

The Weather
 Forecast: Light showers to night and Saturday, little change in temperature.
 Highest yesterday 72
 Lowest this morning 53
 Precipitation
 To 5 p. m. yesterday .01
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Today is Friday
 Many people prefer Sunday for their WANT ADS. Today is Friday. A good time to write that Ad for the Sunday morning edition. Ads in before 3:30 p. m. Saturday will be properly classified.

ITALY'S ENTRANCE IN WAR SEEN NEAR



Washington, D. C., May 31.—He will not take the initiative himself, but if "the people" demand it, Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator of Bonneville, is willing to do what he can to have congress amend the Bonneville act so that the administration can acquire distribution systems and the generating plants of private power companies in Oregon and Washington. TVA has such authority and has exercised it, but the Bonneville act contains no such provision.

Another thing: Administrator Raver is prepared to go to RFC and have that federal lending agency make loans to PUDs, thus solving a problem which is causing some difficulties in Washington state.

In the opinion of Dr. Raver, public ownership of power is inevitable and opponents may as well resign themselves to that fact.

The purpose of the Bonneville act, contends the administrator, is public ownership, yet the act does not go far enough to bring this about. Under the act the administrator can build transmission lines and acquire transmission lines from private companies, but cannot take over a distribution system, which carries electricity into the home.

Private utilities, of course, do not want to lose their distribution system, leaving them with generating facilities and nothing else. The administrator thinks that to carry out the objectives of the Bonneville act it should be amended, thereby enabling the government agency to purchase the private utilities, lock, stock and barrel at a price satisfactory to all concerned. Any

AMERICAN FLIERS WILL AID FRANCE

Paris, May 31.—(AP)—A "La Fayette Escadrille of 1940" soon will be created with American fliers and money to fight for France, Humbert J. Clemente, commander of the Paris American Legion post, announced today.

It will be the successor to the famous American air squadron of the world war.

Meanwhile press reports said that French pilots in nine American-made Curtiss planes had held off a wave of 42 German Heinkels attempting to bomb a railway station. The French were said to have brought down six of the Germans as against a loss of two of their own.

Contractor Killed
 Spokane, Wash., May 31.—(AP)—One of the most prominent contractors in the Pacific northwest—R. C. Alloway of Spokane—was killed today in an automobile accident near Superior, Mont. Alloway's car plunged from the highway and struck a tree causing instant death.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Magician John Ends and his cousin, Vera Johnston, trying to entice a white rat out of the upholstery of the family automobile.

George Robertson and his new robin egg blue roadster being just about the sportiest models seen hereabouts in many a moon.

Demo Chairman Ward Spatz emerging from the hinterland long enough to be seen about town Decoration Day.

Isobel (Izzy) Stuart having a dreadful time trying to get confirmation of a radio rumor the Allies had quit and an uprising had occurred in Germany.

HITLER TO MAKE "SENSATIONAL" ANNOUNCEMENT

Italian Journalists Leaving Paris—French Rearguard Makes Way to Channel

Rome, May 31.—(AP)—Italians close to the government said today that any announcement of Italy's entrance into the European war probably would come only after the Italian forces already had moved and that the world probably would learn of the first actions from points outside Italy.

Widespread belief that Italian participation was imminent came from Premier Mussolini's call for a cabinet meeting next Tuesday to discuss "important matters."

Italy assured Greece five days ago that her neutrality would be safe from any Italian attack, a competent source disclosed.

Newspaper posters screamed the theme that English and French resistance is doomed and that therefore it is useless to think Italy might desert Germany for the allies in the eleventh hour.

Precautions were taken to safeguard colonial frontiers against counter-attack.

(By Associated Press)
 Italy's entrance into the war—taking the long-awaited plunge to join her axis partner, Germany—was generally considered imminent by observers with the German army on the western front today.

Hitler was reported preparing a "sensational announcement" involving Italy as word spread that a communication "of the greatest importance" had been received from Italy by the Nazi fuhrer.

Italian journalists were leaving Paris today.

