

Churchill's War Report Seen as High-Water Mark in Optimism; Nazi Pilot Shortage Told

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In some respects, Prime Minister Churchill's most recent accounting to parliament is a new high-water mark in British optimism. It contained two startling assertions: That Hitler is now suffering from "a very serious shortage" of air power; and that British sea losses have been cut to a new low in the last three months.

Obviously, the British believe that the Nazi war in Russia is wearing Hitler down somewhat, and forcing him to let up in the Atlantic struggle. If that is true, the possibility that Hitler might call a halt soon in Russia and again turn either eastward against Egypt or westward against England is very real.

It is beyond reasonable belief, however, that Hitler could stop short in Russia of what seems his prime goal in launching two-front war, Russia's oil life lines. Nor could he abandon the siege of Leningrad, or Odessa or threatened Kharkov now without suffering the worst kind of blow to Nazi military prestige.

It is questionable how even German public opinion would react to his failure to press the war against Russia. Only from the Kharkov front southward to Rostov and its vital Baku pipe line is there an opportunity for a more crushing blow against the Russians than has yet fallen. A German halt order at this stage might be suicidal.

Yet there is ample evidence from many sources to justify the Churchill report of a Nazi air power shortage for effective two-front war. Air attack of England has become merely a token affair since the Russian campaign started. It has no military significance but only a home-front propaganda value to the Germans.

There is some evidence also, that the Churchill estimate of over-taxed Nazi air power is based more on known German losses in air personnel than upon availability of planes. Recent reports both from Britain and from the front in North Africa suggest that.

German planes brought down in both theatres within the last few weeks, since the attack on Russia started, have been increasingly manned by German youngsters of little experience and training. The Russian campaign, now dragging weeks beyond the time allotted for it on Hitler's schedule, has drained his reserves of experienced pilots.

Churchill frankly admitted that his warning of a possible Nazi halt in Russia to strike elsewhere against Britain based on speculation rather than information. He professed no knowledge of Hitler's intentions. Yet his report that British sea losses during the three months of the Nazi Russian war had been cut to a third of what they were in the preceding 90 days, while British destruction of axis shipping had gone up by "leaps and bounds," illustrates the German plight.

For if that condition continues in the Atlantic into next year and the road for American help is thus kept open, the day must come when Hitler's air power shortage will become absolute, not relative or local. And on that day he will have lost the war. It will mark certainly the beginning of the end. His whole war concept was built around gaining and maintaining an overwhelming air superiority to blast a way for his armies, even to England.

Suit Challenges Legality of PUD

THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—A circuit court suit Tuesday challenged legality of the northern Wasco county people's utility district on grounds that would, if upheld, affect other PUDs in Oregon.

The Pacific Power and Light company and 13 taxpayers objected that the district excluded two municipalities, Dufur and Mosier, which had voted against the PUD.

Since the original vote was based on inclusion of the towns, the contestants claimed, adding that a new election should have been ordered.

Reclamation Congress Opposes Power Change

ONTARIO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The Oregon reclamation congress opposed Tuesday any change in development of water resources laws that would affect the rights of the states.

A resolution declared that the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams administration could be set up by amendments to the present Bonneville act. It recommended that if authority bills could not be held in abeyance until after the present defense emergency, that they provide for autonomous public corporations with officers and directors drawn from the Pacific northwest.

RAF Tries Berlin Raid

BERLIN, Wednesday, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Individual British bombers attempted to attack Berlin during the night, and air-raid sirens sent the population to shelters, but an official announcement said all the raiders were turned back by anti-aircraft fire.

Ukraine City Fall Revealed

Reds Admit Loss, but Tell of Pushing Back Nazis on Two Fronts

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along the eastern front; Berlin itself implied as much, for a military spokesman stated that for "certain reasons" not disclosed there would be little news for the next few days.

Moreover, German reports for the first time told of boys fighting by the Nazis in the far south—a sort of fighting which is almost never resorted to when the Nazi machine is moving in the way it is intended to move.

