

The Weather
Forecast: Showers and slightly colder tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy.
Temperature
Highest yesterday — 57
Lowest this morning — 49

Keep in Touch
Sunday was another big day for Classified Ads. Did you read the page? If not, better refer to it. You still may not be too late. It pays to keep in daily touch with the Classified.

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BORAH OPENS FIGHT ON LAW REPEAL



WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—Remote as it is from the Stegried line, the backwash of war is already being felt in Oregon and Washington. As a consequence of the war there is a possibility—perhaps a probability—of removing the Empire preferential on lumber and once more making available to the lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest the markets of the British empire, almost closed to American exporters by the Ottawa treaty.

One of the first acts of the Canadian government after making its declaration of war against Herr Hitler was to take control of all Douglas fir in British Columbia. With lower production costs and lower freight rates, British Columbia has made deep inroads on the lumber business of Washington and Oregon. In addition, it has had the edge in supplying lumber to England and the dominions.

BECAUSE of the governmental action (plus menace of enemy craft), lumber from British Columbia is expected to disappear from the South American, Los Angeles and Gulf markets and throw these consumer markets open to the Pacific Northwest shippers. This represents no inconsequential business.

Believing that the time is ripe to renew his fight to have the empire preferential removed, and give the Oregon-Washington industry a break, Oregon's Charley McNary has revived the subject with Secretary of State Cordell Hull. The secretary, expressing sympathy with the views of the Oregon senator, has referred McNary to the state department subordinate who handles lumber problems.

Looking to the United States as a source of supply for war materials, it is assumed that British officials in control of the Ottawa treaty may agree to suspend, amend or modify the treaty as an expression of good will. If this is done, new life will be injected into the lumber export trade from Puget Sound to Coos Bay. Senator McNary has received information that lumber importers of London are in accord with the idea of changing the treaty.

If necessary, a delegation of lumber manufacturers and exporters will come to Washington from the west coast to supplement the arguments of the Oregon senator.

FROM the open rangelands of the Pacific northwest several thousand horses were bought for the British

OREGON SENATOR IN COMEDY OF ERRORS

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Friends here decided today the neutrality struggle in congress had Oregon's junior senator, Rufus C. Holman, a little "punch drunk."

For instance: Holman addressed a letter to State Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean as city commissioner of Portland's public works, a job he resigned in June.

Then came a telegram addressed to Joseph K. Carson, Jr., "mayor of Multnomah, Oregon." Carson is mayor of Portland.

Bromwich Wins
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—(AP)—John Bromwich of Australia won the Pacific southwest tennis tournament singles championship today by defeating Franjo Puncoc of Yugoslavia, 6-5, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Otto DeJarnett spending a cold, rainy day hip-deep in the Rogue river and catching only two tiny trout for his discomfort.

Jean Garman catching on quickly and graciously welcoming back to Medford a gentleman she didn't even know had been away.

Sim Jarvis going out hunting by himself in the rain and coming back with a fine buck, his success being the envy of friends who had hunted in pairs and quarts without any luck.

Fred Stennett being glad to return to Medford from a vacation filled with the insufferable heat, wind and rain storms and other caprices of California's "unusual" weather.

EMBARGO LIFTING WILL MEAN MORE AID LATER, CLAIM

Veteran Idaho Senator Says Law Not Intended to Prevent War in Europe, But to Prevent Sale of Arms

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Senator Borah (R-Idaho) asserted today that if congress lifted the arms embargo to Europe's warring nations, he did not "see how" the United States could refuse to send armories to help the allies "in their hour of greater need."

The veteran Idaho senator took the senate floor to voice the views of the opposition to the administration's neutrality bill to repeal the arms embargo after Senator Pittman (D-Nev) had asserted that retention of the present law's embargo was "a discrimination in favor of Germany."

Seen Aid to Allies
Reading a lengthy prepared address Borah charged the administration bill to revise the neutrality law had been accepted in Europe as an attempt to aid Great Britain and France in their struggle with Nazism.

Repeal of the embargo, he contended, would be likely to put this country in the position where it could not deny further help to the democracies.

"Can we," he demanded, "under the program we are now adopting and the reasons for adopting the same, stay off the battlefields of Europe with our young men?"

"Having changed our laws and our policies that we may, as openly and repeatedly declared, send them in aid of the allies our arms because of their urgent call, will we, can we, in the hour of greater need, should that hour unfortunately come, refuse to send our armies?"