Rearguard Escapes
 Paris reported two divisions of the French rearguard covering the allies' retreat from Flanders have slashed their way through German lines to the English channel.

Half-starved, numbed with weariness, but still wanting "another crack at Jerry," tens of thousands of British tommyes and French poilus arrived at English ports today while other allied troops stubbornly defended the port of Dunkerque to cover one of history's greatest mass retreats.

London reported about 90,000 soldier survivors of the bloody battle of Flanders—now in its dying hours—have landed in England. About 58,000 were British.

German Loss Heavy
 The story of allied casualties remained untold, but both British

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Italian Entrance Would Add Strength, Weakness for Nazis

By the Associated Press
 Italy would add strength—and weakness—to the Nazi war machine if she joined Germany as a full-fledged war partner. She would strengthen Germany where Germany is strong—and weaken Germany where Germany is weakest—in economic resources.

These are the Italian strong points:
 Army—Premier Mussolini declared March 30, 1938, that he could muster 9,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 55, of whom 5,000,000 would be first line combatants. Some, of course, would have to defend Italy's African empire—a logical objective for the allies.
 Warplanes—Estimates vary, but conservative sources say Italy has about 8,000 warplanes of which 2,160 are of first line quality.
 Navy—Although Italy's navy is relatively small—717,920 tons as compared with Britain's 2,079,863 just before the war—

War Bulletins

London, May 31.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight the royal air force had destroyed 12 enemy aircraft and damaged three others. One R. A. F. plane is missing.

London, May 31.—(AP)—British military observers said tonight that it is difficult to estimate Germany's casualties in the 22-day-old "real war" on the western front but that a half-million dead, wounded and missing would not be far wrong.

London, May 31.—(AP)—A bomb dropped perfectly into the funnel of a British warship exploded in the interior and sank the vessel, a reliable source said today. Naval men said the odds against such a hit are millions to one. Nothing was said about the identity of the ship.

COLEMAN AWAITS CERTIFICATION TO COUNTY JUDGESHIP

J. B. (Blin) Coleman, appointed county judge by Governor Sprague last Wednesday, following the resignation of County Judge Earl B. Day, said today he would not assume the office until the certificate of his appointment was received. Judge Day asked that the resignation become effective tomorrow, June 1. It was anticipated that the appointment certificate would arrive by mail today.

Governor Sprague will be away from his office for a couple of weeks, and Speaker Fatland will be acting governor during his absence.

The county court was scheduled to meet today and name an acting assessor to fill out the unexpired term of Assessor Coleman, when he takes over the county judgeship. The assessor's term ends next January.

There was considerable sentiment that this honor be bestowed upon Miss Linnie Hanscom, a veteran and highly competent deputy assessor, who is acquainted with all details of the office. It is understood she has been recommended for the position by Assessor Coleman.

LAMM LOGGING CAMP IS PICKETED BY CIO

Klamath Falls, May 31.—(AP)—Members of the International Wood Workers union (C. I. O.) established a picket line this morning at the Lamm Lumber company logging camp at Yamasa after expiration of the time limit on a series of requests by the union.

A meeting was called today by Charles W. King, superintendent of the camp, to consider the union's request.

Postal Money Orders Now Taboo for Lands Snatched by Germany

No postal money orders for delivery in Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg are now being sold at United States postoffices, Postmaster Frank DeSouza announced today. These three lands were put on the taboo list after the invasion by Germany.

Other countries to which money orders are not acceptable for dispatch are Norway, Denmark and Poland, Mr. DeSouza said.

On the other hand money orders may still be sent to Germany, England and France, principal belligerents in the European war, as well as to Italy, Switzerland, Russia and the Balkan countries in Europe and Japan and China, gripped in a war in the Far East.

Of course, Mr. DeSouza pointed out, the postoffice department offers no guarantee of being able to deliver the money orders in any of the countries in the war zones.

