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Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, occasional light rain; gentle southerly wind. Thursday max. 48, min. 29. Rain 9. River 6.1 ft. S.E. wind, partly cloudy.

Great Battle in Progress in Libyan Desert

FDR Awaiting Lewis Reply in Coal Mine Strike

Federal Action Delayed Until Tomorrow—Ten Shot in Pennsylvania

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that no federal action might be expected in the captive coal mine dispute before he receives a reply tomorrow from John L. Lewis stating the position of the United Mine Workers policy committee on the chief executive's latest appeal for a settlement.

Mr. Roosevelt had asked for either maintenance of the status quo on the issue of a "closed shop," as he phrased it, or an agreement to arbitrate with any resulting decision being accepted in advance.

The president's position was made known at a press conference while the CIO, in national convention at Detroit, was adopting a resolution calling upon Mr. Roosevelt to stop the reported training of army men in "strike-breaking tactics."

New Strike Riot

There have been authoritative reports for several days that 50,000 army men were in readiness to take over captive mines if the president decided that was necessary to restore production of fuel for vital steel mills. Over night there were reports the troops would come from Camp Forrest, Tenn., and other southern points.

A new outbreak in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, heart of the captive mine area in that state, resulted in the wounding of 10 UMW pickets. Three men were wounded at the same time yesterday.

Apparently taking cognizance of the reports that troops were ready for use in the mine areas, the CIO resolution asked Mr. Roosevelt "to direct that the training of selectees and other service men for strike-breaking be immediately stopped."

Congress Ready

At the capital, representatives of the war and navy departments approved legislation being considered by a senate subcommittee to authorize governmental seizure of strike-bound defense industries and to freeze working conditions in them during the national emergency.

Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson termed the legislation, introduced by Senator Connally, D., Tex., a "sensible and rational way" (Concluded on page 11, column 8)

Peace Proposal Made to Japan

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The United States has offered Japan access to all the raw materials she needs if she will abandon force as an instrument of national policy, it was learned today.

Whether Japan will alter her course in order to participate in the economic program which reliable sources said the United States has offered is one of the basic questions in discussions now going on between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and two of Japan's diplomats, Saburo Kurusu and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

Another suggestion came today from Senator Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, a member of the senate foreign relations committee and one of the senate's leading experts on Oriental affairs. He believes that the crux of Japan's difficulties with the United States is her pact with Nazi Germany and suggested that agreement between Japan and China to "freeze" military lines and arbitrate a territorial settlement might solve the U.S.-Japanese crisis.

Thomas proposed that a seven or nine man American commission undertake to arbitrate such a settlement. He emphasized that this country could not back down on its policy of aid to China or make a settlement based on China's yielding territory outright to Japan; nor could Japan, he conceded, merely denounce its accord with Germany. It would have to follow proper diplomatic procedure, he said.



Promoted—Maj. Gen. A. E. Nye (above) is the new vice chief of the British Imperial staff. Only 45, he is one of the youngest generals Britain has known. Up from the ranks, he was elevated to a generality only a year ago. This picture was cabled from London. — Associated Press Photo.

President Signs Highway Bill

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he had signed a bill providing funds for construction of defense highways but that he had objected to the inclusion of money for roads not urgently needed for defense.

Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference he had discussed the matter in a letter to the chairman of the senate and house roads committees, Senator McKellar, D., Tenn., and Representative Cartwright, D., Okla.

The only reason he signed the measure, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters, was to get the money for defense roads. He said the bill offered a place where a saving might have been made during this time of emergency, but that this was not done, and millions of dollars were put in the bill for non-defense road construction.

In his letter, Mr. Roosevelt expressed "an earnest hope" that congress would eliminate authorizations "not representing immediate requirements for our national defense."

He referred to an authorization of \$50,000,000 for a so-called strategic network of highways and bridges and declared this, as compared with a \$150,000,000 authorization for roads providing access to military and naval reservations and defense industry sites, did not represent an immediate defense need.

Hubbard Garage Gutted by Fire

Hubbard, Nov. 21—Fire started by a defective oil heater completely gutted the stock room of the J. W. Berkey garage here shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$2,500 with no insurance.