The most plausible explanation for relative German inactivity, it seemed, was the necessity for reforming offensives and perhaps armies themselves for the long winter campaign which Berlin now concedes is certain.

This impression that the Russian war had entered that period of uneasy twilight that always precedes new decisions by Hitler was supported, too, by an extraordinarily comprehensive war review given before parliament by Prime Minister Churchill of Britain.

Britain's home position Churchill described as vastly bettered, with her shipping losses to axis raiders reduced by two-thirds in the last three months. (See full account of speech on column seven.)

London acknowledged that in the long Italian air attack on a big British convoy in the Mediterranean last Saturday, the 33,950-ton battleship Nelson was hit by an aerial torpedo, although not materially damaged and suffering no casualties. The only other damage admitted was the loss of a single British merchant ship.

The Italians, who previously had claimed that three British cruisers and at least three freighters went down, insisted, contrary to the British version, that the convoy had been forced to turn back to the west.

During the afternoon British torpedo planes attacked a German convoy off the coast of Norway, reporting a hit on the biggest ship in line, as a follow-up to heavy overnight raids on Stettin, the German Baltic supply base for the Russian campaign, and the port of Hamburg.

Late Tuesday night, perhaps in retaliation for the progressively more violent British attacks on the reich, German planes in strong formations beat at five English east coast towns and there were indications that the roll of casualties might be long.

County Tax Values Set

Assessment Roll Based On \$35,682,810; Gain Revealed Over 1940

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cents each; fur-bearing animals, 1894 at \$7.17. Segregated, the tax-roll classifications follow:

Real property:	
All lands	\$14,886,430
Structural imps. on unplatted lands	3,847,870
Platted lands	4,729,980
Structural imps. on platted lands	8,434,980
Total real property	\$31,899,060
Personal property:	
Imps. on lands of the United States	12,550
Movable machinery and equipment	1,017,975
Merchandise and stock in trade	1,365,100
Farming implements, machinery and equipment	366,165
Furniture and equipment in commercial use	325,045
Horses and mules	94,045
Cattle	369,835
Sheep and goats	65,780
Swine	27,895
Poultry	18,430
Fur-bearing animals	13,260
Miscellaneous	10,340
Total personal property	\$3,894,750
Total value as equalized by board	\$35,682,810

Canada Train Crashes

MASKINONGE, Que., Sept. 30.—(AP)—The Canadian Pacific railway's Quebec-Montreal passenger train was derailed near here Tuesday night, and it was believed at least one car had plunged into the Maskinonge river.

