard (D-Tex.) said the senate bill, revised to meet war and navy department suggestions, should be ready for senate consideration early next week. One of the committee's final acts was to insert penalties of five years in prison and \$10,000 fine for "draft dodgers."

At the other end of the capitol, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York City and Owen D. Young, industrialist, told the house military committee they favored compulsory training, while Norman Thomas, presidential candidate of the socialist party, protested the peacetime conscription proposal "as getting Hitlerism without Hitler."

Under the senate committee's bill the organization which would conduct registration and selection of conscripts would be headed by a "director of selective service," nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate.

Earlier in the day the republican House of Representatives passed a bill to amend the World War draft plan, would handle the bulk of the work.

The committee also completed a section designed to retain jobs for men after they had completed the 12 months training. This would be an "employer labor practice" for an employer to refuse to rehire a conscript "unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to afford such reemployment."

Sheppard said disputes concerning the bill's details would be decided by the national labor board although neither this board nor the national labor relations act were mentioned in the conscription bill.

Registration May Reach Only 21-30 Ages
Men would have to apply for reemployment within 40 days after release from military training.

Despite broad powers in the senate bill to register all men 18 to 63 years old, inclusive, war department spokesmen said initial registration probably would be confined to men 21 to 30.

From this group, the army official said, 400,000 men would be conscripted about October 1. Then the registration would extend to men from 31 to 44 years and a second group of 400,000 would be drafted by next April 1.

By October 1, 1941, as the first group completed the year of training, about 600,000 new conscripts would be mustered into service.

The war department spokesman said youths 18 to 20 years inclusive and older men from 45 to 64 years, whose training would be limited to "home defense" units, probably would not be registered until congress authorized these units and provided funds to train and maintain them.

Army and Konoye Regime in Accord

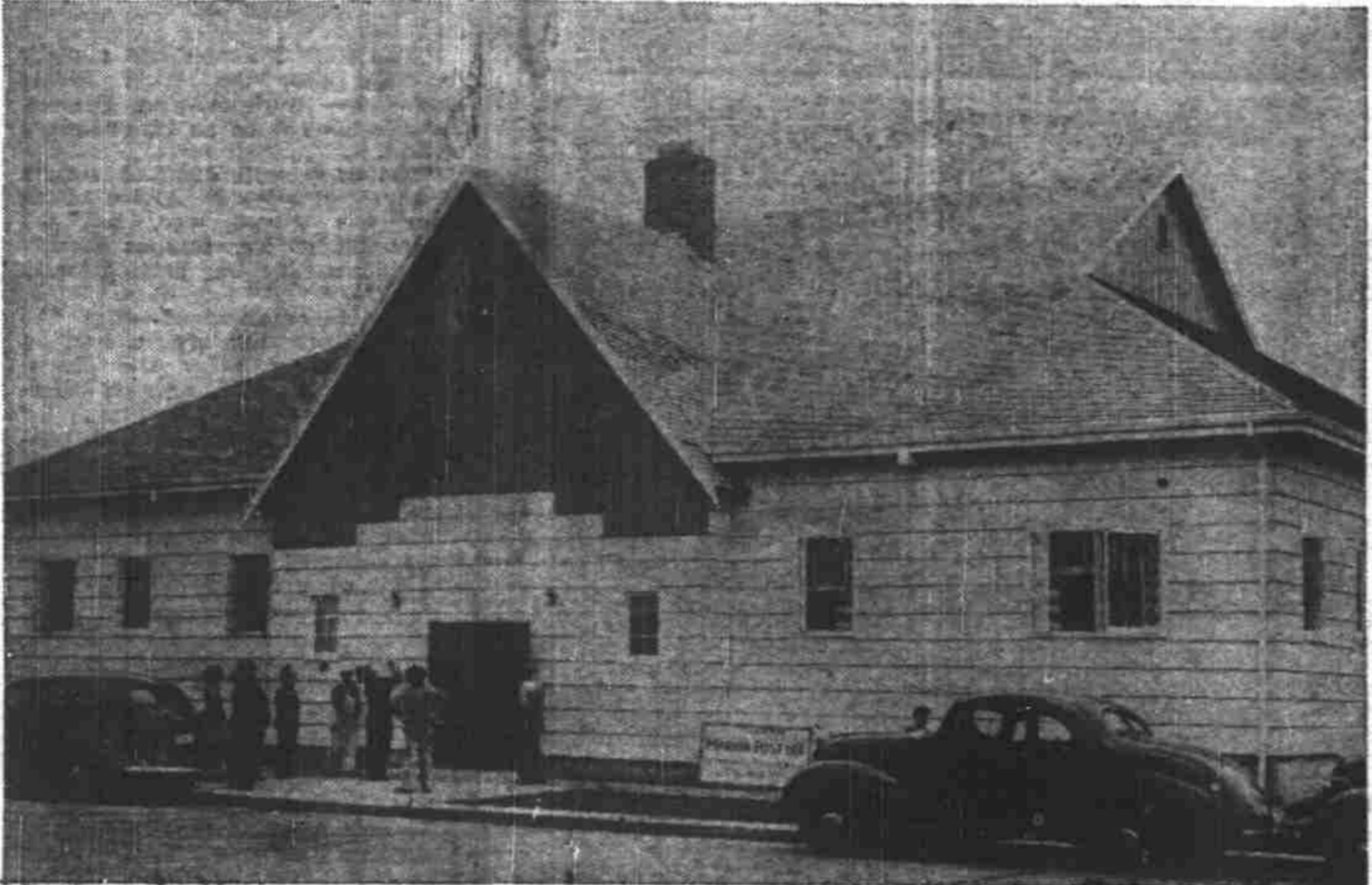
TOKYO, July 27.—(P)—Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye and his key cabinet ministers were reported in "complete agreement" with imperial army headquarters today after an important conference on foreign and domestic policies.

