

The Weather
 Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably with showers tonight; not much change in temperature.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 78
 Lowest this morning 59

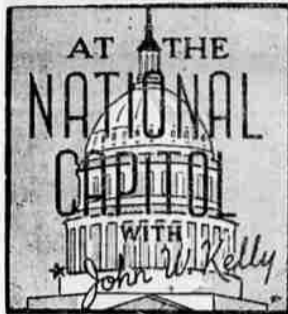
Worth Trying
 Had it occurred to you that you missed reading the Sunday Classified Page? It might not be amiss to refer to these Ads right now. If you hurry you may be in time to pick up a bargain. Worth trying.

Thirty-fourth Year

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NAZIS BOMB SCAPA FLOW NAVAL BASE



Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Taking advantage of the war talk, national preparedness, mixed with a few political ambitions, Administrator Raver, new boss of Bonneville, will return to the national capital next month and ask that the government's hydro-electric venture be rushed to completion; built to its full capacity.

The administrator will ask that approval be given for \$20,000,000 by the director of the budget. This proposal will be that \$10,000,000 be allowed in 1940 and a similar sum in 1941. With this money Bonneville can be equipped with 10 units, the number originally planned.

THE program worked out for Bonneville was to install two units, then install additional generators as the demand for the power increased until there would be 10. This step-by-step development sounded business-like to congress, which preferred making appropriations from time to time for new units as needed rather than vote a big lump sum for complete development at the start.

Before a kilowatt was sold, the late J. D. Ross, first administrator, came to Washington and asked money to install a second set of units, announcing that he had applications for all the power Bonneville could generate and that the power would be selling so fast that all proposed 10 units should be hastened. Despite the statements of Mr. Ross, the applications have not been translated into customer orders. Since Bonneville has been generating power it has sold probably less than \$150,000 worth.

APPARENT reason why Bonneville power is not being sold is the inability or failure of public utility districts to finance themselves (and 50 percent of Bonneville power is reserved for such districts); the disinclination of the new deal to sell any of the power to private utility companies, and the vociferous objection of a small group who are opposed to Bonneville power being marketed to industries.

BILLINGS TO WED WHEN LIBERATED

Folsom Prison, Calif., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Warren K. Billings said today as he awaited his release that he expects to be married soon to Josephine Rudolph, San Mateo, Calif., librarian.

He met Miss Rudolph about 18 years ago in San Francisco, he said, while attending one of the numerous legal hearings in the course of the Mooney-Billings case.

They managed to converse at times during the hearing, Billings said, and later she visited with him in the interview room in the warden's office building here.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS
 Mary Jane Beebe making large plans for a huge event and keeping it all an immense secret.
 Zelma Wahl just about snowed under trying to handle a dozen different chores for the P.T.A., she taking the whole thing in her usual cheerful way though.
 Olive Starcher thinking staying up half the night to whip up a resume of a meeting just a lot of canal water.
 Paul (Hoosier) Hoffard's dog tearing to shreds MTs left on neighbors' porches

Training Vessel Target in Raid By Four Planes

By J. C. Stark
 London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—German bombers struck twice today at the Orkney islands, site of Scapa Flow, the great naval port where Britain bases her North Sea fleet, and once at the eastern English coast.

The first raid damaged the training ship Iron Duke in Scapa Flow.
 The second raid over the Orkneys, off northern Scotland, was repulsed without damage, the British admiralty said in a communique, adding it was "reported" one German raider had been destroyed.

A lone plane which approached the Yorkshire coast was driven off to sea.

Plane Shot Down
 Lord Chatfield, minister for defense coordination, asserted one of the first band of raiders, which included four planes, had been shot down in flames.

Lord Chatfield and Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, also claimed signal success in the British campaign against German submarines.

They estimated that from one-fourth to one-third of Germany's undersea fleet had been destroyed since war started September 3.

"We may estimate that 13 U-boats have been sunk, five seriously damaged and possibly sunk, and several others damaged" in the first six weeks, Churchill said.

Lord Chatfield also disclosed the battleship Royal Oak, which was sunk Saturday, had been torpedoed in Scapa Flow by a German submarine.

Old Ship Damaged
 Two bombs fell near the Iron Duke, an old battleship which had been converted into a training vessel, Lord Chatfield said. She was damaged, but there were no casualties. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, made a statement in the house of commons similar to Lord Chatfield's.

