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Fair tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer tonight.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 92
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LONDON'S SUBURBS IN FLAMES AS TITANIC BATTLE RAGES IN CLOUDS

THE CAPITAL PARADE
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Washington, Aug. 16.—The first days of the German onslaught against England have not lightened the extreme gloom prevailing here among men best qualified, both by information and experience, to judge the course of the war. The present violent air warfare is regarded as a preliminary phase, intended to test the English defenses, and to indicate which of the several alternate German plans of attack will be most effective.

As this is written, the results of these first days are not considered encouraging. Soon, very soon, it is thought, will come the main action. It may take the form of attempted invasion of England. It may take some other form. But the odds are now quoted at even that when the main action comes, the English resistance will be broken.

Pulverization from the air is the first of the three German plans most commonly discussed. Both in numbers of planes and pilots, the German air force is estimated to be from two and a half to three times as strong as the English. The last days have not convinced American observers that the plane for plane, man for man superiority claimed by the English is sufficient to overcome the German advantage of brute numbers.

If this simplest of the German plans is followed the present air attacks will be continued with greater intensity. The Germans will try to keep virtually the entire Royal Air Force continuously in the air, while maintaining their own reserves of men and material.

Then, after the English pilots have been drained of endurance, and after as many English planes as possible have been brought down, the entire German air force will attack at once, simply

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SWAN LAKE FIRE IS UNCONTROLLED

Klamath Falls, Aug. 16.—A forest fire was running uncontrolled through timber and slash north of Swan lake in Algoma Lumber company holdings today. Algoma employees and Indian service crews were working to trail the blaze and a crew of CCC boys from Bonanza was summoned this afternoon to give aid.

After slumbering for several days, the 3,000-acre Bryant mountain fire near the state line flared again today and crews were hurriedly dispatched to the scene by the Klamath Forest Protective association.

2,500 Nazi Planes Estimated in Raid On Industry Areas

By The Associated Press

Great fires roared in London's suburbs late today, the German news agency, DNB, reported, as waves of Nazi warplanes fought a terrific air battle with British RAF ships over the British capital.

"Everywhere smoke was rising... everywhere hits and bomb craters were visible," DNB said, in a running account of what appeared to be the biggest aerial battle in the history of warfare.

The news agency asserted that sky-blackening waves of Nazi bombers and fighters "have breached the air barrier and cleared the air over London."

If true, the heart of the British empire apparently lay at the mercy of new waves of dive-bombers which DNB said still were streaking across the channel.

An estimated 2,500 Nazi warplanes—twice as many as in yesterday's juggernaut smash at the island kingdom—were seen earlier speeding at great height across the English coast.

"The wind is driving a black veil of smoke across the slums of London's East End," DNB said.

DNB called the titanic struggle a battle "of the greatest dimension" with the British numerically outnumbering the Nazis and "employing everything at their disposal" to ward off the German raiders.

"Like gnats over a swamp, so the fighters dance over grey London," the news agency said.

"Everywhere the eye looks, it sees (British) Hurricanes and Spitfires. In between, the sharp contours of (German) Messerschmitts chase by."

"Everywhere are fierce duels. In between, one sees in the air bulging parachutes and the yellow puffs of smoke of anti-aircraft and artillery."

DNB said the number of planes falling out of the sky in the raging battle "must be enormous."

"Time and again smoke columns of crashing planes are seen," the news agency's account said, adding that Nazi battle reconnaissance planes were continually flashing back reports of the progress of the fight to Berlin.

The first German bomber formation returning to their bases from the still blazing conflict said numerous hits had been scored on air bases in the western environs of London, setting big fires in hangars and barracks.

While cable communications with London remained ominously silent regarding the air-raid, dispatches from Berlin said huge explosions from Nazi bombs were observed at Purfleet and Barkingside, in the British capital's dense-populated East End.

The Dow-Jones ticker in New York said the London stock market closed during the air-raid, but later trading resumed and the market closed steadier.

