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 Highest yesterday: 51  
 Lowest this morning: 53

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# ITALY THREATENS GREECE INVASION

## THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 23.—Although the present tax muddle is gravely delaying the national defense program, it is no exception to the rule that every controversy over taxation has an element of farce. The comedy arises, in this instance, from the use of the tax muddle by one group of interested parties as a stick with which to beat business, while another group earnestly belabors the president with the same weapon.

The first group's theory is that business men are wicked to refuse armament orders without assurance of tax concessions making plant expansion financially safe. A "sit-down strike" by business is charged, despite the fact that the procurement officers of the army and navy, the members of the national defense commission, the secretary of the treasury and the president himself all agree that the business men's demand for tax concessions is justified.

The theory of the second group is that the president is wicked to have insisted on coupling the tax concessions with an excess profits tax, which takes much time to draft. This charge is made despite the fact that the president reached his decision in fear of punitive taxation of business. For a survey of the congressional situation revealed that if the tax concessions were proposed in a separate bill, the isolationists would raise the cry of "war profiteers" and might succeed in loading the measure with amendments disastrous to the very businessmen needing aid.

The curious thing is that neither of the two agitated groups has discovered the real fault in the tax bill. This is that the revenue-raising section of the bill is a ruse, ostensibly intended to pay for a reasonable share of the American defense effort, but actually likely to raise less than \$200,000,000 annually. A one-cent tax on soft drinks would do as much good.

THE history of the tax muddle is similar to the histories of all other tax muddles, being, in a word,

## REPORT ON FEHL DUE WEDNESDAY

Salem, Ore., Aug. 23.—The next hearing on the habeas corpus proceedings of Earl W. Fehl, former Jackson county judge now seeking release from the state hospital, today was set for August 28. It had previously been arranged for the day before but was changed to avoid conflict with the McNary notification.

Two alienists appointed to examine Fehl will make their report on his mental condition. Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweeck of Pendleton will hear the case.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIDUNE REPORTERS

Bill Grenbemer pulling Moore Hamilton's leg about some printing errors which Bill pretended not to understand.

Paul Nopar having a justified fit over incorrect printed information regarding his first recruit—baby Norman Jensen Nopar.

Tom Kurtz doing a favor for a friend and getting in the doghouse with wifey Effie.

Bren Starcher being a juggler de luxe as he successfully balanced an ice cream cone in one hand and a cup full of beverage in the other.

The blonde vision of Anita Robertson thoughtfully sending a friend a lovely hibiscus as this kind of flower does not affect the friend's perennial hay fever.

## BRITAIN STANDS BY GUARANTEE TO PROTECT GREEKS

Occupation of Island Sore Point; Long Range Shelling, Raids Over Channel

London, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Flashes of German anti-aircraft guns in the direction of Boulogne, seen from the southeast coast late tonight, indicated that a British raid of unusual proportions was in progress.

By the Associated Press  
 Rome, Aug. 23.—A clear warning that Italy will invade Greece if the British occupy strategic Greek islands was sounded by a high fascist source today.

"Italy is not going to let the British occupy any Greek islands. If the British move into Greece we will do the same," this source declared in response to rumors that Britain is considering occupation of the islands of Crete and Corfu.

(British foreign office quarters said Britain intends to stand by her guarantee of Greek independence, given in April 13, 1939, if Greece resists any invasion, and that a report of a conversation yesterday between the British minister and Greek Premier John Metaxas was being awaited.)

The comment of the high fascist source was made as a fierce gale and take air and naval war raged from the eastern Mediterranean to the shores of the Indian ocean.

An intense bombardment of a British convoy escorted by two destroyers was carried out by Italian planes in the eastern Mediterranean, an Italian communiqué said, and Alexandria, Britain's naval base in Egypt, was attacked.

The Albanian newspaper, Tomori, reported that Greece had "virtually closed" the mountainous frontier with Albania.

Raids in France  
 London, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight RAF bombers attacked German gun emplacements on the French coast between Calais and Boulogne for several hours despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The air force also attacked 22 airbases in German-occupied territory, the ministry said, losing only one plane. The raids occurred last night.

The air ministry also said Blenheim bombers last night attacked airbases at St. Omer and Dinard, in France, and started many fires among the hangars and other buildings.

By the Associated Press  
 London, Aug. 23.—Britain disclosed today that heavy guns on both sides of the channel have joined the battle of Britain as German air raiders, stepping up their pace again, hit hard three thickly populated London suburbs in early morning attacks.

Military sources said British guns had fired "a few rounds" at German cannon bombarding the important channel port of Dover from the French coast.