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F. R. Increases Defense Fund Requirement; Asks Authority to Summon National Guard

DEFENSE TAXATION BILL IS DEFENDED BY TREASURY HEAD

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today the administration's defense tax bill represented a public desire "to be taxed" for the purpose, and disputed a Republican contention that it was intended to pay for "ordinary expenses of the government."

An increase in the public debt limit and additional taxes both "are essential," the treasury secretary told the house ways and means committee, to meet expanded defense needs.

However, Representative McLean (R. N. J.) interpreted the tax measure as a "vehicle" to finance ordinary peacetime expenditures as well, and drew from Morgenthau an agreement that part of the revenue was to go for "all the expenses of the war and navy" departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Urging enactment of a \$658,000,000 defense tax bill, the treasury head told the house ways and means committee that as things stood now, the treasury's borrowing power would be "completely exhausted" by the end of next February.

Also, he added, the working balance of the treasury—now about \$1,300,000,000—would be "dangerously depleted" by that time.

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TO CRUISE TIMBER NEAR UNION CREEK

A party of 10 men will take to the field next Monday to begin a timber cruise in parts of the Union Creek district of the Rogue River national forest, headquarters announced today.

The cruise will last at least two months. It is for the purpose of determining how much marketable timber lies in the various stands of the areas so that accurate plans may be made to govern sales and conservation.

Ray W. McClane, junior forester at the regional office in Portland, will be in charge of the work. The work will be started, however, under the direction of Fred Matz of the division of timber management, Portland regional office. The cruisers comprise school of forestry students from various colleges.

The Dalles Bings Bring 7 Cents Lb.

The Dalles, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—The Columbia Fruit Growers' Cooperative sold a "substantial block" of Bing cherries today to the Stadelman Fruit company for 7 cents a pound.

The Stadelman firm announced the price for Bings and Lamberts would drop to 6 cents next Thursday.

Calcutta, May 31.—(AP)—Eighty-five Germans, including women, most of them recently released from internment, were arrested today in a police roundup of "undesirable elements."

Tired, Bewildered Refugees of War



Part of the uncounted thousands of refugees of war which have streamed into France are shown upon arrival in Paris—from homes in Belgium, Luxembourg or France, which they may never see again.

D'MOLAY OPENS DISTRICT MEET HERE SATURDAY

A DeMolay district convocation will be held in this city tomorrow and Sunday and will be attended by members from Klamath Falls, a recently organized chapter from Tule Lake, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford. Headquarters will be Masonic Temple and the following schedule will be in order:
 3 p. m. Saturday—Registration at Masonic temple.
 6 p. m. Saturday—Dinner served by DeMolay Mothers club, Temple.
 9 p. m. Saturday—Informal dance, Steve Whipple's orchestra.
 10 a. m. Sunday—Business meeting in temple, presided over by Bob Jester, Klamath Falls, district master counselor.

Feature of the convocation will be conferring of the DeMolay degree by Grants Pass chapter following the Sunday morning business session.

Local members in charge of the affair follow: Don Wood, general chairman; Bud Hoover, dance chairman; Jim Elliott, dates; Bob Childers, housing; Wilson C. Church, banquet. Jerry Wawter is deputy district master counselor.

Trap Survivors Tell Horror Of Retreat From Flanders

By the Associated Press
 A Southeast Coast Port in England, May 31.—German bombing planes raiding the allied retreat from Flanders "attempted to pursue our ships right up to the harbor," a soldier of the British expeditionary force said on his arrival here today.

"I never expected to get back alive," he said. "Our work was carried out in a blizzard of bombs and machine gun bullets. Jerry attacked in waves every 10 or 15 minutes. Still they kept coming."

"The fun began when we were about six miles off the coast. That's where we had to run the gauntlet."

While the men waited to board the long troop trains ready to speed them to the haven of the flowering English countryside, bakers worked overtime providing food. Women volunteers, regardless of fatigue and long hours, cut mountains of sandwiches and served rivers of tea at makeshift canteens.