The session, disclosed in a brief official announcement, was the first liaison conference between army leaders and cabinet officials in two years.

The official announcement did not contain any details concerning the matters discussed, but said that the imperial headquarters had suggested measures "to meet the current situation."

The New York state situation cabinet's domestic policy. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

FLAG RAISED OVER NEW VFW BUILDING



The United States flag is raised for the first time over the new building recently erected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Salem, which will be dedicated at exercises scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight. "Open house" will be observed beginning at 1 p. m. Present for the flag raising were Post Commander Frank Millett, Onas S. Olson, chairman, and E. C. Charlton, vice-chairman of the building committee; Post Quartermaster Wilbur Cavender and Construction Superintendent Arwin Strayer.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Slate New Building's Dedication Today

Open House Starts at 1 p. m. With Formal Program at 8 o'clock; General George White Will Deliver Address; Notables to Attend

The new bungalow home of Marion post 661 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be dedicated tonight after an open house program starting at 1 o'clock at the new headquarters at Church and Hood streets.

Major General George A. White, a member of the post, will deliver the dedicatory address in the dedication program starting at 8 o'clock.

The dedicatory proclamation will be read by Post Department Commander John H. Schum after Commander Frank Millett has received keys to the building from Onas S. Olson, chairman of the building committee.

Post Commander Phil H. Ringle, under whose administration erection of the building began on February 1, 1940, will call the meeting to order and introduce State Senator Douglas McKay, who will act as master of ceremonies.

Included in the program will be an appearance of the Centennial Syncopators and advancement of the colors of state and post units of the VFW, United Spanish American War Veterans, Capitol Post No. 9 American Legion and Disabled American Veterans of the World War with Lieutenant Victor Brown of the US Army recruiting service in charge.

