

FRENCH REVOLT LOOMS IN PETAIN CRISIS

Eugene Company Forms Chamber Will Fete Visitors Here Monday

Eugene made an active bid for establishment of a federated wood distillation plant here with the announced Saturday of incorporation by the Willamette Valley Wood Distillation company.

Placing this city in position to negotiate for a federal plan, the new \$25,000 corporation was organized by a forest committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce, taking from Congressman Harris Ellsworth of the fourth district, who recently reported possibility of wood distillation being set up by the federal government in the north-

Earl McNutt, Eugene chamber of commerce president, will be host at a breakfast Monday morning, welcoming the visiting chamber of commerce secretaries of Oregon, who will hold an all-day meeting in the Mirror room of the Eugene hotel.

Discussion topics will include membership building, war contracts, post-war planning and other subjects pertinent to the chamber secretary's work. John W. Kelly, executive secretary of the Oregon post-war planning commission, will discuss the benefits the various chambers can receive from state research and will invite each secretary to present the plans of his city.

Dr. Victor P. Morris and Arthur J. Farmer of the Oregon post-war planning commission also will address the visiting secretaries. The Monday afternoon session will be given over to a round-table discussion of voluntary rent control.

Pending legislation as it may affect chamber duties will be discussed by William E. Hammond of the U.S. chamber.

Calf Slaughter Opinions Vary

Statement from Portland that slaughtering of calves was expected to become widespread in the Oregon dairy industry, because farmers were reported unable to sell them or afford to feed them, brought varied comment from local dairymen.

The Lane county dairymen contacted, none of whom wanted to be quoted, agreed there was considerable slaughtering of the young calves going on here for several reasons—confused regulation on the dairy business; economic factors, such as a lack of milk to feed the young calves with not even enough milk to fulfill human demands; lack of demand and price for the calves, etc.

S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, had predicted: "There will be thousands of calves slaughtered in Oregon if the price ceiling of dairy products is not lifted—some drastic action must be taken on the dairy industry, particularly in the Portland area, is faced with ruin." One Portland man with a 300-cow herd, reported-

"Victory Concert" Of Symphony Dec. 2

"Victory Concert" is the title for the entertainment and program to be presented by the University of Oregon Symphony orchestra on Thursday, Dec. 2, for the benefit of the Lane county USO. The concert will be given in the campus school of music building, 8 p.m. on that date. No admission is being charged, but a silver offering will be taken. Several special features are lined up for the program.

One of the main features will be the playing of Tchaikowsky's Concerto in B Flat Minor, Opus 23, by Aurora Potter Underwood, pianist, this number being requested especially by the USO organization, and being an especially popular one now.

The entire program features music of the countries under the allied banner in the war. Besides Tchaikowsky's number, Russia's "Overture, Russian and Ludmilla."

American music will feature an American fantasy by Victor Herbert. The English composer selected is Vaughan Williams, his number for two string orchestras to be played.

Tense Germans Guard Against New Violence

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(UP)—Vichy France was reported tonight in the throes of its gravest political crisis since July, 1940, with the German occupation authorities and their collaborationist sycophants tensely on guard against a possible general internal revolt sparked by Marshal Henri Philippe Petain's rumored resignation and 11th hour conversion to a democratic France.

Unconfirmed reports radiating from Vichy, Berlin and Madrid claimed variously that the 87-year-old chief of state had "abdicated," offered his resignation, was a prisoner or under house arrest of either the nazis or Pierre Laval, or was ill of a heart ailment, presumably the aftermath to the ban on his speech last Saturday in which he supposedly planned to promulgate a new constitutional act disinheriting Laval.

Apparently in an effort to quell the sensational rumors, radio Vichy, to which foreign broadcasts earlier attributed the announcement of Petain's "abdication," reported tonight that the chief of state received two delegations today and that Laval had "informed him of discussions at a cabinet meeting over which Laval presided this morning."