"Will We Turn Back?"
"Having put our hand to the plow and declared the reason therefor will, if this is done, new life will be injected into the lumber export trade from Puget Sound to Coos Bay. Senator McNary has received information that lumber importers of London are in accord with the idea of changing the treaty."

Borah, departed from his prepared address to say:
Borah appeared to tire as his lengthy speech progressed. At times he leaned on his desk. Near the close, his voice hoarse, the Idaho veteran warned European belligerents not to infringe on this country's rights.

"I am a pacifist," he said. "But if Germany, Great Britain or any other nation attacks this nation, kills its people, destroys its property, I am ready to vote for a declaration of war."

When Borah sat down a number of senators, including Pittman, came to his desk to shake his hand. Then the senate recessed until tomorrow.

HARLAN COUNTY CHARGES DROPPED

LONDON, Ky., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Judge H. Church Ford today dismissed federal charges against 32 Harlan county coal companies and individuals that they conspired to deprive miners of the rights under the Wagner labor relations act.

The government, on the motion of Special Assistant Attorney General Welly K. Hopkins, had asked the indictment be dismissed because "industrial peace at last prevails" in the Harlan coal fields.

The propriety and wisdom of the government's action seems so meritorious I have no other action to take.

SMITH TAKES OVER AS CORPORATION CHIEF

SALEM, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Lloyd R. Smith, Portland insurance broker and treasurer of the state Republican central committee, became state corporation commissioner today. He was appointed 10 days ago by Governor Sprague to succeed James H. Hazlett, Democrat.

Bergdoll Children



Two of the five children of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, world war draft evader now in court martial at New York, are shown as they testified and corroborated their father's statement that he lived in Philadelphia, secretly, during part of the 19 years he supposedly was a fugitive in Germany, Emma, 11, and Alfred, 12, are shown on the witness stand. (A. P. Photo.)

CHINESE PLAY HAVOC IN SURPRISE ATTACK ON JAPANESE FORCE

HONGKONG, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Several hundred casualties were reported today in the wake of a surprise Chinese attack on Japanese garrisons posts along Hongkong's mainland border.

A hard rain grounded Japanese planes and resulted in comparative quiet along the front tonight, except for occasional machine gun fire near the scene of yesterday's encounter.

Japanese communications were disrupted. Chinese forces were reported to outnumber the Japanese ten to one and the Japanese situation was described by observers as precarious unless reinforcements arrived from Canton or Swatow.

Chinese dispatches from Changsha today said that the main Japanese force attacking the Hunan province city had been repulsed 20 miles to the northeast with several thousand casualties and that another Japanese advance had been checked west of the Canton-Hankow railroad.

POLAND REMAINS ON AMERICAN LIST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The United States refused today to recognize the disappearance of Poland which Secretary Hull termed "the victim of force used as an instrument of national policy."

Hull said "mere seizure" of territory does not extinguish the legal existence of a government.

The United States, therefore, he added, "continues to regard the government of Poland as in existence, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of Poland."

The secretary of state read the statement to his press conference.

BLITZKREIG OFFICERS PROMOTED BY HITLER

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler today promoted a number of army officers who conducted his "lightning war" in Poland. They included Infantry General Johannes Blaskowitz and artillery general Guenther Von Kluge and Walter Von Reichenau, who were given the rank of colonel-general.

THREE STEAMERS PREY OF NAZIS IN WAR ON SHIPPING

British Freighter Clement Destroyed by Raider Near Bahia — Two Swedish Ships in List of Losses

By the Associated Press
Germany struck three times at British and neutral shipping today, sinking the British freighter Clement and the Swedish steamer Gun and capturing the Swedish freighter Algeria, bound for Genoa with a cargo of woodpulp and iron.

The sinkings sent the known shipping loss to 60 vessels, with a total tonnage of 246,392, exclusive of millions of dollars worth of cargo.

763 Lives Lost
At least 763 lives have been lost. Destruction of the Clement by an "armed raider" near Bahia, Brazil, raised British losses to 32 and followed by a day Winston Churchill's assertion England hadn't lost a ship in a week.

The Clement, a 5051-ton vessel, was bound for Brazilian ports with a load of kerosene and general cargo from New York and Philadelphia. The fate of her crew of 49 remained in doubt.

The Gun, 1198 tons, was torpedoed off Hanstholm, Jutland. Her crew of 18 escaped.

The Algeria was seized by Nazi warships in the Baltic and taken to Kiel.

