Tornado in Oklahoma Town Kills Over 100

Storm Ruins Pryor

US Ordnance Plant but Little Hit

PRYOR, Okla., April 27-(AP)-A brief, violent tornado reportedly killed at least 100 persons and injured 250 late Monday in this war boom town, and left the main business district in ruins.

containing these figures were received by R. W. Stinson, Muskogee district manager for WPA, in a telephone call from his workers on the

The storm struck at about 5:50 p. m. (CWT), roaring down the main street, tearing down buildings and leaving the street

Three persons were reported Talala and another person was killed at Tiawah, southeast of

One eye-witness reported he saw 11 dead and scores of injured Highlights of One eye-witness reported he the brief, furious storm

The town was in darkness and phone communications within the city were disrupted, hampering rescue work.

F. C. "Dick" Dickinson, a Grand River dam worker at Langley, Okla., said he had just driven into town when the tor-

"It was over in a matter of minutes," he said, "I think I'm safe in saying there isn't a twostory building left along Main

The wind storm was accompanied by hail and rain which witnesses said "fell in buckets." Dickinson said he counted 11 bodies in five blocks of main street and saw about 50 persons he believed seriously wounded

and 50 others less seriously hurt. "I couldn't attempt to estimate the number of dead and injured," he said, "because I saw only one section of the town.

Hospitals here, at Vinita and Claremore were jammed. About 20 carloads of doctors and nurses from Tulsa and many others from nearby towns were aiding in the rescue work. The multi-million dollar

Oklahoma ordnance works south of here escaped serious damage.

The storm's fury struck down main street with a freakish destructive hand, Dickinson said.

"Across the street from a filling station that was left a heap of rubble, a trailer and its occupants were unhurt," he added. Dickinson said that he aided in

rescue work along main street, and that while some single storied buildings may have escaped serious damage, every taller building was battered. Charles Barde, city editor of

The Daily Democrat here, said he wouldn't attempt to estimate the number of injured.

"We've just come through the wrath of god," he added.

He said a shuttle train, which normally carried defense plant workers between Muskogee and Pryor, was used to carry two earloads of wounded to Vinita for hospitalization.

"About 2000 workers from the an adequate supply. powder plant are aiding in the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Keep 'Em Flying

The army wants 100,000 men to take flight training. Turn to page three for details of the new air cadet program.

council here Monday night.

"We should have a less dras-

tle cut in our gasoline supply in

the four-county area because

of the great influx of workers,"

Johnson said. "A reduction

Hope Held for More Gasoline DALLAS, April 27-(Special)-| ordinator's office had asked him | ager Clay C. Cochran were pres-Orders curtailing gasoline deliv- to make a survey of foreign auto- ent at the meeting here to get eries may be eased in Salem and mobiles and other factors that additional information. other communities in the Camp might show how many new resi-

Adair construction area if nego- dents are in the area. tiations now under way with the The coordinator also reported Pacific coast petroleum coordi- that efforts are being made to nator's office are successful, H. obtain the release of 12 busses C. Johnson, Four-County Canton- ordered by Oregon Motor Stages ment council coordinator, report- to serve the cantonment area. The ed at the April meeting of the busses have been manufactured but delivery has been delayed by

"When the peak hits at Camp Adair, I don't believe there are busses enough in our com ties to handle the traffic," John-

That bi-weekly listing of housing facilities is already a neces- it was incomplete. sity if cantonment workers are to be located satisfactorily and to 219 civilians interned by the rents to be kept within bounds was asserted by Johnson.

Mayor H. W. Hand of Corvalbeen advised that 8000 families of soldiers and civilian workers would be settled in the vicinity of the cantonment by next fall. The council members, repre-

senting Marion, Polk, Linn and time last year would work a Interested especially in the transportation problem, Pres. Johnson said the petroleum co- Carl W. Hogg and Business Man- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Winslow, Robert Erwin, private by Johnson that prospects of ferson street, Eugene.

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Service Men

Our boys of Salem and Uncle Sam over the face of the globe. Follow them daily in The Statesman's 'Service

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Ruincus RAF Blasts New Coast Area

FDR Declares For More Tax, Ceiling ess district in ruins. First reports from rescuers On Wages, Prices

Says No Need for Added Legislation **Except for Taxes and Farm Prices**; **Latter Starts Battle in Congress**

WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP)-President Roosevelt outlined to congress Monday a broad anti-inflation program which would fix general price ceilings, freeze most wages "at filled with debris and the dead and existing scales" and syphon into government coffers all individual income over \$25,000 a year.