Many of the survivors had to swim to the ships through a hail of bomb splinters. They still were wet and oil-soaked when they landed here. But one of their officers declared:

"Our losses in the last few days have been far less than might be expected. But the slaughter among the Germans has been incredible. The German commanders seem to be throwing away their men's lives."

A lieutenant-commander in charge of one of the naval vessels bringing home troops said:

"I don't think we have a crumb of food or even a cup of cocoa left in the ship. My men have been magnificent—uncomplaining in the face of bombing and machine-gunning. We are quite determined that not a man shall be left behind for want of a ship."

GRAND JURY FINDS SIX INDICTMENTS

Six indictments, five of them secret, were returned by the grand jury, composed of four women and three men, late Wednesday. In a report signed by Oris Crawford, foreman, the grand jury stated it has not completed investigation in a couple of matters, but will do so later.

The district attorney's office reported all the indictments would not be made public until those named were in custody. Warrants of arrest were issued today.

Gordon Sayre Little of Rogue River, was indicted for carrying a firearm, while being an ex-convict. Little, found prowling around an auto, last March, by state police, allegedly attempted to draw a gun.

The grand jury was excused subject to further call.

SPECIAL MESSAGE SEES POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVEMENT

Immediate Defense Program Now Calls for Four Billion and Half Dollars

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told congress today the "speedy" enlargement of America's defense program by "over a billion dollars" was demanded by "the almost incredible events of the past two weeks" in Europe's war.

In a special defense message—the second in 15 days—Mr. Roosevelt said that "as long . . . as a possibility exists that . . . all continents may become involved in a world wide war, reasonable precaution demands that American defense be made more certain."

\$4,500,000,000 Asked
 The request pushed the immediate defense program near \$4,500,000,000.

"The increased gravity of the situation indicates that action should be taken without delay," the president said in the message which, in contrast to the one personally delivered May 15 was read to the house and senate by clerks.

The chief executive made one specific recommendation—that congress grant him authority to call the national guard, and the reserve personnel of the defense forces, into active service.

He needs this authority, he suggested, to "maintain our position of neutrality and to safeguard the national defense."

Future Cloudy
 "No individual, no group can clearly foretell the future," the chief executive asserted. "As long, however, as a possibility exists that not one continent or two continents but all continents may become involved in a world wide war, reasonable precaution demands that American defense be made more certain."

The one most obvious lesson taught by the conflict raging overseas, Mr. Roosevelt said, "is the value of the factor of speed."

"There is definite danger," Mr. Roosevelt said, "in waiting to order the complete equipping and training of armies after a war begins."

"Therefore, I suggest the speedy enlargement of the program for equipping and training in the light of our defense needs."

The president mentioned no specific figure and gave no breakdown of the new program, which follows by 15 days his original emergency request for \$1,182,000,000 for expansion of the nation's armed forces and shoves the defense bill total to more than \$4,300,000,000.

G. PASS EKES OUT 6,000 IN CENSUS

GRANTS PASS, May 31.—(AP)—Enumerator Herman Young stayed on the job here after all other census takers quit, trying to boost Grants Pass to the 6,000 mark from its total in 1930 of 4,666 names.

He hunted for the last man (three times, sent in a list of 86 names overlooked in the regular check-up.

Then he was told the unofficial total for the regular enumeration is 5,914.

That—still unofficially—adds to exactly 6,000 population.

MAN LOCKED IN CAR STARVES SEVEN DAYS

Klamath Falls, May 31.—(AP)—Exhausted after seven days without food or water, Frank Criley, about 55, was taken to a hospital by state police last night after he had escaped from a locked box car at Midland. He is expected to recover.

Criley, who was found unconscious on the road to Klamath Falls, told Mrs. Altha Urquhart, welfare worker, that he boarded his involuntary prison at San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Tacoma, Wash., May 31.—(AP)—Official census figures show that the city of Tacoma has gained exactly 703 persons in the past 10 years. Mrs. Kathryn Malstrom, census supervisor, said the 1940 census count for Tacoma is 107,520, compared to 106,817 in 1930.