

The Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday; Tuesday cooler. Temperature Highest yesterday 99 Lowest this morning 61

MEDFORD TRIBUNE



House-Cleaning When housecleaning time rolls around, chances are there are several things in your home that are "in the way"...

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FRANCE AND ITALY SIGN ARMISTICE; NAZIS TO CEASE FIRING TOMORROW



Washington, D. C., June 24.—If Oregon doesn't get some of this war business—it will be the fault of Oregon people. The matter of finances need be no handicap. Reconstruction Finance Corporation is willing to furnish 75 percent of necessary capital if local banks will put up 25 percent. RFC figures that any time a local bank will risk 25 percent it is a safe proposition and the government agency can provide the balance. In a way, this policy of RFC places the banks on the spot.

Aside from local capital initiating local enterprises, there is the possibility of eastern concerns establishing branches. From one to four motors are required for each of the interceptor planes and bombers. Most of these engines are manufactured in the east and must be transported across the continent. Government men are considering suggesting to the Pratt & Whitney company, at East Hartford, Conn., to locate a branch in the northwest.

UNLESS Bonneville can attract industries it may be difficult to obtain further appropriations to install the remaining units of the project or funds for extending the transmission lines. Best talking point for any proposed appropriation is that it fits into the scheme for national defense and unless such a connection is shown the money will go somewhere else.

Lad, Aged Eight Is Hero Of Fire Olympia, Wash., June 24.—(P)—Eight-year-old Donald Forstrom dashed into his burning home today and carried his baby brother and safety.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS Verne Rolfe and Glenn Arthur (Mike) Gibbons spending most of a highly sociable evening bellowing at each other about non-social nothings.

Mel Starnes and Raymond Miksche reminding a friend that they enjoyed a sojourn at Diamond lake—also. Doc Art Loewler adding dignity, grace and tune to an off-pitch vocal sextette. Inez Thorndike having almost as keen eyes as hubby Eugene as she detected a specker walking off with a piece of her fried chicken dinner. Beulah Richardson being slightly off in the diagnosis of a dog's plight.

Republic Reduced To Third of Size Without Seaports

Berlin, June 24.—(P)—Adolf Hitler, in a proclamation to the German people tonight thanked God for his victory over France and ordered flags to be flown in the German reich for 10 days.

Berlin, June 24.—(AP-via Radio)—Divine services have been ordered by the French government in Bordeaux for Tuesday morning in connection with the cessation of hostilities, the German radio reported from Geneva tonight. The services will be attended by all members of the Marshal Pétain government, and by President Lebrun.

Bordeaux, June 24.—(P)—Armistice conditions upon which Germany and Italy ended the war against France will be announced in France, Germany and Italy simultaneously, approximately 48 hours after the firing ceases, it was announced here tonight.

By the Associated Press France and Italy signed an armistice today, precluding the end of hostilities between the defeated French republic and the Nazi-Fascist axis powers.

The "cease firing" order, ending France's 10-month participation was officially set for 1:35 a. m. Tuesday (6:35 p. m., E.S.T. today).

Meanwhile simultaneous German and Italian offensives were launched against the front and rear of the French Alpine army in southern France.

Tens of thousands of French soldiers were retreating toward Mediterranean ports, reportedly seeking to escape to North Africa and carry on the fight from there.

The axis-dictated peace would find Germany occupying all of France's western coast, Italy the southern coast and the French republic in strait-jacketed vassalage as a virtual ally of Germany against Britain—reduced to one-third its former territory.

Italian troops meanwhile pushed into France from Mont Blanc to the Mediterranean sea, Mussolini's high command said, and threatened to smash through the French line in the Maritime Alps.

The French high command reported, however, that Italian attacks were thrown back with heavy losses.

Fascists said Italy, as her share in the spoils, would demand to occupy all France's Mediterranean coast and later establish a "buffer state" in southern France.

Without Seaports This seizure, coupled with Germany's occupation of France's western seaboard from Dunkerque on the English channel down to the Bay of Biscay to Spain, would leave France without a single port.

Against stubborn French resistance, Nazi troops marched on down the beaten Republic's Atlantic coast as fast as the mouth of the Gironde river, the German high command reported.

La Rochelle and Rochefort were captured as the Germans neared Bordeaux, French provisional capital, while further north the invaders reached the vicinity of Poitiers and took "a steadily growing store of booty."

Southeast of Lyon, which lies only 200 miles north of France's Mediterranean port of Marseille, German columns reported breakthrough.

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U. P. Trains To Speed Up Portland, Ore., June 24.—(P)—Speeding up of Union Pacific railroad trains from Portland to Kansas City and Spokane was announced today by Frank W. Robinson, traffic vice president.

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G. O. P. SOLONS OPPOSE WILLKIE

Figures in Convention Limelight



INDUSTRIALIST—U. S. aid for the democrats has been endorsed by Wendell Willkie, 48, Indiana-born utilities magnate seeking Republican nomination for the presidency.



DARK HORSE?—Dopesters suggest keeping an eye on Rep. Joseph W. Martin, 55, Massachusetts publisher and House Republican leader. He's permanent convention chairman.



KEYNOTER—Accent on youth will Harold E. Stassen, 33, governor of Minnesota, give the Republican convention. He's to be the keynote speaker, is hailed as a liberal.



