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Fair today and tomorrow;
rising temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 96
Lowest yesterday 55

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Washington, Aug. 10.—Colonel William J. Donovan, who was sent to England to survey the war situation for the secretary of the navy Frank Knox, has returned to the United States with a glowing report on England's chances. From the president down, no member of the administration has heard such cheerful news since Count Rene de Chambrun arrived, fresh from Dunkerque, with the same sort of data and opinions.

Col. Donovan, who saw pretty nearly everyone worth seeing in England, may be regarded as the transmitter of the officially optimistic English view. He is understood to lay heavy emphasis on three main points.

(1)—While admitting an immense German superiority in numbers of aircraft, Col. Donovan accepts the English thesis that their airforce is so much better than the German, plane for plane, and man for man, as to counter-balance the Germans' numerical advantage. Captain Kelsey, the American air attaché who also returned recently from London, makes the same point after seeing both air forces in action.

(2)—Col. Donovan lays great emphasis on seasonal conditions. The moon and the tide, he argues, will be right for an invasion of England only for a few days more. If the Germans miss this chance, in his opinion, they may have to postpone their grand assault until the spring.

(3)—Col. Donovan also talks much of the magnificent English morale. Taking all the factors together, he contends that the Germans probably cannot establish a bridgehead on English soil, and that if they succeed in landing troops, they will eventually be repulsed.

The only trouble with the optimistic forecasts of men like Col. Donovan and Count de Chambrun, and even with such isolated expert opinions as Captain Keysey's, is that they simply do not coincide with the judgments of the American war and navy department experts who have all the facts at their command.

These men, and the state department officials for whom the course of the war is of the utmost importance, are decidedly gloomy without exception. Only the most cheerful put the English chances at even—so long as additional destroyers are not

SLIM CROWD SEES BASEBALL FARCE

The alleged baseball game between the Medford Craters and the Big Lakes Lumber company team from Klamath Falls was called off with one man out in the seventh inning last night and the Craters ahead, 16 to 2. The Klamath team took pity on a handful of fans and gave up the ghost, conceding the contest to the locals.

The end came after the Craters scored five runs in the seventh on one hit, five walks and two errors. When Peccia and McLean, on third and second bases, respectively, stole back to second and first in playful fashion, the Big Lakes players threw up their hands and called it a night.

Big Bill Lanning was in rare form for the Craters, whiffing 13 in the abbreviated clash and allowing five hits. John McDonald worked the first six frames for the visitors and gave up nine hits and 11 runs. Leslie, a wild lefthander, pitched that part of the seventh inning which was played.

The Craters scored twice in the first, three times in the third and six times in the fourth, prior to their five in the seventh. McLean and Lanning got two hits apiece for the locals, and Calvert swatted a double.

The clubs are slated to collide again today at 2:00 o'clock.

Score:	R. H. E.
Big Lakes	2 5 7
Medford	16 10 2
J. McDonald, Leslie and Sterzbach, Barich, Law, Lanning and Calvert.	

STALEMATE NEAR IN EUROPE'S WAR, BLITZKRIEG EBBS

Interest Shifts To Africa—Nazi Place Famine Blame On British Blockade

London, Aug. 11.—(Sunday)—Nazi warplanes struck at Britain again last night, bombing the Bristol channel area and causing some casualties, but a communique described the raids as less severe than usual and confined "almost entirely" to the southwest coast.

The ministries of air and home security, in a terse announcement, said that a number of houses in a Bristol channel town and a near-by railway embankment were damaged by bombs.

"A number of casualties were caused, some of which were fatal," the communique said.

Although the German air raiders stabbed at England with extreme vigor yesterday, British military men expressed belief the threat of a blitzkrieg invasion is dwindling day by day toward a vanishing point near the end of September.

By the Associated Press.
Signs that both Britain and Germany expect the war to drag in stalemate through another winter shifted attention last (Saturday) night to the struggle in Africa and even there waiting tactics were indicated.

Although nazi warplanes struck heavily in widespread raids on Britain Saturday, Britons were optimistic that the time had passed for a nazi blitzkrieg attempt—perhaps forever.

This week would have been the most favorable for sea-borne invasion because high tides would have swept nazi barges farthest up British beaches. By the end of September, Britons say, enshrining fog and dwindling hours of sun will have thrown a protective mantle over the island kingdom and by spring when good weather returns, they add, Britain will be ready to take the offensive herself.

A hint that this optimism may be unwarranted came from Vienna, however, where Adolf Hitler's deputy for nazi party affairs, Rudolf Hess, declared that "the moment is now at hand to break England's power even to the ruination of the entire empire."

Assailing Britain for spurning Hitler's "last chance" peace offer, Hess said the axis partners' might was so overpowering that there could not be "the slightest doubt" about the outcome of their attack.