So fierce were the flames that the Woodburn fire department was called to assist in getting them under control.

Mistaken Identity In Forged Check Case

Strangest case of mistaken identity so far as known in local annals came to light with announcement today by District Attorney Miller Hayden that he will file a motion in circuit court to dismiss a forgery charge against Marie Young of Vancouver who is out on \$1000 bail and whose case it was expected would have been set for trial next Monday when Judge Page expects to set all pending cases on the docket.

Report which has just come from a special investigator in California to the district attorney's office here brought word that Ellen G. Swenson, serving a term in the Tehachapi Women's prison in that state, has admitted passing the checks in Salem which had been attributed to Mrs. Young and said that this was merely part of a flurry of checks she left as she passed from Alaska on through Oregon to California.

Checks involved were passed at the Hotel Marion and on some merchants here. The hotel Marion

CIO Denounces Strike Breaking Army Training

Cancellation of Strikers' Deferments Hit—Murray Reelected

Detroit, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Congress of Industrial Organizations today denounced alleged "strike-breaking training" of federal troops.

Delegates attending the CIO's fourth annual convention embodied the condemnation in a series of resolutions on the selective service act.

The measure charged that the selective service administration had served as "a strike-breaking agency by cancellation of occupational deferments of strikers in several instances, notably the North American Aircraft strike at Inglewood, Cal."

"This convention denounces such a practice," the resolution said of drills in labor-dispute tactics, "and calls upon the president as commander-in-chief of the army to direct that the training of draftees and other service men for strike-breaking be immediately stopped."

Lesser resolutions were passed as reported by the convention committee at a rate of one every three minutes.

Unanimity prevailed in the voting. President Philip Murray moved for peace within the organization and ordered, specifically, that members of the united automobile workers cease slow-downs and other unauthorized strikes against the Ford Motor Co.

Murray was re-elected today in the final session of the CIO's fourth annual convention as president. The convention also must elect other officers and pass on some 50 minor resolutions before it is through. It was notable for the decline of the influence of John L. Lewis, president of the united mine workers of America, once its leader. It was the first time that Lewis hadn't dominated a CIO convention.

Murray intervened in the UAW relations with Ford at a love feast last night at which the convention delegates presented him with a new automobile, paid for by local 600 of the auto workers. He told the workers that he spoke about Ford because he wanted to "preserve one of the finest labor contracts in the country today."

The united automobile workers have a closed shop, check-off contract with Ford, once a bitter foe of unionism.

"There is something I want to tell you fellows," Murray said. "We've got to live up to this contract with Ford. This tinkering out there has got to stop. No more unauthorized strikes or slowdowns. Remember, if you won't stop them, somebody else will."

"Some of you fellows are walking around with a chip on your shoulder. Don't forget—it's quite possible that you might get it knocked off some day. We have important obligations under this contract. Let's live up to them."

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Roosevelt Fails To Use Weapon

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Rep. E. Cox, D., Ga., had this comment today on President Roosevelt's failure to address a message to congress requesting anti-strike legislation:

"Here are strikes spreading all over the country, and Mr. Roosevelt sits down in the White House holding in his hand the jawbone of an ass—the congress—and refuses to use it."



Charge of the Tank Brigade—These tanks crossing a small stream near Tacoma, Wash., were part of a 60-tank unit which staged the largest maneuvers ever held in the Pacific northwest. — Associated Press Photo.

Program for UAL Celebration

Chairman of committees for celebration of the beginning of United Air Lines service in Salem December 5 were appointed at a noon luncheon at the Marion today by General Chairman Irl S. McSherry. Each chairman will select his associates. The chairmen are: Distinguished guests and

noon luncheon, Mayor W. W. Chadwick; transportation, W. L. Phillips; police and traffic, Assistant Chief of Police E. C. Charlton; dedication program at the airport, Tom Armstrong; reception hour, Frank Doerflinger; evening banquet, Jerrold Owen; decorations, Harry Brown, Oliver Judd and Don Black; school and service club programs, Guy Hickok.