They minimized the possibilities of long-range shelling, however, declaring the German guns could have some "nuisance value" but could have no military significance.

Dover Folks Move  
 Although vans began moving the belongings of Dover's populace from what now has become a front-line city, military sources declared the Nazi guns which they figured might be mobile "12-inchers" mounted on railroad cars—could not make the British give up Dover as a war base.

By the Associated Press  
 Berlin, Aug. 23.—Germany claimed "a weapon to control the English channel" today in batteries of long range guns set up along the conquered French coast.

(Nazi military sources have said they have guns which can shell London, 96 miles from the French coast.)

## Defense Chief Inspects Aircraft Plants



William S. Knudsen, national defense advisory commission chairman, and Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, are shown looking over a Vultee plane under construction for the army as they began an aircraft inspection tour in Los Angeles. Left to right: Maj. K. B. Wolfe, army production engineer; Knudsen, Arnold and Richard W. Millar, Vultee president.

Los Angeles, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Army and navy fighting planes, declares William S. Knudsen, chairman of the national defense advisory committee, must be narrowed to a few types to speed up production.

"Too many factories are wasting their time on a lot of different types of planes," he said.

"Over in Germany they just tell the Dornier people to keep turning out Dornier 17s as fast as they can. That's why they can build 2,000 airplanes a month."

## ACCIDENT MAKES HOUSTON GIRL, 5, DEVELOPED ADULT

Medical Science Puzzled by Strange Case, Revealed Last February.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 23.—(AP)—A five-year-old Houston girl, transformed by an accident of nature into a fully-developed adult, is testing the ingenuity of medical specialists.

The case recalled that of the little Peruvian child who became a mother at the same age last year.

The Houston girl's rare development was discovered February 5 after she was taken as a private patient to Dr. Karl Karnaky here.

Dr. Karnaky diagnosed the trouble as arising from an ovarian tumor, of which there are only 10 recorded cases in children under 10 years old.

Removal of the tumor in such cases usually arrests the development and the child's condition gradually reverts to normal.

The operation was performed and specimens were sent to Duke university.

After more than 600 laboratory tests were made, and 12 other medical schools had participated in consultation and research, a new diagnosis was made.

It was discovered that all the girl's glands were over-developed; that she had reached full organic development when she was only two years old.

The girl's mind remains that of a normal five-year-old.

"However," said Dr. Karnaky, "she is more alert than children of her age. She is cleverer, her memory is better and she thinks faster than her playmates."

The child's physical development, while not that of a grown woman, also is abnormal. She is as tall as her 10-year-old sister, 4½ feet, and weighs 79 pounds.

Don Ross Named  
 Salem, Aug. 23.—(AP)—E. Don Ross was appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague today to serve on the Multnomah county public welfare commission, succeeding F. W. Cutler, who moved out of the state.

## ROBBERS HOLD UP RIGHT TRAIN, BUT UPON WRONG DAY

Medical Science Puzzled by Strange Case, Revealed Last February.

New York, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Six gunmen, flourishing six-shooters and automatics in emulation of old western badmen, held up a passenger train in Upper Manhattan early today, cowed its crew at muzzle point, handcuffed two postal clerks to an iron post and fled after carefully selecting only one pouch containing "mail for Yonkers."

The holdup consumed less than three minutes.

Federal and city officers expressed the belief that the gang sought payrolls aggregating \$100,000 which customarily are sent by registered mail twice weekly from New York banks to Yonkers factories.

They added that the robbers had chosen the right train but the wrong day. Nothing of importance was contained in the stolen pouch, they said.

The robbers swooped down on the train, a New York Central railroad local bound for Albany, as it halted about 2 a. m. (EST) at the Marble Hill station at 225th street.

## BASEBALL

National			
Score:	R.	H.	E.
Boston	7	13	0
Cincinnati	2	10	0
Tobin and Berres; Derringer, Shoffner and Lombardi, Wilson.			
American			
Score:	R.	H.	E.
New York	10	15	3
Pittsburgh	13	18	2
Hubbell, Joiner, Lynn, Gumbert, Melton and Danning; Butcher, Lanning, Bowman, Heintzelman and Davis.			
Philadelphia	2	6	2
St. Louis	3	7	0
Higbe and Warren; Bowman and Padgett, Owen.			
American			
Score:	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	3	6	2
New York	3	9	0
Smith, Allen and Hemsley; Sundra and Dickey.			
American			
Score:	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	6	0
Philadelphia	6	9	2
Kennedy, Hudlin and Suce; Swift; Vaughan, Caster and Hayes, Wagner.			

