

Weather... Fair Sunday and Monday, not much change in temperature. Temperature... Highest yesterday... 87... Lowest yesterday... 53

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GERMANS RAIN BOMBS UPON LONDON

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 23.—The value to be given recent encouraging testimony as to England's chances depends, in large measure, on the testimony's background. It is remarkably impressive, for example, that after months of unalloyed defeatism, Ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy has now been convinced the English air defense is adequate to prevent the "pulverization" of England which he has always feared.

It is also impressive that intelligent neutral observers are arriving in this country, with the spectacle of the great German air attacks fresh in their minds, but in a far more cheerful mood than prevails in Washington. Two men of this type have lately passed through the city—both of them highly placed officials, both entirely competent to judge the realities of England's situation.

Just before leaving London one of these men had a series of conversations with Winston Churchill and other English war leaders. While admitting there were terrible times ahead, Churchill actually told him he would "welcome" a German attempt at invasion.

He predicted that invasion would prove a blunder costly to Germany in men, material and morale. And he grimly, but determinedly discussed his plans for a long war, in which England would only begin to take the offensive in the winter of 1942.

Even the American experts have somewhat recovered from their earlier despair, as was lately stated in this column. They have recovered because, after a period of extreme suspicion, they are now inclined to

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MASS ATTACKS ON PORTSMOUTH NAVY BASE AND DOVER

London Ablaze After Raids; Attack in Waves—British Retaliate; Loss Held Small

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 25.—(Sunday)—German air warriors, in their first direct assault against the heavily-protected city of London last night and early today, dropped great clusters of incendiary bombs which lit up this heart of the British empire with the orange glow of flame.

The furious and prolonged bombing scattered fires that enveloped whole buildings within a few minutes. Even after the raiders had gone and most of the fires had been subdued, a dense pall of smoke hung in the morning sky.

No Serious Damage There was no estimate of casualties or damage, but first reports said nothing of serious damage to military objectives. The intense attack upon London followed mass assaults against the Portsmouth naval base and southeast England in which the air ministry news service estimated the Germans used 800 bombers and fighter planes.

One screaming attack by a dive bomber who dropped a big incendiary bomb in the face of the full power of the city's defenses touched off the biggest blaze of the night marked by several fires throughout the city.

Three Raids The third air raid alarm was sounded at 11:35 p.m. (2:35 p.m. PST) last night. The battle of the skies continued on past midnight before the all clear signal was given.

It followed closely on mass attacks on the great naval base at Portsmouth and the bombardment of Dover by long range guns.

The Germans spread out as far as Wales in the night raiding. Bombs were dropped near a village, but anti-aircraft fire drove off the enemy and there were no casualties.

World's Fastest Military Plane Unveiled



The Lockheed P-38, a twin engine interceptor pursuit plane, said by an army authority to be the fastest military craft in the world, is shown at Los Angeles as it was unveiled for William S. Knudsen, chairman of the National Defense Advisory Commission, and Major General H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps. It has an estimated speed of over 500 miles an hour. Shown beneath the plane, left to right, Knudsen, Arnold and Robert E. Gross, Lockheed president.

LONDONERS AFTER NAZI RAIDS HOPE BERLIN BURNING

By William H. McGuffin London, Aug. 25.—(Sunday)—"I hope to hell Berlin is blazing now," cried a spectator early today as firemen battled a great blaze started by a German incendiary bomb.

"That's right, they better get something for this," another watcher replied. "Yep, this war's getting serious," agreed a third.

"It looks like indiscriminate bombing to me," said another. "I was coming out of a west-end restaurant when a German bomb whistled down and exploded. Fire flared up not far from me almost immediately.

This midnight bombing, from a moonlit sky, was the first direct attack on London since the war began, but was the third on Greater London in less than a day.

(These references to the west end and to London proper were the only inklings of the raid's location which escaped the British censor's ban.)