A brief Berlin dispatch explained the mystery of an interrupted broadcast by a London radio, which gave the first indication that the metropolis with its teeming millions was being attacked.

The London broadcasting station GSV went off the air suddenly at 5:11 p. m. (London time.)

NBC listeners in New York heard air raid alarm sirens screaming in the background of the program which was being broadcast at the time.

Then the air was silent—an ominous silence.

This coincided with a long break in the click-clack of the automatic telegraph machine bringing news direct from London to the offices of the Associated Press in New York, a machine that is seldom silent for more than a few minutes.

When London came through again at 8:30 PST after a gap of 50 minutes it was to transmit a story not connected with anything that might be happening in London, indicating rigorous censorship.

At noon P.S.T., the Associated Press office in New York was still in contact with its London bureau, but the British censor was not permitting transmission of anything regarding this afternoon's London raid.

Other messages came through with fair regularity, but at that time nothing regarding the air-raid had been received for three hours and 20 minutes.

The thundering new waves of Nazi raiders bombed the island kingdom from Scotland to Cornwall, with Hitler now beginning to reveal the long-hidden secret of his full aerial strength for the first time.

In some quarters, it was considered possible that the Nazi fuedler hoped to blast Britain into surrender without even sending troops across the channel for a land invasion.

Between 6,000 and 6,500 British and German planes were probably engaged in the terrific conflict. The British, with about 4,000 first-line defense planes, were believed certain to have thrown every available aircraft into action to stem the Nazi hurricane.

GREEK WAR CRAFT BOMBED FROM AIR; ITALIANS ACCUSED

Government Keeps Silence in Effort to Retain Peace — Tension Is Increasing

Athens, Greece, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Partial mobilization of Greek reservists has been set for Aug. 20, it was officially announced tonight.

Athens, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A high authority said here tonight the commanders of two Greek destroyers bombed by warplanes today had reported by radio to the navy ministry that the attacking planes were Italian.

The government carefully refrained from any comment, insisting that the planes were of "unknown" nationality.

Nevertheless, the high authority said the officers of the two destroyers, the Vasilevs Georgios I and Vaspissa Olga, crafts of 1,350 tonnage, had carefully watched the planes through field glasses and reported "an absolute identification."

The government was expected to continue to preserve silence lest any statement imperil Greek neutrality at a time when the situation between Greece and Italy is growing hourly more critical.

It also was reported that a Greek merchantship identified as the "Frin" was bombed by "unknown" warplanes while lying in an unidentified Greek harbor.

The air attacks came amid mounting tension in the relations between Greece and Italy, following bitter Italian press campaign against the little kingdom.

Queen and Court to Rule Medford Round-Up Days



Queen Jeanne Salade (center) and her four princesses will occupy the royal box at the fairgrounds park Saturday night and Sunday afternoon as the Medford Athletic association stages its first rodeo. Queen Jeanne's princesses are, left to right, Susan Vilas, Jerry Bunch, Harriet Sparrow and Nancy Day. The queen and members of her court were unanimously selected by Judges Syd I. Brown, Dr. C. W. Lemery and Robert E. Leo at a pre-rundown program Thursday night. Sixteen girls entered the queen contest.—(Photo by Shangle.)

WAR BULLETINS

Berlin, Aug. 16.—(AP via Radio)—The German radio reported 40 British and 15 German planes were shot down today in air battles over the county of Kent and the British naval base at Portsmouth alone.

A British destroyer was reported sunk by air bombs at Portsmouth. Heavy damage was said to have been inflicted on Kent airdromes and coastal barrage balloons.

London, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight that large forces of enemy bombers twice flew over the Thames estuary, bombing both sides of the river damaging property and causing fatal casualties with loss of more than fifty German planes.

Twelve British fighters were lost although pilots of eight were reported safe.

London, Aug. 16.—(AP)—British bombers in renewed attacks over Italy, Germany, France and Holland last night scored hits on airplane factories, oil plants, munitions factories and wharves, the air ministry announced tonight. Three British planes were lost.