Fifth Scandinavian Loss
She was the fifth Scandinavian ship to be captured by Germany. Twelve Scandinavian vessels have been sent to the bottom along with five other ships of neutral nations.

Arming of British merchant ships was expected to force Germany into unrestricted U-boat warfare. Private sources in Berlin said U-boat commanders would begin sinking vessels without warning.

The Danish news agency reported 11 persons were killed Sunday when the 1150-ton Danish steamer Vendia was torpedoed and sunk in the North sea.

Six more lives were lost when the Netherlands mine sweeper Jan Van Gelder struck a mine off Holland. Badly damaged, the sweeper was towed to port.

PESKY MILKWEED MAY YIELD SUBSTANCE TO MAKE MEATS TENDER

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 2.—(UP)—Milkweed, ordinarily regarded as a pest by farmers in the United States, may yield a product to take the place of costly imports of a substance used to tenderize meats, three University of California scientists announced today.

Results of the experiments, which were conducted in an effort to find a substitute for papain, derived from Papaya, were announced by Dr. David M. Greenberg, associate professor of biochemistry, Dr. Theodore Winnick, of the department of biochemistry and Dr. Alva R. Davis, chairman of the department of botany.

The scientists succeeded in isolating the enzyme, asclepin, from the milk of the weed and found that the substance clotted milk and digested most proteins in the same manner as papain. Further experiments would be necessary before any commercial raising of milkweed would be profitable, they said.

The United States imports an estimated 800,000 pounds of the tropical papaya plant yielding at a cost of several million dollars. In addition to tenderizing meats, it has several medical uses.

Week Set Aside For Writing Of Long-Due Notes

Postmaster Frank DeSouza today urged Medford residents to write neglected letters this week in observance of the second annual "national letter-writing week," October 1 to 7.

The "letter-writing week" was so successful last year that the postoffice department decided to continue the observance this year. Mr. DeSouza said. Purpose, he explained, is to encourage the writing of letters that people usually keep deferring to a later date.

"Now is the time to clean the slate and get down to writing all the letters that we are always promising ourselves we are going to write some day," the postmaster said.

Points in Debate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Here are the major provisions of the neutrality bill up for senate debate today:

1. Belligerent governments would have to acquire title to all goods purchased in this country before shipping, which would have to be in their own or other non-American vessels. The embargo on arms sales would be repealed.

2. Belligerents could obtain credits up to 90 days, but if payments were not made in that period, no further credits would be granted until all indebtedness was cleared up. There would be no restriction on credits to private companies and individuals in warring countries.

3. The president could designate combat areas in which American ships and citizens could not travel. Americans could not travel on vessels of warring nations.

4. Belligerents could not solicit contributions in this country.

5. The president could prohibit foreign submarines or armed merchant vessels from entering American ports.

6. American ships and planes could carry passengers and mail to belligerent ports in Latin America and the Caribbean. Planes could carry passengers and mail to all ports in the Pacific and the China sea. All traffic to Canada by rail, air and Great Lakes ships would be permitted.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER HIGHEST OF YEAR

Medford's building activity in September rocketed to a peak for the year, with permits issued from the city inspector's office amounting to \$59,360. Previous high month for the year was April with \$24,130.

Last month also showed a tremendous increase over the same period in 1938, when permits totaled \$10,580, and over August of this year, when value of construction work was \$9350.

Largest single permit issued in September was to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, for the construction of a new building at 41 North Bartlett street at a stated cost of \$40,000. The telephone exchange structure will house equipment and employes for the switch-over to the dial system. The building, to be of concrete and brick, will be 66 by 35 feet in dimension.

All told, there were 26 permits issued during the past month, six of them calling for the construction of new residences at a total cost of \$12,000. These home-builders were Frank Howell, Mrs. George Schnedde, L. H. Sutherland, Mrs. Grace Collins, George Currier and A. C. Knudson.

The remainder of the permits were for remodeling, repairing, re-roofing and private garage construction.

MEDFORD PEARS BRING CHEER FOR FAMILY IN WAR-MENAGED BRITAIN

A letter from England to Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., today told how Medford pears restored cheer to a family of Edgewood, Middlesex, depressed by the war necessity of blacking out their home against air raids.

The letter to SOS, signed by Dorothy Newbury, follows:
"Will you kindly forward on to the above address (99 Montrose avenue, Edgewood, Middlesex, England) your free booklet of recipes for serving pears."

"I feel I must tell you how we have enjoyed your pears. They were delightful. We had just finished blacking out our rooms and were feeling none too cheerful when I brought out a large bag of pears.