Crowds seeped in from the dark, narrow streets about this area, which had been nearly deserted, as usual, on the British weekend. They talked among themselves, quietly but bitterly.

M'NARY TO EXTOL PIONEER VIRTUES IN SALEM SPEECH

Senator Hopes For Short Rest—Predicts Congress To Quit October 10.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 24.—(P)—Senator Charles McNary, home to accept the Republican vice presidential nomination and to rest, left the major tasks of the campaign today to his running mate, Wendell L. Willkie.

McNary will make only four or five speeches. "My acceptance theme on Tuesday will be pioneer history, pioneer tradition and pioneer virtues. Out of that I will obtain the idea that pioneer virtues are better than looking to the government for a job," he said.

At Portland, the end of a cross country air journey, McNary predicted to interviewers that the conscription bill would "pass in some form or other with a fair vote."

The Democratic and Republican presidential candidates stated their views in the current issue of The American Federationist, official monthly magazine of the American Federation of Labor.

President Roosevelt declared his administration was "willing to be judged—as to future policy—by past performance."

Willkie asserted that new deal labor policies, if continued, would result in the American labor movement being "completely dominated by government unions as in Nazi Germany."

"I pledge myself," the Republican nominee said, "to help the principle of free unions."

Just Befuddled

Green Bay, Wis., Aug. 24.—(P)—"Someone stole my pants with \$8 in a pocket from my car," a man reported to police by telephone.

Detectives who investigated were met by a very red faced individual.

"It's all right," he said. "I just remembered I had my pants on under my overalls."

FIRE LAYS WASTE TO CALIFORNIA EDIFICE AT FAIR

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—(P)—Fire laid waste to one of Treasure Island's most beautiful buildings today, but several hundred firemen and more than 50 pieces of equipment kept the blaze from spreading over the rest of the Golden Gate International exposition.

Only the flame-shot walls of the California building remained after the seething furnace had consumed everything in the interior. The huge hall cost \$350,000 to build, and housed valuable art, much of which was saved.

One fireman, Joseph Flood, was critically injured in a fall from a 40-foot ladder. Seven other fire-fighters were treated for minor injuries.

Thousands of persons had grandstand seats for the fire, crowding into the big bleachers nearby, from which outdoor spectacles are witnessed.

Five alarms were turned in, and most of the fire-fighting equipment from downtown San Francisco raced over the Bay bridge to the man-made 400-acre island upon which the exposition is held.

There was little wind, and few embers were thrown as the one-story frame and plaster building was destroyed.

Most of the records of the California commission were saved, as was the art exhibit of California painters, insured for \$31,000. An exhibit of fine printing, insured for \$10,000, was rescued.

SENATE NEAR TO DRAFT BILL VOTE; BYRD HITS DELAY

Virginian Asks Explanation Why Orders Lag—Official Figures Are Cited.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(P)—Protesting that delay in defense preparations was menacing national security, Senator Byrd (D., Va.) demanded tonight that the senate "stay in session day and night until a vote is obtained" on the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill.

In a statement, the Virginian also called on defense chiefs for an explanation of why "the placing of orders for delivery of mechanized military equipment is lagging."

"If red tape is to blame," he said, "the country should know it. If the blame is due to inefficient bureaucratic administration, it should be known. If it is due to the refusal of business enterprises to accept contracts from the government, we should know it."

Prospects for a final vote next week on the Burke-Wadsworth bill brightened when the senate agreed to restrict debate on a pending amendment.

Threatens Probe "I have no desire to criticize," he added, "but I feel I did not ask for an explanation from those in authority of this apparent delay in ordering mechanized military equipment. If such information is not promptly forthcoming and satisfactory, I will introduce the necessary legislation providing for a congressional investigation."

Senator Gibson, making his first formal speech since he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of his father, told his colleagues that the time had come to legislate for immediate conscription.

Byrd said his statement that only 343 combat planes—98 for the army and 244 for the navy—had been ordered in the last 100 days, and that none would be delivered in this calendar year.