There was no inkling as to the subject of the cabinet talks, but it was the first time in five days that radio Vichy had mentioned Petain's activities. Neither Vichy nor the Paris radio has reported Petain's daily calendar since last Monday, previously a "must" on their broadcasts.

French underground reports here and Swiss dispatches to Stockholm said the rumors of Petain's surprising change of heart whereby he sought to inject a semblance of democracy into the three-year-old voluntary collaboration fiction, and of his arrest, had created considerable tension throughout France.

Salt Lake Air Stops Oregon Army, 13-6

The Salt Lake City Airbase Wings, hoping to meet the March Field Flyers in a charity game in Los Angeles before the close of the season, were given a stubborn battle before 3500 spectators at Hayward field Saturday afternoon before defeating the under-manned Oregon Army Ducks, 13 to 6.

Coach Don Galbreath's Wings, with a harddriving fullback in Ed Dusek gaining ground at will, threatened almost continually between the 20-yard lines, but needed a break for their first touchdown in the third period and a 63-yard gallop on punt return by the Halfback Dick DeShazo in the final frame for the two touchdowns.

Coach John Warren's Army Ducks played great defensive football, stopping the entire all-collegiate Rocky Mountain grid-

Got a Radio Tube?

The 364th field artillery at Camp Adair has a swell radio. The boys gather around it during games and admire it, and wonder how it would sound—

If it just had a tube. It lacks one tube—a 50-L-6 GT—which happens to be hard to find on the market. They'd gladly buy one from anyone who has such a tube to spare, Sergeant F. W. Jones told the Register-Guard Saturday evening.

Anyone with a 50-L-6 tube, please leave it at Del Rey cafe in Eugene, or send to Sgt. Jones, headquarters 364th field artillery, Camp Adair.



PENCILLIN PATIENT—Dramatic expedition of a pencillin shipment by plane and train from the east coast to Eugene focused attention on the gallant fight for life being waged in a local hospital by Laddie Robertson, 13, of Springfield, shown above.

Pencillin Brings Ray of Hope as Boy Shows Gain

Laddie Robertson, victim of a strange blood disease that threatens his life, grinned faintly from his bed in a local hospital last night and rallied to the injections of pencillin that had been flown across a continent in hope of saving him.

The 13-year-old Springfield boy is showing slight improvement under administration of the wonder drug, which was released by the government on special request of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Robertson.

The pencillin has been injected, slowly and continuously, into the boy's arm since 7 o'clock Saturday morning, one hour after the package was obtained from the Eugene postoffice by his uncle, W. R. Robertson of Eugene.

Attending doctors said that recovery of the boy still is uncertain, but that he is "holding his own," is conscious, and never complains about his illness.

A hitherto healthy youngster with curly brown hair, and large for his 13 years, Laddie was stricken by the disease on August 26. Since that time, except for a few short periods when he showed some tendency toward recovery, he has been desperately ill.

When doctors ventured the idea that the new marvel of medicine, which has been used to such effectiveness by the armed forces, pencillin, might help the boy, the family exerted all their energies toward obtaining a supply. Permission was granted this week by an army doctor at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore.

A small quantity of pencillin was dispatched by plane from Boston. The package was scheduled to arrive in Portland Thursday night, and the boy's cousin, Ford Danner, obtained police escort to drive without delay from Eugene north. Postal employees were unable to locate it there, however, and the package arrived in Eugene by train early Saturday.

T. I. Giedd, plywood plant employee of Springfield whose co-workers volunteered as blood donors for him last week, was said to be in "better condition" Saturday night at a Eugene hospital.

Transfusions on Giedd, who is 37 and had a critically low number of white blood corpuscles to fight infection, have been discontinued, at least for the time being, the hospital said. He received one or two transfusions daily for several days.

Chairman Alton F. Baker, writes: "Please select an employee, who gets along well with his fellow-employees, to handle the solicitation of the labor element in your plant or establishment. Also please appoint a man to work with him who will represent management, and solicit the business office. These two will work as a team for the conduct of the campaign in your firm. These men are busy, but to be effective they must receive instruction."