The 21-250-ton Iron Duke, built in 1912, was one of the battleships demilitarized under the 1919 London naval treaty. She was the flagship of the British commander, Admiral Jellicoe, in the world war.

Second Raids
 The German air raids today were the second in two days on British naval centers. In yesterday's raid at the Firth of Forth near Edinburgh, Scotland, 16 lives were lost, 45 men were injured and from four to seven German warplanes were reported unofficially to have been brought down.

Shortly after the Scapa Flow raids today, air raid alarms were sounded at numerous points along a 350-mile stretch of the English and Scottish coasts, the nearest to London being about 20 miles.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk By Submarine

Bergen, Norway, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Its owners reported today the Norwegian steamer Lorentzen, 1,918 tons, was torpedoed and sunk with a cargo of wood, bound from Canada to England.

The crew of 21 was saved by a tanker at a point two days out in the Atlantic.

Heavy Boots Hamper Japs In China's Mountain Areas

By James Stewart
 With the Chinese Army at Nanyo, Hunan Province, China, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Japanese troops, slogging up and down the rough Chinese mountains, can blame their heavy boots for recent reverses in Hunan, the defending Chinese General Chien Cheng told foreign newspaper men today.
 Chinese soldiers, shod only in straw sandals, can negotiate the tricky terrain with much less effort, he said.
 Japanese inability to use mechanized forces and heavy modern artillery also contributed to what the Chinese reported as the repulse of a long campaign against Hunan and its capital, Changsha, Chien Cheng declared.

GERMANS' THRUST THREATS RECEIVED BOGS DOWN UNDER BY ADVOCATES OF MAGINOT BARRAGE MUNITIONS SALES

French Report Six Enemy Divisions Fail in Bitterest Action of Western Front
 Sen. Maloney Reveals Intimidation Attempts — Vote This Week Barkley's Hope

By Henry C. Cassidy
 Paris, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A smashing German offensive along a 20-mile sector east of the Saar river has broken down, the French reported today, in the face of devastating Maginot line fire.

At least six German divisions were known to have taken part in the offensive yesterday in two attacks, one of which carried 100 yards into French territory, military dispatches said.

Allied army authorities estimated the strength of each division to be at least 10,000 men.

Retaliation Threatened.
 In presenting his speech in the senate Maloney left out the reference to "physical threats," although he made it clear to reporters he was standing behind this section of his speech. He decided on the omission at the last moment, he said, in order to avoid focusing undue attention on the situation.

Commenting on Maloney's statement, Senator Johnson (D.-Colo.) said he had received no physical threats but had numerous threats of political retaliation for his support of the embargo repeal bill.

Senator Minton (D.-Ind.), another administration supporter, said if there had been any threats in his mail they had not been called to his attention.

Wild Men Write In.
 "There are always a lot of wild men who write in, but I never pay any attention to them," Minton said. "I got threats of all kinds when the lobby committee was active and during the court fight. They even sent me a shotgun shell in the mail then."
 The reference to physical threats went unchanged in the prepared copies of Maloney's speech made available for publication. He did not go into detail as (Continued on Page Seven)

Bitterest Engagement
 There the German advance was said to have been stopped on "the line foreseen," still within German territory and well in advance of the main Maginot line.

This was described as the largest and most bitterly fought action of the war on the western front so far.

The Nazis drove hard across no-man's land in the Saar attack in the wake of an artillery barrage, without the protection of tanks.

French artillery fire shattered the German drive, causing heavy losses, dispatches said.

CCC TO REOPEN CAMP PRESCOTT

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The article, signed by I. Vanoff, Soviet scientist, reflected support of Adolf Hitler's "peace campaign" and hinted Russia was prepared to give Germany economic assistance on a large scale.

High Court Upholds Insurance Concern
 Salem, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Port Investment company failed today in its attempt to prevent the Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance company from soliciting customers of the investment company.

The state supreme court upheld the decision of Judge John P. Winter of Portland, who refused to grant a restraining order.

Reluctant To Be Rescued



This picture, made from the deck of the Italian freighter, Belvedere, shows a member of the crew descending to assist in the rescue of Guy C. Avery of Tampa, Florida, from his sinking sailboat off the Azores. Avery stands in the 18-foot boat, in which he had been voyaging in the Atlantic for five months. He was without food, but ship's officers argued for an hour before he would board the Belvedere, which brought him to New York.