Miss Jeanne Salade, charming blond nineteen year old daughter of Mrs. Lillian Salade of Central Point, was named queen of the Medford Roundup days at a program last night at the fairgrounds.

The queen, a natural and beautiful rider, wore black trousers, a white satin shirt, gay neckerchief and black cowboy hat in the contest.

She was the unanimous choice of Judges Syd and Dr. Robert E. Leo and Dr. Charles W. Lemery. Named as princesses were the Misses Harriet Sparrow of Central Point, Nancy Day of Sams Valley, Susan Vilas, and Jerry Bunch of this city.

The queen and her four princesses will lead the parade Saturday evening and sit in the royal box during the two rodeo showings.

(More about rodeo on sport page.)

BASEBALL

American		National	
(10 innings)	R. H. E.	(1st game)	R. H. E.
Washington	6 14 0	Cincinnati	9 14 0
Boston	7 12 0	Chicago	4 9 2
Monteagudo, Carrasquel, Kalkauskas and Ferrell; Ostermuller, Dickman, Wilson and Fox.		Moore and Lombardi; Olsen, Page, Root and Todd.	
St. Louis	3 12 0	(1st game)	R. H. E.
Cleveland	8 13 0	Pittsburgh	6 15 2
Auker, McKee, Shoun, Trotter, and Swift, Susce, Feller and Hemaley.		St. Louis	5 14 1
		San Francisco	13 14 1
		San Francisco	13 14 1
		Rigney and Tresh; Bridges, Newhouse, C. Smith and Tebbets.	

Rushville, Ind., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie's "other home town" gave him a noisy midnight welcome when he returned to rest today before formally accepting the Republican presidential nomination.

The streets were thronged as Willkie and his wife, who was born here, arrived at the head of an automobile caravan from Indianapolis. They had flown to the Indiana capital from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Tomorrow noon the Willkies will go to the nominee's birthplace—Elwood—for a rally which party leaders hope will draw a quarter of a million persons. Willkie will deliver his "keynote" speech, giving special attention to his views on national defense and the foreign situation.

ROCKEFELLER SON IS \$1 A YEAR MAN

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today appointed Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the newly created position of coordinator of commercial and cultural relations among the American Republics.

Stephen Early, the president's press secretary, told reporters that Rockefeller would be "another \$1 a year man."

In his new position he will work for the council of national defense.

MISS JEANNE SALADE WILL REIGN AS QUEEN OF MEDFORD ROUNDUP

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the United States is "holding conversations" with Great Britain on acquisition of naval and air bases by the United States "with special reference to the Panama canal."

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"The United States government is carrying on conversations with the Canadian government looking toward defense of the American hemisphere."

Mr. Roosevelt did not go into details on either of his announcements.

WHOLESALE ORDER GIVEN FOR PLANES

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The war department announced today the award of contracts for \$15,899,642 worth of training and bombing airplanes.

Most of the contracts—\$14,861,342 worth—are with the Consolidated Aircraft Corp., San Diego, Calif., for 56 four-engine bombing planes.

The remaining \$1,038,300 worth of contracts will provide 100 training planes to the Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp., Hagerstown, Md.

Last week Secretary Henry L. Stimson told a congressional committee that the department had been able to sign contracts for only 33 out of 4,000 planes provided in a \$400,000,000 appropriation for 1941.

CONTRACTOR SURVEYS RADIO BUILDING SITE

A. T. Beckett, Oakland, Cal., contractor awarded the contract for the construction of the U. S. army air corps radio operations building at the municipal airport, looked over the site today in preparation for the actual start of work.

It was indicated that work might be started Monday. Mr. Beckett was accompanied by his construction superintendent, Roy Bridges. Contract price of the building was \$9,400.

Portland, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Ample labor is available for the early harvest in the Oregon hop yards, the agricultural marketing service said in its weekly survey today.