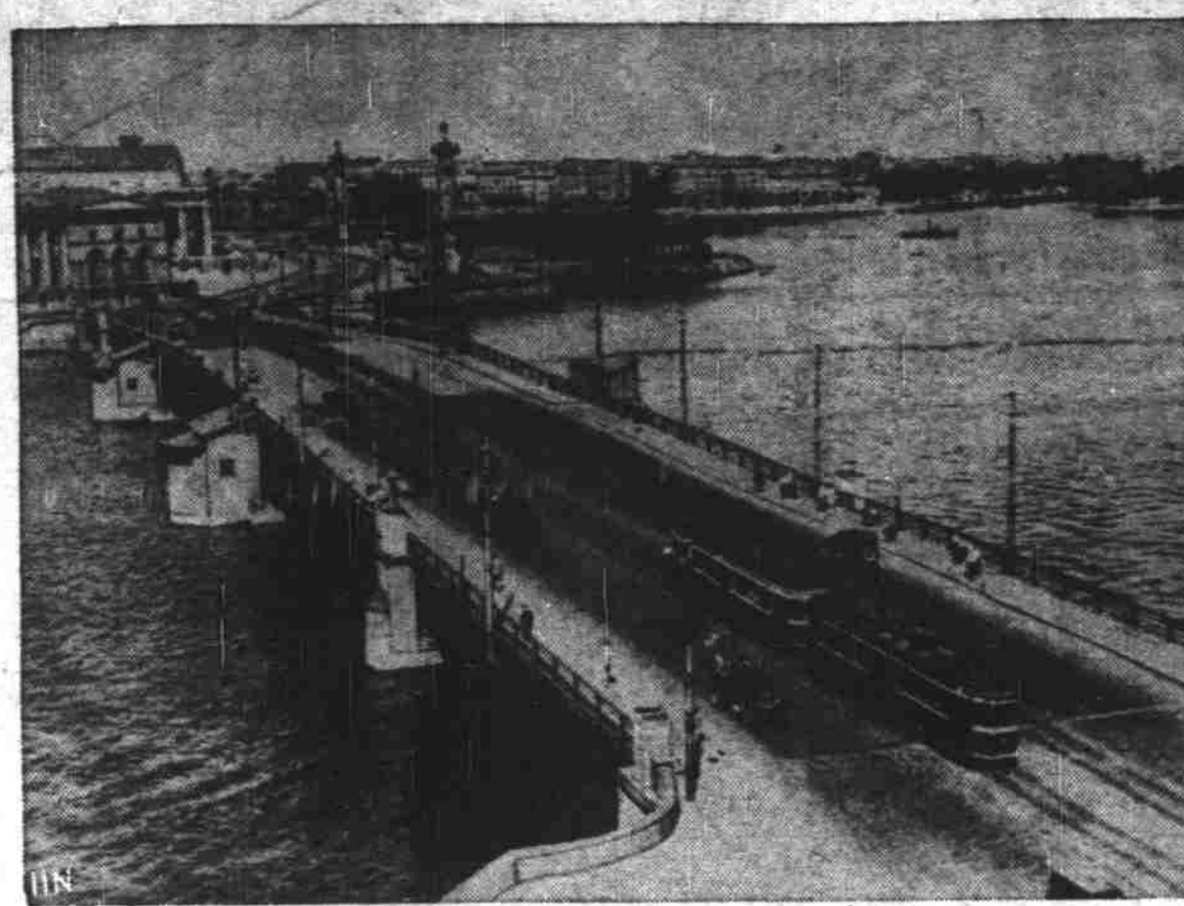
Singer Gravely Ill

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The condition of Helen Morgan, stage and screen singer who has been undergoing treatment for a liver ailment in a Chicago hospital for the past ten days, was reported to be "very grave" tonight.

At Silverton School

UNION HILL—Shirley Barney is attending the Silverton high school as a freshman this year from Silver Creek Falls district.

Leningrad, Where Reds Fight to Hold Back Nazis



Gates of Russia's second city, Leningrad, today are the scene of a great battle as the Russians seek to prevent the capture of the city by the Germans. Nazi infantry, according to reports, stormed the Red defenses again and again while attack bombers blasted the city. Russian official war reports stated that the Red army was repelling attack after attack on the approaches to the city over battlefields littered with German dead and the wreckage of Nazi tanks. In this picture the Republic bridge is in the foreground.

Albion Cheered By Churchill

Reveals Optimism in Shipping Loss Cut And New Strength

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prime minister, "whether he will attempt to penetrate the vast lands of soviet Russia in the face of the valiant Russian defenses, or how long his people will endure their own tremendous losses; or, again, whether he will decide to stand on the defensive and exploit the territory of immense value which he has conquered.

"We do not know whether he will turn a portion of this vast army southwards toward the valley of the Nile, or whether he will make his way through Spain into northwest Africa, or whether, using the great continental railways of Europe and an immense chain of airfields, he will shift his weight and assemble an army for an intensive invasion of the British islands.

"It will certainly be in his power while standing on the defensive in the east to undertake all three of these hazardous enterprises on a great scale.

"His only shortage is in the air. That is a very serious shortage, but for the rest he still retains the initiative and we have not had the force to take it from him. He has the divisions and weapons on the mainland of Europe. He has ample means of transportation."

Defending his government strongly against accusations of timidity and "excessive scruples and inhibitions," Churchill recalled:

"People ask why don't you bomb Rome? Did you not say you would bomb Rome if Cairo was bombed? What is the answer? "One answer is that Cairo has not yet been bombed. Only military positions on the outskirts have been bombed. But of course we have the same right to bomb Rome as the Italians had to bomb London last year when they thought we were going to collapse, and we shouldn't hesitate to bomb Rome to the best of our ability and as heavily as possible if the course of the war should render such action convenient and helpful."