National Mine Wage Parley Believed Near

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(UP)—The War Labor Board removed a major uncertainty hampering a soft coal wage negotiations tonight and perhaps opened the way for a national wage conference affecting 450,000 miners.

The action was taken in a WLB decision defining the terms for overtime and piece-work wages under Coal Administrator Ickes' agreement with president John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers governing operation of the mines under federal management.

The board modified Ickes' formula for overtime pay of both day rate and piece work miners, trimming about 30 cents a week from miners' earnings. Under the original formula the basic, six-day wage amounted in all to \$57.37. Under the WLB modification it will be \$57.07.

By completing action on the agreement, the WLB in effect opened the way for participation by all soft coal operators in union-owner negotiations which started this week at Ickes' request.

The board voted 7-5 to modify the formula, with dissenting votes cast by public member Wayne L. Morse, who had dissented from the board's original general approval of the Ickes-Lewis agreement, and by the labor members.

Methodist Youth Group Meets Here

Officers elected at the Methodist student movement meeting at the First Methodist church in Eugene Saturday evening were: president, Leslie Brockelbank, Eugene, University of Oregon; vice-president, Stella Spears, Oregon State College; secretary, Mary Margaret Livesay, Willamette university.

The following members at large were chosen: Gladys Beckendorf, Oregon State College; Louise Rickabaugh, University of Oregon; and Loren Wintershed, Willamette university. Rev. John L. Knight, Willamette university, was elected counselor. The retiring president is Paul Jaquith, Willamette university.

The campus vesper choir will sing at the communion service Sunday at 8:30.

Tax Plan Backed By County Group

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(UP)—Delegates to the Association of Oregon Counties closed their meeting here today by passing a resolution to support congressional legislation proposed by Sen. Charles L. McNary of Oregon which would require payment of taxes on federally-owned lands.

The delegates also adopted a resolution for establishment of an intermediate juvenile institution for youths with unsound minds.

In an address to the assembly, Tom Watson, Multnomah county assessor, declared the federal government's acquisition of tax fee property might "detax" counties to the point where they would have no means of financing their affairs. H. D. Kerkman of Hillsboro, Washington county judge, was elected president.

which employers and workers are being asked to attend. Workers are asked to begin their firm or plant campaigns on Wednesday, to do the majority of the solicitation on Friday and Saturday, and to complete the job by the following Tuesday, November 30.

Desperate Nazi Drives In Russia Hurled Back As Enemy Slaughtered

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Red army troops crumpled a massed German tank and infantry attack in bitter fighting east of Zhitomir yesterday, slaughtering 1000 nazis, overran German defense positions to widen their newly-won bridgehead at Cherkasi and gained in their drive toward the manganese center of Nikopol, Moscow announced early today.

British Gain Perils Nazi Sector in Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Breaking through German forward positions in the first heavy fighting on the Italian front in recent days, the British eighth army lunged forward five miles to capture Perano, it was announced today, thereby threatening an important inland sector of the nazis' heavily fortified line behind the Sangro river.

Against heavy artillery fire, wretched weather and difficult terrain, the fifth army also made some gains above Vemafro along the northern sector of its front.

The capture of the village of Perano put the troops of Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery within less than a mile of the only bridge crossing the Sangro river between the coastal road and a point 10 miles from the Adriatic.

From their new vantage points eighth army units could look across the river at a short section of an extremely important lateral road upon which the Germans are dependent for supplying large forces entrenched in the hills overlooking the Sangro.

The storm of the past week has washed out hopes of an allied entry into Rome at any time in the near future, particularly in view of the time that has been given the Germans to deepen their defense.

Kick-Off Set By Democrats

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(UP)—The democratic national committee will meet here next January 22 to arrange the time and place for the national convention, Chairman Frank C. Walker announced tonight.