These steps, with taxes that would lap up all corporakilled and at least 15 injured near tion profits not necessary to continued production, with a reduction in the present legal maximum prices for farm pro-Claremore, as the tornadic win's ducts, with increased war bon buying and debt paying, and fanned out over this northeastern with rationing of scarce essentials, would, he predicted, avert the cost of living hardships of the

first World war.

need."

"We cannot fight this war, we

cannot exert our maximum effort

on a spend-as-usual basis," Mr.

By implication he opposed

any change in the wage-hour-

law, asserting that most defense

workers were now working

that they should be paid time

and a half for overtime, lest

there be a reduction in their

In addition to slashing higher

salaries down to \$25,000 by taxa-

tion, he foresaw a process of sta-

bilizing wages through protests

to and decisions by the war labor

board, which would "continue to

sub-standards of living." Exist-

ing contracts between employers

The office of price administra-

the recent past, probably

(Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Sugar Sales Are Over

the trade" forms are to be re-

turned by wholesalers, retailers,

institution heads and industrial

registrar's office in the Salem sen-

ley, trade rationing advisor in Sa-

lem. Proprietors or managers must

Until Rationing

Starts May 5

ence, he explained.

Dealers to

fully honored "in all fairness."

weekly pay envelopes.

than 40 hours a week, and

FDR Speech

NINETY-SECOND YEAR

WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP) Here are some sailent statements from President Roosevelt's mes-

sage to congress: When the cost of living spirals upward week after week and month after month, people as a whole are bound to become poorer, because the pay envelope will then lag behind rising retail

We must * * * adopt as one of our principal domestic objectives the stabilization of the cost of

Profits must be fixed to the atmost limit consistent with continued production.

In time of this grave national danger, when all excess income should go to win the war, no American citizen ought to have a net income, after he has paid his morrow a general price order, taxes, of more than \$25,000 a freezing prices as of some time

Most workers in munitions industries are working far more than 40 hours a week, and should continue to be paid at time and a Return Forms

As a national policy, the ceiling on farm products-in other words, the maximum prices to be received by the producers of these products-should be set at parity.

Every dime and dollar not vitally needed for absolute necessities should go into war bonds and stamps to add to the striking users, today and Wednesday to the power of our armed forces.

We cannot fight this war, we cannot exert our maximum effort, on a spend-as-usual basis. We cannot have all we want, if our soldiers and sailors are to have sign them in the registrar's pres-

I am confident that as to many open from 10 to 12 a. m., from 1 I am confident that as to many open from 10 to 12 a. m., from 1 basic necessities of life rationing to 5:30 p. m. and also from 7:30 Is Released will not be necessary, because we to 9:30 p. m. each of those days, shall strive to the utmost to have Zinzley said.

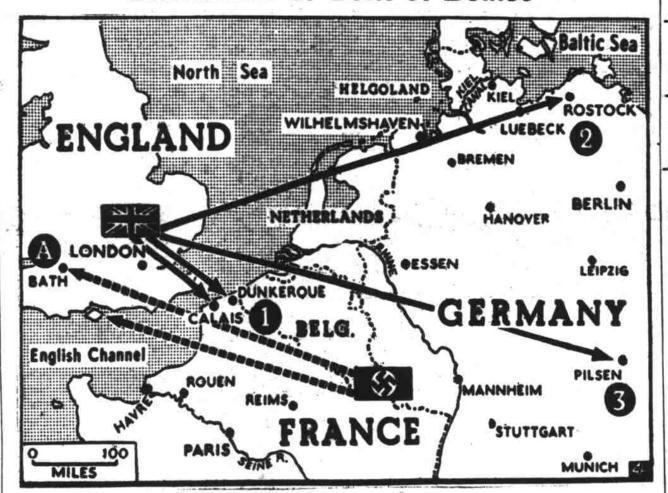
Our standard of living will have

rationing districts, blanks are also to be returned to the Woodburn, Silverton and Stayton to come down. high school buildings today or Wednesday but Zinzley had not Some have called this an "economy of sacrifice." * * * It is * * * been advised Monday of the more true to call this total effort hours they would be open. of the American people an

Seventeen volunteer registrars. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

In the other Marion county

Thousands of Tons of Bombs



Roosevelt said in a special mes-Bombers of the RAF continued its widespread and destructive attacks on the German coastline over the sage to congress. "We cannot weekend and Monday, making Rostock (2) a worse shambles than nearby Luebeck. The raids also have all we want, if our soldiers hit Skoda munitions works at Pilsen (3) and Calais and Dunkerque (1). The nazis in return raided and sailors are to have all they several times, but in less force, at Bath (A). The RAF reported Monday it met the strongest opposi tion so far this spring.