The prime minister, in his report on Britain's progress against the raiding axis submarine and bomber, declared not only that British, allied and neutral shipping losses to date through July, August and September were only one-third the total of the previous quarter—and presumably about 472,000 tons—but that during the same period German and Italian shipping losses have been about one and a half times greater than previously.

British food reserves, he added, stood higher than at the outbreak of war and far higher than a year ago, and "there will be better Christmas dinners than last year."

Stressing Britain's needs at home—although not in so many words—he added that the British never had and never would have an army numerically comparable to those on the continent.

Still, he said, it was a "very good army" and finely tempered which, supported by nearly 2,000,000 armed home guards, would be relied upon to "destroy or hurl into the sea the invader should he succeed in making a number of successive and simultaneous lodgements on our shores."

Author Pardon Fails

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Author Jan Valtin's application for a pardon was rejected Tuesday by a vote of the state advisory pardon board and his petition was referred to Gov. Culbert L. Olson for final action.

Mill Strike Averted

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—A strike of 2500 Willamette valley AFL lumber and sawmill workers, set for Wednesday morning, was postponed Tuesday night.

Speakers' Chief

Edward Maljek, who was elected president of the Salem Toastmasters club Tuesday night for a six-months term. He succeeds O. D. "Frosty" Olson. Other new officers are E. E. Thomas, vice-president; Albert Gilie, re-elected, secretary-treasurer, and Jim Smith, sergeant-at-arms.



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Berlin Admits 58 Executions Of Hostages

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London said the real reasons for the executions were:

"Production in our factories has gone down as much as 50 per cent. The wrong munition is being sent to the wrong depots, gasoline tanks and guns get fired, the railroad schedule is thoroughly mixed up, and all this is done quietly without fuss and the real guilty parties are impossible to catch, and the general, baker, and candlestick maker pay the price for their fellow patriots.

"And don't make any mistake, they are all patriots."

Masaryk told Americans that "all our sabotage has nothing to do with any other 'ism' than patriotism, not even communism. "A lot of my people and recent people all over Europe are being murdered just because they love their own countries as well as you do yours. It is to a large extent in your hands to determine how long this will go on."

Today's War Summary

By The Associated Press

Russians acknowledge fall of Poltava in Ukraine, claimed 12 days ago by Germans, but report successful counter-attacks before Leningrad and in far south; Berlin claims no new victory, spokesman saying there will be little news for several days for "certain reasons"; Germany accepts necessity of winter campaign.

Churchill says Britain's home position is vastly improved in reduction by two-thirds in shipping losses, but warns Hitler may strike in Africa, in Spain and across the channel while holding the defensive in Russia; implies no British invasion of continent is in sight; declares Great British sacrifices and enormous increase in US war production are necessary to maintain red armies in the field.

Japan to Quit Axis Predicted in Hawaii

EDMONTON, Alta., Sept. 30.—(CP)—Japan has "crawled down" so noticeably from her former attitude of belligerence in the Pacific that the best-informed people in Hawaii now are predicting the Japanese actually will quit the Rome-Berlin axis within two or three months, A. Douglas Potts, Honolulu financier, said in an interview here today.

Chest Workers Start Drive

Total of \$17,759.69 Reported in Pledges After First Day

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builders division headed by Rich L. Reimann.

The reference to the "Joe Louis punch" was made by Gov. Charles A. Sprague in his talk at the kick-off breakfast Tuesday morning which opened the campaign.

Describing this period as one of increasing tensions, the governor warned against permitting them to become too absorbing, since life must go on and "youth won't stop growing." The youth problem, immediacy of which is emphasized by the recent "one-boy crime wave" in eastern Oregon, is the principal one involved in the raising of money to support the Community Chest's participating agencies, the governor pointed out.

