

Weather: Fair

TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

British Said Seeking U. S. Military Pact

London Reports Hint Of Joint Understanding

Canadian Negotiations Thought First Step For Agreement

By DREW MIDDLETON
LONDON, Aug. 21.—(P)—Unofficial but well-informed sources indicated today that the British government is seeking a military alliance with the United States.

Canadian-American discussions on mutual defense are considered in these quarters to be the opening wedge in a British effort to obtain a full military accord between the United States and Britain.

As envisaged now, such an alliance would embrace the defense of Canada and other British possessions in the western hemisphere and, perhaps even more important, "would form the basis for common diplomacy in the far east at the conclusion of the European conflict," one informant put it.

Friendless

"The plain truth of the matter," said a neutral diplomat, "is that neither Great Britain nor the United States has a powerful friend left anywhere else in the world. It behooves them to get together and make the best of the sorry situation."

Official sources were reluctant to comment on the talks between President Roosevelt and Canadian

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Airport Committee Meeting Is Tonight

Some of the greatest problems surrounding the issue of a new Eugene airport will be thrashed out in a meeting of the airport committee Wednesday night in the city hall, Bert Prescott, chairman, revealed Wednesday.

The proposed answers to these problems will be drawn up into a complete report which will be released this week-end, then presented to the city council to be acted upon next Monday night. Included in the report will be the options on four proposed airport sites, which, Mr. Prescott said, realtors will "definitely" have secured by that time.

Some of the questions bound to come up Wednesday night, are these:

1. How important is this question of a safe and modern flying field?
 2. Is the present Eugene airport safe, and can it reasonably be made into a modern field?
 3. Can Eugene—outside of Portland, the greatest natural crossroads for rail, truck, motor and air transportation in Oregon—get along with a relatively primitive and unsafe airbase?
 4. What about a site, which by commanding 100 per cent cooperation from federal, CAA and commercial aviation agencies, will reduce the load of this community to absolute minimum, as well as can be settled by thought and planning?
- The committee meeting, set for 7:30 in the council chambers, is open to the public, Mr. Prescott said.

Bad Weather Protects Britain From Airmen

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—(U.P)—Low-lying clouds and a curtain of British drizzling rain, it was indicated here tonight, are protecting Great Britain from immediate mass attack by the German air force.

The German air force has broken through the protective mantle of clouds to attack picked objectives, it was said, but it appeared likely that fighting on the scale of last week would not be resumed until weather conditions are improved.

Neutral sources familiar with weather conditions over Britain said that this type of weather is not unusual in August and might last as long as two or three weeks at a stretch.

Democratic Event At Grove Postponed

The picnic and meeting planned by the county central democratic committee at Cottage Grove for Wednesday evening has been postponed. Date for the event will be set later.



LONDON WEDNESDAY HEARD RUMORS of attempts to forge an Anglo-American military alliance. Both nations have confirmed reports negotiations are nearly complete to give the United States naval and plane base sites on British islands in the western Atlantic. This map shows the strategic advantages of an off-shore defense line.

Gibraltar Rock Fire-Wrapped, Spain Reports

Anglos Admit Raids On Mediterranean Base, Declare Fire Minor

LA LINEA, Spain, Aug. 21.—(A)—Britain's rock of Gibraltar flamed like a volcano early today after raiding warplanes dropped bombs on the fortress guarding the western gate of the Mediterranean.

In the pre-dawn darkness flames could be seen spreading down from the top of the rock—where long-range batteries apparently had been hit—toward the town where alarms sounded to summon residents to shelter.

The bombs apparently had set fire to ammunition dumps near the batteries.

From here and from Algeiras, Spain, across the bay from Gibraltar, fire could be clearly seen racing down the rock.

The top of the rock looked like a volcano belching flame.

FIRE "SMALL"

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 21.—(P)—Britain's great fortress of Gibraltar was raided twice today by enemy planes. Bomb started a small fire which was brought quickly under control, a communique said.

Atlantic Islands Draw Official Study

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(P)—The government's ranking legal, military and foreign policy officials conferred today on legal questions involved in acquisition by the United States of offshore naval and air bases.

Negotiations with the British for such bases have been reported in London to be advanced to the stage of agreement in principle.

Attorney General Jackson said after today's meeting at the justice department: "We have discussed the legal questions involved in the proposal and procedure for American acquisition of offshore naval and air bases along the Atlantic."

Jackson did not amplify and none of the other conferees would comment in response to questions whether a British government request for United States destroyers was also taken up at the meeting.

President Roosevelt has said that the destroyers question was not involved in the air and naval base situation. Prior to today's conference there had been much speculation that the question of letting the British have the fighting ships would be discussed.