Distinguished guests will include Governor J. V. Latta, U. S. Senator Douglas McKay, U. S. Representative Charles A. Sprague, Secretary of State Earl Snell, State Treasurer Walter Pearson, Mayor W. W. Chadwick and Brigadier General Thomas E. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Late Sports

SILVERTON, July 26.—John Linde of B & O Transfer struck out 13 batsmen and allowed but four hits as his team edged out a 2 to 1 victory over McElroy's. In a state semi-pro baseball tournament game here tonight, Bellis Shoo banged out 11 hits to defeat Battleground 9 to 4. McElroy..... 1 4 1 B & O..... 2 7 1 B. Beeson and Brown; J. Linde and Marr. Reliable Shoe..... 5 11 3 Battleground..... 4 6 3 Juhita and Messenger; Woodward, G. Staley and Ward.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—Seattle pelted the Portland Beavers in a Pacific Coast league doubleheader tonight, 8-3, in nine innings, and 3-1 in the seven and took a 2-3 series lead.

Ira Scribner scored to victory in the second game after the Rainiers drove home six runs on seven hits in the final inning. He allowed seven hits. Portland's only run was a product of Schwab's triple and Gonzalez' long fly in the fifth.

In the first game Seattle abled Whitley Hilder and Gonzalez impartially, scoring freely in the late innings. Seattle..... 3 5 1 Portland..... 2 4 4 Barrett and Campbell; Hilder, Gonzalez (8) and Anunzio. Seattle..... 5 11 1 Portland..... 1 7 1 Scribner and Keates; Fallon, Gonzalez (1) and Anunzio, Denniston (7).

American Association
Louisville 1, Kansas City 2, Columbus 12-4, St. Paul 8-2.

Rumania Loses More Land, Is Berlin Belief

Envoys' Conference With Hitler Confirms It, Is Understanding

Agreement Also Reached With Turkey, Former Ally of England

BERLIN, July 26.—(P)—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler put finishing touches tonight on a Danubian reorganization plan deemed certain to involve further dismemberment of Rumania.

During the afternoon the fuehrer conferred with Rumanian Premier Ion Gliguria and Foreign Minister Mihail Manoilescu, for two and a half hours in his mountain retreat above Berchtesgaden. The Rumanians already had conferred at length with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop at Salzburg and it was taken for granted they had agreed to make certain territorial concessions to Bulgaria and Hungary, since meetings with Hitler ordinarily only take place after an agreement has been reached.

In any event it seemed certain that Rumania would have to relinquish further territory—either now or at the conclusion of Europe's conflict.

No official announcement is expected, however, until the cycle of visits of southeastern European statesmen is completed.

Informed German sources intimated that Rumania, in the wake of its loss to Russia of Bessarabia and northern Bucovina, might prefer to cede now what it is ready to cede, rather than prolong the period of uncertainty. As long as the uncertainty lasts it is difficult for the Danubian peoples to settle down to peaceful work.

Meanwhile, Germany's position as "adviser" to Rumania was strengthened by the conclusion of a far-reaching trade agreement with Turkey. Turkey hitherto was regarded as one-sidedly neutral in England's favor but, as the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung observed tonight, "Turkey has felt the effects of the English war appreciably."

The government of the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia sharply denounced the Czech government in exile headed by Eduard Benes (recently recognized by Britain).

Hongkong British Oppose Removals

HONGKONG, July 27.—(Saturday)—Leaders of the British community here petitioned, assisted by the Crown colony today to abandon their scheme for compulsory evacuation of British women and children.

Asserting that removal of families was unnecessary and caused untold misery and discomfort, the petition urged the return at government expense of 4,000 women and children already removed.

Most of them are in Manila. Meanwhile, the voluntary exodus of non-British residents slackened, and some Americans and other evacuees are seeking to return. Authorities relaxed restrictions to the extent of permitting the return of mixed-blood British women but still are refusing entry visas to other womenfolk.

Prospector Claude E. Cline, 46, slayer of two mining partners, died at 8:30 Friday morning in Oregon's gas execution chamber, located inside the penitentiary here.