Blasts Enemy

Corregidor Artillery Breaks Up Troops, Truck Formation

WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP) Besieged Corregidor dealt the Japanese sharp new blows Monday, nearly three weeks after the give due consideration to inequalities and the elimination of fall of Bataan.

Replying to a four-hour crossfire pounding by enemy siege guns, and employes should, he said, be the artillery batteries of the Philippine island fortress broke up a hostile troop concentration in the group of parked motor trucks.

The enemy shelling came from batteries on the peninsula and on the south shore of the bay in Cavite province, some 10 miles distant, in continuation of the cross-fire to which the harbor forts have been exposed since

Bataan was lost. The communique announced also that Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, jr., is commander of the army force which has arrived on the Free French island of New Caledonia, strategically situated on the supply route from the Sugar rationing "registration of

United States to Australia. Arrival of the force was announced Saturday. MacArthur's headquarters reported Monday that Japanese observation planes attempting to scout the island, ior high school building, it was which is some 800 miles east of pointed out Monday by A. H. Zinz-Australia, had been forced to flee.

bring in the forms personally and Official List Of Prisoners The registrar's office will be

WASHINGTON, April 27 -(AP)- ed out of 7962. The first official list of Americans held as prisoners of war by (Down With Conscription) was the Japanese, containing 120 raised in recent disorders among names, was published Monday by the French-Canadian populace the war department.

Most were navy and marine corps officers and men who were captured at Wake island or at Chinese stations early in the war. Included was Commander Winfield Scott Cunningham of the navy, who was commander on Wake island when the navy and marine garrison there was over-

whelmed after a heroic fight. The names were obtained by the International Red Cross and turned over to the army provost marshal general, Maj. Gen. Allen W. Gullion. Officials stressed that The prisoners were in addition

lished March 16. The prisoners, with the nam lis, council chairman, said he had and address of next of kin, in-Marine detachment USMC.

Wake, Island Hyzer, Morris Forgery, private first class - Mrs. J. H. Hyzer,

Besieged Fort Canada Given Free ning to achieve one of its main objectives by forcing Hand to Dispatch Soldiers Anywhere

Quebec Is Only Dissenting Province; **Others Poll Overwhelming Majority To Chance Dominion Conscription**

tion is expected to announce to- nearby peninsula and set afire a given a free hand by plebiscite Monday to send conscripted soldiers outside the dominion and into battle anywhere in the

overwhelmingly the release of the MacKenzie King government from Bonesteel Is prior commitments promising only domestic service for drafted men. A tabulation of the vote in nine provinces at 12:30 a.m. showed that 2,233,115 persons voted in favor of releasing the government from previous commitments which kept conscripts on Canadian soil. A total of 1,306,782 voted "no" in 23.481 of the 31,203 polls

reported at that time The Canadian Press announced flatly at 7 p.m., two hours after the polls closed in the eastern provinces, that the prime minister's appeal for a free hand in the use of manpower had won out.

The vote in Quebec, where the draft was violently opposed in the last war and where riots broke out in consequence, showed 339,329 negative votes to 109,596 affirmative in the first 2795 polls report-

The cry of "A Bas Conscription' during campaign demonstrations. In contrast to Quebec's opposition, Ontario province voted at

release MacKenzie King from his previous commitments. The vote in 11,999 polls out of 22,826 in six provinces showed 1,030,957 for and 716,669 against the proposition. About 7,009,000 civilian voters were eligible for the balloting Monday which will be totaled up with the soldier

the rate of 588,545 to 193,768 to

Our Senators

vote taken between April 16

(Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)



Enemy Thrusts

OTTAWA, April 27-(P)-The Canadian government was

With only predominantly French-Canadian Quebec province

dissenting, as expected, the electorate was shown by incomplete returns Monday night to favor

Iceland Head

Succeeds Curtis as Commander for **United Nations**

WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP) The war department announced east of the town of Loilem, on Monday that Maj. Gen. Charles the eastern Burma front, and a H. Bonesteel, commander of the supplemental British announce-American troops in Iceland, has ment stated that this force had taken over the command of all then turned north in a 55-mile forces of the United Nations in drive that put the Japanese that northern Atlantic island.

spearhead within about that dis-Bonesteel succeeds Maj. Gen. tance from Hsipaw on the Man-Henry Osborne Curtis of the Brit- dalay-Lashio railroad. The eventish army, but there was no indi-Stilwell off from China. cation in the brief announcement whether British troops were being withdrawn from Iceland.