Morals Charges Faced By Women After Raid

Two women were being held in the police detention room for medical examination and another, Mrs. Harvey Anderson, was out on \$100 bail Wednesday after city police raided the Anderson apartments, above the Metropolitan store on Willamette between Seventh and Eighth.

The arrest was made on morals charges, the two women being held on Jane Doe warrants and Mrs. Anderson said to appear for violation of a city ordinance against operation of a bawdy house.

Lenseless Camera Eyed

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 21.—A camera without any lens to take pictures of something which some experts claim can hardly be seen is being rigged up at Brown university by a group of astronomers preparing for an expedition to Brazil to view a total eclipse of the sun October 1.

Prof. Charles M. Smiley, Brown astronomer and head of the expedition, believes the new camera, which he fondly dubs "the ash-can," will enable him to prove his theory that zodiacal light around the sun can be photographed during a total eclipse.

Trotsky Dying After Attack

'Friend' Is Captured After Striking Red Exile

By EDWARD P. MORGAN
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21.—(U.P)—Leon Trotsky lay close to death today as physicians sought to save the famed Russian revolutionist from brain injuries inflicted by an assailant he had thought to be his friend.

Trotsky's condition was becoming rapidly worse despite an emergency operation. Efforts were made to rush an eminent brain specialist from the United States but it was feared there was little chance that a physician could arrive in time or that medical science could save Trotsky's life.

The latest bulletin from the Green Cross hospital where Trot-

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Italians Mass Along Frontier Of Greece

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 21.—(P)—Italian troops were reported massing along Greece's western frontier today as the Greek government, beleaguered by the fascist press for alleged mistreatment of Albanian minorities, strengthened its defenses by placing more reserves under arms.

The call to the colors was the first issued in a week of growing tension in relations with Italy.

Premier General John Metaxas conferred at length last night with King George II, but no explanation for the sudden increase in the nation's armed forces was given and official circles declined to comment on the reports of Italian troop concentrations.

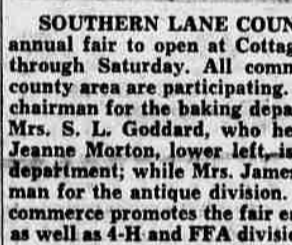
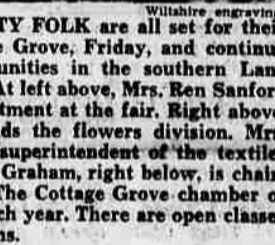
"Reports abroad can neither be confirmed nor denied," a spokesman said.

A. J. Gillette Runs For Water Board

A. J. Gillette, well known in Eugene for his years service as Southern Pacific agent before his retirement three years ago, is to be a candidate for the city water board from the third ward, following petitions going into circulation in his behalf late Tuesday.

Mr. Gillette resides at 571 Eighth avenue west and seeks the post being left vacant by Orlando J. Hollis, who moved from ward three to ward one.

Only one other office is open on the water board at this coming election, the position from ward four. As announced in the Register-Guard last week, Percy W. Brown is to seek re-election from this ward.



'War' in Washington Found Exciting by Eugene Youth

By WILLIAM M. TUGMAN JR.
CAMP MURRAY, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special)—After five days of intensive maneuvers in which some 40,000 troops participated, an armistice was signed to end the war between the "blues" of the south and the "reds" of the north.

It has been a thrilling, but very exhausting, five days for the participating troops, and officers, as well as men, were glad to get back to Camp Murray.

The "war" started for the troops of the 18th infantry, including Company M of Eugene and the medical unit and Company C of the 162nd infantry, on Tuesday. The troops marched until 2 a. m. and camped "somewhere north" of the town of Roy.

Trucks to Rescue

Moving out again at 7 a. m. the troops marched through Roy (cleaning out the local store on the way) and marched until 3 that afternoon, when trucks picked up most of them. Included in the less-fortunate persons who had to hoof it an extra five miles into Hart's lake were Captains McKinnon and Chapman of the medical unit.

Defensive positions were taken up about the lake, and Company M machine guns were along the lower shores. The troops had barely gotten into their sleeping

bags when they were awakened by a heavy rain.

Official program for the notification ceremonies was received

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Italy Clamps Blockade On Mediterranean Lands

ROME, Aug. 21.—(P)—War flared to new intensity in the Mediterranean today as Italy launched a "total blockade" of British territories in that region and Stefani, the Italian news agency, reported a furious air-sea battle in which it said seven British planes were shot down.

Time and place of the battle were not disclosed.

O'Mahoney Wins Office Again In Montana

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 21.—(P)—By a 10-to-1 walkaway, United States Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney won democratic renomination in yesterday's Wyoming primary election and Frank O. Horton, republican house member, was renominated by a 6 to 1 majority.