The tentative program for an all day celebration contemplates numerous interesting events: In the forenoon a plane or planes will arrive from Portland. One of these will bring various dignitaries representing the United Air Lines, the city of Portland, the army air corps, etc. Also a sleeper plane may arrive and some time during the day a squadron of planes from the Portland army air base is expected.

The noon luncheon will begin at 12 o'clock and seated will be the visiting dignitaries and an equal (Concluded on page 11, column 3)

Nazi Flying Ace Killed in Action

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The German radio announced today that Capt. Baron Franz von Werra, young German ace, who escaped from a British camp in Canada and later jumped a deportation appearance bond in the United States, had been killed in action at the head of his pursuit squadron.

Von Werra, who was 27 and then a sub-lieutenant, escaped from a Canadian prison train in the Laurentian region last January 23, hitchhiked to the St. Lawrence river and rowed across the vicinity of Ogdensburg, N. Y., where he was captured by U. S. authorities for illegal entry.

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Pamona Grange Opposes Session

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—A special legislative session to consider the multimonth county tax situation is opposed by the Pamona Grange, Master Claude H. Miller said yesterday.

Grangers felt no reduction in taxes on homes would be accomplished by a special session, he said.

See British Push To the Atlantic

Ankara, Nov. 21 (AP)—Well-informed neutral sources said today the objective of the British offensive in Africa is not merely a drive to the Tunisian border but, if all goes well, a push all the way west to the Atlantic ocean.

These diplomats believe Germany is in the process of making a more or less final "peace" settlement with France under which the nazis would pledge themselves to "help" France protect her North African possessions.

It is believed here that if the British offensive really gets rolling, the Germans would waste no time in sealing their bargain with Vichy and moving right into Tunis, Morocco and Dakar—with all its implications for the United States.

News of the offensive delighted most Turkish political circles although they adopted a most cautious attitude.

The importance of the offensive to Turkey is that if completed successfully the British can reinforce their armies in Syria, Iran and Iraq, providing an improved prospect of aid to Turkey if she is attacked and blocking the route of the Germans from the Caucasus into the Middle East.

10 Million Russian Casualties Say Nazis

Berlin, Nov. 21 (AP)—Authorized German sources said today that 10,000,000 Russians had been killed, wounded or captured in the five months of war with the Soviet Union, ended today. The figure was cited in what they termed a "survey of Hitler's strategy of destruction."

The Germans listed 3,792,000 prisoners.

The Germans said that 15,877 Russian planes had been captured or destroyed, 27,452 tanks destroyed or captured and 27,129 guns seized or smashed. Also listed as destroyed were 52 Russian warships, with 59 damaged, and 138 merchantships sunk and 137 damaged.

Woman Gang Leader Pays Death Penalty

San Quentin, Calif., Nov. 21 (AP)—"The Duchess," a haggard, grim-faced woman who ruled a gang of killers and robbers, was executed today in the state's gas chamber. She was Evieta Juanita Spinelli, 52, the first woman to die by the law in California.

The woman was half carried into the death cell by two guards whom she never seemed to see.

Her lips moved in prayer as she stumbled into the room.

There was an electric light just outside the gas chamber upon which here eyes were fixed constantly, as though she never wanted that light to leave her sight.

The state supreme court today denied two last-minute legal attempts to save the life of Mrs. Juanita "The Duchess" Spinelli. The denial came only five minutes before the 10 o'clock time set for her execution.

Reds Beat Off New Nazi Push Moscow Front

Bloody Fighting in Progress in 3 Sectors—Nazi Losses Heavy

(By the Associated Press)

On the Russo-German war front, the soviet radio reported today that "bloody fighting is now in progress" in three sectors along Moscow's 200-mile defense arc and that the red armies had beaten off a violent new offensive launched by the Germans Tuesday night.

"Fighting is especially tense in the northern sector of the front, where the enemy flung in large forces of tanks and infantry and tried to break through to the town of 'K,' the radio said.

This presumably referred to the key town of Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow.

Nazi Losses Heavy

"One of our units supported by tanks counter-attacked near 'K,' occupied two villages, ambushed the headquarters of a large enemy unit, wiped out 100 soldiers, and destroyed many tanks, trucks, motorcycles and guns," the Soviet account continued.