It was recalled, however, that both President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson are on record as saying it was the purpose of the United States even ually to take over the garrisoning of the island from the British. Eath of these statements, however, were made last year, before the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Oregon First In Protection Of Pedestrian

WASHINGTON, April 27 -(AP)-Pittsburgh, Pa., took first honors among larger cities in the third national pedestrian protection contest sponsored by the American Automobile association, the AAA's special judging com announced Monday night.

Oregon won first place among the states, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas and Minnesota getting Among cities named as win

Sunday's Weather 10,000 to 25,000 population -Aberdeen, SD, first; Klamath SD, third.

All states and 573 cities were day 1 foot. Max. temperature entered in the contest.

Sunday 55, Min. 37. SD, third. entered in the contest.

10,000 Families Homeless After Rostock Assault

Six Sweeps of Planes Cross Channel to Bomb Airdromes, Meet Heaviest Defense Yet

STOCKHOLM, April 27-(P)-Ten thousand families in Rostock are homeless as a result of the four raids there by the British RAF, the Berlin correspondent of the Dagens Nyheter reported Monday night. He said the damage in Rostock was worse than in Luebeck, previously raided by the British.

The Berlin correspondent wrote that the British had dropped leaflets over Stralsund, about 45 miles northeast of Rostock on the Baltic, warning that similar raids would be made there. He told of planes flying low over Rostock, using machine guns and cannon.

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, April 27—(AP)—British bombers and fighters smashed violently at German air bases across the channel Monday and encountered their heaviest opposition of the spring, indicating the RAF was begin-

The size and quality of the opposition was emphasized by the loss of 18 British craft-16 fighters and two bombers-against 11 nazi craft destroyed, and by

Ahead, Burma

Finland Out of

Axis Fight

growing peril.

Reds Strive to Knock

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

Associated Press War Editor

that the great decisions of the

war were being slowly developed

in the European theatre; for maj-

or action in the Pacific and In-

dian oceans was limited to Bur-

ma. There the allied left, defend-

ed by Chinese troops under com-

mand of the American Gen. Jos-

eph Stilwell, was in steadily

A late night Chinese commun-

ique disclosed that a Japanese

This spectacular advance was

complementary to other enemy

offensive action due north to-

ward Mandalay from the area

of the town of Taunggyi, which

is to the west of Loilem. The

Chinese had reported earlier in

the day that after recapturing

the nearby town of Hopong.

had fallen back about 35 miles

ed to be shaping up in Europe.

ported during the day was that

against the Finnish-German lines

in Lapland and Karelia.

left the issue in doubt.

of Yenangyaung.

Again Monday night it seemed

reports of RAF pilots that their challengers were more experienced and their planes better than heretofore.

If the British offensive has compelled Hitler to withdraw considerable formations from the east to meet the RAF in the west British sources said the massive British aerial offensive was paying a big dividend. They added however that it would be the end of the week before it is known definitely whether this

purpose has been accomplished. Hundreds of British planes roared over the channel in six major sweeps from dawn until after dark during Monday's operations, cutting away at the nazis air strength and daring them to make good Hitler's threat of full-scale retaliation.

The Germans did strike back, raiding a town in east Anglia Monday night, but there were no immediate indications that this was anything like the furious RAF assaults which prompted the Hitler threat.

column had thrust on 75 miles The day's raids, centered on Mardyck and Le Touquet, followed the fourth consecutive overnight attack on Rostock. German Baltic port from which German men and supplies go to the Russian front. Rostock now lies blackened and seared by an aggregate of 1,600,000 pounds of ual purpose appeared to be to cut British bombs.

> The Hurricanes rearing across the channel this morning to these new attacks on the German semi-circle of coastal (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Coffee Use To Be Cut

Washington, April 27-(A)-The war production board Monday announced a 25 per cent cut in the consumption of coffee, because of "uncertainties about future supplies."

above the burned oil field center The cut was brought about by an order reducing the amount While the showdown thus was of coffee which may be delivapproaching for Burma and outered by reasters and accepted er-India, even larger issues seemby wholesalers in any month to 75 per cent of deliveries in the On the Russian fighting front the most significant action re-

corresponding period of 1941. The government will not attempt to ration coffee at the umer level, WPB said, but the wholesalers are "expected to pass the cut along to their customers as equitably as pos-

"This action was taken to conserve supplies new on hand for the army, navy and civilian population and to make future supplies go as far as possible,", the board's announcement said

The Russians, said front dis-patches, had opened a strong (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4) Weather forecasts withheld

Taunggyl they had consolidated this local victory by retaking Subsequent information made By Quarter it clear, however, that the struggle for that area still was fierce and that the enemy's powerful, continuing counter-attacks had In central Burma the British