Girl Reserves served the breakfast group and Sacred Heart academy girls served the first luncheon, with Mrs. Walter Kirk and Mrs. Breyman Boise as supervisors. Pat McSinger played accordion music briefly at the breakfast program. T. M. Hicks spoke at the luncheon. Irl S. McSherry, general chairman of the campaign committee, presided on both occasions.

The following list of contributors of \$10 or more includes only individuals; combined pledges of firms and their employees will be published as solicitation is completed:

- \$50—Dr. Frank E. Brown.
- \$250—Dr. L. O. Clement, Dr. M. C. Findley.
- \$150—H. Breyman Boise and mother.
- \$100—Frederick S. Lampport, R. K. Page and family, Donald Young, Keith Powell, Ercel W. Kay.
- \$80—J. H. Van Winkle.
- \$75—Willis S. Moore, William S. Walton.
- \$51—Mrs. George Pearce and daughters.
- \$50—George C. Will, W. H. Grabenhorst.
- \$40—George Riches.
- \$35—Nellie E. Schwab, Mirph C. Blair.
- \$32—A. A. Lee.
- \$30—Mrs. Lena M. Scharf, Rev. J. C. Harrison, L. L. Laws.
- \$27—Arthur B. Bates.
- \$26—Walter B. Minier.
- \$25—Ennis D. Wait, George Alexander, Earl L. Fisher, Mrs. Thomas Kay, Roy Nelson, Lynn Lambeth, E. O. Welling, Harry W. Scott.
- \$20—E. M. Erickson, Charles Hudkins, John B. Nathan, Daniel J. Fry, Dr. J. J. Pantone, Mrs. E. L. Burghardt, Mrs. Esther Little, Linn C. Smith, William E. Anderson.
- \$18—Walter S. Lamkin.
- \$15—Donna Eason, L. G. Page, Carl D. Gabrielson, Roy Mills, J. S. Murray, Bertha Kohlhaagen, E. H. Thompson, William McAfee.
- \$13.50—Karl G. Becke, Leslie Wadsworth.
- \$12.50—Paul R. Hendricks, Warren C. Keck.
- \$12—Lyle P. Bartholomew.
- \$11.50—Fred Finsley.
- \$11—Nelle D. Cox, A. E. Huckestein, Frances T. Wade, Orval C. Kennen.
- \$10—E. L. Crawford, M. B. Clatterbuck, William J. Linfoot, Ed K. Pisecki, E. O. Stadler, Jr., Dr. Laban Steeves, Harold Philipp, Max G. Flanery, Frank K. Lovell, D. A. Emerson, Arthur Selander, Mrs. Ruth Stratton, Irl S. McSherry, Leo Demitt, E. C. Halley, E. C. Hobbs, E. J. Kleiman, Earl R. Cooley, O. I. Paulson, Alice Eckertsen, Anna J. Wentz, F. D. Thelsson, Jesse C. Campbell, T. H. Galloway, Rex Gibson, H. H. Jewett, Bessie C. Smith, F. Jaskowski and son, Tom Hill, Edward H. Burrell, F. C. Bell, H. Simmons, Harlon Brock, H. N. Bailey, T. C. Mason, J. H. McConville, E. T. B. Hill, M. H. Miller, H. Dale Wood, S. Muchnick, and Harry T. Love.

Retail Sales Hit New High

Stores of Country Swamped to Beat Deadline on Tax

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paid by the retailer and prices were sure to go up Wednesday.

The liquor taxes are usually paid by manufacturers but a special compensation "floor" tax equivalent to the increase on these items was levied against supplies already in the hands of retailers and other sellers so that prices of these goods were also due for a quick jump.

All the other merchandise taxes will be collected from manufacturers; therefore many of these prices may not rise until new merchandise actually manufactured after Tuesday reaches retail outlets.

Among the new taxes were levies on sporting goods, luggage, electrical or gas or oil appliances, photographic apparatus, electric signs, business machines including typewriters, rubber articles, washing machines to be used by commercial laundries, optical equipment and electric light bulbs. Taxes were increased on automobiles, auto parts, tires and radios, playing cards, radios, refrigerators, safety deposit boxes, pin ball and slot machines, bowling alleys and billiard tables, musical instruments and phonograph records.