Walker said the meeting will be coordinated with the democratic-sponsored Jackson day dinners and "to this extent January 22 may be taken as the opening of the 1944 campaign."

Several months ago Walker proposed that both democrats and republicans delay the political campaigns until late summer to avoid interference with the war effort.

At the Jackson day dinners, Walker promised, there will be speeches that will give "answers to a lot of questions."

Bombers Follow Up Leverkusen Raid

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(P)—British heavy bombers, striking for the third time in three nights at the sources of vast quantities of Germany's war chemicals and poison gases, last night pounded Leverkusen, an industrial suburb of Cologne, and today lighter allied planes followed up with a daylight foray against other targets.

The principal goal for the RAF last night was a group of plants belonging to the great I. G. Farbenindustrie chemical trust, known to produce ingredients used in the production of poison gas although not the gas itself. The town's importance as a source of explosive chemicals is rated alongside Ludwigshafen, which the RAF had blasted heavily on both the preceding nights.

Britain Has Raid

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(P)—A small number of German planes struck at Britain tonight and a few reached London in nuisance raids which caused slight damage and cost the German air force two planes. A few casualties were reported. The nazis planes dropped high explosive bombs in one London district, in two other places in the home counties and in southeast England.

The Russian midnight bulletin said a total of 4000 Germans were killed in fighting which saw soviet troops beat back German counter-attacks at two other main points and gain ground in the lower Pripiet river area west of Chernigov, and to the north in the Rechitsa region west of almost-encircled Gomel. In the Rechitsa area alone 1200 Germans were killed as the Russians went over to the attack after blasting nine consecutive nazi counterattacks.

Hoping to capitalize to the fullest on the German capture Friday of the strategic rail and highway junction of Zhitomir, Marshal Fritz von Manstein launched an assault in the area of Korostyshev, 15 miles to the east.

Soviet forces, fighting near the scene of the greatest Russian setback of the 1943 campaign, met a thrust of 6000 German infantrymen and 60 tanks in one sector, the war bulletin, recorded here by the soviet monitor, said.

In the drive toward Nikopol, on the south side of the Dnieper bend, a red army guard unit carried off a night attack and threw the surprised Germans from a strategic height southwest of Dnepropetrovsk which dominated the surrounding countryside. The Germans counterattacked three times without success in an attempt to regain their positions and left 700 dead on the battlefield.

Clothing-Salvage Drive Begins Monday

The campaign to gather the discarded clothing of Eugeneans for the war-suffering people of Europe begins Monday morning in Eugene. Eugeneans are urged to take a wardrobe survey and then discard only those articles of clothing which they will not wear again. These articles should then be brought to the Eugene collection depot, located at 120 East Park street, which is the rear entrance to the old Safeway store, near Broadway and Oak streets.

The discarded clothing campaign (and rags included) is in charge of the Lane county office of civilian defense under supervision of J. J. Kermanman, chairman of the salvage committee. The drive is being instigated by the textile division of the war production board and is on a nationwide scale. Closing date is December 4.

The war has created new and more urgent demands for old clothes. The efforts of relief and charitable organizations will not be by-passed by the present drive but it is felt that a consolidated, intensive effort on a nationwide scale would meet in a more efficient manner the emergency need for discarded clothing and rags.

Distribution of the collected clothing will be made by WPB and it will be allocated to the most demanding domestic and foreign needs.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Oregon — partly cloudy Sunday. Little change in temperature. Expected maximum Sunday 50 degrees.

Local Statistics: Minimum temperature Saturday morning, 37 degrees, maximum Saturday 57 degrees. Stage of Willamette river in Eugene Saturday evening, -1.4 feet.

Table with 3 columns: Day, High, Low. Rows for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Don't Forget Paper salvage drive by Junior chamber of commerce in Eugene Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

IT'S JUST LIKE A TREASURE HUNT—Reading Register-Guard want-ads. You can find those "hard to get" items there where they're not to be found elsewhere. Don't miss the fun—turn to the want-ads in your paper now.