At the same time, the British admiralty disclosed that the 1-475-ton ocean-going submarine Odin, with a normal complement of 50 men, "is considerably overdue and must be presumed lost." Britain now has admitted losing 12 submarines.

The British, reporting only damage "to houses" and unstated civilian deaths and injuries in renewed heavy German aerial assaults in which whistling bombs and machine-gun fire rained on scattered areas, called the forays mere "terror" raids aimed at British morale.

The German high command, however, reported hits on such vital cogs in the British military machine as munitions and aircraft works, an airport and important docks.

Striking at potential springboards close to home, the British air ministry said, Royal air force bombers carried out day and night raids on nazi-held channel island airdrome on Guernsey and also inflicted "heavy damage" on German munitions factories, started fires on oil tanks in Holland and attacked nazi communications.

Looking also toward the winter, German propagandists have opened a campaign to lay blame for any famine on Britain's continental blockade.

Germans, they say, are assured of full cupboards, but the rest of conquered Europe, especially Holland, Belgium and France, are being pinched.

Despite the German optimism over the reich's own supply and nazi contentions that relaxation of the British blockade to help stave off starvation elsewhere would be no aid to Germany, independent reports on one important German food source, the Balkans grainfields, do not bear out the nazi optimism.

His Honor Gets Invitation to Eat Steaks



Mayor Charles C. Furnas is shown receiving an invitation from Chairman Otto Kuehle to attend last Friday night's buckaroo chuck wagon steak dinner at the fairgrounds field, which he accepted along with some 85 other persons. The dinner was designed to whip up interest in the Medford Round-Up Days rodeo to be staged August 17 and 18 at the fairgrounds park. The mayor, in commenting on the work being done by the Medford Athletic association, co-sponsor of the rodeo, stated: "The Medford Athletic association is to be highly complimented on the work they have done and are still doing. The events staged at the fairgrounds park are a credit to our city and we are witnessing a revival of the spirit that made Medford a city to be remembered. I am heartily in accord with Medford Round-Up Days. It is a fine thing to have this rodeo."

PROFITEERING BY ARMY BASE TOWN IN ALASKA CITED

Rent, Food And Clothing Prices Boosted At Anchorage Gong, Snyder Says.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 10.—(P)—Anchorage business men were criticized today by Rep. J. Buell Snyder (D., Pa.) for what he charged was "profiteering" at the expense of army personnel by skyrocketing the price of rent, food and clothing.

Snyder, chairman of the house sub-committee on army national defense appropriations, is in Alaska with other committee members looking over air bases. His party expects to fly to Seattle tomorrow morning on the Alaska Clipper.

"The business men of Anchorage, as I see it, are making a big mistake," Snyder said on his arrival here. "As soon as they learned that \$12,000,000 was to be spent they shot up rents anywhere from 50 to 200 per cent and increased the price of foodstuffs and clothing accordingly."

"Consequently army officers are getting together in a group to build their own homes instead of paying enormous rents. You can't blame them. If Anchorage people were wise they should visualize that the army base is going to be there a long time. They should cooperate with the army so the payroll will be spent there."

"In Fairbanks (where another base is under way) a different attitude was shown. I found merchants and business men did not raise their prices there."

Snyder said that for the "next two, three or four years" the army will "spend from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 annually in Alaska establishing air fields, bases and posts."

War Bulletins

London, Sunday, Aug. 11.—(P)—Exchange Telegraph, British news agency, reported early today a serious clash between Italian troops and Albanians near the Yugoslav border, in which the Italians suffered 100 casualties.

The dispatch, dated from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, said the Italians, who were attempting to mobilize certain classes of Albanians, burned the villages of Mamsat, Skorma and Orroff.

It said the revolt was spreading to the Maki district.

Osaka, Japan, Sunday, Aug. 11.—(P)—Domei Japanese news agency, reported today that 50 members of the Japan Young Men's party marched to the British consulate in a downtown building and demanded that the premises be surrendered to them and that Japanese translators in the consular employ resign.

(Official sources in Tokyo had no report on the incident, outcome of which was not disclosed in the dispatch).

WILLKIE TO GIVE TALK IN OREGON

Tillamook, Aug. 10.—(P)—Plans for the seventh annual Oregon Republican club convention were held up today for definite word of Wendell Willkie's Oregon visit, Tillamook Chairman Oscar Effenberger said.

The Republican presidential nominee plans a major campaign address at Portland late in September or early in October. Effenberger said it was virtually assured he would appear at the party's convention here.

BRITISH AIRMEN HARASS ITALIANS ON DESERT HIKE

Egypt To Join Britain If Invasion Comes—Towns, Harbors Bombed.