ATTORNEY—Early voting strength has been forecast for Thomas E. Dewey, 34, N. Y. district attorney with a flair for spectacular trials. He comes from Owosso, Mich.



REPEATER?—Pressing Dewey in ballots at G. O. P. convention will be Sen. Robert A. Taft (above), 50, of Ohio, whose father was a President and U. S. Supreme Court Justice.



WILLKIE—No survey of Republican presidential aspirants can overlook Michigan's Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (above), 55, who may give Taft and Dewey a good race.

SPRAGUE AND PARTY WILL VISIT AIRPORT AT 9:20 TOMORROW

The public was reminded today that Gov. Charles A. Sprague and party of officials will be at Medford municipal airport tomorrow morning from 9:20 to 9:30. With his group, the governor is making a quick air tour of the state to publicize the Salem centennial celebration July 31 and August 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BRITAIN TO COMMAND SKIES SOON, IS CLAIM

London, June 24.—(P)—Harold Nicolson, parliamentary secretary to the ministry of information, asserted in a broadcast tonight that "the day will come, and not so far distant, when the air will be under our command."

Browder Loses in Court of Appeals

New York, June 24.—(P)—The U. S. circuit court of appeals today affirmed the conviction of Earl Russell Browder, general secretary of the Communist party in the United States, of wilfully using a passport obtained by false statements.

Largest Elephant Dies of Old Age

Philadelphia, June 24.—(P)—Lizzie, largest elephant at the Philadelphia zoo, died today of old age.

BRITISH BOMBERS IN NEW ATTACKS

London, June 24.—(P)—The British air ministry announced tonight new attacks on railway junctions and airdromes in Holland and Germany.

PART OF FLEET OFF FOR PANAMA CANAL

Honolulu, June 24.—(P)—Some elements of the U. S. fleet, it was learned today, will leave after nightfall in the direction of the mainland. Unconfirmed rumors were that the vessels were going to the Panama canal.

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MINING ENGINEER TAKES OWN LIFE AT ROGUE RIVER

Mark L. Hetrick, 53, Found with Rifle Wound in Head—Ill Health Seen Cause

Mark L. Hetrick, 53, of Portland, world war veteran and member of Portland Post 1 of the American Legion, was found dead at Rogue River Sunday morning and the county coroner's office officially listed the death as suicide.

The body, lying on the back porch steps of the Willford Josey residence, was discovered at 10:30 a. m. by Glen Birdsie, a milkman. Hetrick, according to the coroner's office, had shot himself in the mouth with a 22-caliber Remington rifle, the bullet coming out the top of his head.

Mr. McClung told authorities that Hetrick left the house about 9 a. m. and didn't return. Later, Mr. Birdsie, delivering milk, found the body on the back steps of the Josey house, where Hetrick's son, John, was residing. Mr. and Mrs. Josey and John were spending the day in Crescent City, Cal., and did not learn of the death until they returned.

Rites in Portland The body will be shipped to Portland tonight for cremation and services under the auspices of Portland Post of the American Legion.

Besides his son at Rogue River, the deceased is survived by his wife, Lucille, who lives at 3722 S. W. Condon avenue, Portland, and by another son and a daughter, both of Portland.

WANT CANDIDATE IN HARMONY WITH PARTY'S RECORD

Willkie Takes 14 Votes From Gov. James of Pennsylvania; Convention Speeds

Philadelphia, June 24.—(P)—Rep. Frank B. Keefe, of Wisconsin said today that at a meeting of "about 40" Republican members of the United States house of representatives "one after another unequivocally expressed" opposition to the nomination of Wendell Willkie for president.

After the meeting, a statement was issued over the signature of eight members, including Keefe, saying the convention would be called "to name a man whose personal views and public statements are such that he can run effectively on a platform in harmony with the Republican record in congress."

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 24.—(P)—A new Willkie invasion of another candidate's camp developed today in this 1940 Republican convention called to choose a presidential nominee and frame a party policy.

A bloc of 14 favorable to Wendell Willkie developed in the big Pennsylvania delegation of 72 which was pledged to Governor Arthur James. Already inroads had been made by the utilities man into the forces of Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Sgnator Taft of Ohio.

The fresh Willkie support developed when Frank J. Harris of Pittsburgh, leader of the western Pennsylvania group, said 14 delegates with whom Willkie had breakfast, probably would swing from James to Willkie after the first or second ballot.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 24.—(P)—Moving at a swift pace, the Republican national convention disposed of preliminary routine in a 40-minute session today and headed for the real work of picking a candidate for the presidency.

Demonstrations were few in the convention hall. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, the 1936 nominee.

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If Willkie isn't nominated, and all the old guard wise boys say he can't be, it will be the most deplorable waste of good material since the Passamaquoddy project.

Not only the material Willkie provides, which is the highest grade the G. O. P. has been offered in many years, but in the strong and spontaneous enthusiasm he alone of all candidates has been able to arouse.

These competitors, nonplussed and resentful, claim this popular tide of feeling has been whipped up, power-made and readymade, but it hasn't been. It has sprung up all spontaneously all over the country and has now been focused here, greeting the man wherever he goes. We know, for we have been there.

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