O'Brien Death Mystery Grows

Strangulation, Blow Have Caused Death; Cause Is Studied

Mystery of the death of M. O'Brien, 57, whose body was found in the basement of his home and upholstering store at 1111 Willamette street Tuesday, was heightened when a report of the autopsy on the body by Dr. E. D. Furrer was made to Coroner Charles P. Poole Tuesday evening. The report that death occurred either by strangulation or from a blow to the head.

O'Brien's body was suspended from the ceiling of the basement with a small rope around his neck. The knees were bent so that they hardly touched the floor. An old hammer was near the body. Dr. Furrer said he had a bad bruise on the right side of the head and this bruise, by a blunt instrument, caused injury to the brain on the right side of the head, the physician said.

A bruise on the head did not appear to have been made with the hammer but could have been made by a blow from the instrument, the inside of the officers said. Or it could have been made by the head of a horizontal timber near the body as it swung around.

Note Left

While reading, "If anything is to be done, look in the mirror," it written by Mr. O'Brien, was taken by the officers as evidence that he committed suicide.

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Route F Progress Hindered By Ransom

Progress of Lane county's proposed route F, has been held up by a ransom of \$10,000 demanded by a group of interested Eugene businessmen to work out a project that would bring greater prosperity to this area.

The project is a one-step in that program to lower freight rates—referred to as the Route F project—throughout those years, which would be a boon to the county.

At the end of this year around 10,000 will have been spent to complete the project originally estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. By fall, this road would be in finished form 12 miles out from Eugene, Mr. Ransom said.

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Henry Spores, Lifelong Mohawk Dies

Henry Spores, lifelong member of the Mohawk and one of the most active in the I. O. O. F., died Wednesday morning at his home on the Mohawk. He was born on the Mohawk in 1858, the son of James M. Spores. He married Emma Drury at Mabel on the Mohawk. Besides his wife, he has two daughters, Ethel and Bobbie Neale; one son, Dan Spores; one sister, Leta Reanick of Eugene. He was a member of the Eugene First church.

Funeral services will be held at the Bartholomew chapel in Eugene Friday at 2 p. m., Rev. Workman officiating. Interment will be in the Donna cemetery.

Weather News

EUGENE: Fair tonight and tomorrow, but considerable clouding on coast and in north; moderate; little temperature change; moderate northwest wind.

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	2:50 p. m.	(1.7 feet)
	3:54 a. m.	(1.1 foot)
	3:54 p. m.	(1.8 of a foot)
Friday	2:30 a. m.	(1.1 feet)
	2:42 p. m.	(1.3 feet)
	3:54 a. m.	(1.4 feet)
	3:54 p. m.	(1.8 of a foot)

Why France Fell . . . the Fifth Column

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the third of four articles made public by Secretary Knox of the navy department at Washington as part of the national defense program. Colonel Donovan recently returned from a mission abroad, on behalf of Secretary Knox. He wrote these articles in collaboration with Edgar Mowrer, distinguished foreign correspondent.

By Colonel William J. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer

The masterpiece of the "fifth column" was unquestionably the French debacle. Here everything that Hitler had promised came to pass with almost mathematical precision.

He did not strike until he was in touch with certain important Frenchmen who were ready to treat with him. He needed but one

swift blow. He terrified the soldiers by his noise-making engines. He demoralized the generals by the daring of his strategic conceptions. He troubled the entire population by his radio propaganda that insisted that France was being betrayed by Britain and by the French "war-mongers." He spread horrible rumors through villages, issued fearsome reports by wireless, and then, when the populations had congested the roads in their flight, machine-gunned them to heighten their panic.

Meanwhile his agents within France, presumably by clandestine wireless senders, kept him informed of what was going on and he could thus choose the precise moment for Italy's entrance into the war when French disarray was at its climax. As a result France was not only beaten

far more thoroughly and far more easily than Poland, but unlike Poland, France cracked morally as well and a new set of leaders sought to purchase the German's mercy, if not his respect, by submission to France's conquerors.

Admittedly this could not have been accomplished save during a low ebb in French history. The French masses were increasingly materialistic. Capital and labor were at logger heads, the former remembering the experiments of the popular front government of 1936-37, the latter resentful of the attempted fascist coup d'etat in 1934 and the unpunished "cagouillard" fascist conspiracy later. Moreover, the peculiar French form of parliamentary government was creaking and the bulk of the people had lost nearly all faith in their leaders. This enabled Hitler (and Mussolini as

well) to keep up propaganda pressure often through the communists, and prevent the output in the armament industries from ever reaching a satisfactory level.

The crucial test justified all Hitler's efforts: when the French soldiers had a chance of fighting on equal terms, they fought fairly well; when nothing but heroism could have made up for superior German equipment, the French infantry, repeatedly deserted by their officers, melted away.

What happened to the French officers? Simply this: for the most part they had ceased to believe in freedom, democracy or any of the slogans which alone could galvanize the entire country.

While not exactly pro-fascist

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