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 10.—(P)—Strong Italian armored columns, harassed almost continuously from the air, advanced through hot wastelands today on the main British positions in British Somaliland and stepped up the tempo of the desert war by fiercely bombing the protectorate of Aden.

The British—still apparently depending upon the impersonal malignancy of the desert to cut down many of the invaders as always it has done—were active mainly with their aviation.

One successful British ground action—a counter attack which pushed the Italians out of Korindy, on the border of Kenya colony and Ethiopia—was reported however. British headquarters at Nairobi, Kenya Colony, announced they had taken over the evillage on the shadowy frontier after "light opposition" and without suffering casualties.

Military circles said the action, a typical minor border episode, should not be interpreted as foreshadowing a British invasion of Ethiopia.

British military headquarters told of heavily bombing the marching Italians as they wound through the Italian-occupied town of Hargaisa; of raids on the harbor at Tobruk, Libya, in which one Italian vessel was set afire and others damaged; of successful attacks on gun emplacements and buildings in the Red sea port of Massaua, Italian Eritrea.

Far to the northwest, Egypt—the land of the Suez canal and apparently the grand aim of Premier Mussolini's strategy—took every necessary step to range her fighting men with Britain's when the expected Italian invasion comes there.

PREMIER SAYS DEFENSE SPEEDED IN NEW ENGLAND

F.D.R. Pleases By Inspection Tour—Crowds Slim But Noisy In Boston.

Boston, Aug. 10.—(P)—President Roosevelt asserted today that "We are really getting into our stride" on the \$10,000,000 defense program.

He told reporters that fact was demonstrated on his inspection during the day of the Portsmouth and Boston navy yards and the army arsenal at Watertown, Mass.

At an informal conference outside the administration building at Watertown, the chief executive was asked whether he was satisfied with what he had seen on the tour of vital New England defense projects.

"Very, much, very much," he replied. "Things are going along awfully well. I'm very well pleased with all I saw today, and it shows we are really getting into our stride."

"I hope by late fall all the navy yards and army arsenals will be at full production. The cheapest way to produce war materials is to run at full production."

Starting out early this morning for a personal look at defense installations, Mr. Roosevelt had seen work under way on submarines at Portsmouth, destroyer and airplane tender construction at Boston, and the processing of steel into big guns at Watertown.

Before driving back from Watertown to the Boston navy yard to board his yacht Poto-mac and spend Sunday at sea, the president said he was glad to know the arsenal was operating at about 75 percent of capacity and that the navy yards "also are working pretty near to capacity."

Noisy but relatively skimpy crowds turned out as the president drove about the Boston area. But his route from the navy yard to the arsenal lay along the scenic Charles river and touched a mere corner of Boston proper. At Portsmouth, people by the thousands had jammed every street.

It was in New England that the biggest crowds of the 1936 campaign showed up.

Mr. Roosevelt's tone was somewhat resentful when some one popped a question pertaining to the New Hampshire gubernatorial race.

"My Lord," he retorted, "why can't you cut out politics and talk something else?"

RELATIVES CROSS IN SURPRISE VISIT

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 10. A. D. Hanna, bailiff in superior court, and Mrs. Hanna decided to pay a surprise visit to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Allen of Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen had the same idea at the same time.

Neighbors at both ends of their 1,100-mile journey apprised them of the situation.

Next time, the Hannas and Allens have decided, they will eliminate the surprise element.

BULLETIN

Albany, Ore., Aug. 10.—(P)—Albany captured the northwest semi-pro baseball championship tonight by handing the Gibson Cleaners of Seattle their second straight defeat, 9-7.

The win qualified Albany for the national semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kan.

Seattle, Aug. 10.—(P)—South-paw Aldon Wilkie, the rookie pitcher who was looking for a meal ticket when Seattle picked him up, continued his spectacular Pacific Coast league pace tonight in hurling the league leaders to a 3 to 1 victory over Hollywood.

It was Wilkie's twelfth victory against one loss. He held the Stars to six hits. An infield error yielded the only run after Bob Kahle's triple in the first.

Score: R. H. E.
Hollywood 1 6 0
Seattle 3 9 1
Gay and Dapper; Wilkie and Kearse.

Watch Stars Tonight

Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 10.—(P)—Adherents to the old New England tradition that you can claim a kiss from the girl friend for every shooting star you see should do all right tomorrow night.

Astronomers at Harvard Observatory, who said August brings a bumper crop of meteors, or "shooting stars," said tomorrow night would be the best night of the year to see them—weather permitting.

If the lady is coy, a night spent under the stars can be turned by amateurs to the interests of science, because Harvard's Dr. Frederic L. Whipple invited observers to send "star counts" to the observatory.

IF FAMINE COMES NAZIS TO BLAME BRITAIN FOR IT

Lifting Of Blockade Hinted To Relieve Europe's Hunger—Germany Has Plenty

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Aug. 10.—Nazis are pressing a propaganda campaign designed to place upon the British blockade responsibility for any famine which winter howls down upon this war-ravaged continent.