LOVE RIOTS MARK RUSH FOR ALTAR

New York, Aug. 24.—(P)—Extra police were called in to keep order today as more than 1,500 altar-bound young couples stormed the five marriage license bureaus of New York City.

The current rush to marry has kept pace with congressional action on the selective service bill, but prospective bridegrooms questioned today denied they were hurrying into wedlock to escape the draft.

Biggest rush was at the Brooklyn bureau where approximately 1,200 couples tried to get licenses, some showing up at 8:20 a. m. A sergeant and two patrolmen were on duty, but by 9 o'clock the situation was out of hand, and the sergeant called for help.

PEAR DIVERSION PLAN CONTINUED

Washington, Aug. 24.—(P)—The export diversion program for designated varieties of fall and winter pears produced in Oregon, Washington and California, will be continued for the 1940-41 season, the agriculture department said today.

BRIDGES STAY IN NATION 'HURTFUL'

Washington, Aug. 24.—(P)—The justice department, acting on a senate committee recommendation, began today an investigation to determine whether Harry Bridges, west coast CIO maritime leader, is subject to deportation under recently enacted legislation.

A majority of the senate immigration committee recommended the inquiry as a substitute for a house-approved bill which would require expulsion of the labor leader.

Attorney General Jackson, in announcing the new inquiry, said that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, was on the west coast prepared to start work on the case.

KLAMATH FATHER KILLED IN CRASH

Klamath Falls, Aug. 24.—(P)—Archie Pool, 24, died today in a hospital where a few hours earlier his wife had borne a son.

En route from the hospital to his job on Sprague river, he was fatally injured in a collision of two automobiles. The crash also sent Don Hunsaker, Martin Millard and Ernest Moline, all of Klamath Falls, to the hospital.

Escapes From Devil's Island Picked Up in Florida Bay

Miami, Fla., Aug. 24.—(P)—Eight men who said they left Devil's island—French prison colony off the South American coast—when guards relaxed their vigilance because food supplies did not arrive were picked up by the coast guard in Biscayne bay today.

Wage Law Compliance

Washington, Aug. 24.—(P)—A nation-wide drive for compliance with the wage and hour law in five manufacturing industries—furniture, leather goods and luggage, boots and shoes, hosiery and woolen goods—was ordered today by Col. Philip B. Fleming, wage-hour administrator.

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Idad in 12 days. Residents of Trinidad outfitted them with the sloop and supplies and they set sail for Puerto Rico. They obtained a map at Puerto Rico and said they planned to go to Canada.

There was no food aboard the boat and the men said they had not eaten for two days. They had ample water.

RAINS ON COAST DUE COMING WEEK

Outlook for the far western states for the week of August 24 to 28: Generally rainless except for scattered thunderstorms over high mountain ranges at beginning of period; considerable cloud and fog on the immediate coast, and toward end of period light to moderate rain is likely on the immediate Oregon-Washington coast; temperatures will average near normal over all far western states, although at beginning of period readings will be somewhat above normal in Idaho.

BULLETIN

Salem, Ore., Aug. 24.—(P)—The Corvallis Laundrymen won the Oregon state softball championship tonight, defeating Square Deal of Salem 6 to 1 behind the two-hit pitching of Elwin Shaw. Both hits were scored by George Scales who made Salem's only run by making the first one a home run in the first inning.

Corvallis sewed the game up with a four run rally in the fourth inning on three hits and all four of Salem's errors.

It was the first time in the state tournament's seven-year history that a team outside of Salem or Portland won the title.

8 OR 9 CAUSES FOR CRASH OF BOMBER

Denver, Aug. 24.—(P)—An army board of inquiry investigating the crash of an army bomber that carried nine men to flaming death near Denver, is studying "eight or nine" possible causes for the disaster.

Lightning and a bomb explosion, however, virtually were eliminated. Civil authorities tentatively attributed the accident to a "terrific down draft."