NETHERLANDS PLANES FIRED ON BY GERMANS NEAR PORT OF EMDEN

The Hague, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The government announced Netherlands planes were fired upon today by German anti-aircraft guns near the German port of Emden shortly after reports came from the frontier areas of an attempted British air raid on Emden.

The government announced it was protesting to Berlin. The announcement, which said the planes were not hit, followed upon reports from villages in northeastern Netherlands that heavy firing had been heard around Emden.

Villagers along the bay said they saw a plane that appeared to be British flying toward Emden.

Informed sources said the Netherlands planes were fired upon when they flew in the vicinity of Emden at 11:15 a. m. (5:15 a. m., EST).

RUSSIANS, TURKS REACH IMPASSE

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RUSSIA ANSWERS F. R.'S PLEA ON BEHALF OF FINNS

Recognition of Finland's Independence Being Observed in Negotiations

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President M. Kallinin of the Soviet Union has informed President Roosevelt negotiations between the Soviet and Finnish governments are being conducted in conformity with principles which recognized the state independence of Finland.

The White House made public a dispatch to President Roosevelt from the Soviet president, replying to a note in which the American chief executive on last Wednesday called attention to the "long-standing and deep friendship which exists between the United States and Finland."

Independence Recognized
 Mr. Roosevelt also expressed "the earnest hope that the Soviet Union will make no demands on Finland which are inconsistent with the maintenance and development of amicable and peaceful relations."

In reply, Kallinin asserted he considered it appropriate to remind Mr. Roosevelt the "state independence of the Finnish republic was recognized by the free will of the Soviet government on Dec. 31, 1916, and that the sovereignty of Finland was guaranteed to it by the peace treaty of Oct. 14, 1920, between the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic and Finland."

To Strengthen Ties
 The Soviet president added: "By the above mentioned acts of the Soviet government the basic principles of the reciprocal relations between the Soviet Union and Finland were defined. The present negotiations between the Soviet government and the government of Finland are also being conducted in conformity with these principles."

The sole aim of negotiations between the two nations, Kallinin asserted, is the consolidation of their reciprocal relations and "a strengthening of friendly cooperation between both countries in the cause of guaranteeing the security of the Soviet Union and Finland."

MEDFORD MASONS GAIN 33RD DEGREE

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Oregon Masons elected to 33rd degree and knights commander, court of honor, today included: Thirty-third degree — Ira Frank Cobe, Portland; Franklin Clinton Howell, Portland; Richard Frank Peters, Hillsboro; John Howard Rankin, Portland; Edwin Boone Wheat, Portland; Ezra Morton Wilson, Medford; William Finch Woodward, Portland.

Knights commander, court of honor — Carl Clinton Donough, Portland; Luther Andrew Duckworth, Portland; John Comer Failing, Portland; Carl Julius Greve, Portland; Don Hensley, Klamath Falls; Floyd Thomas Jones, Baker; Frank Wesley Knoll, Jennings Lodge; Louis Tunie Merwin, Portland; William Neimyer, Salem; Paul Bertheau Rynning, Medford; Robert Lawrence Smith, Portland; John Talbot, Portland; James Walter Welch, Forest Grove; Harold Jesse Welle, Eugene.

Torpedo Survivors Landed in England

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Forty-three survivors of the crew of the 3,186-ton French steamer Vermont were landed today at a South England port by a British warship which rescued them in the Atlantic.

Two seamen were lost in the sinking of the vessel and four of the survivors were injured. The survivors said a submarine sank their ship.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press Radio Editor (Time is Pacific Standard)
 New York, Oct. 17.—President Roosevelt's Armistice day address will be sent all over the world as well as via American networks under plans now in the making. The broadcast will be at 8 a. m. November 11.

Herbert Hoover participates in the radio discussion of the neutrality question with a WJZ-NBC broadcast at 7 p. m. Friday. Meanwhile tonight on WABC-NBC added neutrality talks are to come from Sen. Alexander Wiley at 7:30 and Sen. Josh Lee at 7:45.

Tonight: Europe, WABC-CBS, 8:55, 8; MBS, 6; WEAF-NBC, 8.
 Wednesday: Europe, WEAF-NBC, 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS 5 a. m., 9:30 p. m.; WJZ-NBC, 9 a. m.
 WJZ-NBC, 7:30 a. m., 9:30 p. m. Home Hour, Secretary Wallace.

Swiss Pilots Killed.
 Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Pilots of two Swiss military planes on patrol duty were killed today when the planes collided in a fog over Curten-dorf mountain south of here.