The second man to breathe lethal fumes from a little crock beneath a steel chair at the state prison, Cline was executed for shooting George W. Chesley, 35, of Xenia, Ohio, and burying the body in a shallow grave near eastern Oregon's remote Spanish gulch.

Cline also confessed the slaying of Eugene Rosenstiel of Portland but was tried only for Chesley's death.

On his walk to the gas chamber, Cline passed briefly to the newspapermen.

"I have no grudge against anybody. I am going to meet my God," Cline was calm as he walked into the chamber at 8:26 a. m. and submitted to being strapped

French Assist British, Attack Torpedo Boats

Number Joining Old Ally not Revealed; Convoy Damage Admitted

Rumanian Ships Seized; Nazis Say Shipping Forays Succeed

(By The Associated Press)
Gibraltar, Britain's classic symbol of durable strength, suffered two heavy bombardments Friday by Italian planes aiming at the fortress arsenal and at warships based in the harbor.

The British were silent on the extent of damage to their position on the great rock that is the increasingly-important key to control of the Mediterranean. But Stefan, official Italian news agency, told of panic in the streets, with soldiers plunging into the sea to escape fires started by bombs in the Friday morning raid.

Reports from La Linea and Algeciras, Spanish towns nearby, said four persons were killed and 37 injured in the first raid and that casualties mounted when the Italians returned at 11:15 a. m. (2:15 p. m. PST Friday). Reports of other cities also said the Gibraltar radio transmitter, arsenal docks, water tanks and hotel were damaged and that oil on the water indicated a ship may have been hit.

The sharp increase in these attacks on the rocky redoubt which Spain and the German regime came as French soldiers in England hoisted their own tricolor beside Britain's white ensign to go to sea against speedy German torpedo boats which are raiding English coastal waters.

200 French ships
Kaiser's fleet
Britain did not disclose the number of French ships ready for action, but more than 200 French warships are known to be in English ports. As fast as "free Frenchmen" opposed to their country's armistice with Germany can be assembled they will take to the sea. French pilots also are fighting beside the British.

Nazi bombers for the first time yesterday struck at shipping convoys off the northern Irish coast. Britain's "back door" is her weak defense point due to Hitler's refusal to permit British defense forces on her soil.

British airmen believed they shot down one of the German planes in the Irish flight.

Britain's apparent answer to Rumania's seizure of British oil properties came Friday night when the Rumanian minister of marine disclosed Britain's naval forces seized three Rumanian ships at Port Said, Mediterranean gate to the Suez canal.

Recognize Rumania As Aiding Germany
Two oil tankers and a Rumanian freighter were taken by the British and the German raids. Rumania had retailed by selling 18 British boats on the Danube river.

Thus, after eleven months of war in which Rumania has been more or less exempt from the rigors of Britain's blockade, she joins a long line of countries Britain apparently is directly aiding Germany's war machine.

Berlin claimed her speedboats and planes sank or fired four British merchant men totalling 34,000 tons near Brighton, English south coast resort, yesterday in addition to 62,000 tons claimed sunk by air bombs in Thursday's channel raid.

Britain admitted losing five ships totalling 5104 tons and that another five were damaged. But she claimed a "bag" of 28 naval planes in the fighting Thursday and two more today.

RAP bombers who raided Germany's industrial districts early yesterday morning claimed they set afire six oil storage depots and bombed many other military objectives.

Oil Workers May Strike in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, July 25.—(P)—The Mexican petroleum workers' union was reported reliably tonight to have ordered 15,000 members to go on a 24-hour strike Monday in protest against President Llanero Cerdas' desire to reorganize the government oil industry on an economy basis.

An officer of the union said that the secretary general had telegraphed all regional committees to call out their workers at 10 a. m. Monday "unless contrary orders should be received."

Only today the federal labor board provisionally authorized the oil administration to modify its contract with the workers in order to effect salary reductions and other economies.