"The faces of the family brightened as if by magic. Now we all feel fit for anything that may come along."

DEAN MORSE ACCEPTS POST AS ARBITRATOR

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, has accepted the appointment as arbitrator for the dispute between employers and the union which tied up ferry boat service in Puget Sound recently. It was announced here today.

Dean Morse, who for the past year has been coast arbitrator for longshore employer-employee labor relations, will be the third member of a board that will include a representative of the union and the employers.

LABOR FEDERATION FAVORS REPEAL IF WAR NOT INVOLVED

President Green Opens Convention With Declaration Labor Is Willing to Accept Word of Roosevelt

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 2.—(AP)—President William Green declared today the American Federation of Labor was willing to support president Roosevelt's plan for repeal of the arms embargo if such action would not involve the United States in war.

In his keynote speech to the federation's 59th convention, the veteran AFL leader reminded delegates of President Roosevelt's message to the special session of congress recommending repeal of the arms embargo to safeguard the peace of this nation.

"We are willing to accept his word and give him support in his legislative program," Green said, "with the understanding that it is for the purpose of keeping us out of the European war."

Green warned United States involvement would mean "labor will be regimented" and "labor's gains will be wiped out overnight."

"We will be reduced to a regimented force at home," he said, "compelled to serve under a war emergency program."

"Can we afford to do that to help settle the differences between European nations? There is no one whose blood we are willing to shed on foreign soil in a European war."

"We are determined we shall maintain our equilibrium; that we shall never be moved by war psychology; that we will exercise self-control and self-discipline."

The convention opened amid forecasts of stormy debates on such issues as labor peace, threatened suspension of two of its oldest unions, and a proposal the United States offer to bring about peace in Europe.

NATIONAL GUARD NEEDS FIVE MORE RECRUITS IN INCREASED QUOTA

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The Oregon national guard filled its new recruit quota of 991 Saturday, five days after the recruiting drive started. Major-General George A. White, commander, learned from the war department.

Medford's Company A, 186th infantry, still has five vacancies which executives are eager to fill. Capt. Carl V. Tengwald, commanding officer, announced today. The company's authorized strength was increased recently from 60 to 80 men.

Medford's two national guard companies, Company A and headquarters company, will hold their regular weekly drill in the armory at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Any eligible young men interested in joining the national guard here were invited by Captain Tengwald to call at the armory for information at any time.

SNOWSTORM CLOSES CALIFORNIA PASSES

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A heavy snow storm today forced the division of highways to close four mountain highway passes—Carson, Ebbetts, Luther and Sonora.

The division reported the storm had deposited six inches of snow and unless it "clears up" soon, the passes will be closed for the winter. Carson pass is on state route 34, Ebbetts 24, and Luther and Sonora, 13.

Pear Markets Today

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 36 cars arrived; 20 California, 11 Oregon, 6 Washington unloaded; 35 on track; market slightly stronger; Oregon Bartlett's 1,440 boxes extra fancy \$2.00 @ 2.35, average \$2.16; 2,185 boxes fancy \$1.85 @ 2.10, average \$1.95; Boxes 2,880 boxes No. 1 \$1.90 @ 2.45, average \$2.12.

Cardinal Passes



CARDINAL MUNDELEIN ASSOCIATED PRESS (S. LANGRISH) CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—George Cardinal Mundelein, the Catholic church's first cardinal of the west, died unexpectedly today at the age of 67 in his country residence at suburban Mundelein.

He was found dead in bed by his secretary, the Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Hayes at 7:45 a.m. The condition was diagnosed as coronary thrombosis.

The cardinal had been in good health and had spent a normal day Sunday.

Close friend of President Roosevelt and outspoken critic of Adolf Hitler, Cardinal Mundelein was best known for his piety and his great building program which made the Chicago archdiocese one of the largest and wealthiest in the world.

One of the best known of the Catholic clergy in the United States, Cardinal Mundelein was mentioned as a papal candidate on the death of Pope Pius XI this year.

The cardinal attracted world wide attention in 1937 when he referred to Adolf Hitler, in a public address, as "an Austrian paper hanger and a poor one at that."

THREE OREGONIANS DIE IN HUNTING ACCIDENTS; THREE IN WASHINGTON

By the Associated Press
The opening salvo of the 1939 deer hunting seasons killed four men Sunday in Washington and Oregon while shotgun accidents claimed the lives of an additional two Oregon bird hunters.