There are also new taxes on local telephone bills and transportation tickets.

Another change virtually wipes out all exemptions from the federal tax on admissions to theatres and similar places. Formerly the tax did not apply on tickets selling for less than 21 cents. Now the tax applies to all tickets except those sold for less than 10 cents to children under 12 years of age. Tickets to church and charitable entertainments are no longer exempt.

Adding to the consumer's problems was a government order to manufacturers of household mechanical refrigerators to cut production for the last five months of this year 43.2 per cent under average monthly output for the year which ended June 30, 1941.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—A great three-day boom in luxury goods ended Tuesday night as retail merchants throughout the city struggled to satisfy the demands of throngs of shoppers in a last minute rush to get ahead of the new federal excise taxes effective Wednesday.

It will take a few days to assemble the statistics to give an accurate picture of the huge total of dollar spending but executives of some leading mid-town stores were willing to wager that more expensive jewelry, more fur coats, more bottles and cases of liquor, more sports goods, more cameras and more radios were sold across the counters than in any similar period in history.

The boom started last Saturday as newspapers stressed the fact that October 1 would bring a sharp boost in prices of many lines of merchandise under the \$3,553,400,000 emergency tax bill. It swelled mightily through Monday and took on some touches of slight hysteria as it moved on to peak volume Tuesday.

Buyers jammed the luxury goods departments of the big department stores the day long and those who couldn't come swamped the stores' telephone switchboards with frantic appeals for immediate delivery of goods affected by the taxes.

Some of the more colorful reports on the intensity of the buying spurge came from big Fifth Avenue furriers who asserted that Uncle Sam's tax bill had stimulated the sale of expensive fur coats to a far greater extent than had the famous stock market boom of 1929.

An officer of Gunther, an establishment that has been selling furs for more than a century, said: "We served a record number of customers in the last three days and sales of mink coats in the \$2,500-\$5,000 price range have been far above what might be called normal. I've never seen anything like it except in cases where merchandise prices were marked down in a removal sale or something like that."

Such department stores as Macy's and Gimbels showed the fastest sales tempo in liquor departments but managers of these and other like establishments said the wave of buying extended throughout their stores irrespective of the taxable or non-taxable position of the merchandise.

Funeral Slated At Silverton

SILVERTON—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Fisher Lathrop, for 15 years a resident of Silverton, who died here Tuesday morning will be held Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Larson and Son chapel. Interment is to be in the Green Mountain cemetery.

She was born March 12, 1863, and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jack Foster, and a son, Chauncey Lathrop, both of Silverton; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Knauff and Mrs. E. G. Oeder, both of Silverton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kolen; two brothers, Peter Fisher, Minnesota, and William Fisher, North Dakota.

County Budget Under Knife Committee Starts Operations

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of the peace, asked a \$50 salary included in the budget for his office, which now pays only fees. Decision on the request was held over for consideration with other salary requests.

Ed Jory, appearing as a taxpayer, asked that careful consideration be given to the need for a new paint job on the exterior of the courthouse.

Heaviest cut in budget requests was that of \$936, struck from the proposed circuit court budget, only increase asked. The sum asked was for reimbursement of a court reporter who for a number of

FDR Will Ask Arming Ships

Will not Attempt Full Repeal of Neutrality Act, Capital Says

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doed, and emphasized the necessity and difficulty of replacing supplies that go to the bottom of the sea.

He took the case of the Pink Star, a former Danish vessel, American owned when she last sailed, but registered in Panama and flying the Panamanian flag. She was sunk by a submarine enroute to Iceland.

Most of the cargo was food, Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference, adding in response to a question that he supposed food was contraband of war under some rules. It was necessary, he said, to maintain the bodies of a people fighting for its existence.

The extent to which the neutrality act should be revised was still under study, the president said.

As he pondered the pros and cons of the situation, battle lines for the approaching contest began taking shape, and the administration received powerful support from Wendell L. Willkie, last year's republican presidential nominee.