"Who in England has the right to speak of the necessity on the part of Hitler to supply relief to the peoples of the countries he has occupied?" asked a propaganda broadcaster who uses the air name Okay.

"There is no necessity. There is no obligation—neither legal nor moral."

The broadcaster today was addressed especially to the United States.

The broadcaster suggested that Great Britain could avert "a serious food shortage" without aiding Germany by loosening the European blockade.

Meanwhile the German press, discussing harvest prospects, said Germany herself was assured an adequate winter food supply and that German surveys of Balkan crops indicate that, "while they are not record breakers," they will be more than sufficient to feed the southeast.

Okay, the air propagandist referring to a British statement that sending food to conquered France would relieve Hitler of the necessity of supplying like relief to the peoples of occupied countries, commented:

"Now, who in the world ever expected a victor to provide his enemies or former enemies with food?"

The German press said that Germany's first obligation is toward Germans and, while she would be actuated to some degree by humanitarian motives, she could not be expected to be too greatly concerned over the populations which fought Germany and now face need because they ruined or neglected their farms.

CALL FOR HELP IN LOUISIANA FLOOD

Crowley, La., Aug. 10.—(P)—Southwest Louisiana cities, in some instances completely flooded by nearly 20 inches of continuous rain in the past 48 hours, called today for outside aid.

The business section of Crowley, a city of 10,000 in the heart of the Louisiana rice belt, was under 15 to 24 inches of water. The rain continued this morning.

W. J. Cleveland, chairman of the emergency relief organization estimated that at least 3,000 persons were in need of food and clothing.

"There are no lights nor water for household purposes," Cleveland said.

Aid for Widows.
Port Angeles, Wash., Aug. 10.—(P)—The will of G. M. Lauridsen, retired Port Angeles merchant and realtor who died here Wednesday, was admitted to probate this morning and disclosed that Lauridsen placed the residue of his estate in a trust for the relief of "needy and deserving widows" of Clallam county.

RAILROAD CHIEF TO LAST REWARD

Chicago, Aug. 10.—(P)—Lawrence A. Downs, 68, who rose from the humble job of a \$60-a-month rodman to the important post of chairman of the board of the Illinois Central railroad system, died today.

He had been in poor health for two years.

Downs became chairman of the I. C. board in December, 1938, after he had served 13 years as president of the road's extensive rail network.

WHEELER FAVORS VOTE OF PEOPLE ON CONSCRIPTION

Popular Sentiment Against Draft Law Claimed And Test Challenge Hurdled.

Washington, Aug. 10.—(P)—A challenge to supporters of the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill to submit the question of conscription to a referendum vote of the people was voiced today by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.), a leader of senate forces opposing the measure.

Contending that popular sentiment definitely was against drafting young men into the army, Wheeler said that those who believed in the compulsory method ought to be willing to test the popularity of their views in the November general election.

"If the proponents of conscription feel that it is necessary to have the draft to save democracy, as they repeatedly have said, they ought to be willing to submit the question to the people because that would be the democratic way to ascertain the public viewpoint," Wheeler told reporters.

The practical difficulties of obtaining such a vote might be large but should not be insurmountable, he contended.

Wheeler's challenge came as proponents and opponents of the Burke-Wadsworth measure prepared for resumption in the senate Monday of debate which began yesterday with a routine explanation of the bill by Senator Sheppard (D., Tex.) and flared almost immediately into a heated controversy as to whether the United States was likely to be attacked in the near future.

The Montana senator's confident statement that public sentiment was opposed to conscription was quickly disputed by Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, who said he thought the weight of opinion in favor of drafting men would begin to be felt heavily as debate progressed.

On the other hand, Senator Nye (R., N.D.), an opponent of conscription, said he thought that the senate debate would build up so much popular opposition to the draft that even if he and others of like views were unsuccessful in defeating the measure in the senate, it would almost certainly be compromised in the house.

Barkley said he was opposed to proposed compromises such as that outlined in a substitute bill by Senator Maloney (D., Conn.).

KLAMATH BLAZES UNDER CONTROL

Klamath Falls, Aug. 10.—(P)—The 2000-acre Bryant mountain forest fire was tentatively checked in a seven-mile front today as 100 fresh fire fighters were sent to aid 325 men on the lines.

Communications were tightened by nine portable radios sent from Salem as foresters prepared for a stiff fight to keep the blaze under control.

Fighters kept a 2000-acre fire on the Klamath Indian reservation under control today despite a brisk wind.

A grass fire diverted some fighters from the Bryant mountain blaze yesterday as it swept around a dozen houses at the mouth of Shady Pine canyon and into cutover timber.

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