The Washington victims were: Peter Carolo, 21, of Cle Elum, a bridegroom of two weeks; killed by a hunter who said he shot at a deer and did not see Carolo; John W. Martin, 43, Seattle, killed by a shot from an unidentified source near Port Angeles; Albert Hartnett, about 35, wounded fatally by a shot from his own gun after returning to his ranch home near Havillah.

The Oregon victims: Lyle Patton, 17, of Lakeview, who District Attorney C. H. Coombs said was shot by a brother-in-law who mistook him for a deer when he jumped behind a stump. The brother-in-law, Earl Boorman, was held on an open charge.

Archie S. Bond, 45, killed near Pendleton when a companion's shotgun discharged as he crawled through a fence on a pheasant hunting trip; Robert Burnett, 15, La Grande high school student, who died to death from a shotgun wound inflicted accidentally by a companion.

POLISH SEAMAN PROBLEM IN U. S.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Joseph Szalaj, Polish seaman, was a problem today for immigration officials, who had him listed for deportation.

The problem: How to get him through the German army to his home territory.

"Poland still exists officially and has an embassy in this country," puzzled officials explained.

Szalaj, who "jumped" ship at New York and hitch-hiked here, probably will be placed on some foreign-bound vessel officials said. He said he hoped to get to England and fight the nazis.

AUTO TIRE BLOWOUT CAUSE OF INJURIES

BEND, Ore., Oct. 2.—(AP)—An accident, caused by an automobile tire blowing out, injured David U. Moss, retired Seattle banker, and George Dunham, Portland printing company representative, yesterday on the Bend-Sisters highway. Both were hospitalized.

GERMANY, ITALY SEEN IN ACCORD ON NEXT MOVES

Count Ciano's Visit to Berlin Fans Belief Mussolini to Take Mediator Role in Peace Offensive

By Louis P. Lochner
BERLIN, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Reichsfuehrer Hitler today sent to his ally, Premier Mussolini, what nazis said were the three main points of his conversations with Il Duce's son-in-law, Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano.

These points were given authoritatively as:

1. The possibilities of the future in Europe, including Italy's share in what will or may happen.

2. Germany's conception of various spheres of interest in eastern Europe.

3. The possibilities of giving effect to the German thesis that the European war should be ended now.

Hitler To Give Peace Ideas
These sources intimated further that Hitler, in his speech before the Reichstag some time this week, would give the world Germany's conception of the peace possibilities.

Count Ciano left Berlin today for Rome, concluding the first conversations of the Rome-Berlin axis partners since the outbreak of the war.

Although there was no official comment on the result of Ciano's conversations with Fuehrer Hitler and German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, the speed with which they were concluded indicated to observers that both countries were in complete agreement on future moves.

Ciano arrived here only last evening. Italian circles said they believed the conversations had resulted in full clarification of questions arising from the present European situation, especially the new relations between Germany and Soviet Russia.

Some observers saw in Ciano's visit new reason for believing that Premier Mussolini may assume the role of mediator in a "final peace offensive" by the reich.

By the Associated Press
Diplomats took the offensive in a European war devoid today of major military developments.

The British air ministry reported scouting planes had made night flights over Berlin, but did not say when.

On the eastern front a German (Continued on Page Eight.)

ROGUE RIVER P. M. TO AID AT CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Four Oregon postmasters will actively participate in the 39th annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters October 10, 11 and 12 at Washington, D. C.

They include Gladys Heath, Rogue River, program speaker.

Winifred G. Wiscarver, McMinnville, will head the Oregon women postmasters' reception committee at a White House luncheon with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president.

Heavy Tax Sought On War Profits

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A tax of 75 per cent on net income derived from transactions in munitions was proposed in legislation introduced today by Representative Murdock (D. Ariz.).

Radio Highlights

The world series baseball games between New York and Cincinnati will be broadcast direct from the field by Medford radio station KMED, as a result of arrangements made by the local station with the Mutual Broadcasting system. The first game, to be played in New York Wednesday, will go on the air at 10:15 a. m. Medford time.

(By Associated Press)
(Time is Pacific standard)
Additions announced for radio's further participation in the neutrality debate:
Tuesday night, Sen. George W. Norris of Nebraska at 7. WJZ-NBC; Sen. Rush D. Holt of West Virginia at 7:45. WABC-CBS.
Wednesday night, Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin at 7:30. WJZ-NBC; in the Radio Forum, replying to last week's talk by Sen. Key Pittman of Nevada.
Tuesday night, Col. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state under President Hoover, WABC-CBS at 7.