"The law never should have been enacted in the first place," a friend quoted Willkie as having said. "It ought to be changed now and I believe congress will change it."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Congress received word Tuesday that it might be asked soon to give the Federal Reserve board still greater power to control excess bank reserves in an effort to curb inflation.

Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve board told the house banking committee, during testimony on the administration's price control bill, that the board's action in raising reserve requirements to the statutory limit last week had had no effect on checking inflation because of the "enormous" excess reserves still in the hands of the banks.

He said that despite the board's action in imposing an additional \$1,250,000,000 of the reserves—and thus prohibiting the banks from lending or investing that additional sum—the banks still had more than \$4,000,000,000 of excess reserves. That amount, he added, is more than the banks had at any time during the World war.

In response to questions by Rep. Kean (R-N.J.), Eccles conceded that his testimony was "laying the basis for a request to congress for power to boost reserve requirements still higher. He said, however, he was not seeking that authority at this time.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt projected a vast expansion of the social security system today, intended to bring within its benefits double the number of people now covered. He guessed it would jump the total of those involved from 40,000,000 to 80,000,000.

The chief executive long has advocated spreading the system into new territory, but in announcing the plan today he advanced two reasons why it would be helpful in the present situation. The higher taxes to be collected would help as an inflation deterrent, and unemployment benefits would ease the economic readjustment end of the defense production phase which will come with the end of the defense production emergency.

Soon, he said at a press conference, he will send a special message to congress on the subject. He apparently was hopeful of action in a short time.

Children's Farm Home Gets Superintendents

PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Trustees of the WCTU Children's Farm home near Corvallis announced Tuesday selection of Mr. and Mrs. William Buford Schenbly, St. Helens, as superintendents.

Schenbly is a past president of the Oregon department of elementary principles.

years paid from her own pocket the telephone bill for an office in the courthouse, an item included in budgets of recent years.

The courthouse list of proposed expenditures, while not fully canvassed, contained the next largest item sliced away. Expenditure of \$150 for publication of a WPA research, while not exorbitant, could not be proposed to taxpayers faced with rising taxes and when living costs for employees are rising, it was declared.

A \$100 cut in the county coroner's budget represents a lowering of actual budget figures, bringing the sum budgeted for the first six months of next year to approximately the sum expended for the first six months of this year, it was said.

An item for new ownership maps in the county assessor's office, totaling \$1000, or \$200 less than was budgeted this year, was approved.

Approved in full, except for salaries, were estimates from the county agent's office, the clerk's office and the county court. An increase of \$35 was included in clerk's office expenditures and of \$601.50 in the budget of court and commissioners.

Month Winds Up Damply; River Low

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1911 with 4.36 and 1920 with 4.45. Only three times has the rainfall been less than a quarter of an inch, although many Septembers have had less than an inch. Driest on record is 1932 with .01. The other two extremely dry ones were 1918 with .17 and 1903 with .23.

Maximum temperature for the month was 81 on the 24th, and minimum was 40 on the 21st and 28th.

River reading at the beginning of the month was minus 3.6 feet, jumping to a plus 2.7 on the 7th but immediately dropping to a minus 3.2 on the 9th, and staying low to the end of the month. Reading Tuesday was minus 3.2 feet.

Turner People Return Home

TURNER — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kendall, who spent a few weeks at Kilson Springs, are returning home.

First silo filling in this dairy section was for Frank Ensor Saturday.

O. O. Lacey is suffering from frequent heart attacks.

Emery Howe is second cook in a lumber camp above Mehama.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hadley and three sons, Albany, formerly of Turner, report to friends of their return from a three-weeks vacation spent in California visiting relatives. A nephew, John Mickey, Turner, was visited. His wife and young son had recently left for a visit with relatives in Missouri.

Cook Book Given Women's Group

MARION — The first meeting of the women's auxiliary after their summer vacation was held Wednesday at their club rooms in the Farmers union hall.

Mrs. Jim Wilson, president, presented the club a cook book giving instructions on amounts for serving large groups. It was also voted to take a course in nutrition cooking.

Mrs. George Kihns was elected secretary-treasurer to fill the unexpired term of