German losses in men and machines were described as "tremendous sacrifices," with the nazis hurling tens of thousands of troops into the flaming battle lines in an attempt to break through Russian defenses.

In the Volokolamsk sector alone, 65 miles northwest of Moscow, the Germans were said to have sent eight divisions—about 120,000 men—into action, but the Russians declared that red army troops "launched a violent counter-attack which the Germans could not withstand and they retired westward, evacuating many villages."

Wedge Driven In

In the Moshalsk sector, 57 miles west of Moscow, the Russians admitted that the invaders, striking simultaneously in several places, had driven a wedge into Soviet lines.

"Fierce fighting is now in progress here (Moshalsk). Several villages change hands continuously," the radio said.

Russian front line dispatches said that the Germans were also striking with savage fury in the Tula sector, 100 miles south of Moscow, and that bloody losses "failed to dampen the enemy's ardor and he continues to strive forward."

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters gave no hint that this was a new all-out smash to take Moscow—as seemed apparent from Soviet reports—merely noting that "further progress" had been made by axis armies on the central front and in the Donets river basin in the Ukraine.

12,000 Employed In Shipyards

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—Officials of the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation said here today that employment at the 11-way yards had reached 12,000.

The fifth ship will be launched Sunday, just 10 months from the start of plant construction.

130 German Tanks Destroyed In Engagement

American Made Tanks Victorious—British Advance 100 Miles

(By the Associated Press)

Cairo, Nov. 21 (AP)—British mechanized forces in a two-day battle in Libya were reported officially today to have destroyed 130 German tanks and 33 armored cars and taken several hundred prisoners.

The British reported that they drove German panzer units back on Sidi Rezzezh, where fighting was in progress south of besieged Tobruk.

The statement, issued from British general headquarters, said that strong British armored columns were penetrating deeply into Libya (apparently having swept west of Tobruk) and that the Germans were falling back as their communications lines were endangered.

Great Battle On

"The battle was joined in earnest Thursday afternoon," the communiqué said. "Following rapid advances in two previous days, our armored forces on Thursday engaged German tanks in strength in the vicinity of Sidi Rezzezh (south of Tobruk)."

"After losing 70 tanks and 33 armored cars, the German forces withdrew, leaving several hundred prisoners in our hands," the communiqué continued.

The communiqué said that a British armored formation went into action against another concentration of German tanks which had advanced southward from Bardia to the Gambut sector, on the coast east of Tobruk.

100 Mile Drive

"During the first action on Wednesday, the enemy sustained 26 tank casualties against 20 of our own," it added.

Britain's eighth army drove 100 miles into Libya today and appeared on the threshold of lifting the 223-day siege of Tobruk.

Sweeping across the desert wastes of Cyrenaica like a battle fleet at sea, the armored forces, of Lieut. Gen. C. J. E. Auchinleck—many of (Concluded on page 11, column 5)

Clouds Ease Cold Weather

(By the United Press)

Increasing cloudiness along the coast today promised relief from a two-day cold wave which covered Oregon and Washington.

The weather bureau said temperatures would hover around the freezing point again tonight but it looked for rising temperatures and possibly rains the western part of the two states by tomorrow afternoon.

Coldest point in the northwest last night was Lakeview, Ore., where the mercury dropped to 14 degrees above zero. Burns, Ore., reported 18 above to take second honors.

North Dales and Kelso, Wash., recorded 25 above to take low temperature laurels in that state. Seattle listed 33, Spokane 28, Yakima and Olympia 30.

Other Oregon temperatures: Baker 20, Brookings 35, Eugene 26, Medford 25, North Bend 34, Pendleton 32, Portland 30, Salem 29 and the Siskiyou Summit 26.

Pet Redmond Deer Goes on Rampage

Redmond, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Loren Parrish's pet buck deer lost its inferiority complex and in the space of an hour:

Confronted automobiles along the highway and forced drivers to stop and go around him; barricaded a grocery store and refused customers egress or exit; mauled a driver on top of his oil truck, delaying an oil delivery for 20 minutes.

The animal finally was bulldozed and tied to a tree, later reverting to his normal amiability.

Parrish can't imagine what in the world got into the critter.