## DOUGLAS BOMBER CRASH AND BLAST KILLS 9 AIRMEN

Flight of Bomb-Laden Plane in Storm Near Denver Disastrous.

Denver, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Two officers and seven enlisted men were killed in the crash and explosion of a bomb-laden two-motored Douglas B-18 army bomber on a routine flight, in storming weather, from the air corps technical school here last night.

The wreckage was found strewn on the air corps bombing range about 45 miles east of Denver by searching planes sent out before daybreak today. All occupants of the plane had been blown to bits by the explosion. Parts of bodies were found hundreds of feet from wreckage of the bomber.

Investigating officers theorized the accident occurred about 8 p. m. last night during a severe hail and electrical storm, but they had not determined whether a lightning bolt struck the plane in midair, or whether its bombs exploded after it crashed.

Field officers said they could not tell immediately how many bombs the plane had carried on its bombing mission, or how many had been dropped by it before the crash.

A sister ship accompanied the plane on the bombing assignment, but lost sight of it in the thick weather. Officers said the crew of the crashed plane may have decided to climb into lightning-ripped clouds to avoid a possible collision of the planes. They estimated it reached an altitude of 2,000 feet before disaster overtook it.

The bombing range spreads over the flat, dry prairies east of Denver and is crossed by arroyos gullied by the swift runoff of occasional heavy rains. A few abandoned ranchhouses dot the area.

## Papal Embassy Departs

Rome, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative at the Vatican, left by plane today for a visit to the United States during which, his associates said, he would confer with the president on whether he should return to his post.

## NEW DEAL AGAIN PADDING RELIEF ROLLS FOR VOTES

90,000 Added to WPA in July—Willkie Cites Election Year's Boosts.

New York, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie asserted today "there is already definite proof that the Roosevelt administration is planning again to pack relief rolls, especially in those states which are politically doubtful."

The presidential nominee made the accusation in a statement issued after a press conference at which he had said 90,000 persons were added to the WPA roster in July over June and he had proposed that Attorney General Jackson determine whether there was any Hatch act violation.

"Since war broke out last September," Willkie's statement said, "there has been a steady increase in industrial activity and re-employment in this country."

"There is no justification for an increase in WPA relief rolls as a consequence of this increase in activity and re-employment. In fact, the trend was for reduction of the relief rolls until recently."

"It is an interesting and striking coincidence," Willkie told reporters, "that in non-election years relief rolls decline and in election years they increase."

Willkie said WPA figures showed these increases in election years: 1934, 11.6 per cent from June through October; 1936, 14.4 per cent; 1938, 19.2 per cent; 1940, 90,000 persons in July over June.

In non-election years since 1932, he said, the rolls showed decreases.

Discussing his relief figures, Willkie said that in the 1936 election President Roosevelt carried 20 Pennsylvania counties.

"Nineteen of these," he added, "received the highest relief disbursements of any counties in the state. It is rather significant that in 1932 those counties in total vote went Republican."

## 272 CARS PEARS ROLLED BY AUG. 20

Pear shipments from this district for the current season through August 20 totaled 272 cars, it was announced today by Walter J. Looker, secretary of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association.

The shipments were classified as follows: packed Bartletts, 55 cars or 29,626 boxes; cannery Bartletts, 215 cars; Howells, two cars or 1,488 boxes.

## War Bulletins

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Italian troops have re-occupied Fort Capuzzo near Bardia in Libya after the British navy's recent shelling of the stone fort. British military headquarters announced here tonight.

Bucharest, Aug. 23.—(AP)—All Rumanian reserve officers and non-commissioned officers were unexpectedly called up tonight and all army leaves were cancelled indefinitely.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(AP)—D.N.B. official German news agency, said today a German Junkers plane had sunk a 15,000-ton merchant ship by dropping four bombs on its deck as it was entering Moray Firth, Scotland.

D.N.B. said the ship was in a convoy and the raid was carried out in moonlight.

## ACTIVE DUTY FOR LOCAL GUARDSMEN DUE NEXT MONTH

Medford and Ashland Units Listed by Gen. Marsh—Boys Return Tomorrow

Washington, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Four divisions of the national guard—the 30th, 41st, 44th and 43rd—are expected to be called to active duty next month under mobilization legislation sent to the White House today by congress.

Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, recently told the senate military affairs committee that these divisions, with 22 smaller units, would be in the first section of the guard ordered to duty.

The war department has not indicated any changes in the plan announced by Marshall, which would make 55,426 enlisted men, 3,930 officers and 53 warrant officers subject to the first call.