U. S. DICKERING FOR DEFENSE BASES IN REGION OF CANAL

Roosevelt Reveals Conversations With Britain—Denies Destroyers Involved

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BLAZE DESTROYS PENDLETON RODEO STAND, EQUIPMENT

Pendleton, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Pendleton rounded up fire-frenzied bucking horses and prepared to carry on with its famed roundup despite fire losses last night.

Flames swept through the \$15,000 grandstand as 1500 persons crowded into bleachers to watch a softball game.

Spectators fled across the infield, fanning blistered flesh, only to be endangered by 50 to 60 bucking horses, released from a corral back of the paddock in the excitement. No one was seriously injured.

The fire, starting in the dressing room of the Sloux City Ghosts, a traveling Negro softball team, destroyed stage coaches, prairie schooners, Mormon carts, buckboards and much other authentic pioneer equipment—part of this community's world-famous roundup.

Treasurer Lowell Stockman said only the grandstand loss of \$15,000 could be accurately estimated. Other equipment was priceless, he added, so far as the show is concerned.

Sergeant Walter Foster of the state police said it was "practically certain" that the fire was set.

Stockman said sufficient seating capacity was saved in the bleachers to permit the roundup to go on September 11-14 as planned.

PLAN FOR BIG CROWD WHEN McNARY GIVEN G. O. P. NOTIFICATION

Salem, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Seats for 15,000 persons will be available when Senator Charles L. McNary is notified at the state fair grounds August 27 that he is the Republican candidate for vice-president, Ralph H. Croke, Republican national committeeman, said last night at a meeting of party leaders.

The speeches may be heard through public address systems by another 25,000 persons who are expected to crowd their way into the fair grounds.

The three national networks will broadcast the program, which will start at 4:30 p. m. and will last one hour.

The only reserved seats will be for precinct committeemen, Croke said.

Senator McNary will arrive Sunday, August 25, by airplane, and will spend Monday resting at Fircone, his farm home north of Salem. He will be host to the notification committee and newsmen at a press conference and luncheon at his home at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, notification day.

FORD WILL BUILD 4,000 AIR ENGINES

Detroit, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Ford Motor company, which has been experimenting for several months with aviation engines, plans to build 4,000 air-cooled airplane engines for the United States government, it was learned authoritatively today.

The engines will be of the type made by the Pratt, Whitney company.

At the Ford offices here it was said that arrangements for the contract had been conducted with William S. Knudsen, of the national defense council.

Gold Seller Held

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Marvin Tasem, 26, Tonopah, Nev., was detained for federal authorities today on charges he attempted to sell \$300 in gold coins and amalgam to a jeweler. Secret service agents said he had 10 \$20 gold pieces and five ounces of gold "cake" in his possession.

Dead Air Wardens Mute Evidence Of German Bombers' London Visit

By Drew Middleton

London, Aug. 16.—(AP)—I entered the bombed southwestern suburbs of London by motor car this evening, just after the mass German air raids, and the first sight I saw was two dead air raid wardens, lying on the ground in their tin hats and blue overalls.

One had been hit by a fragment of steel; the other didn't have a mark on him.

I found a factory burned to the ground; windows within a mile's radius were smashed.

Two pubs were a tangle of glass, bottles and bricks.

This evening train service to the bombed area is coming back to normal.

Two bombs dropped near a girls' school, but there were no casualties there.

Several persons were killed when a bomb hit the ticket office of a railway station in one of the southwestern suburbs.

Outside one wrecked house a police constable stood guard. Inside were the bodies of his own stepdaughter and her seven-year-old daughter. It was his own home.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Kennie Edwards being the prima donna of the fairgrounds polo game, he wielding a mallet as though he really knows something about the sport while looking particularly handsome on a snow white steed.

Susan Vilas being only a rodeo princess but looking like a queen astride a perty pony.

Little Gracia Stuart writing from Girl Scout camp that she was having a fine time excepting at night when she got home sick to her stomach.