Units listed by Marshall and the place of their training included:

Forty-first division, from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Wyoming, to train at Fort Lewis, Wash. (Medford units).

Two hundred and forty-ninth coast artillery, from Oregon, to train at Columbus, Ore. (Ashland).

Company A, 186th infantry, and headquarters detachment, Medford's two national guard units, are in the 41st division, as is also the unit in Grants Pass, Ashland has a company in the 249th coast artillery.

The Medford companies, engaged in maneuvers in Washington the past three weeks, are scheduled to arrive here by special train at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow.

## Lull in Blitzkrieg Hurts Hitler's Prestige at Home

By J. W. T. Mason (United Press war expert)

In warfare when a long proclaimed major offensive suddenly halts with no objective reached, but with claims of great gains and few casualties, something fundamental may be wrong. A week ago today Hitler's air attack to annihilate Britain reached its climax with the emotionally heralded bombardment of London suburbs. The climax, however, has since become an anticlimax because the Germans have not followed through.

The newness of aerial warfare and the necessity for studying temporary results and unexpected obstacles do not explain adequately the present lull. Interruption of a week in following up an alleged defeat of the enemy comes near to confession that no defeat has been inflicted. If enemy casualties and damage have been three to four times those of the offensive, why the necessity for studying results before going ahead?

The fact that Germany has been compelled to postpone further air blitzkrieg offensives if not actually abandoning them for the season must be regarded as a defeat for Hitler, not only in the air but also at home. An aggressive war machine which has proclaimed conquest as its motive must continue its offensives or risk disillusioning its own civilian support.

This fact does not hold in the same way for a nation defensively fighting to preserve itself. Here is Hitler's present dilemma. The necessity for a conqueror to continue conquering or risk downfall is axiomatic throughout all military history.

A conqueror always is on the defensive along the home front. Having promised his people domination over the enemy, he must make his gains to justify the sacrifices he exacts at home. If he fails, in any major sense, to do so, that becomes a defeat as influential on future events as a retreat in the field.

## MCNARY ARRIVES SALEM TOMORROW FOR GOP CEREMONY

Home Town Plans Rousing Welcome for Vice-Presidential Nominee—Event Next Tuesday.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Charlie McNary, a native Oregonian whose friends call a lawmaker by profession and a farmer by avocation, will arrive here Saturday to be notified, next Tuesday, of his nomination by the Republican party for the vice-presidency.

The senate minority leader, whose nomination was asked of the convention by the party standard bearer Wendell Willkie, is the first Oregon man on a presidential ticket since Joe Lane teamed with Breckenridge. As nominees of the southern wing of the Democratic party they were soundly thumped by the tickets headed by Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, Oregon Republicans make no secret of their conviction that Willkie and "our Charlie" will do a lot better.

The ceremonies, to be held at the state fair grounds here, are looked upon as a personal tribute to a beloved native son as well as a party function. Salem, capital of Oregon, expects to at least double its normal population of some 30,000 on the big day. Estimates of outside attendance—from all over the nation but chiefly from the 11 western states—run from 30,000 to 50,000.

Business houses and state offices will close well ahead of the ceremonies at 4:30 p. m. Eight or more bands will make music and 3000 pictures of Senator McNary will cover every vantage point. The committee points out that eight bands and 5000 pictures go a long way in a town of 30,000.

Senator McNary will arrive in Portland early Saturday by airplane from Washington, D. C., and will be met by Mrs. McNary and their daughter, Charlotte. They will motor to Fairview, the McNary farm five miles from here. The ceremonies originally were planned for Fairview but that was before it became apparent that the attendance might reach 50,000. Incidentally the flight home for the notification will be McNary's first transcontinental air journey.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, will preside and will introduce Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota who will notify McNary of his nomination. McNary's speech of acceptance will close the program except for a reception at the fairgrounds which Senator McNary himself promised will last as long as the crowd wished. "I'll shake hands all night if they want me to," Senator McNary was quoted by members of the committee.

On Wednesday after the ceremony, McNary and Martin will meet western party leaders in Portland to discuss campaign plans.

(The Southern Pacific has offered a round trip fare of \$9.55 from Medford to Salem on a special sleeper, providing 15 persons make the McNary notification trip. Those interested can call Mrs. C. M. Hurd, county Pro-America chairman, phone 4434).

## HAM-EGGS LOSES PLACE ON BALLOT

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—(AP)—"Ham and eggs" old age pension advocates today lost a court fight to bring their plan for "retirement warrants" before California voters for a third time at the election in November.